Name: Katarina

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 04:42 PM

Contribution ID: 97

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Parks where children and elderly regularly visit should be exempt

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

How will this be enforced? Will there be cameras? Options for sending in pictures to report breaches?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes



Name: Hugh Webb & Maureen Williams-Webb

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 10, 2024, 06:16 PM

Contribution ID: 568

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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Would it be feasible to DNA test animals at the time of their initial registration to provide a means of identifying owners that allow their animals to prowl and foul neighbourhoods?

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Hugh

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 10, 2024, 06:34 PM

Contribution ID: 573

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

We agree with the proposed dog zones at Mangaiti Park.

We would like to see more restrictions on domestic cats, which routinely foul neighbours' lawns and gardens. It seems that modern day cats are rather feral in that they do not bury their droppings like their forebears of the mid 20th Century. Maybe this is a result of people giving away kittens before they have become house trained?

Most dog owners are diligent at picking up their dog's droppings. In Huntington, it would appear that there is at least one large dog that is allowed to defecate on paths and berms without the owner picking up. This has been noted in the Rhys Avenue/Darjon Drive area. Perhaps there should be serious fines for offending owners, and DNA testing the animal at initial registration may make it possible to track down the offending animals/owners.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gerard Rennie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 11:58 AM

Contribution ID: 796

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Yes

Further Comments from G Rennie on HCC Dog Control Proposal submitted with HCC Feedback Form

18 October 2024

1. Increase in Off-Lead Park areas

While I support in principle an increase in areas where Hn residents can take their dogs – thereby alleviating pressure on existing Parks within Hn, this must go hand in hand with other measures – please see my brief comments on the timings issue below.

2. Dog Park Timings

I partially support the Council proposal. However, if the HCC is making these significant changes in many Parks, allowing dog owners an expansion of choice/spaces, then in the interests of those residents who do not own dogs but wish to exercise/walk in Hn Parks and also achieving a reasonable balance between those with - and those without – dogs, there must be adjustments to timing arrangements in other Parks. (My personal view is that certain Hn Parks should have a modest number of hours per week dog free).

One example I am very familiar with as I have lived close to it for almost 30 years is a jewel in central Kirikiriroa – Days Park. I have watched Days Park become, over the years, an, almost exclusively dog park. With its great ambience and river border, it is no longer a place to amble with an elderly aunt or uncle.

As a quite separate issue, the enforcement of rules regarding dog control should be reviewed in association with any review of the bylaws. I have spent hours in Days Park over the decades and witnessed many bylaw breaches. With those new areas which will have timings restrictions applying – an increase in monitoring resources will be required and it's reasonable to ask the Council whether those resources are to be catered for.

3. Closing thoughts

The Dog Control Policy should be tweaked to place greater and balanced emphasis on the safety and convenience of those who wish to walk/exercise in HCC Parks without dogs.

In addition, the definition in the 2015 bylaws of the term public place should state expressly that the term includes designated dog exercise areas.

Name: Ian McMichael

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:01 PM

Contribution ID: 63

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Could I request that there is signage at the parks where you can take your dog to go off lead, that this is a dog park and if you want to kick your ball around could you please go to a people only park.

thanking you

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Pareoranga

Organisation:

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 09:59 AM

Contribution ID: 698

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Applicable and practical solutions develop materials workshopsm, powerpoint presentations digital survey s to maange and facilitate accuracy orf what the strategic and action plan envision to look like 2025-2030.

What are some prevention plans for children in schools, on their way home, at the park with mum, dad and family - what are some strategic tips or what NOT to do.

RECOMMENDATIOINS:

1) practical lessons workshops to regulate protectg public from animal nuisance and receive 50% discount towards the registered programme.

2) Ensure that the infomration is true, but falsifies information, is liable to presecution under the crimes act 1961.

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Stipulating the priciple that the dog owner are dog whisperer's, and are well convered in the security and protection of others around them and do no pose a threat to individuals espectially children.

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

1) pet diet

2) Bedding. There are too many inadequate housing creating nuisance for neighbours and wellbeing and safety risks for dogs. Dog owners and dog lovers have spent over $700 extra per year, in compliance to living standards. There needs to be more advertisements on extra products and services with 50% discounts from local pet stores for ALL DOG owners and Registered dog owners.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Demonstrate knowledge of Dog Control Policy, with more more, and more pet care solutions advertised on radio, television, social media and email notifications to dog owners with 50% off products and services.

I will be present to provide a verbal sumbssion for 10 minutes to strengthen these points

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kelsey Harper

Organisation: Yes, I am the official spokesperson for the organisation, my organisation's name is:Harpers Hounds

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 07:06 PM

Contribution ID: 774

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Please see attached PDF.

In short, by increasing the amount of dog parks, HCC is only increasing the amount of problems.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Please see attached PDF.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes

The Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Reviews 2024

The following submission has been constructed and submitted by the following:

Kelsey Harper - Harpers Hounds, Dog Pack Walker and Trainer

I am writing this to express my views, concerns and recommendations regarding the 2024 bylaw changes. The time has arisen to take dog control and safety seriously, considering the massive increase in attacks and injuries, to both dogs and the public.

I am a working professional who has dedicated my life to the improvement of dogs' lives and that of their owners. With 4 years of experience in the industry, working hands on with dogs and their owners gives me an insight that the general population is not privy to. I therefore believe my knowledge and experience gives me the expertise to make more informed recommendations.

The proposal to increase the amount of off leash dog areas.

We have already seen from existing shared spaces, such as Tauhara Park, Minogue Park, and Resthills, that shared spaces are not in the best interests of public safety.

There are so many dog on dog attacks, bites on humans, dogs rushing, rude and pushy behaviors and health risks (people not picking up poop). Dog parks are, have been, and always will be, incredibly risky. We simply cannot expect every single dog to get along, and when dogs don’t get along, they fight. Nobody can deny the amount of issues all the dog parks have.

The proposal to include more off leash areas around children’s playgrounds, right next to public footpaths, and close to busy roads, isn’t acting in the best interests of dogs, and humans alike. Examples - Moonlight Drive, Mangati Park, Eden Park Reserve.

Off leash means your dog still has to be under control, and in a public space, this means prey drive contained, and recall at 100%. Very few dog owners have full control of their dog off leash. Proposing off leash areas around a playground is risking children’s safety. What happens when a poorly controlled dog runs up to a child and attacks?

Any off leash area that parallels a public walkway is also not a viable option. If a responsible dog owner, with their dog on leash, walks past a park that is off leash, what happens when a poorly controlled dog runs up to this dog on leash?

Most dogs have been allowed, through the use of dog parks, to rush up to another dog. These dogs will not distinguish the park boundaries as laid out by the council. They cannot distinguish on lead versus off lead. If the owner has no control, that dog becomes the problem of the responsible on lead owner. The council will be limiting the access of dog owners who only want to walk their dog on lead. Examples include reactivity, anxious and nervous dogs, poor health, just had surgery, etc. All dogs have the right to be walked down the street, on lead, without

getting rushed at by off lead dogs. Off leash versus on leash greeting is unacceptable, at all times.

We can all agree, people are irresponsible, and trusting other dog owners to control their off leash dogs at all times is unachievable. Therefore, the council must be the one to be proactive and minimize risk as much as possible. Most of these park options are not viable because of the level of risk to the public and other dogs.

If the council insists on increasing the number of dog parks, then they must be limited to fenced in areas. From a dog trainer perspective, most people that use dog parks take their dogs there because they have limited training. An experienced, knowledgeable dog owner will not set foot in any public dog park. If we assume that dog parks are a place for uncontrolled and poorly trained dogs, then we must treat them accordingly. Fenced in is the only option to keep the public safe.

Keeping dogs safe is another matter. Take the Waikato Canine Adventure Park for example. Something of that size, fully fenced and secure, with activities to cater to a large number of dogs. Then, it is a clear, defined boundary, and enter at your own risk.

General Dog Control

A massive overhaul on dog ownership is needed. There is simply not enough information or education regarding dog ownership. Anybody can get a dog. People are unaware of basic rules regarding controlling their dog. Some have no idea that you must have your dog on a leash on a footpath.

The Dog Control Act states that dogs must be under “control” at all times, but it does not outline what control means.

We suggest that the council campaigns to educate owners that all dogs must be kept on leash, at all times when out in public, except at a signposted, council approved, off leash dog park.

We suggest that the council campaigns to make it completely clear, dog owners who are found to have a dog off lead in a public place will be appropriately fined, with no exceptions.

The current consensus in the dog ownership community presently, is that they do not have to have their dog on lead, because there are no consequences for it. This attitude needs to change with the council increasing the amount of fines issued for this offence.

We suggest that upon registration, owners need to provide proof of an approved puppy class attendance. So many owners are uneducated on:

Social etiquette – not charging up to dogs at full speed. No leash on leash greetings. Never let your off leash dog approach an on leash dog. If your dog doesn’t have recall, it cannot be off leash, even at the dog park.

Body language – especially warning signs that a dog is uncomfortable.

Acceptable play – back and forth, both dogs engaged, no bullying.

How to correctly break up a dog fight.

Leash laws – all dogs must be on a lead at all times except in a designated dog park.

Correct socialization - if this was taught correctly, there would be less need for dog parks.

What to do with their reactive, nervous and fearful dog.

Upon completion of puppy class, owners could receive a discount on their registration for that year.

To implement this properly, the council would have to look at licensing puppy classes, and currently anybody can offer them as a service.

Multiple vets offer this service, however not all vets are qualified behaviorists and many of them do not know enough about dog training to be teaching it.

House Inspections. If your house is fully fenced, and you haven't had any complaints in a year, you should qualify for a discount, such as the WDC do. Why do good owners pay the same as irresponsible owners?

Regulations

We suggest mandatory dog training/behaviour sessions for owners with dogs with behavioural issues that were caught by animal control.

Tougher fines for owners who breach the law: off leash dogs in on leash area, attacks on dogs/humans, roaming dogs. Too many people are given repeated warnings, which does not change their behaviour.

Dogs who have repeatedly attacked or killed other dogs, should be assessed by a trainer with experience in aggression causing death, and a recommendation given regarding the future of that dog.

Education

There doesn't appear to be much education regarding dog behaviour from the council. Registered dog owners get emailed a newsletter every year when dog registrations are due. What about a weekly newsletter with training tips, breed information, puppy information, behavioural tips, etc? Remind people every week, no off leash in public areas, except a designated off lead area. Do not allow your dog to approach other dogs without permission. What to do when you come across a roaming dog. The general public has a misguided perception of animal control and what happens to roaming dogs, but there are never any educational posts trying to rectify this.

I have previously contacted Animal Control about educational Facebook posts, and never got a reply. Why?

Patricia Rocha from Dog Minds NZ has previously reached out to the council offering to do seminars regarding dogs in our communities, with the goal of educating the public on dog safety, free of charge. This is only getting off the ground now.

Calling Animal Control. To ring them you call the main HCC line and they pass over your information. It is unacceptable how many times nobody answers the phone. If there is a roaming dog that is a threat to life, you can't even get through to anybody.

When reporting through Antenno, you either get no reply, or a call the next day, when the dog is long gone.

Signage

There is next to no signage in Hamilton.

All parks need to have adequate signage stating whether or not it is an off lead area.

The River Trails, and some parks do, but a little picture of a dog on a lead is not enough information that the area is on lead only.

I offered to redo the Taitua Arboretum signage because of how many off lead dogs I see there. I stop and ask people who have their dogs off lead, why. Is it a case of they didn't see the sign? In every case where I asked, they did see the sign, but they thought because their dog doesn't chase the ducks and the chickens it was okay. So, I thought, okay, we need to amend the signage accordingly and spell it out to people. I contacted the grounds man who contacted the manager and I was told no, because of funding. I said, I will pay for it. Here is what I propose we put on the sign. They still said no.

Where is the sense of community and working together, when a simple solution is offered and refused.

Enforcement

The council needs to get tougher on law breakers. The reason everybody has their dog off lead where they shouldn't is because they get away with it.

Are there ever animal control officers down at the River Trails? If they spent a day down there, they would issue so many non-compliance fines and make thousands. If people start getting fined for having their dog off lead, word would soon spread and people would think twice about it. Campaign that the rules are changing, officers will be patrolling areas and a fine will be administered for all rule breakers.

Councils employ contractors for jobs they cannot fulfil. So contract this out as animal control cannot be everywhere at once. Employ dog professionals that can observe and recognize dangerous behaviour in public and have the authority to issue fines. It is beyond time the council got serious on enforcing leash laws.

If people do not comply, if they are not even carrying a leash, if they refuse to give their details, the dog is not wearing a tag, then the dog needs to be confiscated and impounded.

Dogs in cars.

What are the current regulations regarding dogs being restrained in cars? Are the council able to issue a bylaw on this?

Too many dogs hang out of car windows, barking, leaning out too far, or even jumping out.

A bylaw would state all dogs need to be restrained (tied in) and windows up, or windows down but your dog needs to be in a crate.

It is a massive risk to the public and the dog. In a crash, what happens to the dog?

We understand that all current animal control officers work hard and do their best with the resources that they are given.

We ask that the council makes dog safety a top priority. As the Hamilton population increases, so does the dog population, and it is only getting worse.

The amount of aggressive, reactive, fearful and anxious dogs are on the rise, and without active changes being implemented soon, this will only continue to get worse.

Hamilton City Council needs to take the lead and make the necessary changes that will make Hamilton one of the safest cities in New Zealand for dogs and humans.

Name: Lindsay Wilson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 02:15 PM

Contribution ID: 803

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I did not know animals were housed on public property.

Football clubs leave their goal posts out on parks when they are not used. Why are they allowed to do that. Seems to be the same as animals kept on parks.

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The hours for Raymond Park are far to restrictive. Only a small area around the edge of the park is included. 90% of the park is reserved as a sports park. They use it Tuesday and Thursday evenings. And again on Saturday mornings.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Off Lead Areas:

I support the addition of the new dog parks. Featherston Park should have been included. The multi million dollar houses probably prevent this through their lawyers.

The hours for Raymond Park are far too restrictive. Only a small area around the edge of the park is included. 90% of the park is reserved as a sports park. They use it on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. And again, on Saturday morning. Probably two hours each during the week and half a day on Saturday. Raymond Park is a wonderful amenity for all residents in Fairview Downs, yet the greater part is reserved for "Visitors". There has been a big increase in dog numbers in the suburb and evenings are a great time for neighbours and their dogs to gather. As it stands prime time for recreation is in the evenings and at the weekend. Yet these times are reserved for sports organizations only. The situation at present is that everyone uses the park without interference. Dog walkers respect the space for sports teams. The problems arise from vandalism and sports clubs using the park to dump their unused sports equipment.

The area marked orange should be off lead at all times and the rest of the park have the hours as restricted.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Deborah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 02:49 PM

Contribution ID: 417

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I would like to know what you will be doing to stop dog parks from being used for others purposes like turning it into a temporary car park or non dog related events. These 2 things happen regularly at the botanical gardens and cladulands park dog parks. I pay my fee I should get something out of it. Your review doesn't include anything to stop this practice. An all the time dog park should be just that. Not we need extra parking so we are taking away the dog park. Its hard to know if you can use a dog park until you get there. That's not fair.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Stop. Closing dog parks for extra parking.

Because of one of the latter questions. I'm hearing impaired

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: J K

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 09:07 AM

Contribution ID: 144

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I oppose more off-lead parks for dogs. I have seen many dog owners allow their dogs off-lead so the dog can run off and drop faeces; the owners do not then follow-up and pick up the faeces. These are usually large dogs; even more reason to have them on leashes in a public place.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Tony Barrett

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 16, 2024, 04:04 PM

Contribution ID: 748

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

As a dog owner and professional dog trainer, I recognize the benefits of off-leash spaces, but I also have concerns about how this proposal may exacerbate existing issues with non-compliance in on-leash areas, as well as its impact on responsible dog owne

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

In conclusion, I appreciate the intent behind expanding off-leash areas, but at the same time I urge the Council to consider the need for improved public education and enforcement measures. Without these, the proposed changes risk creating more problems for responsible dog owners and may result in an increase in negative dog interactions.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

N/A

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lindsay Wilson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 05:10 PM

Contribution ID: 425

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The hours for Raymond Park are far too restrictive. Only a small area around the edge of the park is included. 90% of the park is reserved as a sports park. They use it on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. And again, on Saturday morning. Probably two hours e

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The hours for Raymond Park are far too restrictive. Only a small area around the edge of the park is included. 90% of the park is reserved as a sports park. They use it on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. And again, on Saturday morning. Probably two hours each during the week and half a day on Saturday. Raymond Park is a wonderful amenity for all residents in Fairview Downs, yet the greater part is reserved for "Visitors". There has been a big increase in dog numbers in the suburb and evenings are a great time for neighbours and their dogs to gather. As it stands prime time for recreation is in the evenings and at the weekend. Yet these times are reserved for sports organizations only. The situation at present is that everyone uses the park without interference. Dog walkers respect the space for sports teams. The problems arise from vandalism and sports clubs using the park to dump their unused sports equipment.

The area marked orange should be off lead at all times and the rest of the park have the hours as restricted.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I support the addition of new dog parks. Featherston Park should have been included. The multi million dollar houses probably prevent this through their lawyers.

I handed in a physical copy of my response but not sure if you have received it.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Hannah Richards [redacted]

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 06:12 PM

Contribution ID: 159

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Proposed areas surrounding Hamilton East, Hillcrest areas are not sufficient for the amount of dogs that use the area. Creating partial park areas without fencing is unreasonable as owners cannot be expected to memorise these limits. More fenced areas are needed.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The proposed times for hillcrest park are unreasonable, these are peak dog exercise times and will affect owners who need to exercise their dogs afterword. We cannot be expected to wait until after 10pm to exercise our dogs.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Education and training is important, I'd like to see the council offering subsidised dog training for dog owners, especially new dog owners. Even just lead and recall training would be extremely beneficial to assist owners to be able to comply with the rules.

Considerably more fenced areas are needed. Lighting is needed for winter evening exercise at these areas to ensure they are safe. Even surveillance cameras at fenced areas would be beneficial for both compliance and safety.

I feel very strongly that split park areas need to be either fenced or very very clearly and often signposted, many of us dog owners have been abused verbally by members of the public for having our dogs off lead, in designated areas because public walking there didn't realise the park was a designated off leash area.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

More areas are needed but most of the proposed areas and rules are unrealistic.

If you're going to be strict about off leash dogs, help with education. A lot of these rules will be a rude shock to many existing dog owners.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Neil Mallard

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 07, 2024, 07:53 PM

Contribution ID: 491

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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There should be no off lead area within 200 metres of a children's play area with equipment. Ideally the play area would be fenced. No off lead area should be within 100m of a path or a walkway. The city is trying to encourage the use of cycles and walking. Unrestrained dogs pose a significant risk.

FINAL THOUGHTS

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Some of the proposed parks are small and having off lead areas effectively exclude the use of them for passive recreation. For parks surrounded by residential housing dog use should be excluded between 9:00pm and 7:00am to ensure does not cause disruption.

Every dog exercise area must have a council provided waste bin to ensure dog excrement is disposed off appropriately

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jayne Hartstone

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 07:51 AM

Contribution ID: 167

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

More funding is needed to neuter cats in Hamilton. In some months we have hundreds of kittens born that end up in pet shelters.

More education around dog ownership is needed.

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Please PLEASE consider two things with dog parks. Firstly please provide FENCED parks. Leamington does it well. Would love to see something like that here so I don't need to drive to leamington to run my dog!!!

Please also provide large signs so members of the public know which parks are dog parks!!! I have a big dog and some people are very opinionated about me having him off lead at the dog exercise area at the gardens

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Max Verran

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 02:48 PM

Contribution ID: 702

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Having owned dogs for over 40 years, I agree with the proposed changes to the Animal Nuisance, housing and control, ownership behaviour also needs attention, especially those who don't remove their dogs droppings. All our dog parks need more signage to mirror those at Taitua Arboretum.

Living on Baverstock Road I am pleased Rakautahi Park is being designated as a dog friendly Park, I have noticed that the fence beside the footpath has been battered by a tractor and needs repair in order to reinstate the barrier between walkers, Bikers and exercising hounds.

one location i feel needs a change of designation is Waiwhakareke Park, I along with many local residents do use the park to exercise our dogs, I am in the majority who have their dogs leashed. I applaud Council for the initiative in creating the reserve, but feel more use could be made of the area. I am aware council has a long term plan to establish a predator proof park but in my view it nis a decade away, At this time Council should be fiscally prudent as the majority of rate payers have three years of soring rate demands.

thanks for the opportunity to have my say.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Julie O'Brien

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 03:42 PM

Contribution ID: 154

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

It is normal useful regulatory control to have specific and general "rules". These overarching duties (like "careless driving) on animal owners re "nuisance" as this is a general term, and applies "common law" principles in the many and varied unforeseeable circumstances where an annoyance or interference with another person's rights can occur. It is sensible to retain and/or strengthen these general rules, as the specific in the dog rules may not cover instances of nuisance. Just one possible example of general rules having a use is as dogs are increasing in number in urban and other areas, and some may become feral, the 'groups" of dogs which may form in the surburban "wilds" may simply not be caught in specific dog control rules. Animals as a group if unaccompanied may need to be dealt with, just as one example for future possibility (currently occuring in Rotorua in today (20 Sept 2024 news).The general rights to deal with nuisances of all animals (singular and grouped) may prove to be vital to enable Council legal powers to deal with "dog packs" or similar.

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Annual review keeps Council records up to date, and ensures atittude of "watchful and active" compliance management by Council staff. Once and for all registration relies on complaints from public about "something". Not a good idea. A good comparison is gun owners. when registration became "once and for all" for "guns" they proliferated, changed hands, and monitoring gun numbers and ownership in community literally has become impossible due to transfers, (breeding for dogs) and deterioration of behaviours with guns/dogs by owners.

Ten more is too many dog parks, it will increase biting incidents for sure. And lead to demands and senses of entitlement by dog owners that NO PARKS exist where a dog is not entitled to have a free run. Dog parks (unfenced and off lead) she exception to normal exercise. of dogs on-leads. Not the rule. Dog walking on leads is to be encouraged to a)encourage education of dog owners to "walk" and exercise as their duty. And to educate dogs and safetly socialise dogs on leads around humans. A mix of dog parks is appropriate.But should not be demanded as of right by dog owners where-ever humans recreate. Dogs on leads who are "dangerous" and pose a nuisance are high visible on lead on foot paths and soon reported to Council. Running at large in a "dog park" as sole method of exercise is just a biting attack waiting to happen.

Dog owners don't pay extra to have exclusive use of sections of parks. In NZ (unlike Australia) the dog off lead areas ARE NOT UNIFORMLY FULLY FENCED AND SECURE The owner registration fee does not cover exclusive parks unclearly delineated within larger parks used by children and families. Too many unfenced dog off lead areas is dangerous. The annual fee covers safety and management of owners.

FINAL THOUGHTS

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IClause 6.1 not clear - what is the intention

Clause 7.2 is missing the work "nuisance" after "become" I believe as I read it.

9.2 Suggest a conditonal refundable bond of say $1000 for as deposit to right to have an extra dog after 2 dogs.(paid back if you go back to 2 dogs).

Clause 10.1 Suggest add words "that the Council in its sole discretion classifies as menacing..."

Suggest a right to seize/or destroy a dog menacing if the neutering process is not initiated or pursued promptly on notification (i.e. with 7 days of notice/seizure)

Clause 13 and 14 State no further appeal after this process. Put onus on owner to initiate and "promptly" pursue his/her appeal not to neuter with correct certificates (time specified). Vet certificates are expensive to obtain...this could drag out for ages while a menacing dog continues to menace. Some timeline perambers specifically need to be put in this clause right of appeal.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Megan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 29, 2024, 08:37 PM

Contribution ID: 386

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Please make the full-time tethering of dogs illegal. It is not enough to have adequate houses if dogs are chained for the duration of their lives. Please keep the multiple dog permit because many people have too many dogs, or are backyard breeders, which compromises their welfare. These permits will allow council to have more control of those households.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Robyn

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 08, 2024, 09:12 AM

Contribution ID: 495

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I oppose this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Resthills Dog Park should remain an off lease area 24 hours. This means shift workers and pensioners can walk their dogs when it suits them I have walked my dog there for 7 years and there are few problems. Problems are generally caused by motor bike riders and commercial dog walkers. Plus the rubbish left by some sport's groups. But these concerns are minor and infrequent. Resthills is a lovely safe park for off lead walking. Generally all the users get along together.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I have called Dog Control several times and I have been very impressed. Very professional and handled the errant dogs with care.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Maureen Campbell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 06, 2024, 10:50 PM

Contribution ID: 460

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Maurice Duggan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 09, 2024, 04:59 PM

Contribution ID: 512

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Hare Puke park is not suitable to be turned into a dog park. At present it is a people's park with footpaths around and across the park in frequent use. The map you have drawn advising us of where the dogs off lead area is to be located is adjacent and over present footpaths.

I am wondering how you propose to keep the dogs confined to these allotted spaces. To us , dogs off lead, means one thing - dog poo . Most people pick up the mess but some don't.

At present there is a growing number of dogs off lead on the sports field areas. Here again most dog owners are responsible but others are not . Dogs off lead should be discouraged on the sports fields purely from a health angle.

Dogs can be very unpredictable and should not be running free in Public parks. - No exceptions. Public parks and dog parks are completely different entities. Dogs require space to run off lead. People require a safe place to go about their activities. Children going to and from the local school and Destination park need to be safe.

Council have provided us with a wonderful amenity in Hare Puke Park and we would hope the council would use wisdom in the way the park Is utilised

Thank you for the opportunity to state our concerns.

Maurice and Jennifer Duggan, [redacted]. Flagstaff.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

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Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

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Submission by the

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on

Hamilton City Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

18 October 2024

Executive Summary

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- SPCA advocates for Council to provide a review pathway for dogs classified as 'menacing by behaviour', provided owners take specific steps to demonstrate responsible dog ownership.

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Introduction

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The organisation includes 28 Animal Welfare Centres across New Zealand and approximately 60 inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

SPCA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Hamilton City Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.

Submission

SPCA advocates for responsible dog ownership. Below we provide feedback on proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, additional suggestions for the Council to consider that promote more responsible dog ownership, and background information and research in support of our submission.

Our organisation was pleased to see many of the proposed changes which take a common-sense approach to balancing providing opportunities for dogs and their owners to exercise and recreate in public places and minimising conflicts with other users.

1. Housing Dogs

SPCA supports Council's proposal to set minimum accommodation standards in the Bylaw. These standards require kennels (or similar housing) to be the right size, in the right location, clean and protected from the elements.

SPCA supports inclusion of dog welfare requirements in the bylaw. Council's decision to mirroring of the wording of Regulation 13 – Dogs must have dry and shaded shelter (Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018) ensures alignment with other secondary legislation, communicates consistent expectations to dog owners, and avoids introducing complications with SPCA's enforcement interventions.

SPCA would like to make Council aware of that dog tethering regulations are likely to be introduced in future, following public consultation in March 2023. We recommend Council consider including these regulations in future reviews.

2. Multiple Dog Permits

SPCA supports Council's proposal to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

SPCA acknowledges the mechanisms which allow people to apply for a permit to own multiple dogs are a reasonable compromise. However, we consider the current multiple dog permit required for more than one dog to be housed on a property to be overly restrictive to the point that this may discouraging otherwise responsible dog owners from applying for a permit.

We consider that removing the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits would reduce the administrative burden required by dog owners and Council and remove unnecessary barriers to dog ownership without risk of increasing nuisance or welfare concerns.

3. Off Lead Areas

SPCA supports Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks.

There is a legitimate need for safe, appropriate designated off-leash areas to provide alternatives to those areas where the presence of off-leash dogs is potentially detrimental to wildlife, farmed animals and other users of public lands. SPCA believes that councils should

consult and take on board feedback from local residents regarding adequate provision of appropriate dog exercise areas to balance those areas where dogs are proposed to be prohibited. The recent consultation undertaken by Wellington City Council is a good example of how communities can be positively engaged to determine potential dog exercise areas.

On-leash exercise is not a substitute for off-leash exercise. Dogs walk faster than people and providing off-leash time allows them to work off excess energy. Research suggests that off-leash dog exercise areas can benefit owners' and dogs' physical and social health, as well as community connectedness (Cutt et al., 2007; Eldering & Martin, 2017; González Ramírez & Landero Hernández, 2014; Toohey et al., 2013). Canine obesity is now considered to be the number one health concern in companion dogs worldwide (Kipperman & German, 2018). Dogs walked less often and for a shorter time are more likely to be obese; this can shorten their life and put them at risk of health complications such as diabetes and heart disease (German et al., 2017).

Dogs not provided an appropriate outlet for their energy can develop problem behaviours such as nuisance barking and destructive behaviours or depression (Instone & Sweeney, 2014). Exercise is an easy, inexpensive, welfare-friendly tool to assist with nuisance barking (Righetti, 2005). Thus, provision of off-leash exercise opportunities is a key component of councils' obligations to prevent or abate nuisances.

Legally, all dog owners must meet the physical, health and behavioural needs of their animals, and providing sufficient exercise is a part of this requirement. Some dog owners may be reluctant to exercise their dogs if they have less flexibility about where they can do this within their local area. Provision of alternative designated dog exercise areas to compensate for those removed, is likely to improve compliance with the introduced restrictions and allow dog owners to meet their physical, health and behavioural needs.

Additional feedback on the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

SPCA supports the updates to the policy that acknowledge the benefits of dog ownership and Council's role in providing for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners. Below SPCA suggests some additional feedback on the draft dog control policy and bylaw for consideration.

Menacing Classification

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, dogs may be classified as menacing due to behaviour or due to appearance.

SPCA supports councils providing a pathway for owners of dogs with a menacing by behaviour classification to request a review of their dog's classification, provided they take specific steps to demonstrate responsible dog owner. This approach has been successfully adopted by other territorial authorities (for example, see Auckland Council Dog Bylaw) which provide an opportunity to apply for review after 12 months of holding this classification. This incentivises human behaviour change and adoption of responsible dog ownership practices.

SPCA understands that councils are required to comply with the Dog Control Act 1996, which currently requires classification of dogs listed in Schedule 4 (as assessed based on visual assessment of the dog's physical characteristics) as "menacing". SPCA strongly opposes breed specific legislation, such as New Zealand's Dog Control Act 1996, as evidence shows that targeting specific dog breeds or types is subjective, does not reduce the risk of dog bites, and places additional obligations on responsible owners.

The Act does not contain a definition of what constitutes an "American Pit Bull Terrier type" and thus it is left up to each territorial authority to determine how they establish reasonable grounds for believing a dog is wholly or predominantly one of the impacted dog breeds or types. SPCA cautions that research has clearly shown that visual assessment of mixed breed dogs is highly inaccurate, even when conducted by experts such as shelter workers, veterinarians and dog control officers (Hoffman et al., 2014; Olson et al., 2015; Voith et al., 2013). Classification as menacing has serious consequences for a dog's welfare and can impact responsible dog owners.

SPCA encourages councils to consider these impacts, and the high rates of error in visual identification of cross breeds, when determining their criteria for classifying dogs as 'menacing' based solely on appearance.

Disability Assist Dogs

"Disability assist dog" is a generic term for a guide, hearing, or assistance dog that is specifically trained to perform at least one task to mitigate the effects of an individual's disability. The dog's main purpose is to improve the person's ability to carry out daily tasks, either by simplifying daily tasks, or increasing safety while daily tasks are performed. In New Zealand, a dog can be certified a "disability assist dog" if they are certified by one of eight assistance dog organisations listed in Schedule 5 of the Dog Control Act, 1996.

While the draft dog control policy makes it clear that disability assist dogs are exempted from dog access restrictions while working, we consider it would improve clarity to also include this wording in the dog control bylaw.

Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Hamilton City Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. Our organisation is happy to discuss this matter if further information is required.

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Executive Summary

- SPCA advocates for animals to be housed in environments that promote their welfare alongside hygiene. Clean healthy environments are important for positive welfare.
- Animals should have appropriate bedding material to express important behaviours such as nest building.
- SPCA advocates for housing requirements that provide areas for animals to move around without permanent tethering. Examples include adequate fenced pens or outdoor areas.
- SPCA supports the mandatory desexing of all cats by four months of age in Hamilton City Council with exemptions for registered breeding animals, or if a veterinarian has determined it would negatively impact the cat's health or welfare.
- SPCA supports the mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register for all cats by four months of age in Hamilton City. Microchipping and registering microchips can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted.
- SPCA recognises the benefits of a limit on the number of cats per dwelling, however, we advocate for the minimum number of cats per dwelling to not be lower than three.
- SPCA advocates for cat owners to keep their cats at home or on their property and supports bylaws that facilitate this behaviour.
- SPCA urges Hamilton City Council to improve their tracking of nuisance associated with roaming cats including property damage, spraying and defaecating on neighbouring properties, and fighting with other cats causing injuries requiring veterinary treatment.

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SPCA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the consultation for the draft Hamilton City Animal Nuisance Bylaw 2024.

Submission

SPCA notes that the Hamilton City Council has not included specific conditions for keeping animals such as pigs, sheep, horses, poultry, or cats in the draft Animal Nuisance Bylaw. However, our organisation feels obliged to advocate for improving how animals are kept. Animal husbandry and welfare are linked. Environmental conditions and how an animal interacts with their environment directly influence how they feel (Mellor et al., 2020). Where there is poor husbandry, there is often poor welfare. SPCA advocates for bylaws that promote good husbandry to reduce the potential for nuisance and help prevent welfare problems. Below we provide our recommendations on the draft Animal Nuisance Bylaw 2024.

Section 6.0 Keeping of Animals

SPCA advocates for the inclusion of conditions for enclosures that incorporate the animals' needs including:

- A condition specifying livestock have an adequate and appropriate companionship and living environment including space, shade, and shelter.
    - SPCA advocates for animals to be kept in appropriate social groups. For example, sheep and goats experience fear and vocalise more when socially isolated (Cockram et al. 1994; De et al., 2018; Forkman et al., 2007; Siebert et al., 2011).

- A condition prohibiting the permanent tethering of livestock. Tethering compromises an animal's welfare leading to frustration and stress because they cannot behave and move around normally (Beaver et al., 2021; Hydbring-Sandberg et al., 2022; van der Staay et al., 2010). Permanent tethering can increase fear when it interferes with an animal's instinct to flee when alarmed (Beaver et al., 2021; Forkman et al., 2007). Tethered animals may lack sufficient shelter from all conditions or access to appropriate feed and water. Tethered animals can become entangled and harm themselves leading to painful injuries and are at risk from being harassed or attacked by other animals or people.
    - SPCA advocates that farmed animals are provided properly fenced areas that allow them to move around, graze, exercise, socialise with other animals, and seek suitable shelter when needed.

- A condition that animals are provided with species-appropriate bedding.
    - SPCA supports the addition of housing standards that align with the Code of Welfare for Pigs, including ensuring pigs have access to housing of sufficient size that allows for movement and natural positions, adequate ventilation, protection for thermal extremes, and a dry laying area. We encourage Council to require pigs to have access to nesting material and separate areas for toileting, eating, and separation from offspring by choice. Expression of natural behaviours and behavioural interactions with their environment is important for a pig's welfare (Johnson et al., 2022; Kells 2021; reviewed by the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, 2021).

- We have recently seen Palmerston North City Council has recently amended their Keeping of Animals Bylaw which now requires pigs to have suitable nesting material and separate spaces for resting, eating, and toileting.

- A condition specifying poultry have adequate and appropriate living environments. This includes companionship, shade, shelter, and space for nesting with nesting materials suitable for the species. The poultry house and run must be kept clean, in good condition, and free from offensive smells, waste overflow, or vermin.

Include cat management

Require cat owners to desex their cats

SPCA advocates for the Animal Nuisance bylaw to include requirements for cat owners to desex their companion cat by four months of age with exemptions for registered breeding animals or to protect the health and welfare of the cat. We have seen a steady increase in councils that pass bylaws to promote more responsible cat ownership (please see Table 1 for more information).

We urge the Hamilton City Council to require cats to be desexed to benefit cat welfare and help address problems with cat overpopulation (please see Table 2 for more information).

Desexing provides welfare benefits to the individual cat and helps address problems with cat overpopulation (Farnworth et al., 2013; Joyce & Yates, 2011; Yates et al., 2013). Desexing cats helps reduce the number of kittens that enter shelters and are euthanased (New et al., 2000; Marston & Bennett, 2009; Marsh, 2010).

The traditional age for desexing a cat in New Zealand is from four to six months of age (Farnworth et al., 2013; Orr & Jones, 2019). Kittens typically enter puberty from four to six months of age however, this can occur as early as fourteen weeks of age (three- and one-half months) (Farnworth et al., 2013; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995). Therefore, we support the

requirement for desexing to occur before kittens enter puberty to help break the cycle of unplanned litters born each year in New Zealand.

Desexing can safely be carried out at an earlier age than four to six months (Howe, 2015; Root Kustritz, 1999; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995; Stubbs et al., 1996). Early desexing does not adversely affect the physiological or behavioural development in cats; it is a faster procedure with a quicker recovery time for the kitten (Aronsohn & Faggella, 1993; Bushby & Griffin, 2011; Howe, 1997; Porters et al., 2015); and reduces the likelihood of some cat behaviours such as spraying, straying, and vocalising later in life (Spain et al., 2004).

Require cat owners to microchip their cats and register the microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register

Microchipping and registering the microchip helps ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted (Lord et al., 2010; Lancaster et al., 2015). Most New Zealand cat owners allow their cats to roam (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020; Gates et al., 2019; Hall et al., 2016), which places them at greater risk of becoming lost. Therefore, we urge the Council to set the age for microchipping to four months to help ensure kittens benefit from having a registered microchip at a young age.

Reasonable limits on the number of cats per dwelling

SPCA supports reasonable limits on the number of cats per dwelling because this can help ensure an individual cat's welfare needs are met and they experience a Good Life. We consider a limit of two cats per residence too low. If the Hamilton City Council is considering a limit on cats per residence, we encourage the Council to have a permission system for a person to have more than three cats per dwelling.

We encourage the Hamilton City Council to include microchipping, desexing, and keeping cats at home (on the owner's property) as criteria for a person to have more than the permitted number of cats.

Keep cats at home to reduce nuisance

SPCA advocates for cat owners to keep their cats at home and supports bylaws that facilitate this behaviour. We urge the Hamilton City Council to consider the public health risks, nuisance, and property damage related to companion cats whose owners allow them to freely roam from their property.

There are roughly 1.2 million companion cats in 35-41% of households across New Zealand (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020; van Heezik et al., 2010). Recent studies indicate that most cat owners do not restrict their cats from roaming from their property (Bassett et al., 2020; Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020; Gates et al., 2019). The likelihood of undesexed companion cats contributing to the unwanted population of cats is exacerbated by most cat owners allowing their cats to roam freely.

A cat can experience positive welfare and their physical, health, and behavioural needs can be met whilst keeping them at home as indoor-only cats or with access to a secure outdoor enclosure or a garden with an escape-proof fence (de Assis & Mills, 2021).

Keep track of nuisance complaints

SPCA urges Hamilton City Council to improve how they track nuisance complaints associated with cats including property damage, spraying, and defaecating on neighbouring properties, and fighting with other cats causing injuries that require veterinary treatment.

SPCA is concerned that the true scale of nuisance related to undesexed, and roaming companion cats is not fully communicated to local councils. Our organisation regularly receives emails and calls from the public about cat nuisance (e.g., the neighbour's cat is toileting in their garden). We even have a website article offering advice and tips for keeping a cat out of your garden. However, these strategies place the onus of managing nuisance on those who do not own the cat. Our organisation advocates that preventing nuisance is the cat owner's responsibility.

SPCA is concerned about issues related to keeping cats such as disease transmission. Cats are the definitive host of toxoplasmosis, and exposure to cat faeces in soil, sandpits, litter beds, and gardens is a risk factor for transmission to people and other animals (Aguirre et al., 2019; Stelzer et al., 2019).

Background

Each year, on average 20,000 cats and kittens come into our Centres. Many of these animals are directly or indirectly (through stray cat populations) related to an owner not desexing their companion cat. Our SPCA Centres regularly see the welfare problems related to irresponsible companion cat ownership, including:

- the predictable cycle of unplanned litters of kittens born each year because there are too many undesexed companion cats allowed to breed;
- the number of cats and kittens who are lost or have strayed, and we cannot find their owner because they are not microchipped, or their microchip details are not registered on a national database; and
- the number of cats and kittens that become injured, diseased, lost, or strayed because they are allowed to roam freely from home.

We also know that irresponsible cat ownership can lead to nuisance in communities (e.g., spraying, toileting, fighting), predation on wildlife, and the spread of toxoplasmosis to people and animals including farmed animals and vulnerable native marine mammals (e.g., Hector's and Māui dolphins).

Desexing and microchipping companion cats and keeping them at home are some of the few tools we have for addressing problems with stray cats in our communities. Desexing a companion cat helps prevent unplanned litters of kittens which can end up as stray cats. Having a microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register can help us identify an

owner to reunite with a lost companion cat that may be living as a stray. Keeping cats at home decreases their likelihood of becoming lost or straying.

The unwanted cat population in New Zealand must be viewed as a public problem, requiring local (and national) policy solutions where the true cost of owning an undesexed and un-microchipped cat is not an undue burden on New Zealand society. These costs include the costs that shelters and rescues absorb, costs that local councils absorb with managing unwanted cats, and costs of increased protection of vulnerable wildlife.

With no national legislation requiring companion cats to be desexed, microchipped, and their microchip registered, New Zealand needs more leadership from the local government to encourage responsible cat ownership and complement the work done by our organisation and others.

Currently, there are nine Councils in New Zealand where cats must be desexed and nine Councils where cats must be microchipped with a microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.

Table 1: Local councils that have bylaws requiring cats to be desexed and microchipped.

Council (year)	Desexing requirements	Microchipping requirements
Manawatū District (2019)	Every person who keeps cats must ensure cats over six months are desexed (exemptions in place for registered breeders).	None.
Whanganui District (2020)	Any cat over four months of age is required to be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over four months of age is required to be microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Selwyn District (2021)	None.	Every person who keeps a cat over the age of four months is required to microchip and register the cat with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or other approved registry.

Whangārei District (2022)	Any cat over six months of age must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over six months of age must be microchipped, and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animals Register.
Ruapehu District (2022)	Every person who keeps a cat that is over six months must ensure the cat is desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Every person who keeps a cat that is over six months must ensure they are microchipped, and the microchip is registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or other Council approved microchip registry.
Buller District Council (2023)	Any cat over six months of age must be desexed (with exemptions in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over six months of age must be microchipped, and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Hutt City Council (2024)	Every person who keeps cats must ensure they are desexed by twelve weeks of age or older (with exemptions for breeders or to protect the cat's health and welfare).	Every person who keeps cats must ensure they are microchipped by twelve weeks of age or older and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Wellington City (2024)	All domestic cats over six months must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	All cats over the age of twelve weeks must be microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Palmerston North City (2024)	All cats over four months of age, born after the 1st of July 2018 must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders).	All cats over six months of age and born after the 1st of July 2018 must be microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Tararua District Council (2024)	Every cat over four months old must be desexed.	Every cat over four months old must be microchipped and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.

The benefits of more responsible cat ownership

SPCA advocates for more responsible ownership of companion cats to improve the welfare of cats and to help address the problems with community nuisance, predation, and the overpopulation of stray cats.

Welfare-related benefits of desexing cats

Desexing can reduce the risk of certain diseases, reduce the likelihood of roaming (which can increase risks of harm such as disease and infection, injury, and becoming lost), and increase lifespan. Desexing can also prevent the mortality of unplanned kittens which is often overlooked as a welfare problem.

Table 2: Welfare-related benefits of desexing cats.

Decreased risk of reproductive disease
• Mammary gland tumours are common in cats: ○ 16.3% of all tumours are in the mammary gland in an Italian registry, making this the second most common tumour site (Vascellari et al., 2009). ○ 17% of all cancers reported were in the mammary gland in a California registry (1963-1966) making this the third most common cancer (Dorn et al., 1968). ○ 8.2% of tumours in a Swiss feline cancer registry (1965-2008) were mammary gland tumours (Graf et al., 2016). ○ Japanese and Siamese breeds are at increased risk of mammary tumours (Graf et al., 2016; Ito et al., 1996).
• Mammary tumours in cats have a high risk of being malignant: ○ >90% of mammary gland tumours in cats are malignant (Dorn et al., 1968; Hampe & Misdorp, 1974; Hayes et al., 1981). ○ A more recent study with a Swiss feline cancer registry found that 83% of mammary tumours were malignant (Graf et al., 2016).
• Desexing is protective against mammary tumours in cats:

- Sexually intact cats have seven times the risk of developing mammary gland neoplasms when they get older compared to spayed female cats (Dorn et al., 1968).
- Ovariectomy was found to protect against mammary carcinomas but not against benign mammary tumours. Intact cats are seven times overrepresented in the population of cats diagnosed with mammary tumours (Misdorp et al., 1991).
- Desexed female cats had significantly lower odds than entire female cats of developing tumour/malignant tumour in the mammary gland (Graf et al., 2016).
- Desexing before one year of age is protective against mammary carcinoma: 91% risk of reduction if desexed before 6 months, 86% reduction if before one year. Desexing after two years increased the risk (likely due to very few cats being desexed after this age) (Overley et al., 2005).

- Pyometra (uterine infection) risk increases significantly with age for female cats (Potter et al., 1991).

Increased lifespan and improved overall health

- Undesexed companion cats have significantly shorter lifespans than desexed companion cats (Hamilton et al., 1969; Kent et al., 2022; O'Neill et al., 2015).
- Being undesexed is a risk factor for cats developing degenerative joint disease (Lascelles et al., 2010; Slingerland et al., 2011), which is considered a leading cause of pain in cats (Robertson et al., 2010).
- Improved health for both male and female cats in managed colonies may be related to reduced reproduction-related aggression in males (Cafazzo et al., 2019; Finkler et al., 2011).
- Desexed male cats live a mean of 62% longer than undesexed male cats, and desexed female cats live a mean of 39% longer than undesexed female cats (Banfield Pet Hospital, 2013).
- For companion cats over five years of age in an English veterinary database, desexed female cats lived .6 months longer than undesexed female cats and desexed male cats lived 1.8 years longer than undesexed male cats (O'Neill et al., 2015).

- For companion cats over 1 year of age in a California teaching hospital database (Kent et al., 2022):
  - desexed females had a median lifespan of 10.48 years, compared to undesexed females that had a median lifespan of 4.68 years.
  - desexed males had a median lifespan of 9.84 years, compared to undesexed males who had a median lifespan of 3.67 years.
- For companion cats over the age of five years of age in a Pennsylvania database (Hamilton et al., 1969):
  - desexed male cats lived a median of 10.8 years compared to undesexed males who lived a median of 8.6 years. Deaths from trauma and infections were less common in desexed males.
  - male cats desexed before the age of five months, had a median lifespan of thirteen years compared to male cats desexed at six to seven months who had a median lifespan of eleven years.
- Cats at least six years of age and not desexed in an English database were twice as likely to have signs related to degenerative joint disease (Maniaki et al., 2021).
- Desexed stray cats were in better welfare condition compared to intact cats likely due to reduced reproduction-related aggression in males (Gunther, et al., 2018).
- Desexed male and female cats in a TNR (Trap Neuter Return) managed colony were less likely to be injured or have impaired health which may be related to decreased risk of infectious disease, nutritional deficiencies, and stress associated with reproduction (Gilhofer et al., 2019).

Decreased roaming risks

- Intact male cats are at higher risk of traffic accidents, injuries, bite wounds, and disease transmission compared to desexed males (Finkler et al., 2011; Gunther et al., 2015; 2018).
- Roaming (and fighting and spraying) reduced or eliminated in 80-90% of cats (Hart & Cooper, 1984).

• Desexing reduces activity related to territorial behaviour. Authors note cats are less active, which they do not specify includes roaming (Cafazzo et al., 2019).

Improved kitten welfare
• Unplanned kittens contribute to high numbers of animals surrendered to shelters. Kittens under the age of six months made up the largest proportion of owner-surrender cats to an animal shelter in Australia; 34% of all owner-surrendered animals were emaciated (Marston & Bennett, 2009).
• Kittens that enter the shelter system because they are from unplanned breeding can often be in a poor state of welfare. This is before shelter entry and not related to shelter stay. An average of 30% of kittens that came into SPCA Centres are categorised as not healthy at intake. Not healthy categories include Dead on Arrival; Unhealthy not treatable; Unhealthy treatable (urgent); Unhealthy treatable (non-urgent) (SPCA Intake Health Data: Jan 2021-Jul 2023)
• Free-roaming kittens had the highest prevalence of emaciation and thinness, lowest BCS (Body Condition Score) scores, and higher prevalence of severe injury or disability than adults. (Gunther et al., 2018).
• There is high variability among kitten mortality in stray cats, however, at least one study showed 75% mortality before six months, with trauma being the most common cause of death (Nutter et al., 2004).

Welfare-related benefits of microchipping cats

SPCA prefers microchipping as the primary form of cat identification because the chip cannot be removed, dislodged, or lost without surgical intervention. Once a cat is microchipped, the 15-digit microchip number and the animal and owner's details can be registered with a microchip registration database, such as the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2018). Microchipping helps ensure a lost cat can be reunited with their owner.

Table 3: Welfare-related benefits of microchipping cats.

Welfare-related benefits of microchipping
• During the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, 85% of owners of microchipped animals were contacted within 3 hours by the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, compared to only 25% of non-microchipped animals reunited with their owners within seven days (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2018).
• 39% of microchipped cats were returned to their owners, compared to 2% returned for un-microchipped cats (Lord et al., 2010).
• 51% of microchipped cats were returned to their owners compared to only 5% of un-microchipped cats (Lancaster et al., 2015).

Having a cat wear a collar and tag in addition to having a microchip can provide a visual indication of a cat's ownership status and successfully help reunite lost cats with their owners (Alberthsen et al., 2013; Lord et al., 2007, 2010).

Welfare-related benefits of keeping cats at home

Cats who are allowed to roam from home face numerous welfare risks including threats to their health, consequences of becoming lost or straying, and if not desexed, can contribute to the unwanted kitten population in New Zealand.

Table 4: Welfare-related benefits of keeping cats at home.

Welfare-related benefits of keeping cats at home
• Reduced the risk of injury and death from vehicles, fighting with cats and other animals, infectious disease transmission, and ingestion of harmful substances (Bruce et al., 2019; Loyd et al., 2013; Rochlitz, 2003a, b, 2004a, b).
• Reduced risk of disease transmission to people and other animals (e.g., ringworm, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus [FIV]) (Hosie et al., 2009; Stull et al., 2015).

Other benefits of responsible cat ownership

More responsible cat ownership can reduce the negative impacts cats can have such as nuisance, predation on native wildlife, and the spread of toxoplasmosis to people and both native animals and pastoral animals. Desexing and microchipping are longer-term strategies that will address problems with the overpopulation of cats. Keeping cats at home can provide immediate local benefits for reducing nuisance such as spraying and toileting on neighbouring properties and reducing predation. Preventing cats from defecating away from home can help reduce the spread of toxoplasmosis to other animals and people.

Table 5: Other benefits of responsible cat ownership

Benefits of responsible cat ownership
• Reduced risk of toxoplasmosis transmission to farmed animals (Aguirre et al., 2019; Stelzer et al., 2019).
• Decreased risk of toxoplasmosis transmission to native wildlife (Aguirre et al., 2019).
• Decreased predation on native wildlife (Bell & Bell, 2003; Bellingham et al., 2010; Dowding & Murphy, 2001; Imber et al., 2003; Veitch et al., 2011).

Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Hamilton City draft Animal Nuisance Bylaw 2024. SPCA is happy to provide further information if needed.

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PROMOTING DESEXING AND MICROCHIPPING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Snip n Chip is a desexing and microchipping service aimed at reducing the number of unwanted and unowned cats — a humane solution for the feline population and welfare management.

Launched nationally in 2022, SPCA's Snip n Chip offers low-cost, accessible desexing and microchipping for cat owners who need it most.

SPCA values working with local councils to increase the number of desexed and microchipped animals in their area and promote responsible pet ownership.

What is Snip n Chip?

- Available through an online system where owners can obtain a voucher to desex and microchip their cat at a heavily discounted rate.
- Designed to educate and promote responsible companion animal ownership by encouraging owners to desex and microchip their animals.
- Encourages owners to develop positive relationships with their local veterinary clinics.

What are the benefits for Councils?

- Promote compliance with Councils cat bylaws
- Reduction in abandonment and euthanasia of cats
- Reduction of feline behaviour issues in the community – noise, fighting, breeding
- Ability to target specific suburbs within the Councils region
- Reduced complaints from residents
- Positive community relations
- Demonstration of commitment to humane reduction of stray, unowned, or unwanted cats and kittens.
- Please see our desexing website for more benefits to both Councils and members of the public https://desexing.spca.nz/councils

What does the service cost for Councils?

- A set price for each surgery and microchip
- Run as many campaigns as your budget will allow
- Administration and marketing support included
- Regular reporting to allow for greater transparency and reporting back to constituents and councillors

What have been the results?

Since launching in February 2022

- We have desexed 19,501 cats across numerous campaigns
- We estimate this has prevented 78,004 unwanted offspring
- Campaigns selling out in as little as one day
- Positive feedback from local communities for Councils participation
- Four councils and five local board partners have supported Snip n Chip campaigns in their communities

What has been the feedback?

Dr Imogen Bassett, Principal Advisor Biosecurity, Auckland Council
Desexing and microchipping are an important part of our responsible cat ownership work in Tāmaki Makaurau. As the fence at the top of the cliff, snip and chip is good for cats, wildlife, and people. Working together with the SPCA, we can share responsible pet ownership messages with more Aucklanders. The SPCA's online system and helpful staff have made it really easy for us to prioritise our support towards areas with threatened species in need of protection from cats.

Waitaki District Council

Regulatory Manager Andrew Bardsley said "*As well as the benefits for cat owners, Snip 'n' Chip will have an impact in the community in terms of a reduction in unwanted breeding and the number of orphaned or feral cats. Animal welfare is at the centre of this campaign, with the added benefits of a reduction in nuisance caused by cats and the ability for lost pets to be reunited with their owners through their microchips. The SPCA team's work is extremely challenging and demanding, so it's great that Waitaki District Council has been able to contribute towards this partnership and hopefully to reduce some of the cat welfare issues in Waitaki"*

Communications Team member Sonia Martinez said "*Our residents were really supportive of the campaign and we had lots of positive feedback saying it made a big impact on their ability to get their pet spayed and microchipped. Lots of sharing and engagement on social media not only resulted in the vouchers selling out super quickly but also helped spread the message of responsible cat ownership throughout the district*".

Cat owner feedback:

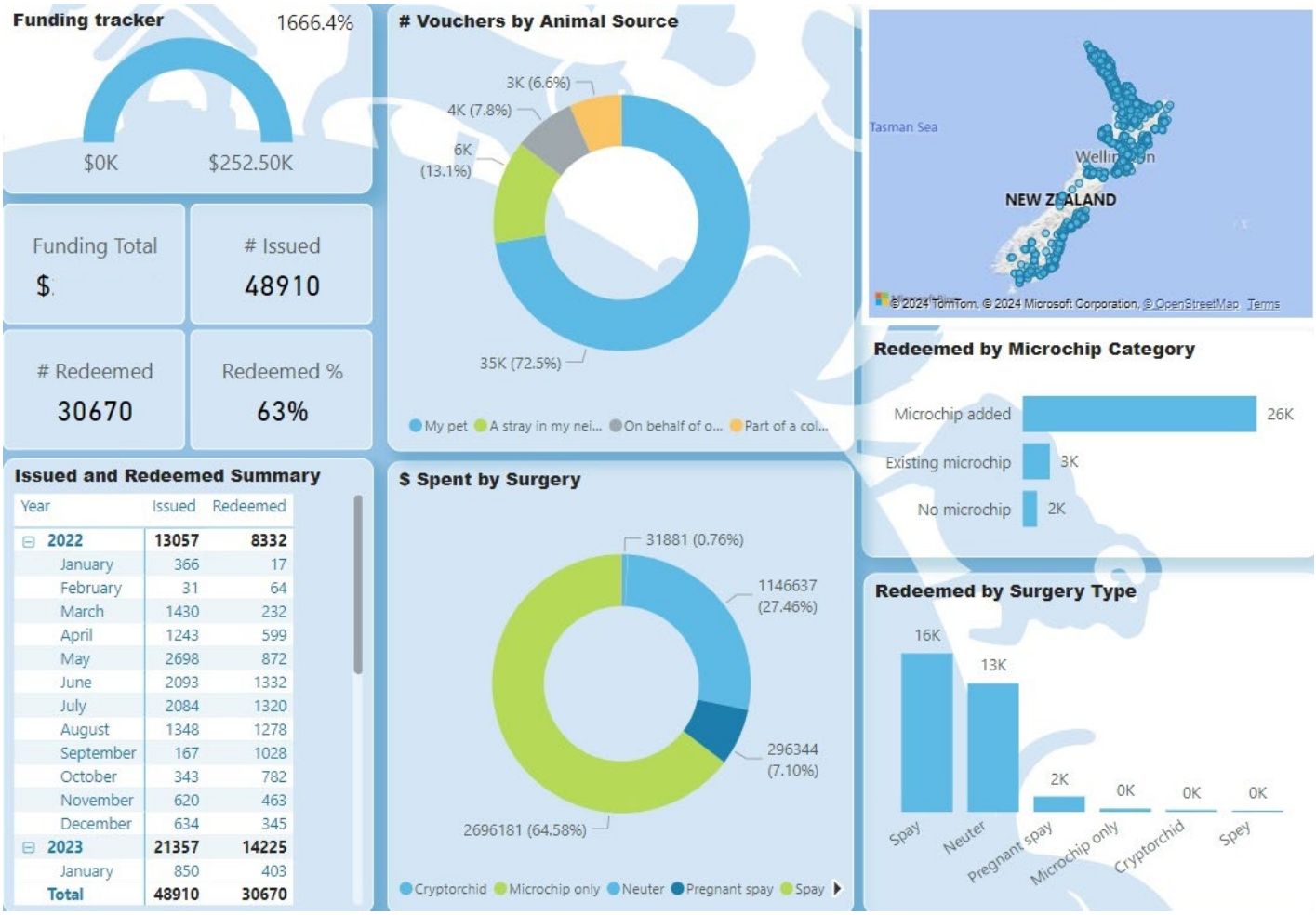
Waitaki resident, Helen, on Facebook said "*Thank you so much for this wonderful initiative. I live on a rural property and got a huge surprise when a little wildie/dumped kitten wandered into my kitchen in late January. S/he (I think he's a 'he') has settled into domestic life perfectly. He's staying in the house with another former wildie until I can build an outside house/enclosure for them. The subsidised spaying/neutering is greatly appreciated.*"

Duration:

- Studies have shown that to make effective change, desexing initiatives should be run regularly over a number of years
- A Campaign funded at $15k per year over 3 years ($45k total), could desex 350 cats and prevent thousands of unwanted kittens.

Reporting:

An example of the types of reporting available



SPCA Key Contact:

Contact Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Rebecca Dobson	National Desexing Programmes Manager	027 880 2476	rebecca.dobson@spca.nz

Name: Roger

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 03:33 PM

Contribution ID: 806

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

We are proposing to set minimum accommodation standards in the Bylaw. These standards require kennels (or similar housing) to be the right size, in the right location, clean and protected from the elements.

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal of converting our local park into a more dog friendly area. As a resident of this neighborhood, which is home to many young families, I believe that our park should remain a safe and enjoyable space for children & families.

Our local park is currently a vital space for kids to play (including my own grand children), explore, ride bikes, and kick a ball. The introduction of a dog friendly area would inevitably lead to concerns over unleashed dogs (which are already prevalent) approaching children, which can create an atmosphere of fear & anxiety. Additionally the presence of dog waste poses a significant health risk and detracts from the enjoyment of the park.

Moreover, families and individuals who use the walking tracks should be able to do so without worrying about aggressive dogs or potential accidents. The needs of our community, which consists predominantly of families with children should be prioritized in this decision.

With rates increasing dramatically the proposal as written sees many paying for facilities that are in fact less useable for the vast majority for the reasons I list below.

If dog owners need more space than charge them such that the Council can construct Dog Friendly fenced zones within these parks where it is safe & hygenic (as area is fenced & contained) to let dogs off their leads.

I urge the Council to reconsider this proposal and focus on preserving the park as a safe, clean and family friendly environment.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Roger Drower

Organisation: Volunteer Disability assist dog advocate

Would you like to make a verbal submission? Yes

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assistdogadvocate@gmail.com We take refusal for Disability Assist Dogs and their owners seriously and will follow up as soon as we are notified.

My name is Roger Drower As an Advocate for Disability Assist Dogs, I would like to share some relevant information with you. As I am the spokesperson for Civil Defence Emergency Management groups (CDEM) throughout New Zealand, advocating for Disability/Service Dogs and their owners and what will be needed in a CD emergency.

Disability affects over 1.1 million (24%) of the New Zealand population. Many of those with disabilities have 'disability aides' and these can include a specially trained Disability Assist Dog.

The Dog Control Act 1996 (schedule 5) lists the 8 organisations that can certify a Disability Assist/Service Dog.

Dog in New Zealand. The Dog Control Act 1996 (s75) states that any disability assist dog accompanying & assisting a person with a disability may enter and remain – in any public place.

While the Humans Rights Act 1993 s21 states that the prohibited grounds of discrimination include reliance on a disability assist dog. This means that if you deny a person accompanied by a qualified

Disability Assist Dog access and/or service is an illegal act of discrimination, which can be punishable by a fine from Human Rights Commission.

Disability Assist dogs, are trained (or in training) to assist a person with a disability and may legally enter any public place and can be easily recognised by the jacket they wear.

When Disability Assist Dogs are working, please remember:

Disability Assist Dog identification tag

The Disability Assist Dog identification tag is a unique tag worn by a certified dog to provide easy identification of disability assist dog status. The Disability Assist Dog identification tag is mandatory.

However, the tag will provide easy recognition of a disability assist dog, allowing access to civil defence centres in an emergency, and will also support rapid reunification if the dog and owner/handler become separated.



Just letting you know by Law we can bring Assist/Service dog into any public place, including buses, trains and other public transport, and places owned by private businesses like supermarkets, restaurants and other food outlets, shopping malls, cinemas, Schools, Hospital, Council buildings, GOVT Buildings, camping grounds, motels or hotels, Rentals, and Club's ETC. If you refuse any Assist/Service dog you can be fined **NZ serious offence by Law.** **Interpretation Dog Control Act 1996 and Humans Rights Act 1993 Health Act 1956 Bill of Rights Act 1990.**
In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— **disability assist dog** means a dog certified by one of the organisations listed in Schedule 5 as being a dog that has been trained (or is being trained) to assist a person with a disability. Please Note Assist dogs are not Pet dogs.
Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996, Humans Right Act 1993, Health Act 1956, Bill of rights Act 1990 All Disability/

Organisations that certify disability Assist Dogs (as of December 2023)

These dogs, which are trained (or in training) to assist a person with a disability, may legally enter any public place.

Disability Assist Dogs can be recognised by the jacket they wear.

When Disability Assist Dogs are working, please remember

- Do not pat or talk to the dogs, as they are at work.
- Disability assist dogs **never** wear a muzzle.
- Disability assist dogs and their handlers have **access to priority seating areas on bus, rail, and ferry.**
- Assist dogs currently active under a certifying organisation are required to wear a uniform vest **or** harness for that organisation.
- If you have a question, talk to the dog's handler. The handler will hold organisational identification that can be presented if required. The ID may be in the form of a photo ID card or app on their phone.



Assistance Dogs New Zealand (ADNZT)

Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust (ADNZT) is a registered charitable trust, providing trained dogs to clients with a range of disabilities. "72% of our clients are children and young adults under 20 years old, and 50% of our clients live with autism and often multiple disorders".



Blind and Low Vision NZ (Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Incorporated)

For Blind Low Vision NZ guide dogs, approximately 120 puppies are bred each year, of which about one-third go on to become working guide dogs. It takes 2 years of rigorous training for the puppies to become guide dogs, involving an incredible team of skilled people.



While in training to become an assist dog, Blind and Low Vision guide puppies wear a vest like the one shown here. (Left)

Once fully trained and working, Blind and Low Vision assist dogs wear a harness like the one shown here. (Right)



Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand

Hearing Dogs National Charity exists to enhance the independence and wellbeing of deaf and severely hearing-impaired New Zealanders through the provision of specially-trained Hearing Dogs, to internationally recognised standards.



K9 Medical Detention New Zealand

K9 Medical Detection N.Z. mission is to improve the health of all kiwis by using genetically selected dogs working in a controlled clinical environment to assist in the early detection of cancer and other diseases.



K9 Search Medical Detection

K9 Search Medical detection assistance dogs help a range of people in so many different ways, they can be our eyes and ears, or be able to detect the slightest change in the human body and allowing them to alert the handler to take proper actions to avoid a serious medical event.



Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust

The Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust trains mobility dogs to offer practical support, companionship and security. They transform the lives of people living with disabilities, and your support can make an incredible difference.



New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust

The NZ Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust is a charitable trust registered in 2007 for the purpose of training dogs in New Zealand.



Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust (PPADT)

Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust oversees the training and certification of disability assist dogs to enable people with disabilities to enhance their quality of life using the human animal bond. The relationship between disability assist dog and owner helps to overcome physical, emotional and social challenges.

References

The Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 30 November 2022), Public Act – New Zealand Legislation provides for the authorisation of organisations to certify disability assist dogs.

Organisations currently listed in section two of the Act that are authorised to certify dogs as disability assist dogs are:

- Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust
- Blind and Low Vision NZ (Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Incorporated)
- Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand
- K9 Medical Detention New Zealand
- K9 Search Medical Detection
- Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust
- New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust
- Top Dog Companion Trust (no longer operational)
- Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust

Guidelines for authorisation to certify disability assist dogs

Disability assist dogs and rights of access

Fact Sheet: Recognising Disability Assist Dogs in emergencies

specified agency—

(a) means—
(b) the Aviation Security Service established under section 72B(2)(ca) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990:
(c) (ii) the Department of Conservation:
(d) (iii) the Department of Corrections:
(e) (iv) the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry:
(f) (v) the Ministry of Defence:
(g) (vi) the Ministry of Fisheries:
(h) (vii) the New Zealand Customs Service:
(i) (viii) the New Zealand Defence Force:
(j) (ix) the New Zealand Police; and

(k) (b) includes the Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management

Why we are saying NO to pet dogs in the CBD


This Disability Assist/service dog was attacked at Taupo CBD on the 15/01/2021


Assist/Service dog Attacked in Auckland 2018


8/6/2022 dog rushed at (Assist/service dog) at home. By the Same dog twice.

Assist/Service dog are trained to go to the toilet before we go out in public.

This is what we now so far and this has been reported to us Assist Dog Advocate

Pet dog are going to the toilet in the CBD. And people stands in the poo like you in the dog poo walks inside an shop, and the shop owner smells the poo, next comes a Assist/Service Dog without the person knowing with a Assist/Service dog gets the blame first and been told to get out of the shop is high within NZ, then you could have complaints to Council, Minster of Disability and Humans Rights

Attacks on Assist/Service Dog in the CBD and in public is high in NZ 44 only been reported to council.

Assaults on Assist/Service Dog is high in NZ 118 only 9 been reported to Council

Public Transport where they allowed pet dogs on the public transport where pet dog are rushing at Assist/Service dog. Who got asked to leave first it was an Assist/Service dog, left on the road it was the last bus for the day and the taxi wouldn't pick them up

Public transport in NZ 161

Did you Know in 2023 the first Assist/Service dog been verbal trespassed on a public transport and been removed by Police.

Within NZ so many People with Assist/Service Dogs are scared to report it to council or to business, for example, 1 you report it we go back to your organisation and your dog will be taken of you the council or business will not believe you. 2 Some of us gets threaten and abuse if we make any complaints to XYZ. 3 we know where you live. 4. People make barking sounds, or other sounds and following us around.
This is what some of us put up with on a daily basis.
When the dog control law was drawn up it was for to protect Assist/Service dog to go in the CBD and all public places, transport Taxi, Now our safety is been put at risk, Why people do not understand what we go through on a daily bases.
Around NZ in the CBD alone numbers of Assist/Service dog been Rushed or Attacked well over 44 per year 1 is too many, what this does to the person/s meatal health and most of all to the Assist/service Dog.
The cost to train an Assist/Service dog is High $30,000.00 Hearing Dog, Assistance dog $75,000.00 to $175,000.00 this is Guide dogs NZ.
Assist/Service dogs being Attacked, Rushed and assaulted at this put the training at risk.
This is why we are saying NO to Pet dogs in the CBD

Fake service dog are attacking Registered Assist/Service dog. This is not ok.

40 Proof of class of dog
(1)
Where the territorial authority fixes a fee for the registration of a working dog that is lower than that fixed for a dog that is not a working dog, any person claiming to register any dog as a working dog shall, if so required by the territorial authority, make a written statement that the dog is a working dog of a specified class.

41 Penalty for false statement relating to application for registration
Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $3,000 who, in making an application for the registration of a dog, makes any written statement knowing that statement to be false.

Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $3,000. **IF you are selling this listed below you can be fined NZ serious offence by Law.**

Dog owners using fake assistant dog labels on the rise

https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2018/08/dog-owners-using-fake-assistant-dog-labels-on-the-rise.html

The Very Real Danger of Fake Service Dogs
Fake service dog certification on line Do more to help to Stop this with in NZ Protect our Service Dog.
Council, Police and Govt needs to working Keeping fake service dogs out. Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 (2 Interpretation service dog, (a) specified agency, warranted officer, (40) proof of class of dog, (41) Penalty for false statement relating to application for registration. Council, Government and DIA are going to get a lot harder on business are selling this Fake label's on the harness we will take action.

The Very Real Danger of Fake Service Dogs

By Jason Bottlinger on January 16, 2018

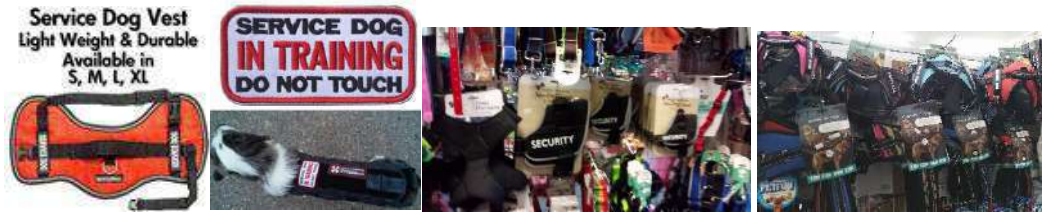



Service dogs provide an amazing and crucial service for people living with disabilities.
Unfortunately, some people have used these dogs' recent popularity as an opportunity to break the rules. Fake service dogs, which are really just pets in fancy vests, do not provide critical services or help save lives. These animals present a danger to actual service dogs, as well as to children, since they are not trained the way service dogs are.
And if you're bitten, it still hurts.

New Zealand with (**label signs** Service Dog, POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog) on it was **sold illegally** as it is not legal to sell them in NZ. You need to tell all your suppliers. Reflective Service Dog Vest Harness Adjustable Chest Plate Collar. People can NOT use the name POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog and Service Dog on and pet/family dog this also come under the **NZ serious offence by law** this is the same as Service Dog we are all under the NZ GOVT Act. They, you are Misleading people has bought the harness and **label sign** saying "Service Dog" from a shop or tredeme or wish and on Face book. People is making up this sign Service Dog to go on pet/family dog is not right, they are breaking the NZ GOVT law. This has gone to NZ Police & GOVT. Please remove the **label signs** from you site. Or shops :) this is all Velcro Labels.
Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 (**2 Interpretation service dog**, (a) specified agency, warranted officer**, (40) proof of class of dog**, (41) Penalty for false statement relating to application for registration. They are Registered under DC GOVT) work safe Act 2015, Humans Right Act 1993, Health Act 1956, Bill of rights Act 1990 All Disability/Service Dogs and GOVT Dogs are been put at risk with pet/family dogs this label on their pets are NOT Registered this is breaking the law.
Do more to help to Stop this within NZ Protect our Service Dog.







They are sold on Trade Me, wish, Facebook ETC on internet, in shops around NZ. If you see this report to Council and to us.
Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 (2 Interpretation service dog, (a), (40) proof of class of dog, use this Act when you are reporting this with photos and if you can get their Name/s Address ETC.
Please let you supplier know that you could get find. So can your supplier could be find as well.

Disability Assist Dog Discrimination TOTALS

R = Refusal / AD= allowed after discussion. L = Lawyer / Police = POL / DIA / Council = COU

HRC Outcome: M= Mediation / E= educate / C = court / F = fine / New Zealand Transport Authority = NZTA

Sector	R	AD	L	COU	POL	TP	DIA	GOVT	TEN	NZTA	DHB	HRC	Human Rights Commission outcome					Notes:
													M	E	C	F	$	
Automotive	28	22	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Education	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	
DHB & Doctor Surgery	1	4									5	1						
Council	3	2	1	9	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
WINZ	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Hospitality	29	5	2	13	1	0	8	11	1	0	3	13	1	2	0	2	11500	
Events	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Real Estate	7	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	1	0	5	1	1	0	2	12000	
Recreation	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Retail	10	4	0	4	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Transport	161	6	0	11	2	1	5	5	0	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	
Sub-total	253	48	5	45	3	1	31	30	5	7	11	35	2	4	1	4	23500	
Attacks or Rushed A/S Dogs	1	5	1	44	3	0	8	8	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	
False Service Dogs	0	0	0	7	4	0	257	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
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Complaints

If you and your Disability Assist Dog are refused service on any Public Transport Service, Taxi, Shops, Mall, Supermarkets, Restaurant Hotel, Hospitals, Schools, Rentals, Car rentals, Camping grounds, Beach and Club/s ETC please let us know as soon as possible, along with the time, date, where it is and town or city.

assistdogadvocate@gmail.com we take refusal for disability assist/service dogs and their owners seriously and will follow up as soon as we are notified.

This document is what we know so far

Here is same link to look at

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https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/property/110100849/landlords-must-pay-blind-woman-4000-after-breaching-human-rights-act
https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/homed/renting/300781212/family-with-assistance-dog-illegally-discriminated-against-in-search-for-rental
https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/93262694/nz-bus-apologises-after-assistance-dog-moose-is-challenged-by-driver
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. https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/whaikaha-accessible-travel/disability-assist-dogs-on-public-transport

75 Disability assist dogs

(1) Any disability assist dog accompanying and assisting a person with a disability, or accompanying a person genuinely engaged in the dog's training, may enter and remain—
(a) in any premises registered under regulations made under section 120 of the Health Act 1956; or

(b) in any public place.

This is also covered in the Health Act 1956 and the Human Rights Act 1993 – recently updated section 21.

https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0082/latest/DLM304475.html?search=sw_096be8ed81c5ac50_dog_25_se&p=1&sr=1

21 Prohibited grounds of discrimination

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the **prohibited grounds of discrimination** are—

(a) sex, which includes pregnancy and childbirth:

(b) marital status, which means being—

(i) single; or

(ii) married, in a civil union, or in a de facto relationship; or

(iii) the surviving spouse of a marriage or the surviving partner of a civil union or de facto relationship; or

(iv) separated from a spouse or civil union partner; or

(v) a party to a marriage or civil union that is now dissolved, or to a de facto relationship that is now ended:

(c) religious belief:

(d) ethical belief, which means the lack of a religious belief, whether in respect of a particular religion or religions or all religions:

(e) colour:

(f) race:

(g) ethnic or national origins, which includes nationality or citizenship:

(h) disability, which means—

(i) physical disability or impairment:

(ii) physical illness:

(iii) psychiatric illness:

(iv) intellectual or psychological disability or impairment:

(v) any other loss or abnormality of psychological, physiological, or anatomical structure or function:

(vi) reliance on a disability assist dog, wheelchair, or other remedial means:

(vii) the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing illness:

If a business is discriminating against you the best channel to get assistance is via the Human Rights Commission. It is important to lodge complaints here so these issues can be addressed with the businesses and they can be educated on the rights of people that own a disability assist dog. This is a breach of section 21 of the Human Rights Act 1993:

Contact details for the HRC can be found below. For more information I would head to this Citizens Advice Bureau webpage: https://www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00000983

How to make a complaint to the Human Rights Commission by:

- call 0800 496 877 (toll-free),
- email them at infoline@hrc.co.nz
- complete an online form
- download a complaint form that you can print out and complete (available in several languages) by selecting "Download complaint form" on the above link
- write to the Commission at:

Human Rights Commission
PO Box 6751
Victoria Street West
Auckland 1142

The section is section 120 of the Health Act and I would look at the following (part 2) of the section this is linked to the Dog Control Act in Section 75. Disability assist dogs can enter any public place and the listed places (A-G) that are registered with territorial (local/councils) authorities as mentioned in the Health Act.

The Dog Control Act refers to this section of the health act:

57ADogs rushing at persons, animals, or vehicles
(1) This section applies to a dog in a public place that—
(a) rushes at, or startles, any person or animal in a manner that causes—
(i) any person to be killed, injured, or endangered; or
(ii) any property to be damaged or endangered; or
(b) rushes at any vehicle in a manner that causes, or is likely to cause, an accident.
(2) If this section applies,—
(a) the owner of the dog commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $3,000 in addition to any liability that he or she may incur for any damage caused by the dog; and
(b) the court may make an order for the destruction of the dog.
(3) A dog control officer or dog ranger who has reasonable grounds to believe that an offence has been committed under subsection (2)(a) may, at any time before a decision of the court under that subsection, seize or take custody of the dog and may enter any land or premises (except a dwelling house) to do so.

Bill of rights Act 1990.

14 Freedom of expression
Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form.
17 Freedom of association
Everyone has the right to freedom of association.
19 Freedom from discrimination
(1)
Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds of discrimination in the Human Rights Act 1993.
(2)
Measures taken in good faith for the purpose of assisting or advancing persons or groups of persons disadvantaged because of discrimination that is unlawful by virtue of Part 2 of the Human Rights Act 1993 do not constitute discrimination.

assistdogadvocate@gmail.com we take refusal for disability assist/service dogs and their owners seriously and will follow up as soon as we are notified.

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Name: Richard & Marion Francis

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 12:57 PM

Contribution ID: 442

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

We would like to see the Council's bylaws work effectively to ensure that the owners of howling dogs, left unattended for long periods of time, can be disciplined and penalised.

We have had experience of nuisance dogs on our property and had to use dog control to apprehend them. We were not confident that the penalties against the owners would be sufficient to deter possible future breaches by the dogs. We would like to see very strong, enforceable penalties.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

We are proposing to set minimum accommodation standards in the Bylaw. These standards require kennels (or similar housing) to be the right size, in the right location, clean and protected from the elements.

I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

People who do not care for animals should not be permitted to keep them. We agree with the proposal for minimum standards of housing and yards for dogs. Does this minimum standard apply to other animals and birds?

In some suburbs of the city, roaming, nuisance animals are a real risk to vulnerable people - children, disabled and the elderly. Again, our view is the penalties should be very strong.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

6.3. Council may amend a prohibited area following ga period of appropriate consultation.

There is an error in clause 6.3. above. Please correct it.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Hannah Bennett

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 07, 2024, 11:54 AM

Contribution ID: 480

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I would really like to see more fenced off-lead park areas, these are really beneficial to new dog owners who need to socialise their dogs with others but do not have the complete training/recall capability. Ultimately this produces better behaved dogs in the city.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Trisha Pereira

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 08:44 PM

Contribution ID: 436

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I support this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gavin

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 07, 2024, 11:22 AM

Contribution ID: 478

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I am concerned about some larger dog owners, not having proper control over there dogs, especially around children and other small dogs.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I understand dogs need time off lead, I have owned a couple of dogs over the years. I have witnessed a few times at the Raymond Street park dogs out of control, with there owners struggling, to get them back on lead.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Possibly need dog and owner fenced off areas, where dogs can interact with other dogs off lead and not bother people, especially young children.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Peta Millar

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 09:06 PM

Contribution ID: 437

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I just want to walk on river path, lake or gardens, including suburban footpaths without fear of being bitten or intimidated by the dog or/and their owners

Dogs barking during the day and on weekends

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gary Raynel

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 04:22 PM

Contribution ID: 454

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Julie Kennedy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 09:42 AM

Contribution ID: 439

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I live right across the road (Meadowfield Street, Flagstaff) from Hare puke park and field. My schnauzer dog was tied up on a lead while the kids played and a dog off the lead came and attacked and nearly killed my dog. thousands of dollars of surgery later and petrified children and myself. I think all dogs should be on leads and if a child is walking the dog then they need to be of a age / strength where they can control the dog they are walking also. If they are off the lead they can run up to adults and children who may be scared of dogs too. Dogs can be loose in dog designated areas. This park / field is for families walking and playing at the popular park. School kids from Te Ao Marama walk across that field all the time also. its not suitable for off lead dogs. it is suitable for dogs on a lead / well controlled.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Matt Tighe

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 07, 2024, 10:09 AM

Contribution ID: 472

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Cherie Batchelor

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 10:26 AM

Contribution ID: 440

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a views on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Setting minimum housing standards for dogs is the ABSOLUTE MINIMUM of what should be required as a dog owner and what should be enforced in the Dog Control Bylaw.

Adequate housing is NOT going to prevent a dog being life chained to that 'minimum housing' or having to stand in it's own faeces, or not provided food or clean drinking water.

Minimum housing standards are also not going to prevent that life chained dog from being raped, producing multiple litters that are dumped or given to people who perpetuate this whole problem. DO BETTER! We cant rely on the SPCA. They are not funded by our rates.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Charlotte

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 12:04 PM

Contribution ID: 441

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I would like to see additional fenced dog exercise areas such as the one currently in place at Minogue Park. For areas such as Raymond Park in Fairview Downs, there is a large number of roaming dogs as well as multiple dog attacks in recent months. Many local dog owners (myself included) make the decision to travel to other areas in order to safely exercise their dogs, however, a fenced exercise area would provide additional safety for those who wish to exercise their dogs in these such areas.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I opposed the change to multiple dog owner permit renewals as though there are responsible dog owners who do keep these up to date, I feel that those who don't are greater in number so the requirement to annually renew is needed to protect animals in our city as best as possible. In the area I live in it is common to see excessive un-registered breeding and large numbers of dogs on properties without the minimum bylaw requirements being met.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jaylene

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 06, 2024, 07:45 PM

Contribution ID: 459

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I am concerned that there are regular dog fights in Raymond Park and because of that I try to avoid taking my dogs to the park. Just because you specify the hours of the day that people can have their dog off the leash they are not going to change their current habits because who is going to be there to police the rules. Just watching the Fairview Downs facebook page you will see people advising there is a dog roaming multiple times of the week. Northholt and Raymond Streets seem to be problematic. The leash off portion of the park is around the edges, but dogs aren't going to stay in that area. Many times people bring frisbees or balls for their dogs to chase, they tend to go to the centre of the park to do this activity away from trees and bushes. Again who will police this. Recently a dog fight in the park required several members of the public to pull the dogs apart, now if they had been on a leash then the owner may have had better control of them.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Anonymous

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 03:37 PM

Contribution ID: 443

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Dogs off lead - dangerous to small children playing inside Mangaiti park and to elderly who are vulerable.

Plus we already having to clean up other people's dog stools everyday on council land!!! See attached photo taken today. Not everyone is following the rule, if this rule is intruduced, it's forcing people to use self defence tool against dangerous dogs approaching them.

FINAL THOUGHTS

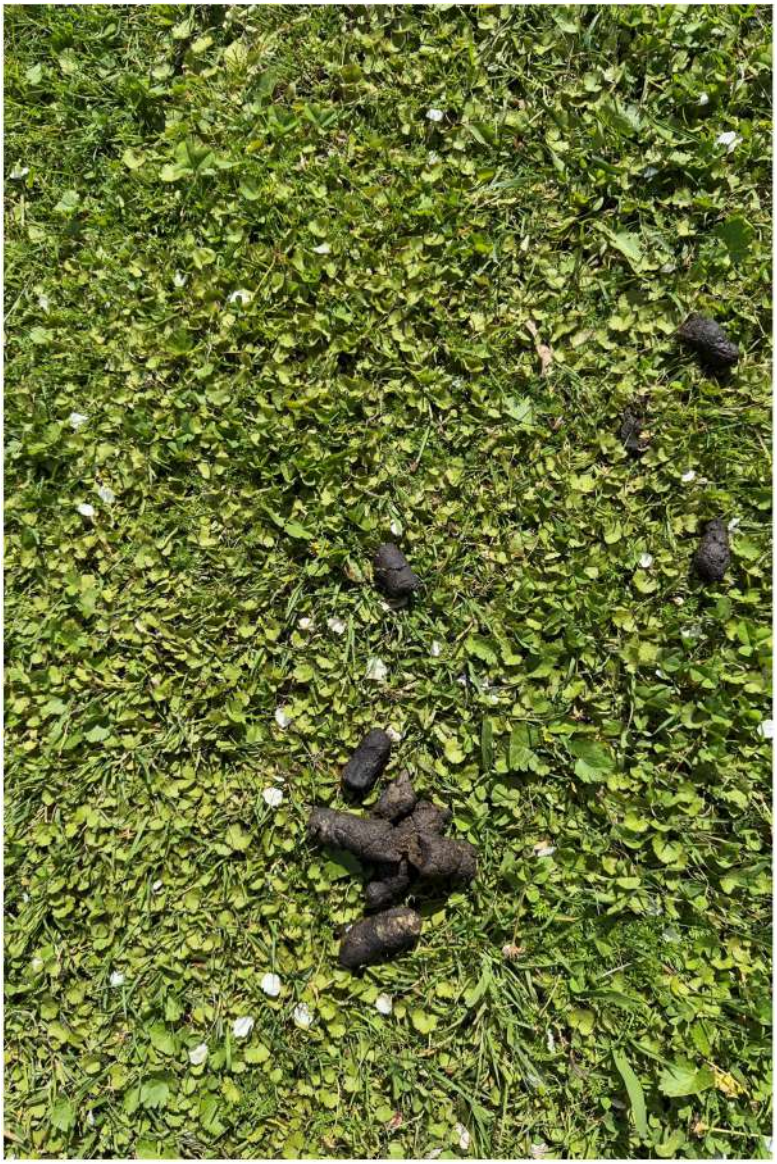
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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes



Name: Ben Dickson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 07:27 PM

Contribution ID: 457

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The maps of the new off-lead areas indicate that only the periphery of some parks will be off-lead. This seems very difficult to manage unless fencing is to be implemented. The implication is that these off-lead areas will only be used by dogs walking close to their owners and not for general running and exercise. In addition, restricting off-lead dogs to these areas puts them in close proximity to properties that may house dogs and this is likely to create nuisance for both the property owners, their dogs and the owner of the walking dog. I support the concept, I just don't understand how the

implementation makes sense. If this is the way forward I would oppose adding these areas in favour of allocation of more fenced large areas to be off lead. Indeed, in at least some of these parks that are currently "on-lead only", people already exercise their dogs off-lead disobeying the bylaw and with an unworkable approach this is likely to continue making this current process largely pointless.

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sandy Wilson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 06:50 PM

Contribution ID: 456

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rochelle Depledge

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 01:58 PM

Contribution ID: 450

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Will the developing Peacocks area have a off lead site?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Alan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 05:20 PM

Contribution ID: 455

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Dogs are wonderful companions and have been proven to be of psychological benefits and mental health benefits for all people, and the more they can get the exercise they need the better for them and their owners. Both getting out into the fresh air and exercising. This has benefits to the whole community and reduces pressure on the medical and social services that need to be provided by HCC. Short term investment for long term benefits.

Give dogs even more spaces to run free than waht is currently being proposed - the more the better.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Control and put consequences in place for people who do not look after their dog well being or control them responsibly - those dog owners are the problem, not the vast majority of dog lovers who are sensible, responsible and considerate to other park users. Thank you HCC.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Paul Depledge

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 02:40 PM

Contribution ID: 453

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Peacockes needs a dog park if it hasn't got one.

Mangaiti Park is where I take my dogs and it is perfect for a dog park. Just fence off the playground and the gully part of the park.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rose

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 04:28 PM

Contribution ID: 444

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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dog yearly renewal registration is very expensive each year.Can this be done every after 3 or 3 years.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 04, 2024, 05:38 PM

Contribution ID: 445

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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We have friends with dogs who currently find it difficult to go to dog parks (I.e. there aren't many choices). This will be good for them. I also think the timing restrictions is a nice way to provide for those who don't like dogs. Will be interesting to see how this is enforced - as rules without policing aren't really worthwhile.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Grace Chan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 08:47 AM

Contribution ID: 446

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Who monitoring???

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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My property is next to a park and l have been seen alot of dog owners walking their dogs off lead and running freely & wildly when there have young children & elderly playing in the small playground or doing exercises. Most of the dog owners won't pick up the dog poo...this year l saw a medium size dog, off lead, running freely away from it's owner who was sitting on a bench far away. And the dog was chasing & knocked off one of my neighbor's 5 years girl when she was riding her bicycle in the park ...that dog owner didn't take any action until the girl crying out...after this incident happened that the dog owner is still not put his dog on lead when he walks his dog in the park nearly daily & not pick up the dog poo!...l love dogs & cats & animals but l think dogs especially medium & large size dogs should be on lead in public areas and also if the park has children playground & exercises areas.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Alison

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 12:19 PM

Contribution ID: 447

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Animals ought to have some exposure to beneficial sunlight every day, not be housed, or chained on the southside of the house with no sun. To counter that, they need to be able to find a little shade if they get too hot. The kennel needs to leave space for these two movements, and be angled so that the boxed-in animal may find relief on one side or the other.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Selena

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 12:47 PM

Contribution ID: 448

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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I would like to see minimum requirements for dog owners to ensure that their animals are not able to roam off the property, I.e. must be fenced etc

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lauren

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 01:30 PM

Contribution ID: 449

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Animal welfare, while is this likely to be a central government policy, is there any chance of minimium housing standards for dogs including a restriction on length hours a dog in chained up. See too many living on a chain.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kerri

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 02:14 PM

Contribution ID: 452

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: May Mak

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 05, 2024, 02:03 PM

Contribution ID: 451

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Owen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 05:15 PM

Contribution ID: 426

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Alyse

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 06, 2024, 08:04 AM

Contribution ID: 458

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sammie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 29, 2024, 08:30 PM

Contribution ID: 384

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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It would be good if there was more control over dangerous breeds and constantly roaming dogs.

I have been followed by Rottweilers, Pitt bulls before and it is scarey.

I have a golden retriever and a baby and I feel it is not very safe to walk my dog because there are so many awful roaming dogs out there.

Also alot.of people mistreat Animals and get no punishment or dont even bother to train their dogs.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Nathan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 05:18 PM

Contribution ID: 428

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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I would like the Minimum Housing Standard to include a stndard for fences and gates as I am seeing an uptick in dogs getting loose during the day.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Natasha Jewell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 01, 2024, 04:23 PM

Contribution ID: 399

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I oppose the introduction of off lead dog areas in the new locations. Having dogs roaming free at all times in these parks spoils the experience for most other park users. Dogs off lead bother people who are scared of dogs, including children, and at times can bowl innocent park users off their feet when chasing balls etc. Additionally, I am concerned that these dog owners will not pick up their dog's poo when they are not on lead.

I am a dog owner, and I'm happy to walk my dog on lead, and prefer that others do the same so their dog isn't confronting my dog when we are out walking.

If the decision is made that we must have dogs roaming about off lead, I would prefer that there are at least time limits put in place please so people can avoid the dogs.

It is a personal choice to own a dog and not everyone should be subjected to the dog roaming free.

Thanks

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rachel Tordoff

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 01, 2024, 10:18 AM

Contribution ID: 397

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I think this will totally over complicate things for people. Its hard enough when you go to a beach working out when you can and when you can't. Please dont do this at our parks.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Laurie Howard

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 01, 2024, 09:39 AM

Contribution ID: 395

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I support the provision of more off lead dog parks, but do not support an off lead area on the east side of Innes Common. Hamilton Lake is a very reactive area for dogs. There are so many smells there to distract dogs. A distracted dog is an uncontrolled dog. I would never let my dog off lead in this area because I feel sure she would chase the bird life. This is particularly important in the spring when there are young birds around. I'd also like to see more FENCED dog areas along the lines of Minogue Park

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Signage will have to be VERY clear and uncluttered. I think it could be confusing, especially if the times don't align between all parks.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Cait

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 01, 2024, 09:17 AM

Contribution ID: 392

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Wendy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 30, 2024, 08:40 PM

Contribution ID: 391

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I would like to say that in my experience dog control does nothing to prevent nuisance dogs. I have had dogs for 30 years mine are fenced free and never bark unless someone enters the property. It is rediculess to make people write down every time a nuisance dog barks etc before the dog control will step in. I have had many neighbours with roaming barking and unkept dogs and I have always been asked if I have talked to them about it and nothing has once been done by council to rectify.

From the dog training groups side of things the way they train has changed immensely well at least the one I was looking at attending not for obedience but his aggressive behaviour to some large dogs not something that I can train away without another dog present. The dogs were not even allowed to go near each other.

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Besides inside Hamilton gardens and poriot stadium I think dogs should be allowed everywhere weather on or off leash. It's not humans God given right to dictate where other animals may be

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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I don't agree that enough is being done to prevent nuisance dogs and bad ownership. Nor is there education around this. I took my dog to my granddaughter's school and talked to the kids about what a well adjusted dog needs and how to approach and treat them so as to minimise risk.

Also don't believe there should be a dangerous dog breed. No dog is born dangerous tied caged and unloved untrained dogs become dangerous. I have always had large and bull breed dogs they are gentle and loving when treated like a family member not an excessory that goes for small breeds also.

Dogs should not be destroyed because they were roaming and were labelled a dangerous breed because of there appearance.

Law makers I think have a low opinion of non human rights

Would also like to say I stopped my car to detain two wandering dogs I couldn't take them home because my dog was in the car it took dog control almost an hour to get there. 5mins from office in Frankton. If I was going by other interaction I'm surprised they were interested at all.

Yet I was stopped once because my registered dog on a leash was not displaying his tag. Maybe a lot of internal policy and procedure change would be a fine idea as well. Maybe spend less on judder bars and 7 road crossings next to each other

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rachelle

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 30, 2024, 03:29 PM

Contribution ID: 390

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Absolutely increase the number of off lead areas however limiting timings can be confusing. There are not enough places like days park to allow dogs to be socialized and have time to run off lead. I can't give my dogs the exercise they need without letting them off the lead as they are high energy. I like the signs saying dogs must be "under control" at all times as it allows trained dogs to be off but untrained to remain on a lead. People need more training than the dogs to keep an eye on their pets and also to pick up their poo 💩

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Evette

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 05:43 AM

Contribution ID: 401

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Really need better regulation on animal welfare specifically regarding housing dogs and protection of mistreated ones in town. Fully support this.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: James Gunn

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 29, 2024, 08:31 PM

Contribution ID: 385

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I live oppersite Mangaiti Park and agree to the concept but feel we should offer restrictions on the times for off leash. This would give dog owners the choice to go to parks either during an off leash time or on leash time. Not all dogs are friendly and having been attacked on more than one occasion I would stop using a 24/7 off leash park. Doesn't seem very inclusive for all types of dogs and owners if we don't offer safe choices. We stopped using days park due to random aggression from sine off leash dogs.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Whatever you do . Clear signage needs to be provided and regular enforcement checks otherwise the whole process if worthless.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Emma Brookes

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 08:11 AM

Contribution ID: 402

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It would be great if some of the dog parks could be designated for small to medium dogs (say 12kg and under). I have two very small dogs but we don't get to use the dog parks because the larger dogs can be too rambunctious in their play, and some in rare circumstances see small dogs as prey.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kim

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 29, 2024, 04:51 PM

Contribution ID: 383

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: ColleenSweeney

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 29, 2024, 08:30 AM

Contribution ID: 379

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

As. Newcomer to Hami,ton I find the city too restrictive on dog policy. There was a 2017 proposal to add new parks and improve existing parks which doesn't seem to have come to fruition.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I agree that Hamilton needs considerably more freedom forratepayers with dogs to be able to exercise and socialise their dogs.there are many parks within the city that have few residents using the parks other than dog owners. One example is Featherstone zparkbwhich is solely used v

By dog owners and had its off lead status changed overnight without any consultation.

I think the timing restrictions suggested by HCC are too restrictive and suggest times that make it difficult to make use of the suggested "new freedoms". Places that have ample spaces for dogs to run free and socialise with other dogs have fewerstressed dogs than being forced into areas that can become overcrowded.

It is also not sustainable to constantly have to drive to exercise your dog adequately. The policy should be for ratepayers with dogs should have the same access to parks as other ratepayers unless there is a valid reason not to such as a children's playground.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Tracey-lee

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 29, 2024, 07:28 AM

Contribution ID: 378

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Is it possible to have a small dog area? We have been attacked several times by middle and larger digs even when we have green on s lead. It's very scary.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

We were attacked last year . Animal control did a great job. I wonder if part of their consultation with the owners of the other dog could include the option of contributing to the bill. Not mandatory but just a conversation. It cost us $1800 to get our little dog better.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kataraina Tawera

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 28, 2024, 08:10 AM

Contribution ID: 376

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Yes that's good but what about the strays or dogs with inadequate housing that keep getting out and going through everyone's bins, killing cats and messing up yards

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Ten dog parks is a ridiculous use of tax dollars when homeless is rampant the roads are fill of holes. Has the slide at dominom park been fixed yet or is it still a major saftey hazard after being

melted!? I think council should fix it's human parks before it's dog ones. And worry more about how to get the stray dogs and ones with shit owners off the street

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

All well and good untill a little tiny dog goes around the park being vicious to the other dogs.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Poor use of tax payer dollars. Wintec has to watch how much paper we print because of funding but ten new dog parks is allowed. Corrupt.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Three dogs that constantly roam saint Andrews and garland drive tipping bins killing cats and scaring kids. Do something about them. Some of them jump the fence to their house because their owner sucks. Have rung multiple times and no one cares.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: SCOTT Stephens

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 27, 2024, 05:34 PM

Contribution ID: 373

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Shirley Warner

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 27, 2024, 02:34 PM

Contribution ID: 369

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

The private property should be dog-escape proof and secure enough that other dogs are unable to enter where a resident dog is housed. How will this proposal affect property owners if the property is tenanted?

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Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I support dog-free parks but the dogs must be required to wear a muzzle, actually in any outdoor public setting muzzles should be mandatory whether on a lead or not.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

with mandatory muzzles on dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

1. Registration should be mandatory to include dog obedience training to a certain standard by an approved dog-training centre. No exceptions. No training = no registration.

2. A photo of each dog should be attached to the annual registration. This helps with identification of correct dog if reported for any reason.

3. All dogs in public should wear a muzzle whether in an 'off-lead' or 'on-lead' zone in all public areas. This is for the safety of people and other dogs/animals. Exception being 'carer-dogs'.

4. Dogs should not be allowed in any shopping mall, shop, store or business unless it is a 'carer dog'. Bunnings allow dogs in the store, simply not acceptable or hygenic. 'Carer dogs' are the exception and should be identified as such.

5. Any dogs without registration should be removed from owner/s immediately and if not registered within five (5) working days, will need to be euthanised (sadly). Owner pays fine and costs.

6. Some sort of security cameras at areas where dogs are walked. Sandford Park from Bruce Ave/Lewis Street along the river towards Bader Street is 'dogs on lead'. It is rare to see this. I saw a lady walk towards me, dog clearly off lead, lady put dog on lead to walk past me, I looked back and she was removing the lead a few steps after passing me. Signs were ignored. Often see dogs in that area without leads. People just don't understand that dogs are inherently wild animals and will attack at any given moment. Dog is never blamed for said attack by the owner. For the sake of the safety of everyone anywhere in public, dogs on leads must be mandatory. Introduce fines for dogs not on leads and not registered.

7. Ban dangerous dog breeds.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: yvonne van dommelen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 27, 2024, 10:52 AM

Contribution ID: 366

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I am a regular walker around the lake so I see many people enjoy their dogs, but would prefer the dogs were on lead at all times as there are many children and families using the park. I agree with the time restrictions at Innes Common.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I am happy there is a minimum standard for keeping a dog, I have seen quite a few bad situations over the years.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jennie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 30, 2024, 08:01 AM

Contribution ID: 387

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I work with acute patients at the hospital. We see an extraordinary amount of dog bites to strangers especially in lower decile areas. I'd like to see dogs removed if they have attacked and maybe patrolling of the areas

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ian

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 09:54 AM

Contribution ID: 415

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

1. I don't believe that owners with more than 1 dog should be granted a long-term permit. If anything, there should be additional controls and fees as they are more likely to cause nuisance than those with only 1 dog

2. Off lead should be in places with little or no pedestrian and commuter traffic. There is enough trouble now for people walking and cyclists commuting in places like the river paths and other public spaces without having multiple dogs unleashed running lose, causing stress on everyone including people and/or their dogs.

Many dog owners now do not pick up after their dogs and this will only increase if they are allowed to run freely everywhere as owners will not know where or when their dog has pooped. Although owners are legally obliged to pick their dog poop up, many ignore that.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

If there are certain times allocated for dogs to be off lead in some parks, who is going to police it? Makes absolutely no sense.

Some designated parks such as Days Park are not frequented by commuters and walkers and is a good example of a dog friendly park.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Unfortunately some irresponsible owners ruin it for everyone and this will never change.

In order to mitigate the risk of their nuisance both in droppings and disobedience there needs to be stricter regulations.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Bryar Jones

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 07:18 PM

Contribution ID: 434

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Fran Lomas

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 06:28 PM

Contribution ID: 433

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I think cats should have greater restrictions. Because I don't own a cat, local cats wander onto property, defecate and spray and it is frustrating to constantly clean up after other people's pets. I think that cats should not be allowed to leave the owner's property, whether that be through being indoor pets or some kind of fence installation to prevent the cat from leaving the premises.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Di

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 06:17 PM

Contribution ID: 432

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

No

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Not necessarily 10 may be 5

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Maxine Campbell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 05:15 PM

Contribution ID: 427

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Signage (and plenty of it) is crucial for both dog owners and other park users. A trial period may be in order as people seem to be easily confused. Is there an intention to review how it's going at these parks?

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I would like un-neutered male dogs kept onlead in public, just as female dogs on heat are. Perhaps an exemption could be sought by breeders.

I applaud council's moves to improve conditions for dogs and owners alike.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lyn Briggs

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 09, 2024, 03:46 PM

Contribution ID: 510

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Te Ara

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 03:15 PM

Contribution ID: 420

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Living next to Hillcrest Park on Masters Ave I have seen dogs off lead act aggressively towards families, including children. Given the amount of strays and other animals in the area I am opposing having off lead dogs in Hillcrest park on Masters Avenue, Hamilton. Local daycares use the park for exploring and there is no guarantee of safety for children passing through if a dog was off lead. Also dogs are all trained differently. Some dogs do not interact friendly with other dogs and can get territorial which can be dangerous for all present. I would prefer if our park was kept to on lead for dogs. We already had enough issues with littering in our park, vandalism, motorbikes and arson as well as homeless behaviour and other unwanted behaviour. We already get some dog owners not picking up their dog shit in the area so no to the off lead dogs in Hillcrest Park please.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

We just want locals to feel safe and for dog owners to feel safe when walking their dogs. The amount of dogs in area that have tried to attack our wee dog when on lead and behind fence makes me nervous as they sometimes come right up to our fence that is backed onto the park and sets our dog off.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Phil Evans

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 03:12 PM

Contribution ID: 419

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I fully support Option 1, to make minor changes for clarity and readability, and to ensure animal housing is on private property only.

I am a beekeeper, which is included in the Bylaw, and the rules around beekeeping in Hamilton are right and realistic. Other councils have some serious restrictions, but the HCC Bylaw proves that harsh restrictions are unnecessary.;

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ruby

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 01, 2024, 09:40 PM

Contribution ID: 400

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Will Collin

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 12:59 PM

Contribution ID: 416

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I'm unsure about the minimum accommodation standards for dogs and what the implications of that would mean. From just reading the statement of proposal it

is not clear whether this is just for commercial kennels or also for household accommodation for dogs. I support standards for animal welfare and making sure dogs are being kept in a safe environment. However, I don't want to have to buy a kennel for our house when our dog sleeps inside or have one outside for times when we are temporarily leaving her at home we'll we nip to the shops. If that would be an implication of the proposals then I wouldn't support it.

For the off lead dog park provision, there wasn't anything I could see in the statement of proposal about whether there would be an increase in fenced off-lead areas. I think having fenced off lead areas is particularly a good thing and would be great to see more of those in Hamilton.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Thanks for making these changes. Appreciate the work of the council staff.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Alison Bell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 08:02 PM

Contribution ID: 435

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I think having such restricted off lead times on weekends for Derek Heather Park (and others that don't impact me) is a badly thought out idea. I don't know of any children at the park at 8am in the morning. In winter it will be dark before 8am and after

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Nice to have more areas for dogs. Now more dog control wardens would be awesome.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mareese Park

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 08:57 AM

Contribution ID: 413

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

There needs to be More signage about dogs must be on a leash on the river path at all entry points on west side of river. There are so many owners now walking their dogs along this path between Fairfield bridge & Delamere Road & they are not on a leash. It will only be a matter of time until a child is hurt or a cyclist is comes off their bike because a dog is not properly controlled. I feel for the dog, as it is not their fault but the owner is not allowing for the unexpected.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jayne

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 08:50 AM

Contribution ID: 412

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Dog control off lead in park near my property - Heather Derek park .

We would be against this as their a lot of children that come to the park and play on the lovely equipment set up by Council. Dogs let out on the loose are not appropriate for the risk and safety factor of the children. And peace and enjoyment of adults that come and sit at the park benches.

It would be a hazard as the owners allow their dogs to run loose and their droppings in the park. IF the dog owners do it currently off the lead then this gives them the license to go ahead and not be responsible.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

as per above against

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Christine des Forges

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 06:21 PM

Contribution ID: 408

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Re Derek Heather Park - 99% of dogs in the park are off lead now! Designating the area as an off lead park will only make a difference to the number of vehicles and dogs in surrounding streets where this is already limited parking.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Michelle

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 05:42 PM

Contribution ID: 407

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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I am not sure why you have picked Moonlight Drive park as a designated an off-lead area? It doesn't seem like a safe place for dogs to run free as the area they can run around is very small and it is bordered on two sides by roads as well as a very busy junction. With the playground there too, dogs can disappear behind the play equipment and you would not be able to see if they have defecated.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Trudi

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 04:28 PM

Contribution ID: 406

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

How about spending rate payers money and fixing the roads in Hamilton take a drive down Higgins were in of your sub contractors buisness is for starters your priorities are ridiculous I'm appualed

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gordon McDermid

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 02:50 PM

Contribution ID: 405

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gillian Patterson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 02, 2024, 09:35 AM

Contribution ID: 403

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Am writing as I saw a Council notice just across from the Yacht club at Ham Lake re making this area leash free for dogs. If this is the case I would be very opposed to dogs running free anywhere near the wild birdlife. I hate to think of young ducklings and geese etc being chased /harrassed by any other creature. Is this still a designated bird sanctuary? or have the Council changed tack on this? I also think it is thoughtless of Council having special events (especially with fireworks involved) anywhere in or around the lake in the breeding season.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dearna

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 03, 2024, 02:51 PM

Contribution ID: 418

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Anita Roberts

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 02:00 PM

Contribution ID: 771

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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same as above question

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

need to be considered of people who are scared of dogs and need to feel safe and to let people be aware when others are having their dog off the lead, so they don't freak out when they see a dog.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jlorenzen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 09:26 AM

Contribution ID: 788

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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It is the owners of dogs that need to held accountable for their dogs

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I oppose this proposed change

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I have lived by one of these parks for some time now. Being a dog owner myself these are some of the questionable behaviors I have witnessed;

Dogs being left off their leads around the playground where children are at risk as they are not aware of the damage that dogs can do , very quickly, to them.

Dogs have been left, off lead, into the overgrown pond area and have hurt themselves by stepping onto dangerous objects that have been thrown in that swampy area.

Young, unresponsible children have been left to walk dogs and left them off leads when they have no consideration for others

People gather at the bottom of my, now fenced property, with no concern about what their dogs behavior is in comparison to the reaction of my dog on my property

FINAL THOUGHTS

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You need to look a little closer at the time frames dogs should be on a lead.

The combination of an off lead area and playground needs to be carefully considered. Children, especially small children, are at risk by uncontrolled dogs.

I personally do not want dogs that are off lead roaming. There are some lovely dog walk areas within close range in the Dinsdale area. People need to be responsible with their dogs.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Chelsea

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 06:48 AM

Contribution ID: 786

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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No

Name: Hetty

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 11:52 PM

Contribution ID: 785

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Owners won't keep to the specified timeframes for off lead allowance. Give them an inch they'll take a mile. To many owners think their dog(s) are friendly and well-behaved when in fact they are not - the risk is not worth my dog being attacked. All public areas should be on lead at all times, apart from fenced dog parks - nice easy rule to remember. Provide more fenced off lead dog parks please! Too many rules will confuse people who will get it wrong.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: John Andrews

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 10:05 PM

Contribution ID: 782

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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No

Name: Craig Barrett

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 09:41 PM

Contribution ID: 781

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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I support all of these amendments which will improve the Bylaws and Policies.

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No

Name: Sarah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 08:47 PM

Contribution ID: 779

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sahba Rohani

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 03:31 PM

Contribution ID: 707

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Recently we received this letter that HCC is reviewing its animal control policies and being a resident at XX Darjon Drive adjacent to Mangaiti reserve in Huntington, and seeing how it is proposed to make the reserve more open to dog owners, I feel very uncomfortable, We are already affected by our adjacent neighbour whose dogs bark viciously as soon as they see another dog in the reserve. They also have a cockadoo whose screeching screams are intolerable. For years we have been in touch with animal control who established that the noises are nuisance but I guess as the bylaw is lacking firm wordings and is ambiguous and could be easily challenged then no reinforcement was proceeded.

I am afraid that opening up the reserve more to dog lovers will intrude on my family's peace, much worse than what it is right now and I am strongly against it.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: James Harper

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 07:31 PM

Contribution ID: 776

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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If you go on Facebook, on the Residents Pages, you are constantly seeing stories from people of "their dog got attacked at the dog park"

I have heard of blood being all over the place at Minogue Park, maulings at Days Park, people being bitten, dogs getting bitten. Those cats by Days Park that got killed by the huskies.

Having more dog parks would only mean more attacks. People cannot control their dogs.

I only walk my dogs on lead on residential and industrial footpaths, and even now we get rushed at by off lead dogs.

People always say, my dog is friendly. One of my dogs has been attacked by a so called friendly dog and now he doesn't like strange dogs approaching him.

Some people think because they have a friendly dog, it is okay to let their dog run up to people and dogs.

I think the council needs to push for this type of attitude to change.

Some people just let their dog free on footpaths and don't care at all. I used to live on Maanihi Drive and used to walk down Moonlight Drive.

I don't think adding a dog park there is a very good idea. It is right next to a footpath and Borman Road is quite busy and close to a school.

We used to see people there with their dogs off lead and their dogs would run out at us walking our dogs. One dog ran across Moonlight Drive and the owner didn't even come and get it, it nearly got hit by a car. She didn't even have a leash on her.

Putting in more dog parks around playgrounds seems very risky.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Council needs to take dogs seriously. Yes they are peoples pets but they are also predators that can do alot of damage.

People do not take them seriously. You have to register your dog but there is nothing about owner capability. Some people should not own dogs because they are irresponsible.

Animal Control always seem understaffed and it is not fair on the people that work there. Dog Control should be a massive priority for the council.

Animal Control can't be everywhere. I think the council needs to seriously invest in CCTV in carparks like Days, Minogue, Tauhara, the Taitua Arboretum, to try and catch the rule breakers because nobody gets their details and Animal Control are too late to arrive. Not their fault, but imagine getting a car on CCTV.

Too expensive? What is the price for a life? Dogs, people, and other animals are getting hurt. Stop wasting money on painting roads purple and spend some money keeping the general public safe.

I don't think more dog parks are needed, I think more education is needed. I won't be able to walk my dogs anywhere soon.

I should be able to walk my dogs on lead without worrying all the time.

The people advocating for more dog parks are the problem people. Dog parks are for lazy owners who don't want to walk their dog.

If the owner is too lazy to walk their dog, you can assume they are too lazy to teach recall or obedience.

Dogs parks don't really work because not all dogs make friends with every dog in the park. And we see it online all the time

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Elaina

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 12:43 PM

Contribution ID: 798

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Hadon Westerby

Organisation: Yes, I am the official spokesperson for the organisation, my organisation's name is:Resthills Sports Centre Incorporated

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 08:35 AM

Contribution ID: 764

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes

RESTHILLS SPORTS CENTRE INCORPORATED

SUBMISSION TO

Hamilton City Council's

Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

Oct 18, 2024

ABOUT RESTHILLS SPORTS CENTRE

Background: Generations of Memories. A Future Together.

Resthills Park in Glenview, Hamilton, is a community hub that caters to a diverse range of users, from families enjoying the playground, dogs, and their owners utilising the park, to athletes competing on the fields in both summer and winter. The park is a proud home ground for Waikato Softball and Waikato Rugby League and recently hosted a whaanau friendly Urban Rogaines orienteering event, a pop-up disc golf course, and the 2024 NZ Outdoor Archery Championships. The Resthills Sports Centre within the park acts as a central clubhouse and event space, providing a community identity and community space for users since 1995, and for the 2,439 residents of the Resthill neighbourhood (Stats NZ, 2023).

We see a need for continuing development and support to meet the growing demand for a diverse offering and for sports like softball and rugby league. Waikato Softball has a strong membership base, with growth projections indicating a potential increase to over 700 players in Hamilton in a barrier-free environment by 2030. Similarly, Waikato Rugby League boasts a significant local presence, with an estimated 2,500 players in the city by 2030. Additionally, many more players travel from outside of Hamilton to play at Resthills Park.

OUR SUBMISSION ON YOUR PROPOSED DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY

In our submission, we wish to comment on the following:

1. **Thank you:** Resthills Sports Centre thanks you for your support of play, active recreation, and sport in the park and across the city. Councils are key enablers of physical activity, and your effort and investment are noted and sincerely appreciated. We recognise the balance that often needs to be struck—in this case, between active recreation in the form of dog walking and sports.
2. Sports fields at Resthills Park are utilised throughout the week, and throughout the year; for Softball in October–March, and Rugby League in April–September. Team and playing numbers for both sports are growing. Additional events, families, and community groups also make use of the fields and facilities.
3. Resthills Sports Centre is **against** the use of sports field platform perimeters at Resthills Park being designated as dog-walking areas.
4. We welcome guide dogs, hearing dogs and other forms of support animals at all times, knowing that they are nearly always on-leash, under exceptional verbal control, and responsible ownership.

5. We have concerns that allowing perimeter access on **some** sports fields may encourage **all** sports fields to be viewed as acceptable, or used through confusion, even where this is contrary to the bylaw.
6. The concept of dogs being off-leash and expected to stay off sports fields seems problematic. We currently see frequent evidence of this within the park and on sports fields, and little evidence of the ability to enforce such bylaws. This is shown by feedback provided on the HCC Social PinPoint map, evidencing use outside the currently permitted areas (yellow circles).
7. 

8. The allocated dog walking area with Resthills Park was previously defined in 2015, and excluded the 3 'internal' sports fields. We recommend that this provision is continued, strengthened, extended, and enforced on all sports field platforms, including the lower fields from 2024.
9. The playground at Resthills Park is close to the main thoroughfare through Resthills Park. This creates conflict with HCC's own bylaw where no dogs are allowed within 10m of an unfenced playground.
10. We note that in the survey; "*Council provided respondents with a pre-determined list of potential parks",* whereby Resthills Park was not a pre-determined option, and yet the proposal now includes Resthills Park.

11. An almost 8-hectare off-leash dog park is already located within Resthills Park, less than 160m away from this proposal.
12. We have concerns regarding the representative sample who responded to your recent survey and the initial decisions made from this.

    > *While this survey was open to all community members, most respondents were current dog owners residing in Hamilton (309, 89% of responses). A further 15 respondents have previously owned a dog in Hamilton, 12 had owned a dog outside of Hamilton, and 10 have never been dog owners.*

    In summary, this shows that, understandably, dog owners are seeking more space. However, we do not see a similar representative sample of sports fields users inputting into this survey, and who may not have recognised the impact of these Dog Bylaw proposals.
13. It is narrow to suggest that sports field users only use the designated inner field perimeter. In reality, equipment is transported, installed, removed, and relocated across and between field platforms. Play is not always limited to the area, teams are asked to train, warm up and cool down off the fields, and balls often leave the designated playing area and need to be fetched. Spectators and supporters also deserve a positive experience and use of the park sidelines and embankments.
14. Dog faeces on sports fields poses both an aesthetic and health risk to sports field users and may contain *Toxocara canis* or roundworms. Large numbers of the parasite's eggs can accumulate in the soil where dogs are allowed to defecate and, as they are sticky, can collect on the skin, hands and under fingernails and infect humans. In some conditions, eggs may survive in the soil for up to 3 years. Children and people with poor hygiene are most prone to infection, which can include severe inflammation and actual mechanical damage to the organs. Signs of infection include intermittent fever, loss of weight and appetite, and a persistent cough.
15. A 2014 study published in the NZ Medical Journal quantified the behaviour of 250 dogs and their owners within a public park — for just 17.3 hours. Strikingly, 10% of dogs were off-lead (contrary to

the bylaw), 8% were on sports fields, 9.2% of dogs were observed to defecate, and of these, 13% of dog messes were not removed. Were this to be multiplied across a year, this amounts to being grossly offensive and contrary to the welcoming and positive experiences that play, active recreation and sport should provide.

Table 1. Observed dog behaviours, and human dog-walker behaviours in a large public park (Karori Park, Wellington 2014, n=250 dogs unless otherwise stated)

Dog behaviours and related human behaviours around dog management	Number	Percentage
Dog always on a lead (when outside the designated dog exercise area)	225	90.0
Dog off lead at least for some of the time (contrary to the bylaw)	25	10.0
Dog on the sports field (contrary to the bylaw)	20	8.0
Dog in the children's play area (contrary to the bylaw)	12	4.8
Dog observed to defecate	23	9.2
Dog faeces removed	20/23	87.0
Dog faeces not removed* (contrary to the bylaw)	3/23	13.0

* Includes a case where the person with the dog attempted to push the faeces off the grass and under a fenced tree. In contrast one dog owner followed their dog into a shrubbery area to remove the faeces.

Wilson, N. (2014). Levels of dog control and dog fouling in a large public park. *The New Zealand Medical Journal (Online)*, *127*(1406), 95.

16. This proposal seems out of step with other NZ local councils on two counts.

    A) Allowing dogs to be off-leash in such areas.

    B) Allowing dogs on sites developed as sports field platforms

Once again, we thank you for the support council provides, and the opportunity to submit as part of this process.

OUR RECOMMENDATION

Resthills Sports Centre is **against** the use of sports field perimeters at Resthills Park being designated dog-walking areas.

RESTHILLS SPORTS CENTRE CONTACTS

Should the Council wish to seek further information or clarification on this submission, please contact:

Resthills Sports Centre Incorporated
ResthillsSports@gmail.com
Hadon Westerby — Chair

Name: Virginia Gray

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 16, 2024, 06:54 PM

Contribution ID: 751

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

there needs to be small/toy dog parks too

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I am greatful the HCC is increasing the number of off lead parks - however, there really needs to be some fenced spaces that are the same dimensions and conditions as the Dog Park at Ngaruawahia (opposite the BP station) as this park has the following features : Fenced with wire that Chihuahua can not get through, gated with a drive in tarmacked space (although the gate needs to be on wheels), parking next to gated drive-in area, exercise equip, large trees, seating, and water tap and access, area of about 2.5 hectares - Parks like this are desirable/needed within the Hamilton City area and designated for small/toy dogs can have a safe space to run. Small toy dogs need this much space to enjoy their outing, and medium to large dogs are not to be trusted around their bite-size cousins. Please consider having a couple of suitably fenced areas designated for small toy dogs with exercise equipment suited to their frame. Thank you .

FINAL THOUGHTS

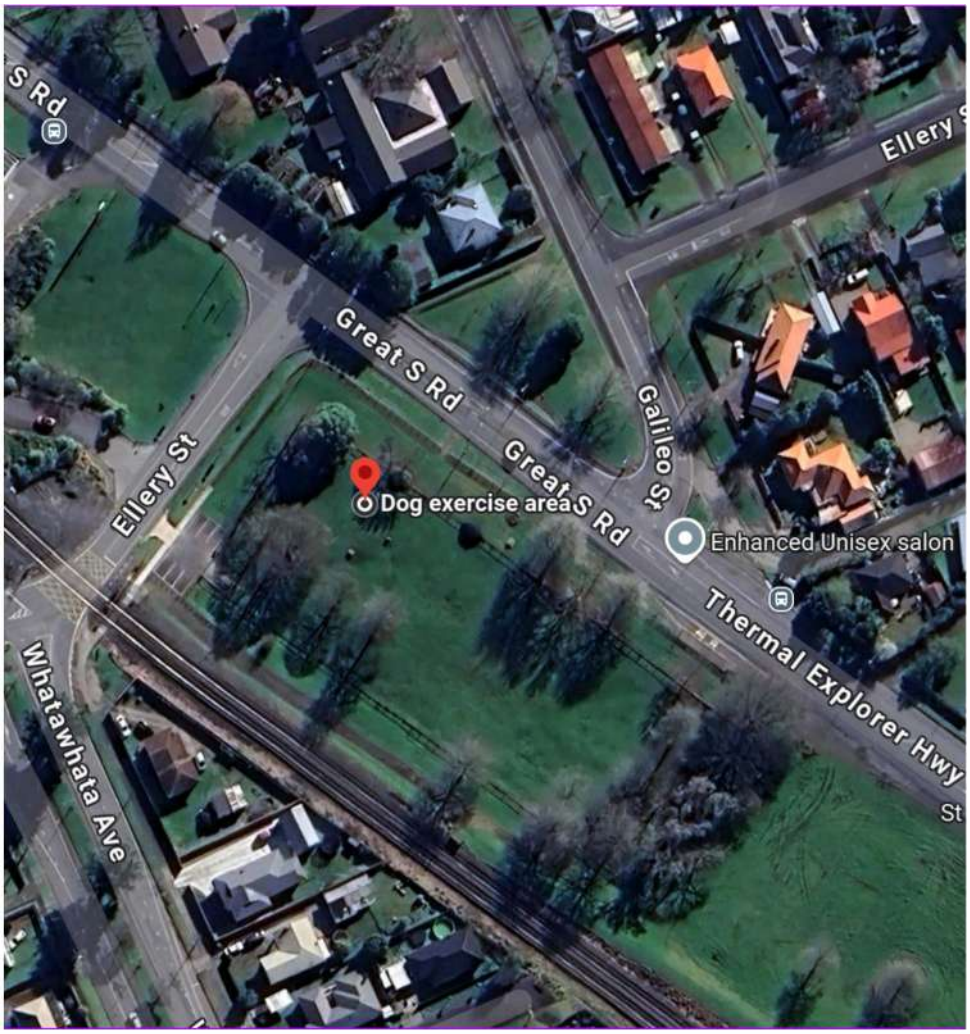
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Have a further lowering of fees for those owners who cause no trouble for 5plus years

The submission about the multiple dogs permit no longer being yearly - does this mean the fee for the permit will also change from yearly to change-renewal only?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes


S Rd
Ellery
Great S Rd
Galileo St
Ellery St
Great S Rd
Dog exercise area
Enhanced Unisex salon
Thermal Explorer Hwy
Whatawhata Ave
St

Name: Mike

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 16, 2024, 04:09 PM

Contribution ID: 749

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The timing coudl have off lead up until 6pm weekdays to allow dog to have a free run off lead. Also the weekend timing could more time for off lead also, Thanks

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

This is a great option for all dogs. The problem is people have to control their dogs while off lead

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kelsi

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 16, 2024, 01:18 PM

Contribution ID: 733

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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I oppose this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Having hours is just confusing - either they're on lead or off.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It's silly I can't take my dog to the playground with my kids - my dog is on the lead at all times in this area but we have to sit away from the kids in order to obey this rule

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: karen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 16, 2024, 11:07 AM

Contribution ID: 731

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Great to see Council is recognising that dogs play a major part in todays society and need areas where they can be exercised off lead. Days Park is an excellent example of a park visited by a very high number of people and dogs each day. Be great to see some parts of the access paths metalled as during winter they become impassable.

Regarding yearly renewal of dog licence. I find the online renewal a total pain. It needs to be simplified. Asking you to repeat a number of things each year which should automatically populate your case each time. Make it easier please.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lisa Drysdale

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 16, 2024, 06:55 AM

Contribution ID: 724

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Don

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 09, 2024, 10:32 AM

Contribution ID: 507

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I live close to Raymond Park and frequently use the park - walking & kite flying.

Many formal & informal cricket & soccer games are played during ALL daylight times.

The park is very well used by toddlers & parents/carers.

It is NOT appropriate for this park to be part of the free-run area.

Dogs & owners enjoy the exercise of free running where there is low numbers of people.

finally - in a HCC web page drop down area a box requested 'suburb' but not combination of names was accepted & reverted to 'live of of the city' help please

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Stacey

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 17, 2024, 07:46 PM

Contribution ID: 778

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: C & J Graham

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 08:24 PM

Contribution ID: 817

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

See below comments regarding Moonlight Park Reserve,.

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

See below comments regarding Moonlight Park Reserve,.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

We are commenting on the change to a proposed off lead park for Moonlight Park Reserve. This park has 4 walking access ways through the proposed area and a playground bordering the proposed area, on a busy traffic corner. Having lived next to this park for 6 years and in the vicinity for 14 years, we know that this park is used by school children walking to and from school across to the pedestrian crossing from Arista Way, Sirius Crescent and Mercury Close areas. The park is also used by the schools, and Early childhood Centre's. Our concern is for the children who are not used to having dogs running loose and up to them whilst unaccompanied. We are not against off lead parks, just think that they are more suited to a quieter park with less traffic, more area for the dogs to run openly and preferably not bordering a playground. We cannot see that the off lead dogs will stay out of the playground area, without a physical barrier. We would not like to think that a child was harmed because the park was opened to off lead dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Danii

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 26, 2024, 01:53 PM

Contribution ID: 951

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Please do not plant trees in Minogue Park removing part of the dog park. This is a great asset to dog owners and is always full of dogs. Go for a walk through the park on the weekend and you'll see just how many dogs use this area. I went today for an hour and saw atleast 10 dogs.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

There is already so many trees planted at Minogue Park. While I love conservation and have even helped plant the trees there on planting days, I do not agree with removing a huge area of the park to plant trees. This park is used all day to walk dogs and is also used by others to have picnics, play cricket or rugby, fly kites or drones, and so many other things. This huge park is such an asset to our neighbourhood and was also a deciding factor on us buying a house in the neighbourhood as our section is small, but there is a park accross the road so we deemed it okay. A larger space means more space for dogs who may be reactive so you can keep them away from other dogs. It is a very popular dog park. Today we went for a walk and saw atleast 10 other dogs. The park is also a huge asset as the fenced area is not fit for purpose for larger dogs and there is often dog fights in there because the area is so small so a lot of people avoid it. Also because it is such a big space there is room for people without dogs to do their activities without being interupted by dogs. I really really oppose this tree planting in the dog park area and hope you will consider another option. I will however support more tree planting in other areas and will come help plant there.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Who cares

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 26, 2024, 09:26 AM

Contribution ID: 947

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

The timed changes are horrendous. They make it almost impossible to enjoy the parks if you have a dog and a full time job. Hamilton is such a miserable hole, NZ should do what it can to be more dog friendly and encourage people to get out and enjoy living here. Learn from Europe.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

We are proposing to set minimum accommodation standards in the Bylaw. These standards require kennels (or similar housing) to be the right size, in the right location, clean and protected from the elements.

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Make life easier for people that are working, not harder. Put energy into cleaning up crime, fixing cost of living crisis, and making our city a nicer place to be instead of trying to regulae things that aren't problems. Make better priorities.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sarah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 24, 2024, 11:55 AM

Contribution ID: 922

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Dog park timings - Hopefully people can use common sense here.

Support the inclusion of Eden park in Rototuna for off-lead dog exercise area.

I propose the inclusion of Farrington Ave park for off-lead exercise as well.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dianne Yates

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 22, 2024, 04:52 PM

Contribution ID: 883

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Multiple dog permits - All dogs should have annual renewals and vaccinations.

Off lead areas - And with adequate fencing for large and small dogs, and camera monitored carparks to stop theft.

Dog Park timings - This is too difficult to operate and control and people live varied lives (all hours off lead please).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Naadira Hassen de Medeiros

Organisation: Yes, I am the official spokesperson for the organisation, my organisation's name is:Safekids Aotearoa

Date submitted: Oct 22, 2024, 08:08 AM

Contribution ID: 860

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes

Submission on the Hamilton City Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review

Submitted by: Safekids Aotearoa, October 2024

Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei

For us and our children after us

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Hamilton City Council Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review. Safekids Aotearoa is a national organisation, based in Tāmaki Makaurau and we provide practical advice based on international research, local knowledge and mātauranga, to keep tamariki (children) safe from serious unintentional injuries like drownings, incidents on the road and injuries from dogs.

Our Vision: All tamariki will be free to enjoy their childhood without being adversely affected by unintentional injury.

Our Mission: To reduce the incidence and severity of unintentional injury to tamariki and children aged 0-14 years in New Zealand.

Safekids considers the safety of tamariki to be of paramount importance and beyond reproach when considering strategies for the prevention of dog-related injuries. Compared to other groups, tamariki are a small proportion of our population, lack political voice and require special measures to keep them safe. Safekids advocates that children as a group deserve special consideration and identification in their own right, with unique needs in all aspects of policies around dog control.

Safekids Aotearoa strongly urges the Hamilton City Council to reflect on including statements and prioritisation of reducing the number of tamariki injured by adopting the best practice, evidence-based dog safety measures.

Mauri ora,

Mareta Hunt

Ngāti Awa, Tūhoe, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Kahungunu me Kai Tahu
Poutokomanawa - Director (Safekids Aotearoa)



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Background

1. There is currently an unacceptably high and increasing number of dog-related injuries occurring in Aotearoa every year and tamariki aged 0-9 years old unfortunately are more likely to be hospitalised due to these attacks and injuries. These young tamariki tend to suffer more serious bites to the head and neck that result in open wounds and fractures (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2022a; IPRU, unpublished data). These harms can extend beyond physical injury to include psychological trauma following a dog attack and the development of post-traumatic stress disorder (Jakeman et al, 2020).

2. During the years 2017 – 2021, 696 tamariki (aged 0-14 years) were hospitalised due to serious dog-related injuries in Aotearoa; that is an average of approximately 140 tamariki per year (IPRU, unpublished data). ACC Data also show that there were 2913 claims in Aotearoa for tamariki aged 0-14 for all dog-related injuries during the 2023/24 financial year, of which 2273 were particularly for dog-bite claims.

3. Inequities are apparent in the incidence of injury from dogs with higher rates among Māori and those in areas of greater socio-economic deprivation (Duncan-Sutherland et al 2022a, IPRU unpublished data). Tamariki Māori are at least two times more likely to suffer dog-bites and dog-related injuries when compared to non-Māori (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2022a; IPRU unpublished data). These higher rates of injury among Māori must be interpreted within the historical and current context of the ongoing effects of colonisation, including discrimination and institutional racism (Reid et al, 2017). Māori continue to live within a dominant non-Māori culture and also have lesser levels of socio-economic security than non-Māori.

4. In the Hamilton City Council area during the years 2017– 2021 there were 33 serious hospitalisations of tamariki (0-14 years) due to dog attacks; an average of over 6 tamariki per year. Most (n=27, 82%) of these incidents affected the youngest tamariki in the 0-9 year old age group, and more than half (n=18, 55%) were suffered by tamariki Māori (IPRU, unpublished data). (This data does not include other dog-related injuries where the child was not hospitalised at least overnight or not reported.)

5. In a recent study on the epidemiology of dog related injuries by Territorial Authority in Aotearoa, the authors found that the annual incidence of dog bite claim injuries in Hamilton City was 286 per 100,000 population of 0-9 year olds. This was higher than the rate for Auckland (240 per 100,000 population of 0-9 year olds) (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2022a).



6. Tamariki are our most vulnerable population and it is our duty to ensure that dog control policies will contribute to their protection.

7. The Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy provides further impetus for us to ensure that all children are kept safe, happy and healthy (DPMC, 2019). This includes providing a safe environment for them to be active on their way to and from school and in their communities and protected from being injured by dogs.

8. A recent review in Aotearoa found gaps in dog control legislation including environmental barrier requirements for all dogs (leash/muzzle use and adequate fencing), notification of incidents and a focus on child protection (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2023).

9. This study also found that Territorial Authorities in Aotearoa with greater rates of injury may be connected to the higher number of unregistered dogs in these areas. This suggests that merely having requirements to register dogs is not enough to ensure the level of safety required to protect tamariki from the risks of dog-related injury (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2023).

10. A systematic review of dog bite prevention strategies (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2022b) found that multiples strategies including effective engagement with indigenous communities and organisations are required to reduce dog-related injuries. The evidence suggested that greater restrictions should be made for all dogs, rather than based on their breed alone and that due to the burden of child injury, protections of children should be a focus of legislation. It also found that prevention strategies in children require a redirection away from child-directed education towards owners instead (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2022b).

11. In addition, it has been shown that young tamariki under 6 years old have only limited ability to understand dog signals when compared to children 6-12 years old (Eretová et al, 2020). They therefore require increased supervision and separation from dogs where possible.

Response to the proposal

Honouring Te Tiriti

12. We strongly recommend that Council honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi by working in partnership with and recognising the rangatiratanga of whānau Māori in the development and implementation of strategies to prevent harm to tamariki from dogs. This would include a Te ao Māori-informed approach, recognising the roles that dogs play as mōkai (pets) as well as guardians and companions.

13. Indigenous approaches to dog control and management have demonstrated success overseas and are likely to also work in Aotearoa (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2023)

Fencing – Housing of Dogs

14. Safekids Aotearoa strongly recommends that specific fencing regulations for dog owners be introduced within Section 7 of the bylaw - Minimum standards for accommodation, that includes height recommendations based on the size of the dog.

15. Creating barriers to appropriately constrain dogs are the most effective, evidence-based approach to preventing children from being injured by dogs (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2022b).

16. Research shows that there are a high number of out-of-control dogs in Aotearoa (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2023) and caregivers describe incidents with dogs occurring due to dogs escaping/being let out of properties, being walked off leash or strays (Safekids Aotearoa, unpublished data), suggesting that current requirements are not adequate.

Removal of cost barriers to best practice around dog safety

17. Safekids Aotearoa recommends that cost barriers to best practice around dog safety are removed. This would include offering subsidies for fencing and gate requirements and low- or no-cost registration of dogs, particularly in areas of high deprivation (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2023).

Resourcing & Enforcement

18. In addition to better resourcing animal management services, Safekids Aotearoa suggests the Council explore the introduction of means-tested infringement notices to ensure enforcement is equitable.

Education

19. Safekids Aotearoa commends the Council for the emphasis placed on responsible dog ownership that is reflected in the bylaw. We further recommend that any educational messaging provided by the Council be refocused from the emphasis on educating children and more towards good dog-ownership and responsibilities for keeping tamariki safe around dogs with the key message that 'any dog can bite' directed to dog owners (Duncan-Sutherland et al, 2023). It is important for dog owners to acknowledge that even well socialised/trained dogs can bite.

20. We also strongly recommend that access to these educational and service opportunities are equitably accessible and culturally appropriate.

21. Safekids Aotearoa recommends that specific reference to the supervision of children be included in education, including that young tamariki should always be supervised **within arm's reach or separate** when dogs are around.

Basket muzzles

22. Safekids Aotearoa recommend that the Council consider and provide clear regulations for high-risk situations where owners are required to place humane basket-muzzles on their dogs, for

example when leaving a dog tethered in a public area or when walking larger/stronger dogs in public spaces.

23. We recommend that muzzle requirements should be extended to apply to all large dogs, based on the higher risk they pose tamariki, and that this would be more effective than regulating a subset of dog breeds.

Off-Leash areas

24. Safekids Aotearoa urges extreme caution around creating an off-leash area in close proximity to playgrounds. To protect tamariki from off-leash dogs as they enter, exit and utilise playgrounds, we do not recommend any off-leash areas in the same space as playgrounds for example as proposed in Derby Park, Eden Park, Chelmsford Park and others.

25. We recommend an equity focus be adopted in establishing fenced off-leash areas within easy walking distance of residential areas with a particular focus on areas of higher deprivation.

26. We also recommend that the Council clearly mark the off-leash areas as high-risk areas.

Summary

27. In creating more spaces where dogs are permitted off-leash in public, Safekids Aotearoa strongly urges that the Hamilton City Council reconsider the impact this proposal is likely to have on young tamariki and to use the available evidence-based strategies to inform policies that will protect them. We strongly recommend that any changes to the current bylaw and policy ensures tamariki safety as a central tenet.



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Name: Chris Ford

Organisation: Yes, I am the official spokesperson for the organisation, my organisation's name is:Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc

Date submitted: Oct 22, 2024, 08:00 AM

Contribution ID: 859

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Please find attached the Disabled Persons Assembly NZ submission on the Proposed Animal Nuisance By-Law, Dog Control By-Law and Dog Control Policy.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes



Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

October 2024

To Hamilton City Council

Please find attached our submission on the Proposed Animal Nuisance By-Law, Dog Control By-Law and Dog Control Policy

For any further inquiries, please contact:
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Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a not-for-profit pan-impairment Disabled People's Organisation run by and for disabled people.

We recognise:

- Māori as Tangata Whenua and Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- disabled people as experts on their own lives;
- the Social Model of Disability as the guiding principle for interpreting disability and impairment;
- the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as the basis for disabled people's relationship with the State;
- the New Zealand Disability Strategy as Government agencies' guide on disability issues; and
- the Enabling Good Lives Principles, Whāia Te Ao Mārama: Māori Disability Action Plan, and Faiva Ora: National Pasifika Disability Disability Plan as avenues to disabled people gaining greater choice and control over their lives and supports.

We drive systemic change through:

Rangatiratanga / Leadership: reflecting the collective voice of disabled people, locally, nationally and internationally.

Pārongo me te tohutohu / Information and advice: informing and advising on policies impacting on the lives of disabled people.

Kōkiri / Advocacy: supporting disabled people to have a voice, including a collective voice, in society.

Aroturuki / Monitoring: monitoring and giving feedback on existing laws, policies and practices about and relevant to disabled people.

The Submission

Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) welcomes this opportunity to engage with the Hamilton City Council (HCC) on the proposed Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy.

Dogs and animals play an important role for disabled people in being companions as well as - for a growing number of people in our disability community - playing an important support role as service animals and disability assistance dogs.

The role of service animals and disability assistance dogs are recognised in legislation given the role that they have in supporting disabled people and, especially, blind and low vision people to maintain independent lives and enable community participation.

The wider role that animals play as companions to disabled and non-disabled people alike are covered in New Zealand's animal welfare laws and policies.

Many disabled people have companion animals as a means of ensuring mental wellbeing and companionship for both them and their families/whānau.

DPA welcomes the Animal Nuisance Bylaw and associated bylaws being re-written in a more accessible, simplified way by the HCC. This will help everyone, including disabled people, to better understand their rights and responsibilities as animal owners.

DPA has a few concerns around the Dog Control Policy which we wish to raise and make recommendations around.

Otherwise, we support the general direction of the policies and guidelines and see our recommendations as a means of further refining them to make them more effective.

Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

Hamilton DPA members have expressed concerns about the increasing number of unleashed dogs roaming around the streets of the central city.

We note and welcome the provisions of the by-law outlawing the presence of unleashed dogs in all public places and that owners and/or people controlling them are required to take full responsibility for maintaining their dogs while within these areas.

Disabled people can have issues with dogs, particularly if they are unleashed, poorly controlled or aggressive. They can present safety issues for disabled people using mobility devices including wheelchairs, people with impaired mobility who may be knocked over, blind and low vision people and disabled people seeking to keep their guide dogs/support animals under control to enable safe navigation (as guide dogs can be affected by the actions of other animals) and autistic/neurodiverse people who may sometimes become distressed in the presence of dogs.

For these reasons it is important that unleashed dogs are banned from the Hamilton CBD and appropriate fines should be given to the owners or people in control of any dogs who deliberately unleash them in the CBD and other high foot traffic areas of the city, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

DPA recommends that the HCC's proposed dog control policy include more active monitoring in the central city through whatever resources are at the council's disposal.

This could include more prominent signage around the need to keep dogs leashed, active monitoring by council staff through CCTV and the ability for members of the public to more easily alert council about the presence of unleashed dogs and non-permitted animals in the CBD and other high foot traffic areas.

Recommendation 1: that unleashed dogs are banned from the CBD and other high foot traffic areas of the city with appropriate fines for any owners or people controlling them who intentionally do so, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

Recommendation 2: that the HCC engage in active enforcement of both dog and animal control laws through, for example, more prominent signage, CCTV footage and encouraging active public reporting.

Dog park risks

DPA acknowledges the public demand for more off-lead dog exercise areas to be created in public parks and reserves across Hamilton.

However, these demands need to be balanced with those of the needs of disabled people, older people and younger children when doing so.

Some of the proposed off-lead exercise areas cut across important footpath and walkway connections which are used by both walking and mobility device using pedestrians.

As stated earlier, there are risks associated with unleashed dogs, even when they are within easy reach of either their owners or other people controlling them and these need to be mitigated for everyone's safety.

DPA recommends that off-lead dog exercise areas are not created in areas where there are significant walkway or footpath connections. Only leashed dogs and animals should be permitted in these spaces.

Off-lead dog exercise areas should only be created in spaces where there is plentiful grass and other amenities for dogs, and which don't have walkway or pathway connections upon them.

Recommendation 3: that off-lead dog exercise areas are not created in areas where there are significant walkway or footpath connections.

Name: Sonya Tomii

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 10:13 AM

Contribution ID: 789

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

My friend's dog was attacked by an off-lead dog at Raymond Park. My friend was also attacked, and needed hospitalisation. She's now too afraid to walk her dog at Raymond (or any other) [park.

I support dogs being off lead at certain times only, so owners like her could exercise/enjoy parks without feat.

Also, the owner of the 'attacking' dog above was fined, and told to muzzle their dog. However, as it hurt an innocent dog and their owner on this occasion, I firmly believe it should have been put down, otherwise it ay attack again.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I feel these policies/bylaws are too weak.

We've had repeated issues with a neighbour's dogs wandering onto our property and, at times, menacing myself and my child. I have phoned Animal Control multiple times. I've seen the van/staff come out, and sometimes take the dogs away - however, they always return within a few days. It seems like the owners get a 'slap on the hand' at best, for failing to properly care for and restrain their dogs.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Taryn Olsen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 10:00 PM

Contribution ID: 820

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I think the proposed changes to Inners Common West should be restricted to the most south west part of the field. Removing the off lead areas from the north east side by the lake, playground and car park. There is a significant amount of walkers and dogs on lead in these areas, off lead dogs should be kept further away.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I believe there should be stricter rules and fines for people not abiding by the on lead policies.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It is concerning that the current dog control bylaws prioritise reactive responses over proactive measures to ensure public safety. While I understand Animal Control Officers can only act within the existing framework, waiting for an incident to occur before addressing a potential risk is not ideal.

My recent experience highlights this issue. I reported concerns about a dog exhibiting concerning behaviour on a property with inadequate fencing, posing a potential threat to the public using the adjacent walking reserve. Unfortunately, Animal Control Officers were unable to investigate as no bylaw breach had occurred.

This approach would not be acceptable in private business under New Zealand's Health and Safety legislation, which prioritises identifying and mitigating potential risks before harm occurs. The same proactive standard should be applied to public safety in the context of dog control.

I urge the council to consider amending the bylaws to empower Animal Control Officers to proactively investigate potential risks, rather than waiting for an unfortunate incident that could result in harm to people or animals.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dr Nic McDonald (Animal Welfare Operations Officer)

Organisation: Yes, I am the official spokesperson for the organisation, my organisation's name is:Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ)

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 12:30 PM

Contribution ID: 797

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) feels that the Council is out of step with other NZ Councils in relation to cat management and urges the Council to consider the inclusion of cat population management via desexing at 4 months as well as compulsory microchipping and registration on the NZCAR as part of the Bylaw. See attached document 'Bylaw submission – CANZ Hamilton October 2024' for further information.

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Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) are in support and offer some recommendations. See the attached document 'Bylaw submission – CANZ Hamilton October 2024' for further information.

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Housing dogs - Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) are in support and have provided information to support the need for Best Practice guidelines to be made available that go beyond minimum standards.

Multiple dog permits - Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) would like to raise some concerns regarding this proposal.

Dog park timings: Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) would like to raise some concerns regarding this proposal.

Please see the attached document 'Bylaw submission – CANZ Hamilton October 2024' for further information.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) urges the Council to consider our proposal regarding cat management and promoting responsible cat guardianship. Please see attached documents 'Bylaw submission – CANZ Hamilton October 2024' for further information.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes

14/10/2024

Hamilton City Council
Communication and Engagement team
Animal Nuisance Bylaw 2013, Dog Control Bylaw 2015, and Dog Control Policy
Private Bag 3010
Hamilton 3240

Re: Submission Regarding Animal Nuisance Bylaw 2013, Dog Control Bylaw 2015, and Dog Control Policy

Companion Animals New Zealand's position on Animal Nuisance and Dog Control.

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ), formerly the New Zealand Companion Animal Council, is a respected animal welfare organisation committed to advancing A Good Life for companion animals. We own and manage the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) and actively promote the importance of permanent identification and traceability through microchipping and registration. Through our 'Good Life for Animals' research and education work we promote improved standards for welfare and responsible companion animal guardianship in New Zealand. Our hope is that all companion animals in New Zealand can enjoy A Good Life.

CANZ welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw 2013, Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Dog Control Policy.

We would like to express our support for the Hamilton City Council's ongoing efforts to ensure responsible pet ownership and improved animal welfare within the community.

1. **Animal Nuisance**

We fully support the proposed amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw.

By simplifying the language of the bylaw, pet owners gain a clearer understanding of their rights and responsibilities. This clarity promotes better awareness and encourages residents to be more responsible animal guardians, ultimately benefiting the animals by fostering a perception of them in the community as Good Animal Citizens.

We also support the proposal that residents must house animals on private property only. This requirement not only ensures that animals are cared for in a safe and controlled environment but also helps to mitigate potential conflicts with neighbours, ensuring a more harmonious living environment for the animals and surrounding residents in the community.

When animals are housed in appropriate settings, they experience less stress and anxiety, leading to improved well-being. A secure and peaceful atmosphere allows pets to thrive, resulting in happier and healthier animals.

CANZ would like to take this opportunity to also submit feedback in relation to the management of owned cats. We advocate for mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips on the NZCAR for all cats by four months of age in the district of Hamilton city. The NZCAR currently has 29,433 live cats registered to those guardians who have listed their city as 'Hamilton'. In 2023, over 2,500 new cat registrations were completed. Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted. CANZ has previously supported various NZ District Council's proposals regarding mandatory microchipping and registration on the NZCAR (https://www.animalregister.co.nz). Engaging in this discussion enhances community awareness around responsible cat guardianship, and our evidence indicates that simply introducing a proposal can result in higher rates of cat microchipping and registration in an area, ultimately benefitting cat welfare (please see attached document: "The Effect of Cat Management Bylaws on Microchip Registration").

CANZ considers desexing of cats to be an essential part of responsible cat guardianship providing health and welfare benefits to the individual cat and reducing unmanaged breeding. The overpopulation of cats is a well-known and recognised issue not only in New Zealand but throughout the world.

CANZ urges the Hamilton City Council to introduce mandatory microchipping and registration of owned cats on the NZCAR along with desexing of owned cats by 4 months of age.

2. Dog Control

2.1 Housing Dogs

We support the proposed changes to the Bylaw, describing the required minimum standards for dog accommodation as they bring several important health and welfare benefits.

The proposed changes aim to significantly enhance animal welfare by ensuring that animal-based measures are used to ensure that dogs have access to kennels which provide them with sufficient space to allow them to stand, turn, and lie down comfortably. By mandating that kennels are shaded, dry, and well-ventilated, dog welfare will be safeguarded, and dogs will be protected from weather conditions, thereby reducing the risk of heat stress or hypothermia.

We also suggest that there should be clear guidance regarding construction of kennels stating that they should be made of solid safe materials, preferably raised above ground level, and that dogs are not required to sleep on concrete or metal surfaces. Where kennel and run areas are made of these materials dogs should be provided with a raised platform, shelf or other type of bed made of a softer material on which to sleep.

We welcome the requirement for there to be designated specific areas for urination and defecation away from their sleeping space, since this provides for the natural behavioural needs

of dogs, promotes better hygiene, and benefits both dogs and people in the community by minimising odours and potential health risks.

We recognise that the current Code of Welfare for Dogs 2018, (https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/46030-Code-of-Welfare-Dog) has not undergone a substantive review in 14 years, with the last significant update occurring in 2010 (CANZ, 2024). We therefore urge the Council to align their bylaw requirements with Recommended Best Practice (rather than the minimum standards) as described in the Code, since this reflects current scientific knowledge, reduces stress associated with the kennel environment (e.g. Polgár et al., 2019) and promotes a better quality of life for dogs.

It's worth noting that similarly, the Code of Welfare for Cats has also not been thoroughly reviewed in 17 years, receiving only minor amendments since 2007. This lack of comprehensive review means that both codes do not necessarily take account of current scientific knowledge and best practice expectations.

In regard to the proposed section 7.2 of the proposed bylaw changes, relating to tethering of dogs (*7.2. Dogs must not be tethered adjacent to a fence or other structure, or otherwise confined, in a manner that may become injurious to the health of the dog.*), we propose that you consider the recommendations as outlined by the position statement on prolonged tethering and confinement of dogs by the SPCA (SPCA, n.d.). In this the SPCA highlights the dangers of tethering animals, which can lead to entanglement, severe injuries, and increased vulnerability to harassment. Prolonged tethering may also cause behavioural issues like anxiety and reactivity.

CANZ recommends that the Hamilton City Council advocate for securely fenced areas for animals instead of tethering, ensuring their welfare needs are fully addressed, including their physical health and exercise requirements.

2.2 Multiple Dog Permits

We would like to raise some concerns regarding the proposed amendment to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits. Eliminating this process could result in fewer visits from the Dog Control Officer, potentially creating opportunities for dishonesty among dog guardians, especially in respect to the proper care and control of the dogs and prevention of any nuisance.

Annual renewals not only ensure compliance with regulations but also allow dog control officers to assess living conditions and address any issues related to animal welfare standards. If this amendment moves forward, CANZ advocates that property checks continue to be conducted annually as they are essential to safeguard the welfare of dogs.

2.3 Off Lead Areas

We support the proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks. Physical health is vital for both humans and dogs, with increased physical activity contributing to better overall health and preventing obesity in dogs (Hurley et al., 2011). Walking

is crucial for pet dog welfare, offering outlets for exercise, social interactions, species-specific behaviours, and enriching activities. Dog parks are popular venues for outdoor exercise and socialisation for dogs, with proximity to these parks linked to increased use and satisfaction among dog owners (Lee et al, 2009). The Code of Welfare for dogs emphasises the importance of exercise for physical and mental well-being, warning that insufficient activity can lead to behavioural issues.

CANZ advocates for Good Animal Citizenship and sees a significant opportunity to educate dog owners about responsible pet ownership, especially in shared dog parks. Creating designated areas for dogs to interact safely is essential for their well-being and socialisation. Expanding access to dog parks will foster a healthier, more harmonious environment for dogs and their guardians.

2.4 Dog Park Timings

CANZ expresses concerns about multiple park areas requiring dogs to be **on lead** for extended periods of time, especially on weekends, as this limits their natural instincts to run and explore.

Lead pulling in dogs is a significant welfare concern and has negative impacts on a dog's health and behaviour (Townsend et al, 2022). A study in 2021 showed that popular on-leash activities may neglect the individual walking pace necessary for dogs' physical, physiological, and cognitive well-being (Foltin & Ganslosser, 2021). It also showed that off-lead freedom for dogs under effective control and longer leashes (e.g. long lines) helps in addressing behavioural concerns by providing appropriate outlets for energy and exploration, reducing the likelihood of behavioural problems, promoting natural behaviours such as sniffing, roaming, and interacting with their surroundings. This in turn increases a dog's feelings of safety and satisfaction. Educating owners about the use of longlines is essential for improving dog welfare during exercise. By providing dogs with greater freedom while maintaining control, we can greatly enhance their overall well-being, and CANZ supports any educational initiatives aimed at achieving this.

Many thanks for enabling us to provide our feedback.

Ngā mihi

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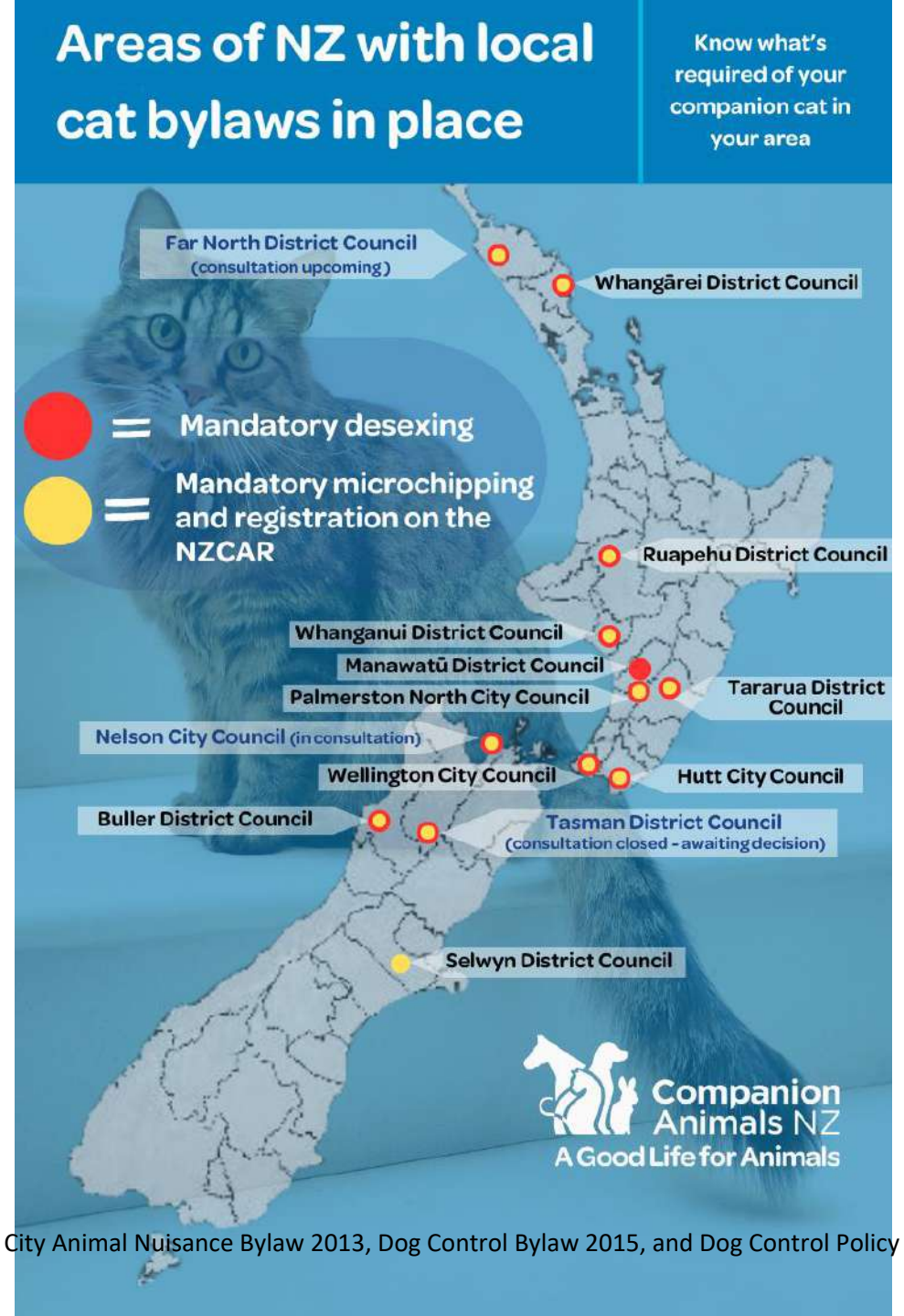
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The Effect of Cat Management Bylaws on Microchip Registration

To December 2023

The Bylaw Effect



Despite bylaws being problematic to implement, there are usually significant increases in cat registration on NZCAR when a local bylaw is announced.

The bylaws are often newsworthy and sometimes the increase is noticeable *before* the bylaw comes into force.

The following graphs illustrate changes in cat registration per year.

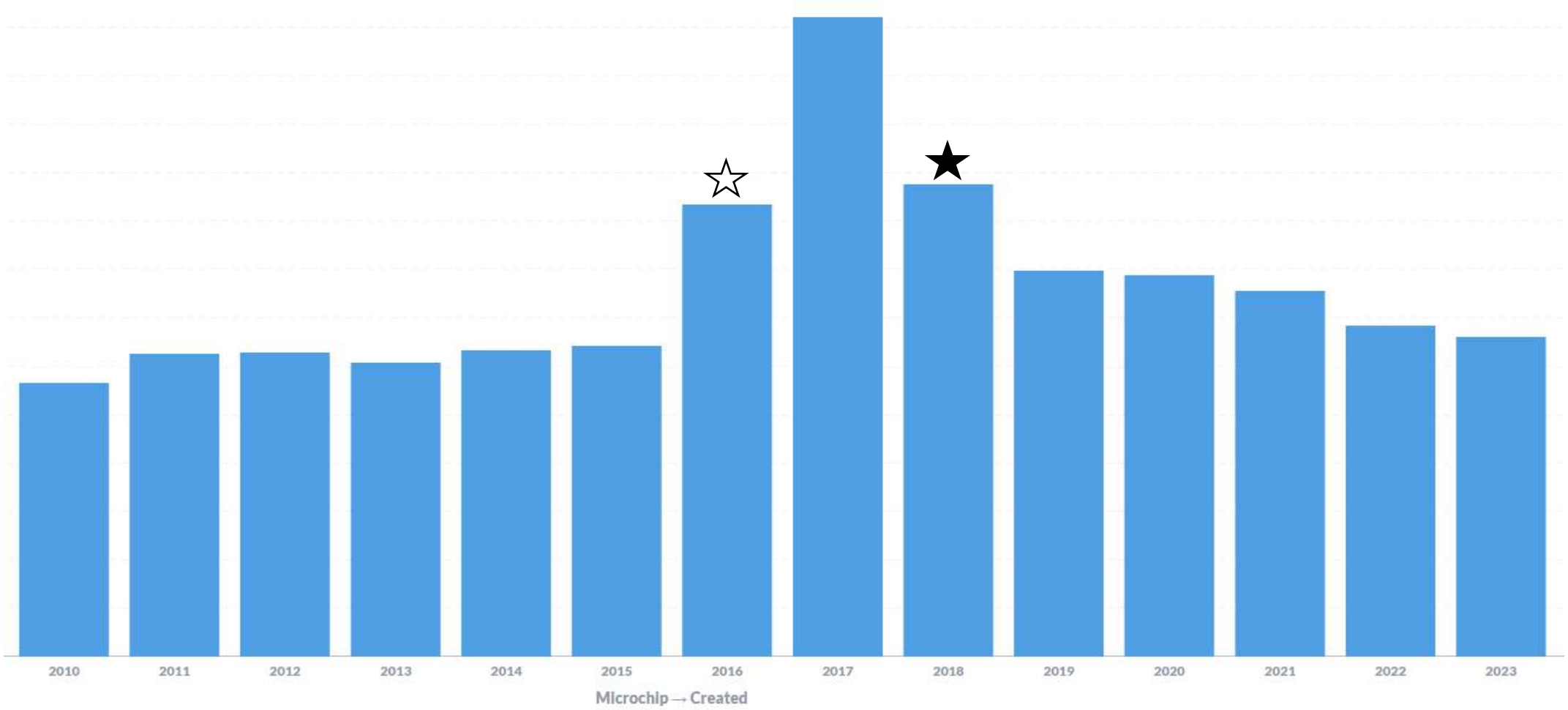
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Wellington City

Bylaw announced **2016**, enforced **2018**

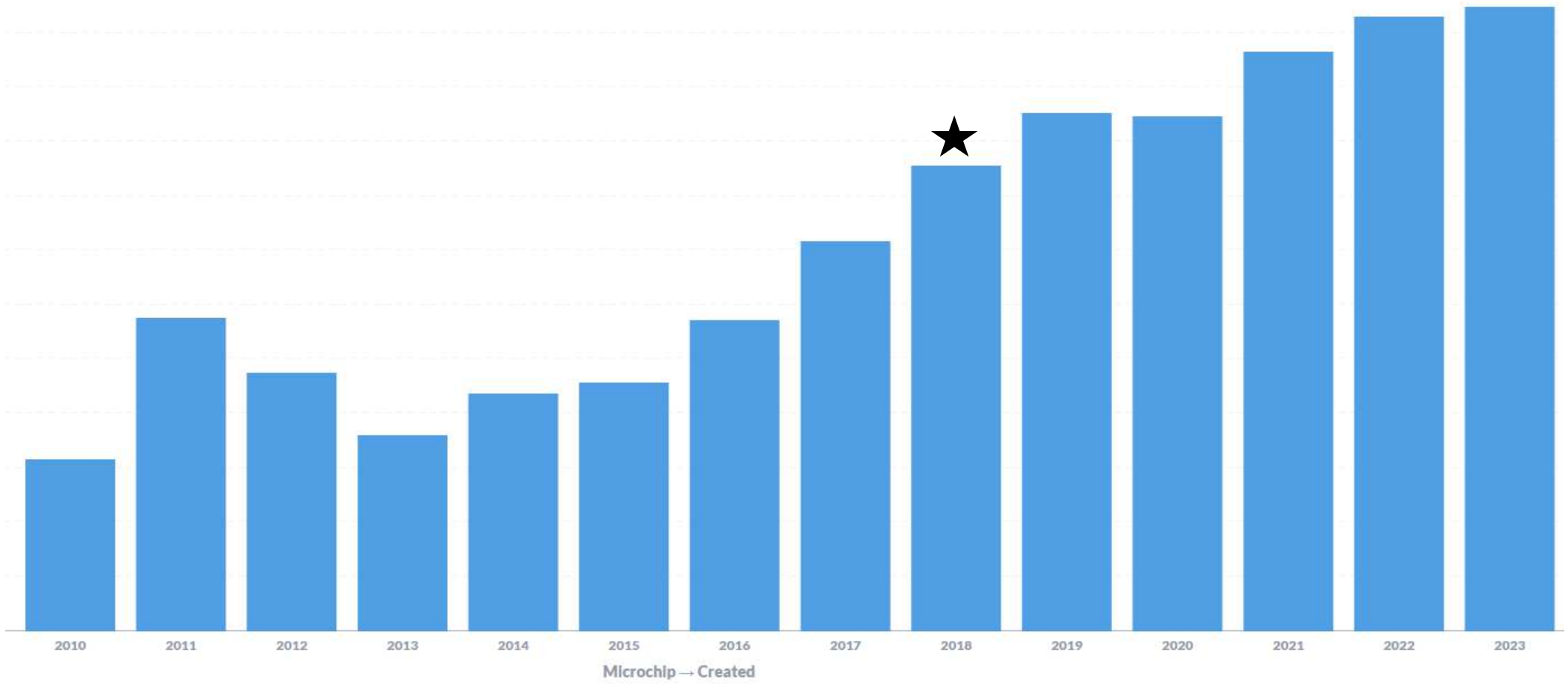


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Palmerston North City

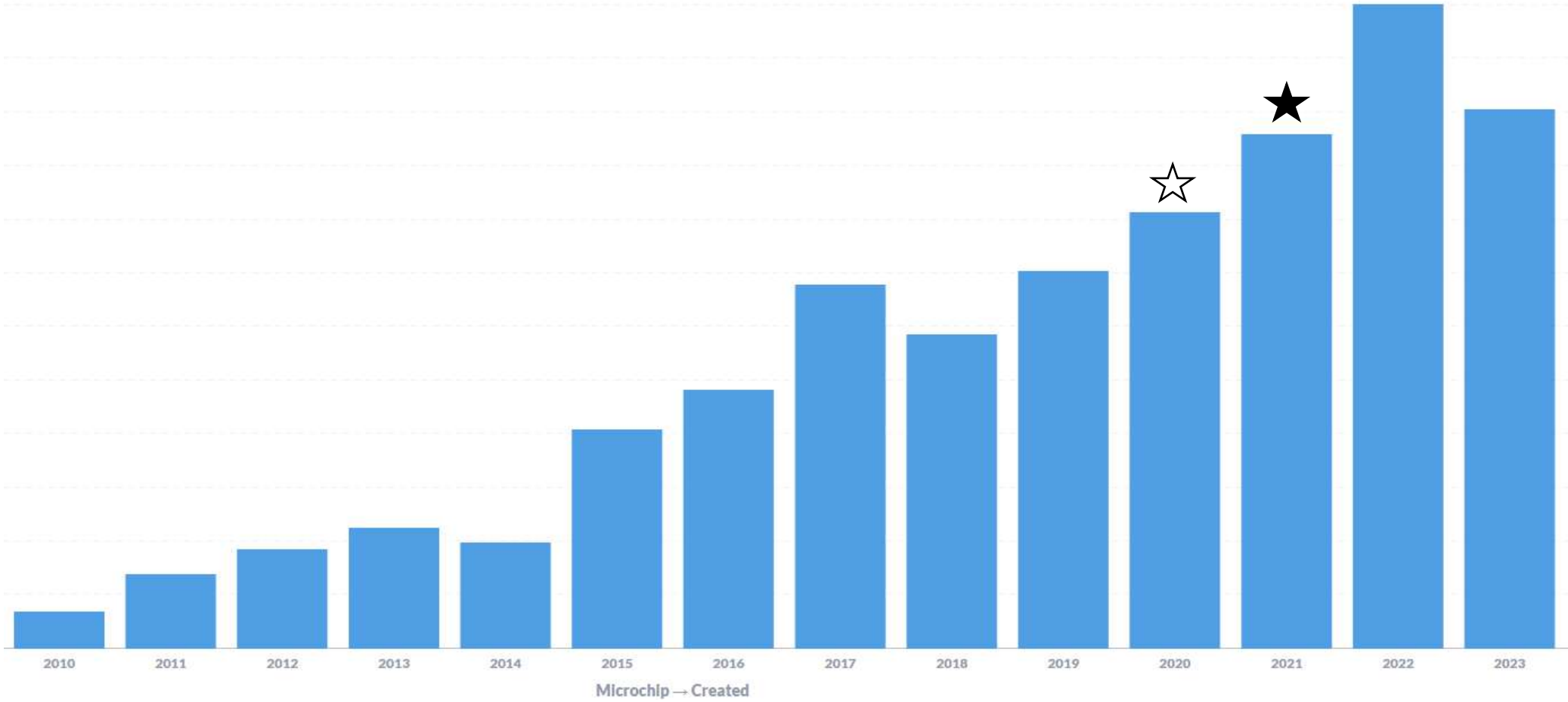
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Whanganui District

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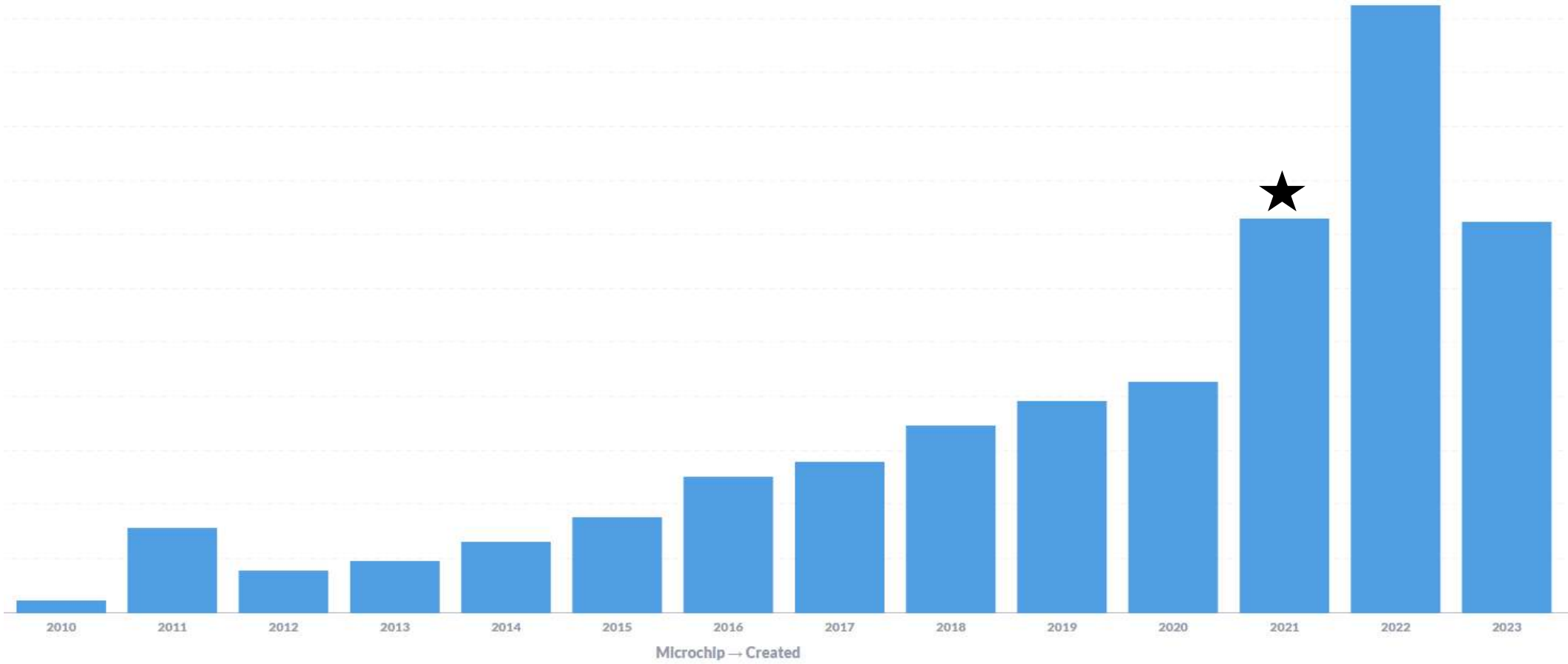


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Selwyn District

Bylaw enforced **2021**

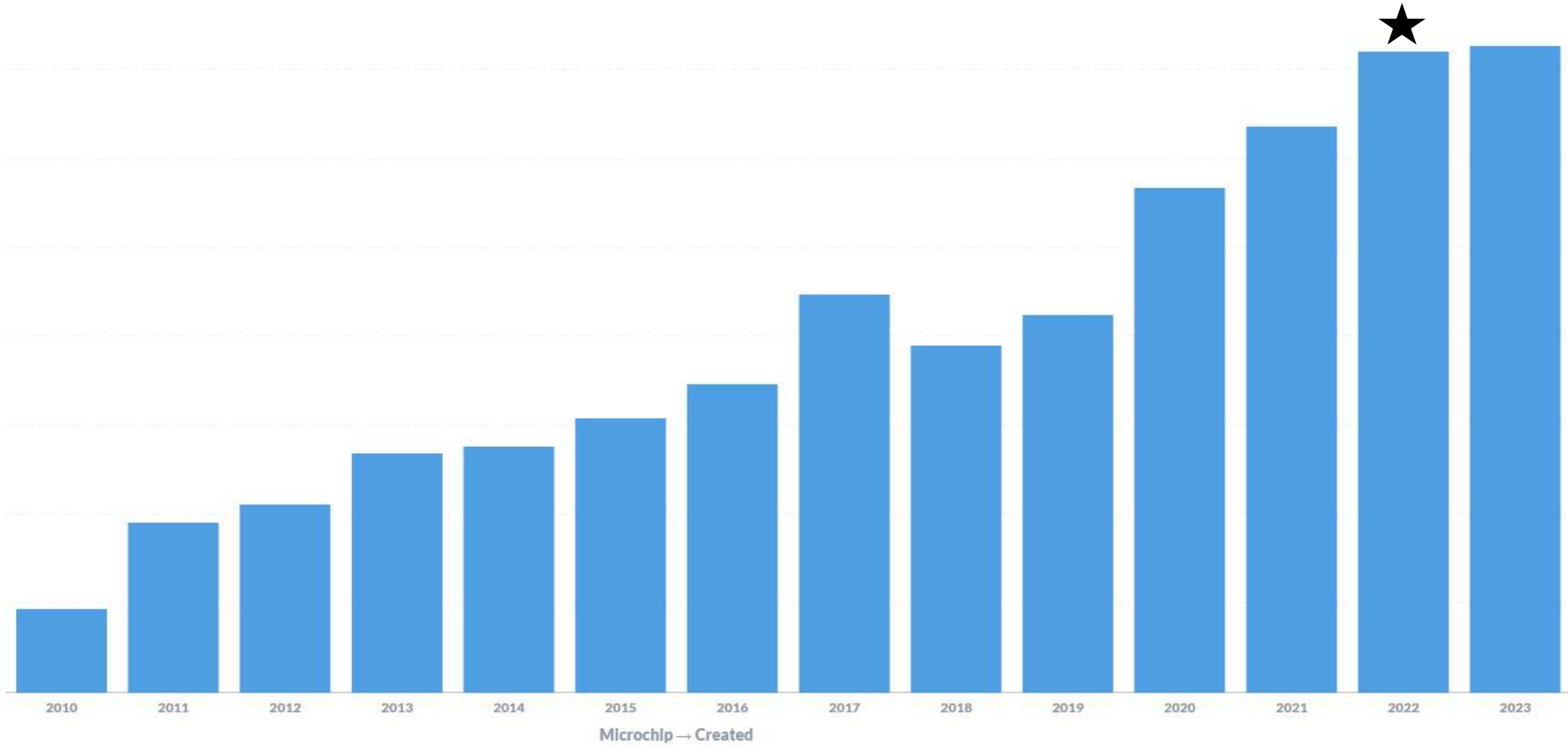


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Whangarei District

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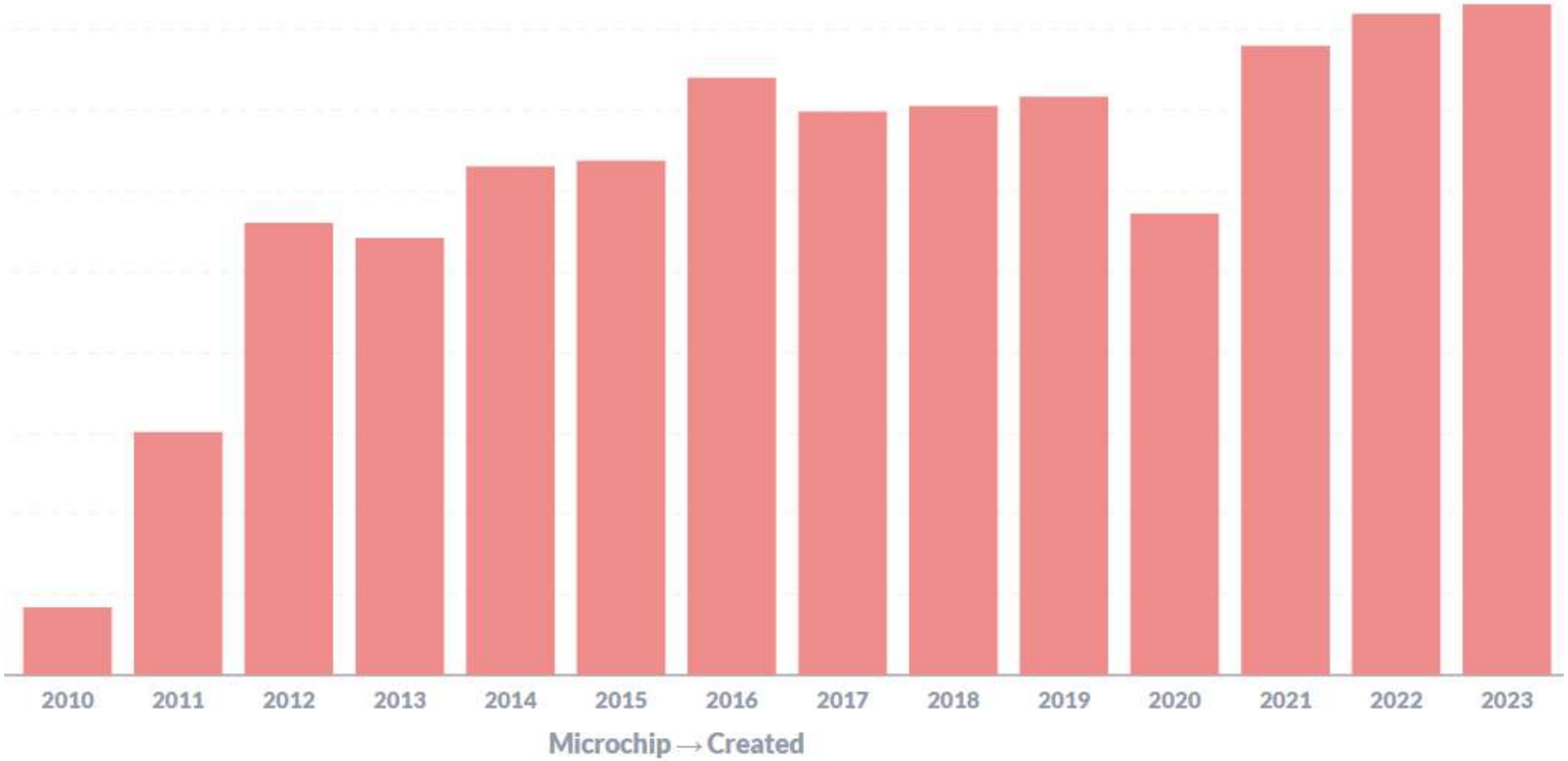


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Dunedin City

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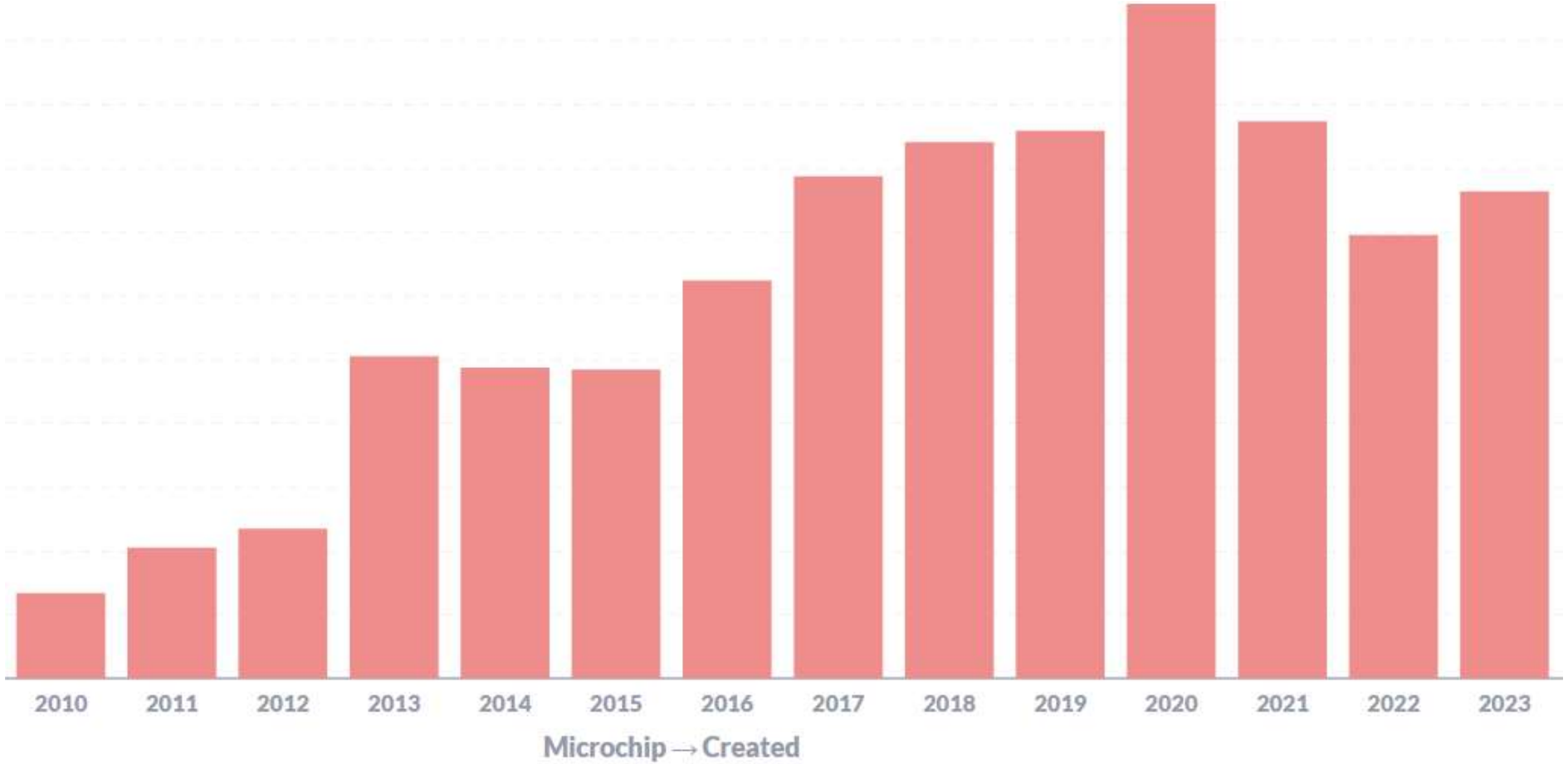


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Nelson City

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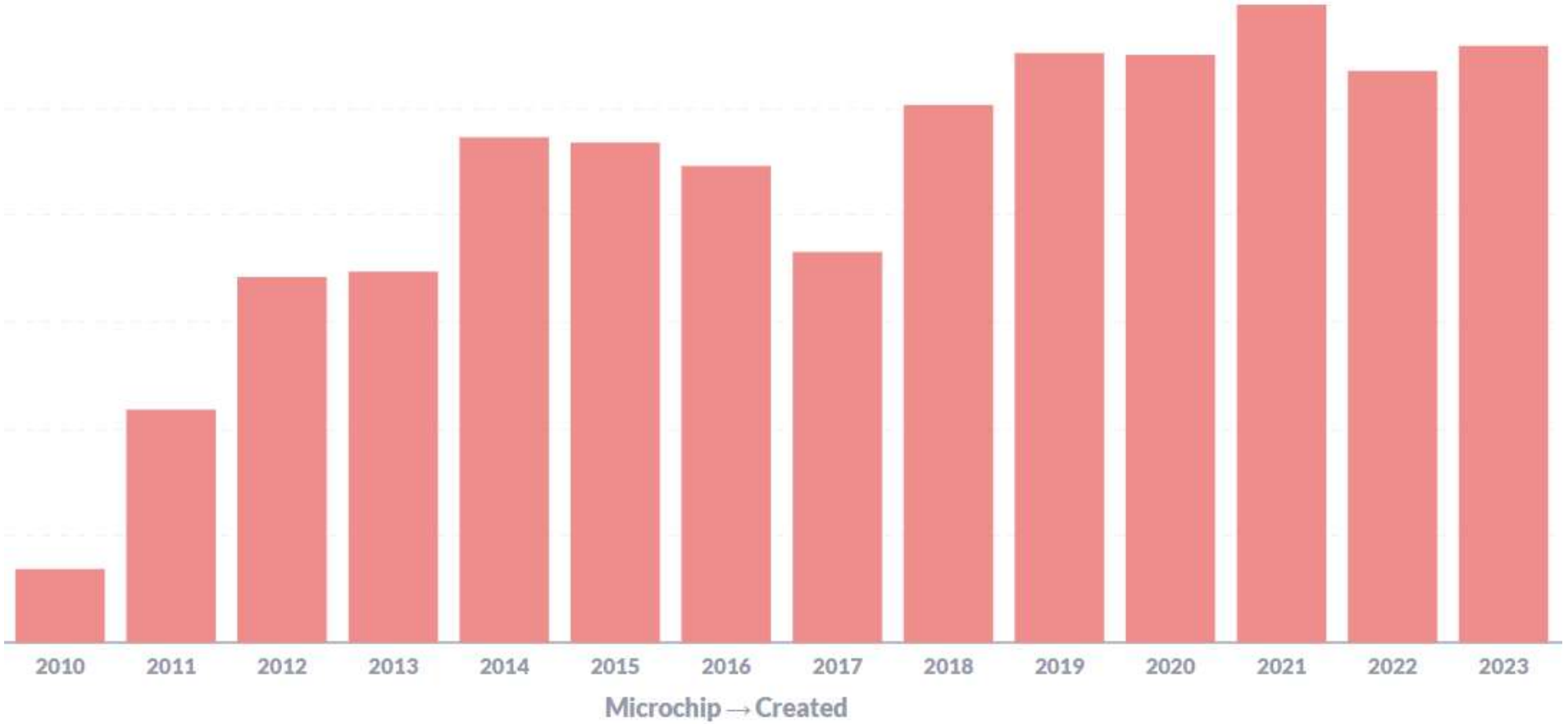


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Hamilton City

Areas with **no** cat microchipping and registration bylaws



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Companion Animals New Zealand

Companion Animals New Zealand is a charity passionate about transforming New Zealand into a global leader in companion animal welfare. We envision a world where every pet thrives and experiences the Good Life they deserve.



You can read about our recent impact here.

Companion Animals New Zealand

Companion Animals NZ is a respected national organisation representing a diverse range of animal welfare groups, including our key stakeholders and trustees which include the SPCA, New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA), Dogs NZ, New Zealand Cat Fancy, the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association (NZVNA) and the New Zealand Institute of Animal Management (NZIAM).

While we have a strong relationship with these organisations, we are an independent charitable trust with our own objectives.

Our relationships are extensive across:

- Veterinary clinics
- SPCA and rescues/shelters
- Certified trainers and behaviourists
- Pedigree dog and cat breeders
- Animal welfare science experts
- Animal welfare advisory groups and committees (eg NAWAC)
- Local Government stakeholders (e.g. regional councils and bylaws)
- Central Government stakeholders (e.g. MPI)
- International science-based organisations

New Zealand Companion Animal Register

In 2007, we established the ***NZ Companion Animal Register***, Aotearoa's microchip database for cats and dogs.

Who can implant microchips?
In New Zealand, anyone is legally able to implant microchips. However, without appropriate knowledge and training, Companion Animals NZ considers microchipping a risk to the human and the animal.

Therefore, NZCAR will only automatically accept registrations from Approved Users who meet the following criteria:

1. *A veterinary clinic or a qualified veterinarian.*
2. *A diploma (or higher) qualified veterinary nurse.*
3. *An implanter who has completed a recognised microchipping course.*
4. *An organisation whose member of staff meets the above criteria.*

It is possible for a layperson to become an approved implanter however, for the safety of the animal, we require a layperson to complete online learning and demonstrate proof of proficiency to a veterinarian.

- **50%** of our registrations are created by vet clinics
- **25%** from RNZSPCA
- **10%** from pet guardian registering their own pet
- The remaining **15%** come from local councils, breeders and other approved users

New Zealand Companion Animal Register

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

LostPet

How much does it cost?

The registration requires a microchip to have been implanted in an animal. This is very safe and common place. However, costs for microchipping vary between implanters.

Animals adopted from SPCA have microchip implantation and registration built into their adoption fee. Veterinarians may charge between $30 and $80 to implant and register.

The NZCAR registration incurs a fee to cover the lifetime support costs of our database and support office.

If completed by an approved implanter, that implanter will receive a monthly invoice from us for the registrations they have created. They will have already charged the pet guardian when implantation took place.

If not already registered, pet guardians can register their pet's microchip online for a $15 fee (inc. GST).

Each year, revenue from the NZCAR is returned to local groups undertaking community desexing and microchipping campaigns.

New Zealand Companion Animal Register

What is recorded?

The primary aim of the NZCAR is to quickly repatriate animals as a guardianship database.

The NZCAR is not an ownership database but is the best solution while we continue to lobby central government for a national Cat Management Act. It is important that local councils show leadership in this area in the meantime.

Primary Contact details (* indicates compulsory)
Name*
Email*
Residential address (google verified)*
Contact Phone* (and alternative phone)
Secondary contact name and phone number x2

Microchip details
Microchip number*
Date of implantation*
Implanting clinic/organisation
Any additional microchip numbers

Animal details
Name*
Species*
Gender
Desex status
Breed
Date of birth
Colour description
Preferred vet clinic
Behavioural & Medical notes
Breeder/Rescue Notes
Local Authority (dropdown list)

New Zealand Companion Animal Register

NEW BYLAW SUPPORT

How do we support cat management bylaws?
When a new bylaw is announced, Companion Animals NZ:

1. Supports local councils with communications via our social media channels, including:
   - Promoting the new bylaw
   - Explaining the difference between local council dog registration/National Dog Database and the NZCAR

2. Communicates with local NZCAR Implanters

3. Collaborates with local veterinary clinics to encourage NEW clients to bring their un-microchipped cats in

4. Communicates with local pet owners to check their cats' registration status



New Zealand Companion Animal Register

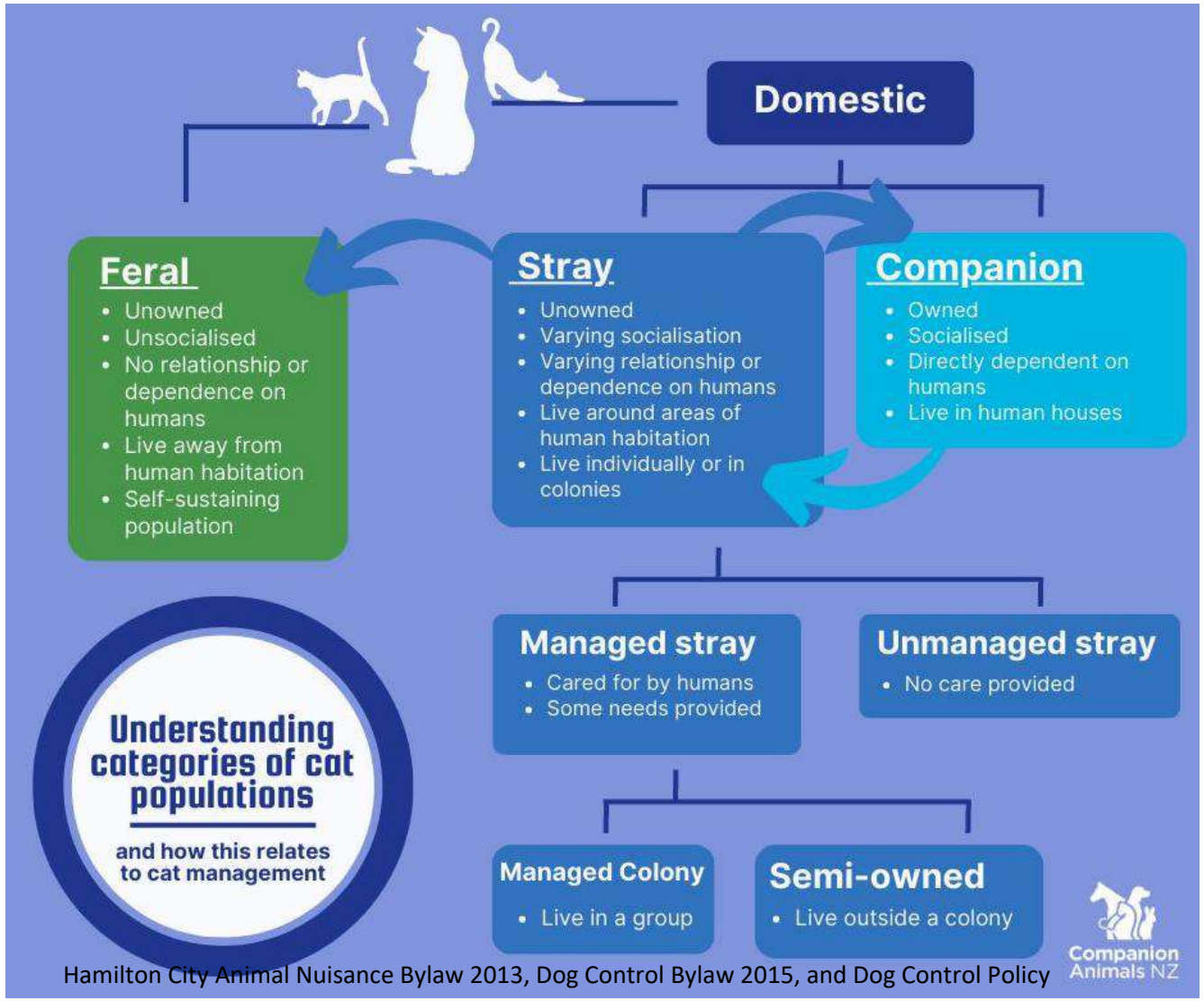
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LostPet

Summary:

- New Zealand's lost and found microchip database
- One-off registration fee
- Registration lasts for the lifetime of the animal
- Part of responsible pet ownership
- All species are welcome
- Over 950+ Approved Users across New Zealand, including veterinary clinics, SPCAs and other organisations
- Almost all councils already have existing Approved User accounts
- 24-hour phone support
- Funds returned to community desexing and microchipping initiatives

Marketing Resources (available here)





Marketing Resources (available here)





Name: Jay Thompson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 04:54 PM

Contribution ID: 809

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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I specifically and strongly oppose proposed off-lead dog exercise areas in these parks: Mangaiti Park Reserve (Playground, family group, and pedestrian Proximity. Future Sports grounds) Te Manatu Park (Pedestrian Proximity. Future Sports grounds) Eden Park Reserve (Playground and pedestrian Proximity) Tauhara Park (Playground, family groups and pedestrian Proximity) Moonlight Drive Reserve (Playground, family group and pedestrian Proximity) Hare Puke Park (Playground,

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I oppose this proposed change

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Eden Park Reserve (Playground and pedestrian Proximity)

Tauhara Park (Playground, family groups and pedestrian Proximity)

Moonlight Drive Reserve (Playground, family group and pedestrian Proximity)

Hare Puke Park (Playground, Primary School and pedestrian Proximity)

-I regularly run in all these parks (as do many people I know) and being able to largely expect the avoidance of "dog incidents" is such a positive (and reasonable expectation) for us.

-I (and others) HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED DOG INCIDENTS (rushed at/chased) AT SOME OF THESE PARKS WHEN THE DOGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED AND ON LEASH. (Mangaiti Park/Te Manutu Park/Tauhara Park). Increasing the number of parks/reserves is only going to make this significantly more likely.

These parks have significant numbers of recreational users (walkers, cyclists, family picnic groups). These users and dogs on leads combine seamlessly.

These people include young children and elderly, to whom an uncontrolled dog can be both a scary and in extreme cases present a dangerous situation.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

There seems to be so many more dogs that their owners' can't control out there now. Putting off-lease areas so close to playgrounds, schools and sports fields (incl. Proposed sports fields) is just going to cause further issues and impact on the quality (and potentially safety) of existing human users' experiences.

The large increase in off-lead exercise areas proposed is excessive in number and does not consider the safety of other park/reserve users adequately (especially young and elderly users).

Dog exercise areas should be large, complete (no invisible boundaries), not just at certain times and exclusive (not mixed with playgrounds, schools, sports fields and large numbers of walkers/runners etc. Days Park is an excellent area that ticks these boxes...it works so well.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rachel van Heuven

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 04:27 PM

Contribution ID: 808

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

We are proposing to set minimum accommodation standards in the Bylaw. These standards require kennels (or similar housing) to be the right size, in the right location, clean and protected from the elements.

I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Why?

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 02:52 PM

Contribution ID: 805

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

1/ A nuisance exists if the offending goes for a cumulative 30 minutes, rather than the continuous period as at present.

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Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Re Derby Park; my observations are -1/ Council has never, and will never, prosecute anybody for having a dog off-lead, noting its inaction over motor-bikes and other vehicles in the Park. 2/ The park has been, and is, used for off-lead exercise. Those people are hardly concerned with the By-law, or any proposed changes. 3/ Providing an area for disposal of dog poo, if those owners are responsible, would be good for the health of other park users. Noting that it took more than 3

months for a dumped couch to be removed, I can't imagine taht Council'sstaff will keep the park clean. 4/ Continuing the status quo (a de facto exercise area) is fine but it will be spoiled by the uncontrolled dogs of a Park neighbour. I have seen owners leave the Park, rather than stand the continuing barking.5/ The review is not really doing anything so seems to be a pointless exercise in bureaucracy - but that's what they do. The Occupant, 30A Derby Street.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Malcolm Williams

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 02:22 PM

Contribution ID: 804

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Some dog owners know how to control their dogs. Most don't! I don't like dogs running up to me when I'm walking or riding a bike as they can be unpredictable.

Safety for the majority should be Councils main concern. Not pandering to the dog owners.

My property boarders with a park with no fence and I do not want dogs off the lead coming on to my property. Dog owners are always sorry after the fact.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

No more dog parks.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Pip Oatham

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 02:09 PM

Contribution ID: 802

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I believe that 'entire dogs' should be on a lead at all times in a dog park - if at all.

Increase the availability of poo bag dispensing - some owners just don't pick up.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I was wondering what the off lead policy is for dogs on the river tracks. I walk my dog regularly at Days Park and most walks begin at Swarbrick landing - as do many other dog walkers.

We begin our walk along the river path off lead and continue off lead along the path that runs parallel to Days Park down by the river- as do many other dog owners. This gives the dogs an opportunity to swim and play in the water with other dogs.

Today I was approached by a dog control officer and told that all dogs are required to be on lead while on the river track from Swarbrick landing and the only off lead area is up on Days Park. He only approached me while there were many off lead dogs on the track if he had cared to walk a little further. Some dog walkers start their walk in the River Road carpark and other entrances to Days Park and almost all of them go down to the river at some stage. Hmmmmm not sure what his intent was so unless dog control are going to be there every day for at least a week and inform all dog owners, I feel this approach is a waste of his time.

It has been custom and practice for owners to walk their dogs along this small section of the river track off lead for many years then up onto Days Park and back to the car. I have only seen an handful of people walking the river path without a dog in all the time I have been walking there and most are comfortable negotiating dogs, owners and kids having fun. Come on council - let custom and practice continue for the many dog owners who use and enjoy this stretch of path. Please respond to me about the rules as they apply to Dogs on the River Tracks. Thank you for the opportunity.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Melanie Bourke

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 18, 2024, 01:08 PM

Contribution ID: 800

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rhonda Smith

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 03:22 PM

Contribution ID: 706

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I am writing to submit my thoughts on the dog bylaw policy review.

My husband and I are not happy with a change to the bylaw whereby dogs can be left of their leash. We live right next to the Mangaiti Reserve so are in a prime position to see how well behaved the dogs are that are given access to the reserve. Most of the dogs are already off their leashes and while a good number of them are well behaved, there are still some who run amok; chasing wild life, coming onto our section to defecate etc. I have watched a few dogs chase the plover settled on the park raising young chicks and causing great stress to the mother and father birds.

Last Saturday Stuart and I walked our two grandchildren through the reserve to the Mangaiti playground. There were two families out walking with their dogs off the leash. My grandchildren were frightened of the dogs. We cajoled the kids and watched one of the dogs chase a ball and explained that the dog wouldn't hurt them. That all went down the drain when the second family allowed their dog to come bounding up to us (the dog was friendly). This action terrified the kids, their bikes were abandoned as they ran back to us crying and frightened. Yes, the family called their dog back and the dog returned to its family. Unfortunately, the damage was done and we had to abandon our walk to the playground and return home.

Please leave the law for Mangaiti Reserve as it is. Most dogs are off the leash anyway, but to legalise it will only increase the number of unleashed dogs for the homeowner to have to deal with. As homeowners living so close to the reserve, we already have to put up with a large number of motorbikes racing around the reserve, chewing up the lawn and hurling abuse at the homeowners.

The Council knows that the police do not have the resources to contain this, yet the Council prefer to turn a blind eye once again to the detriment of the homeowner.

Quite frankly, I doubt very much that the Council will take into consideration my request for the status quo of dogs on leashes and will go ahead with what they wish regardless.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ka Wai Fok

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 19, 2024, 12:31 AM

Contribution ID: 824

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Patricia Osborne

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 09, 2024, 08:19 PM

Contribution ID: 519

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I am especially in favour of the addition of the words about neutering and microchipping, as this should help with the stray cat problem. I hope that this will be accompanied by an educational approach. I'd also, as a pet owner, hope that the council is only punitive with this policy after attempts have been made to address nuisances, especially since cats, for example, can roam onto other people's properties legally. I'd also hope that the council is reasonable in allowing efforts to remedy a nuisance before being punitive, and also reasonable about being balanced about any complaints received. Like maybe a three strikes policy or something? Pets are important to people, and often owners might not be aware there's an issue if a person goes straight to the council, rather than a neighbour, for example. I think there used to be a document that encouraged you to talk to your neighbour first but that might have just been my imagination.

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

We live next door to Greensboro Park, and already know people let their dogs run off leash there and didn't actually know it wasn't allowed, so if the only change will be a bunch of responsibile dog owners also bringing their dogs, that should be fine. I'm not sure how well-trained the dogs of the people already breaking the rules are though. we have neighbours who just send their dog to the park on its own, and then end up yelling if they hear lots of barking, so maybe some rules that you have to be with your dog and able to keep it under control could be good?

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Bearing in mind the above comments, I think that people will probably break this rule anyway, but it would be good to have times.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I'd hope it's balanced, and tries to be fair to both sides. Some people don't like cats roaming free. Some people don't like dogs barking even a little bit.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Don

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 11, 2024, 05:10 PM

Contribution ID: 611

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

The dog population is increasing. The proposed changes make it easier for a household to have multiple dogs. Better controlled dogs and fewer dogs is better for the human population of Hamilton - lets look after the ratepayers & their human families first.

We love dogs - we love well controlled happy dogs best of all.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

We strongly oppose the proposed changes to increase adding more off lead dog park provisions.

We strongly oppose any increase to the off lead dog hours.

We congratulate the council for reviewing/improving the requirements for dog housing which we hope may lead to dogs being better cared for.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Raymond park is very well used by kids running free (no leads). The park is commonly used for summer & winter sports -informally as well as formal structured & scheduled. The owners of the dogs on leads are mostly responsible & pick up the resulting excrement. It is impossible for the owners where dogs are off lead to pick up as much excrement.

More off lead dogs will lead to more excrement which is unsightly & detrimental to the health of - (a) toddlers + carers, (b) sportsmen & (c) those using the park for recreation.

Any change to the park/reserve by-laws that favors the wellbeing canines ahead of humans (the rates payers) seems unwise

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Andrea Hall

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 11, 2024, 12:51 PM

Contribution ID: 595

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Having clear language means there are no excuses for not understanding the bylaw.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Dog poo bags and bins should be provided to encourage not so thoughtful dog owners to collect and remove their dog's poo. Especially in shared use areas.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

As long as off lead dogs do not interfere with other early users of the areas I like the idea.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Nic

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 11, 2024, 08:10 AM

Contribution ID: 589

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Don

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 11, 2024, 07:20 AM

Contribution ID: 588

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I oppose this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

refer below

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I do not support in any way dogs being off lead unless they are in a fenced off area away from the rest of the public. Any dog in a public space irrespective of being off or on lead must be fitted with a muzzle guard.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

All off lead dogs that not in an enclosed area is totally against the requirement of local government to promote well-being of the community. Making people (not matter how many there are) scared for whatever reason is totally against a principle of promoting well-being.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rachael Tighe

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 10, 2024, 08:10 PM

Contribution ID: 575

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kellie Jewitt

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 10, 2024, 01:37 PM

Contribution ID: 564

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

My main concern is regarding welfare of dogs in their 'home' environment, so it's welcome to see the changes which will allow action to be taken when the dog's environment is inadequate for their health and wellbeing.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gary & Jenay Silverwood

Organisation:

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 04:05 PM

Contribution ID: 709

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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We would like to have our say as follows:

We would like to suggest/propose:

1. a licence be required to breed dogs in residential back yards and regular checks are carried out on these inexperienced breeders, which is normally used for financial gain and no interest in the animals wellbeing.

2. that existing laws be enforced where more that one complaint has been made about nuisance dog owners. (the poor dog always has to suffer at the hands of bad owners).

We are aware that most of the laws are already in existence, but appear to be seldom applied for some reason

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: pauline rukuwai

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 10, 2024, 10:01 AM

Contribution ID: 553

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

It would be good to have more off lead exercise areas for people to exercise their dogs in a safe environment. As the population increases and people live in smaller accomadations parks are vital for dogs and for peoples mental health.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

More action taken on persistant roaming dogs

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Karl Hendrikse

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 12, 2024, 01:08 PM

Contribution ID: 629

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I live directly across from Hare Puke park and I absolutely hate dogs. Yes there are a lot of dog owners around, but their preferences are not more valid than mine. Please keep that in mind. I'm only doing this feedback because I anticipate there are probably going to be pro-dog people giving feedback too, and I don't want it to seem like the views of the community are strongly pro-dog.

Dogs are:

- dirty

- dangerous

- noisy

- smelly

- they lick you

- they poo on the ground

The proposed changes for Hare Puke park are, I suppose, not that bad in the scheme of things, as long as the rules are actually followed. Just please don't make them any *less* restrictive than the proposal. I would like to be able to walk to the playground with my daughter, and kick a ball around in the park, without being harassed by dogs and/or their owners. I think that's an entirely reasonable thing to want, and I think people have a much stronger right to use parks than dogs do.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: I

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 26, 2024, 12:26 PM

Contribution ID: 326

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I'm against the off lead new law coming in. I was attacked by a dog when I was younger and it still triggers me to this day. People if need to have their dog off lead should be in a certain area of the park and should stay there. I'm sick of random dogs off lead coming up to me when I'm trying to do my daily walk and remember I was attacked by a dog who was supposed to be friendly so I do have very serious concerns about myself and others, especially children. I'm against it.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I walk at different times of the day so I don't think I should have to organize my free time to walk around when dogs are off lead. My reasonings are as above. Have been attacked and still have triggers

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Clive Groom

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 09, 2024, 11:43 AM

Contribution ID: 508

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Just a tidy up of regulations.

Very disappointed that still nothing to stop 24/7 chaining of dogs. Plenty of mention regarding animals (dogs) not being a nuisance to people, how about regulating for the other way round as well, "people being a nuisance to animals".

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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Good to see an expansion of the off leash areas, especially in the Northeastern corner of the city.

I see that according to the maps there are several parks that have off leash areas as a narrow strip around the outside of parks that have sports areas in the middle. All good in theory but how can you realistically expect an energetic off leash dog chasing a ball etc to stay on that narrow strip when there's acres of unused open ground in front of it. Good luck trying to police that. I hope common sense will prevail.

ie. if there's no sporting activity taking place at the time does it really matter? (animal control officer discretion).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Minogue Park.

This is a park I use often to exercise my dog. I've seen it gradually get eroded away by aggressive tree planting. Most recently on the Northern end.

Hamiltons population is fast growing yet here we have green space reduction for no good reason. Now we hear that the whole southern end, which is the only flat area for family activities is to planted out, for what reason and for what gain? And how does planting trees also force dogs back onto a leash?

This project is a daft idea that someone sitting at a desk with google maps has dreamed up. And no planting the area out will not "enhance" the park, it will destroy it for all user's.

If the council tries to shut down the Southern end of Minogue Park there will surely be a lot of pushback.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jenny Holland

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 27, 2024, 08:41 AM

Contribution ID: 362

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Susan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 09, 2024, 09:38 AM

Contribution ID: 506

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I live next to a lead only park. People are always letting their dogs run free. A year or so ago one person used to bring a large number of dogs, let them out of the car, the dogs fought, pooed everywhere. Animal control would not believe me until I put myself at risk and sent in photos. Someone else backing on to the park has at times left a gate open on purpose allowing a dog to run freely in the park, intimidating my guide dog. Also there is a dog constantly roaming in the Bellmont Ave/Chartwell area. When reported frequently these dogs should be removed from the owners as unfit to care for a dog.

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Need monitoring, people let dangerous types of dogs run free and don't control them. They disappear when their dog attacks another dog.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Animal control needs to be stricter and not expect someone complaining to do all the work. If a neighbour complains talk to the neighbour, get more details. Years ago one of my neighbours was at work all day leaving a growing puppy in a tiny cage, The dog cried all day and barked anytime someone walked past. When I complained I was told everything was adequate. If people want a dog and work they should ensure it is toileted etc during the day. Dogs should live inside in the comfort of a loving home with proper dog beds, company and toys. If you work long hours don't have a dog, it's not fair on them.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Don't ask complainants to jump through so many hoops when reporting something which is not right. So many people today have no idea how to care properly for a dog. Also, registering the owners should mean a section and housing check. Owners should have to prove they know how to care for a dog properly.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Edith

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 08, 2024, 10:59 PM

Contribution ID: 504

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Stefanie Bell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 08, 2024, 08:04 AM

Contribution ID: 494

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the increasing number of off-leash dogs at Raymond Park. As a resident living adjacent to the park, I have observed numerous instances involving untrained dogs running loose, often without reliable recall. This situation has led to several altercations, which I believe could be avoided. The park serves multiple purposes: it hosts football games in the winter and cricket matches in the summer. Additionally, many children and adults use the park for recreational activities. It is crucial to consider their safety and comfort. The presence of

untrained dogs approaching them, coupled with the issue of dog waste being left uncleaned due to owners being too far away from their pets, creates an unpleasant environment for all park users.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Thank you for sharing the proposal to introduce off-leash dog areas in certain parks in Hamilton. While I appreciate the intent to provide more freedom for dogs and their owners, I must respectfully oppose this initiative for several reasons.

Safety Concerns: Allowing dogs off-leash, especially in parks frequented by families and children, poses potential safety risks. Untrained or reactive dogs may lead to altercations with other dogs or cause anxiety for park users.

Environmental Impact: Off-leash dogs can contribute to environmental degradation, including damage to vegetation and increased waste. This can affect the overall condition of our parks and their usability for everyone. There is also alot of wild life in Raymond park currently e.g ducks and ducklings and other birds

Inconsistent Enforcement: Establishing off-leash areas requires consistent monitoring to ensure compliance. Without adequate resources for enforcement, the intended benefits may not be realized, leading to further issues.

Community Input: It is essential to consider the opinions of all community members. Many park users may prefer a controlled environment where dogs are kept on-lead, ensuring everyone can enjoy the space without concern.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I propose the establishment of designated dog parks, funded through sufficient ratepayer resources. These parks will be fully enclosed and specifically designed for canine use, thereby mitigating potential risks to children, adults, and the surrounding environment.

The creation of these dedicated spaces will provide well-trained dogs with an opportunity to exercise, socialize, and explore in a safe and controlled environment. By ensuring that these parks are securely contained, we can enhance community safety while promoting responsible pet ownership. This initiative not only supports the well-being of dogs but also fosters a harmonious relationship between pet owners and the wider community.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lisa Schmidt

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 08, 2024, 05:59 AM

Contribution ID: 493

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Why do you provide a link to a bylaw that comes into effect July 1 2013??? Is this the correct version that I am to be commenting on? It is still confusing that you have not specified that dogs have their own bylaws for what is considered nuisance. Do you need to reference the Animal Welfare Act as well to indicate what guidelines authorised persons will also follow with respect to housing?

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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Your requirement that dogs be kept 10m away from any playground is not practical. There are several parks were the footpath is less than 5m from playareas. Are dog owners expected to deviate from the footpath to ensure they are not within 10m of a playground, regardless of if their dog is on leash or not? This is also needed as garbage cans are usually within 10m of play areas and is where I dispose of my dogs faeces that I have picked up. This regulation needs further clarification, or you need to change the route of several foot paths to allow people to walk their dogs on leash on the foot paths.

I do not feel that changes to the multiple dog household go far enough. Why is the number of dogs set at 2 where you do not require a permit? How was this number determined? This is different from other jurisdictions I have lived where this number was set at 3. Also, requiring that in-contact neighbours sign off on this? Is ridiculous. How do you know names haven't been forged. Even if you check up on this randomly, how do you know there hasn't been an issue between neighbours over trees or fencing that the neighbour, when you check, is just going to claim the other forged their signature. This is rife with issues and should be based on previous behaviour of the owner and number of complaints council has responded to, checking up on vet details (with exceptions for people who are veterinarians as they can take vaccines home and do their own medical care). Exceptions to having neighbour approval should include having taken a course on good dog ownership, +/- having attended a dog obedience class with their dog. More classes should be made available to help accomodate this.

If you want to encourage good dog ownership, why do you not have reduced registration fees for dogs after the owner has taken an course - see model in Auckland. Also, why have you not incentivised neutering/spaying of dogs with reduced fees? Surgical castration reduces roaming and costs that council incurs for neutered males vs intact males. For females, it reduces intact males that are seeking out intact females and prevents accidental pregnancies. Early registration really isn't an incentive - it is all in how the policy is worded and really, if you register after the date the these 'incentives' are no longer reducing your fees, you really can view the incentive as a penalty for registering after a certain date. This just gives people grace periods for late registration with know late fees with the current scheme. You are not really rewarding good dog ownership.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: pauline rukuwai

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 10, 2024, 10:22 AM

Contribution ID: 554

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

there needs to be more off lead areas

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

t here is not enough safe areas for people to exercise their dogs especiallyboff lead and it is very important as exercise is vital for a healthy happy dog. It is important foIr dog owners to be able to exercise safely in the parks. Education of dog owners as to their responsibilities in keeping control of their dog. It would be good to have more fenced areas available for dogs to be exercised in

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Damien Young

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 14, 2024, 06:10 PM

Contribution ID: 679

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Support the new parks, in particular Rakautahi. But have reservations around the shrinking of the exercise area in Te Kootii Park. See amendment 1 below

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I'm uncertain about the how well timed zones will work between summer/winter months, but understand the desire to share parks with sports groups. See amendment 2 below

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I have 2 amendments to put forward for Te Kootii Park which I hope will bring more clarity on the ground whilst maintaining the councils objectives

1. Adjust the proposed off lead area to outside the cricket oval (or similar).

This is a clearer definition which along with being easier to communicate and follow.

Unlike Derek Heather, Hillcrest, and Raymond parks, the proposed amendment for Te Kootii is quite disconnected. The intent of this amendment is to allow locals to walk their dog around the outside the main area of the park whilst providing an ample amount of space on the hillside for a bit of fetch.

2. Introduce a "precedence" option in place of set timed hours for parks, i.e "sports comes before dogs".

From my experience this essentially happens at Te Kootii park, if we see people playing cricket or an after school group doing training we tend to keep our distance. It should also provide council with a required avenue for resolving disputes.

Whilst it's potentially murkier to write as a policy, it's easy to follow from a general perspective (sports before dogs).

The downside of timed hours is they're rigid, they don't count for wet days, daylight saving or summer months.

E.g. Dog walking may occur as late as at 8-9pm in the peak of summer which may be too late for the local cricket match, but still outside the off-lead time.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ariki Moko Tapairu

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 03:14 PM

Contribution ID: 705

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Hi Council's I partially support these bylaws for dog control

1. Reducing costs to organise a carrier or crate for the pet to ensure transportation is safe on the day.

Television promotional offers that pet lovers might want to get use to it before the big move by doing some short practice drives

2. Packing all of the pet's belongings into a well-labelled box and in the car (not the moving truck) to the new home.

Ensure pet owners are able to unpack them straight away, helping your pet to settle in quickly on the new home at arrival

3. For the drive to the new home, having bottled water, and food, and medication and any other essentials on hand

Transporting your pet, making sure these are well-ventilated in car, preferably with you in sight, in a carrier or crate. If it's a long trip, make sure you have rest stops to let your pet have a drink or some food

RECOMMEND the Council discount these offers by 80% effective from 31 October 2024.

FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ariki Moko Tapairu

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 03:07 PM

Contribution ID: 704

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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This feedback is in respect of:

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the animal Nuisance Bylaw?

1. Providing that the Council encourage responsible dog ownership with a reward system

2. so that dog owners are eligible for 80% discounts

3. These 80% discounts comprise of;

a. fees,

b. services

c. products

(including bedding for dogs, including necessary accessories, renovation and building supplies for kennel builders, petfood and relevant miscellaneous and food supply chain or food sources.

Quality of life for dogs means quality of life for dog owners and family. There are inadequate housing creating nuisance for neighbours and wellbeing and safety risks for dogs. Dog owners and dog lovers have spent over $35,000 for housing renovations and removals, in compliance to living standards.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rafael Shuker

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 02:50 PM

Contribution ID: 703

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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Love the changes to housing and more off lead areas.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Trent Norman

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 12:14 PM

Contribution ID: 700

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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No

Name: Rachel Milne-Smith

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 11:51 AM

Contribution ID: 699

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

i think the Council needs to make major changes, it is too one sided in favor of the dog owners. Non dog owners are made to feel that they are a pain and that they are the nuisance.

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I do not want to chose my activities around other peoples dogs, i should be free to walk in a park without dogs coming up to me or avoiding poo. I want to be able to take my grandchildren out without them being afraid of dogs. A lot of owners just let the dogs run every where, it is scary when they fight.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I feel this is a bad idea, Council is already struggling to police dogs laws already in place, I feel as a non dog owner my rights are irrelevant, the processes are too slow and opportunities missed, lack of communication and action.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Martyn Hoy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 09:45 AM

Contribution ID: 697

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Dear sir/madam,

Re: Dog Control Policy

I wish to make comment on two areas in your proposal and which I am very familiar.

1. Hamilton Lake Domain – Greenspace at Reservoir

Proposed "off lead dog exercise area at all times".

May I remind you that several events are held on this area every year (e.g. outdoor movies, varsity bands (music) as well as Christmas events.

I suggest you add "except when public events are in progress" – for obvious reasons.

2. Innes Common – area east of Lake Domain Drive

"Off lead dog exercise area off lead at all times".

This area is where all the birds feed including pukeko, ducks, coots etc.

The lake path also passes along the boundary where many dogs currently are on leash and should remain so as many people are walking this area. There is also a 'playground' adjacent.

Do you really expect dog owners to put their dogs back on a leash as they return past this area to their cars?

I have already witnessed a dog on a leash from the 'dog pound' killed by an off-leash dog.

There are already two designated off leash areas at Innes Common:

1 – over by the railway line

2 – behind the yacht club

Where in the policy is the requirement for dog owners to pick up their dogs' excrement!

I could see no mention of this.

I hope you give some thought to my comments. I look forward to your response.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: John Haughie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 09:18 AM

Contribution ID: 695

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Please see attached for full response.

My wife and I have lived on the southern boundary of the Mangaiti reserve for over 10 years, so I know the area well. Furthermore, I have experienced at first hand some very unpleasant episodes with Hamilton city dogs, and I believe that I should advise you of them.

I would strongly support strict limits on dogs. It is when dogs are not controlled that they can and they do inflict some form of serious damage on people - and very often on younger children whose defenses are very limited. It is very clear that the numbers of dogs in society are increasing, with increased numbers of what might be called the smaller domestic size types. The very small dogs are usually more manageable and create much less trouble, but I am concerned that breeds even about the size of terriers, can be very threatening and unsettling. It is quite important to establish controls of some sort which are then actually adhered to by dog owners.

We have lived in Shirley Place for more than 10 years and know that the Mangaiti reserve to the north of our property is a great area which draws members of the public in large numbers - many of whom exercise their dogs. The Hamilton City Council has previously had a number of signs at various points around the reserve advising that owners must have dogs on a leash. Sadly, we have observed that the owners in the majority did not support that request and simply ignored it. Your council would be well aware that strong opposition to the HCC request was openly displayed by dog owners who simply pulled those signs (together with the concrete base) out of the ground.

I believe that your proposed plan is far too generous in allowing total freedom of the reserve to dogs. I would strongly ask you to impose meaningful limits to control all dogs in order to protect the safety of those who are vulnerable to the aggression of the dogs, who by their nature are not always 'user friendly' to members of the public. Dog owners are just too keen to want to disregard any direction on how they should exercise any form of control over their 'pets'. After any 'unfortunate event', it becomes just too late and too difficult to try and impose some practical limits on dogs, when their owners' perception is that they want no restraints imposed on them. Strict limits must be imposed NOW, particularly on larger breeds. My view is that there is a need for tight controls over most dogs, to simply control unexpected 'bad' behavior, and I believe that your proposed plan is far too generous in allowing virtually total freedom of the reserve to all dogs. Large dogs are not suited to city living and should not be permitted access on reserves such as Mangaiti. Larger dogs belong only on large properties - i.e. farms.

FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes

Narelle Waite,

Strategy and Policy Adviser,

Hamilton City Council,

Private Bag 3010,

HAMILTON 3240.

[redacted]

12 October 2024.

Dear Narelle,

Many thanks for your notice regarding the review of the Dog Control Policy for Hamilton City. As my wife and I live on the boundary of the Mangaiti Reserve we were aware of this, and I had firm intentions of submitting my views to Council on this matter.

Aged nearly six, I arrived in Hamilton in 1947 when my family moved here from Wanganui, and I have lived here for over 77 years. My wife and I have lived on the southern boundary of the Mangaiti reserve for over 10 years, so I know the area well. Furthermore, I have experienced at first hand some very unpleasant episodes with Hamilton city dogs, and I believe that I should advise you of them.

In my youthful days after leaving school, I was a regular harrier runner. Not very quick I might tell you, but that was my effort in trying to maintain a healthy level of fitness and recreation. Prior to my marriage I lived in the Frankton area and I regularly ran four or five times each week generally after work and before my evening meal, a distance of about four miles. On one occasion when I was running along Seddon Road (west of Seddon Park), seemingly out of 'nowhere', a dog jumped a fence and within a flash had its teeth quite deeply embedded in one of the calf muscles of my leg. I was in a total state of shock but managed to yell and scream at the dog sufficiently for it to let go of me and then it ran away. At that point my body was in a state of severe trembling but I managed to make my way home, which fortunately was less than a kilometre away. May I emphasise that this occurrence really was a terrible experience.

The wound was actually quite deep, and my subsequent recovery was satisfactory. From that day for probably the next few weeks, I made a point of carrying a sizeable (but not very long) stick each time I went out running. Over time the experience slipped into the past and became just one of life's 'happenings'. It was over 20 years later, when married and living in Scott Avenue, that I had another unfortunate experience. My running efforts by then were less serious and also less frequent. On one occasion when I was returning home from a run of only a few kilometres, I was running south along Peachgrove Road (from Five Cross Roads to Scott Avenue) when a similar incident occurred. A dog again jumped a fence (this one was in front of the state houses opposite James Street) in a very similar way as before. Very quickly the dog had a serious grip of my calf muscle and I again was in a very unpleasant mental and physical state and shaking uncontrollably. It was an exact repeat of the former episode. Again I was able to scare the dog away, and then I continued to make my way home. Although I was running fewer times in those days, I resumed the practice of carrying a stick each time I subsequently ventured out for a run for quite some time, as I had a real need to do that.

On each occasion these incidents were very alarming and extremely unnerving. Unfortunately these events reflect the basic nature of dogs. Each time, the predator dog actually jumped a fence (about a metre or so high) and very quickly gripped my leg with its prominent fangs. I can assure you that you would not want that to happen to you. In each case the dog was significantly larger than a fox terrier – probably about one and a half times that size, but neither of the dogs which attacked me was of a much larger breed such as an Alsatian.

Visually and by nature, dogs can be very aggressive and they have very large sharp pointed top and bottom fangs which are purposely designed to not be 'user friendly' and in addition they have extremely strong jaws. How does one possibly stop an aggressive dog attacking you?

You will understand then, that my affiliation with dogs is not particularly favourable. When I am 'out and about' and an 'enthusiastic' dog approaches me, in a lighthearted way and to reduce tension, I ask the owner whether the dog 'has had its breakfast yet?'

From the perspective of dogs in general, I understand that a lot of people find dogs friendly and loyal, especially if the pet belongs to them. However, if a person is not closely connected, the situation can be very, very different. You have probably heard of Martin Clunes, a UK resident, who has become a recognized authority on dogs – he is quite famous for having made the statement that "every dog is genetically 99.8% wolf"!! That is a very major statement.

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I wish you all the best in your (unenviable) task of devising some standards of behaviour of dogs and their owners in the city. There is a clear need for standards to be strictly followed. Most people would have some idea that the basic instinct of dogs is that they are 'plunderers' and that form of behaviour is totally natural to them. However, the results of that can and will continue to be catastrophic to its victims.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

John Haughie.

NZHERALD - 24-08-24

Their bite is worse than their bark . . .

An alarming nationwide rise in dog attacks has left experts and advocates searching for answers. **Jamie Morton** reports



American pit bull terrier

Dog attacks in New Zealand

24,445

Dog-related injury claims received by ACC in 2023-24

↑43%

Increase since 2014/15

Of the these:

2273

Involved children younger than 14

and:

4538

Claims which came from Auckland

Source: ACC, Natasha Duncan-Sutherland. Photo: 123RF / Herald graphic

Kiwis are now eight times more likely to be hospitalised as a result of dog attacks than four decades ago, with several thousand children among those injured each year.

That's according to a new analysis by an Auckland Hospital doctor, who says there doesn't appear to be a single reason for the worsening trend.

It's prompted fresh calls to overhaul dog control laws and a major new campaign in Auckland, where council officers suspect they're only seeing a fraction of the harm.

As an emergency department veteran, Dr Natasha Duncan-Sutherland has seen her share of nasty wounds caused by dog attacks, leaving her curious about the bigger picture.

In a series of new studies, she and colleagues have crunched the numbers to reveal that ACC claims for dog bite injuries have jumped by more than a third in just nine years.

Of the more than 13,682 received in the last year, more than 4500 were in Auckland, yet the data showed a consistent rise across all regions.

Concerningly, just under 3000 of all dog-related injury claims in that year involved children and young people, and most of the 180 hospitalised after attacks required surgery.

'It was like having my heart ripped out'

Duncan-Sutherland said around half of attacks on children involved bites to the face and neck, as happened to one Auckland toddler who was mauled by an abused rescue dog belonging to a friend of his birth father's in 2020.

"He was just spinning around, holding his little toy ambulance, and the dog just lunged for his face and dragged him 2½ metres," said the boy's mum, who asked not to be named.

"It was like having my heart ripped out. We didn't even know if he was going to survive at first."

Her son underwent eight hours of surgery and, despite having had multiple reconstructive procedures carried out on his face since, has a "lifetime" of operations ahead of him.

Along with ongoing psychological trauma, she said her son, now aged 6, has been bullied over his facial injuries, something that recently prompted her to pull him out of school.

Auckland mum Shayna Clausen endured the same horror in 2020 when her son, Azaiah, then 2, was mauled by a Staffordshire bull terrier, leaving him with facial lacerations that required emergency plastic surgery.

This month, the dog's owners were handed down community detention sentences in the Auckland District Court.

"It still makes us a little bit emotional to think about today," Clausen said, "but I'm just grateful that my son is alive".

'Tip of the iceberg'

Auckland Council manager of animal management Elly Waitoa said the large number of incidents reported was "but the tip of the iceberg".

"We know that many more occur in family homes that are never reported," she said, urging owners and witnesses to alert the council of any attacks.

"We know that if a dog bites once, it will bite again."

Waitoa said the problem is partly a legacy of Covid lockdowns.

"Families at home believed the time was right to acquire a puppy or dog, but were not necessarily looking long term," she said.

"The increase can primarily be attributed to the lack of socialisation of dogs during those lockdowns, lack of desexing, lack of supervision of children around family dogs, and dog owners allowing their dogs to roam."

When it came to the national picture, Duncan-Sutherland said several unknowns needed addressing.

It wasn't clear whether the number of unregistered dogs in New Zealand was rising, which could explain why she had found no obvious link between local registration numbers and reported attacks.

"Lax" regulations around dog breeding also made it tough to tell whether that was a factor.

Another issue was councils being inequitably resourced, leaving small animal control teams to manage large regions with high canine numbers.

And while councils had powers to act through their bylaws, Duncan-Sutherland felt more could also be done at a national level.

The New Zealand Veterinary Association's Sally Cory agreed, telling the *Herald* current legislation fell short.

That included the system for classifying dogs as "menacing" or "dangerous", which she argued diverted resources by unnecessarily restricting dogs that posed no real threat.

"Efforts should focus on addressing aggressive behaviour, rather than the breed or type of dog."

Asked whether the Government would consider a review, Local Government Minister Simeon Brown said the Dog Control Act still gave councils a wide range of powers for enforcement.

"While central government is responsible for the legislative framework, it is councils that implement dog control."

'Any dog can bite'

Duncan-Sutherland's research pointed to another measure that could make a difference: educating adults about the danger to children..

In May, the Auckland Council launched its Any Dog Can Bite campaign, aimed at driving a shift in attitude toward more responsible dog ownership.

"This problem is not going away, so we need to keep hammering home the message," councillor Josephine Bartley said. "We know most dog owners do the right thing, but, for those who don't, we need to keep the messaging in front of them."

While the immediate focus was on high-risk areas for attacks, Bartley hoped the campaign would ultimately become a national one.

The message in its title resonated with Auckland dog behaviourist "Doggy" Dan Abdelnoor.

"I've worked with thousands of dogs, and hundreds were biters. They all bite the same," said Abdelnoor, who runs regular webinars for owners with his company, The Online Dog Trainer.

"The difference is simply that the bigger the dog is, the stronger their jaws, and the damage is greater."

Abdelnoor questioned whether the rise in attacks also owed to stress flowing on to animals in under-pressure households, or perhaps more people getting in dogs' spaces for social media snaps.

He urged people not to approach dogs without asking their owners, to leave sleeping dogs alone, and especially to keep children away from them when they were carrying food.

ACC injury prevention programme lead James Whitaker said most dog-related injuries involving children happened in their own home, or that of a friend or relative's.

"A lot of it comes down to supervising children and teaching kids the right way to do things."

Name: Leonie Sheehan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 12, 2024, 10:18 AM

Contribution ID: 626

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I like the wording of the preamble but it should form part of the requirements within the document. I am unable to understand why other Councils can make desexing and microchipping compulsory but HCC has deflected this to Central Government. This applies equally to cats and dogs and may help residents looking to rent property. If this was introduced then Council should issue licences for owners proposing to have entire animals. The first category would be for breeders of recognised pedigree breeds (Persian/beagle), second recognised purpose bred animals (huntaway/labradoodle) and the third for mutts and moggies. Only one licence would be issued for the third category and to a trusted partner such as SPCA.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Joy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 14, 2024, 09:08 PM

Contribution ID: 683

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Please see comments below

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

There should also be some on lead hours in the morning and the off lead areas should be away from the fence line. I partially support having off lead parks, however, they should be at larger parks and away from private properties. Living next to Hillcres

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

1. How is Council planning on enforcing the off lead hours and ensuring owners have control of their off lead dogs? Currently dog owners are already allowing their dogs to be off lead at Hillcrest Park. Some dog owners who let their dogs off lead are not always in control of their dogs and are allowing their dogs to rush up to other dogs who are being walked on lead.

2. Off lead areas in parks should be away from houses and not by the fences. I have a reactive dog with medical issues that I let out to my back garden, which is next to Hillcrest Park. If off lead dogs are running at the back, my dog will not be able to relax and will be getting constantly triggered.

3. How is the Council going to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs? Some dog owners are not picking up after their dogs and there's dog poop around the park.

4. For parks that is going to allow off lead at certain times - dogs should be on lead between 8am - 11am and from 3pm to 10pm. This is to ensure off lead time is not when kids are walking to school or walking home after school.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I partially support having off lead parks, however, they should be at larger parks and away from private properties.

Living next to Hillcrest Park and having a reactive dog with medical issues, I oppose Hillcrest Park being made an off lead dog park as my dog should be able to relax in our back garden without getting triggered.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rachael Devey

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 12, 2024, 11:44 AM

Contribution ID: 628

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Feedback on timings below.

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Hare Puke park should have dogs on leads before 2:30pm weekdays. Te Ao Marama school finishes at 2:30pm so there are many parents on their way to pick up their children, and at 2:30 children walking through the park home again. Please adjust the time to 2

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Te Manatu park looks like a good option for dogs as I don't think sports etc are played on that field nor does it have a playground.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sheree

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 14, 2024, 05:33 PM

Contribution ID: 678

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Neville

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 14, 2024, 04:17 PM

Contribution ID: 675

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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Dont want dogs lose or roaming HarePuke Park

FINAL THOUGHTS

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Seems dog are left to roam on others property and some are not cleaning up after there dogs mess

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Courteney

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 14, 2024, 01:23 AM

Contribution ID: 665

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

My dog never goes off lead only due to them not having any recall and is quite scared/anxious (medium/small breed).

We reside in the CBD which means our walks are around the city and often walk the river trail. We also go to the gardens for some grass time. In all these areas we see so many off leash dogs. This makes me so nervous because I'm never aware of the dogs temperament. If a strange dog approaches I generally will pick up my dog- the owners usually assure me their dog is fine and just wants to play etc.

This is not great for my dog who just wants to be left alone. When I point out the areas are leashed areas, owners usually respond with a "what's anyone going to do about it".

I understand this is a really hard thing to police but I'm worried about the "what if" one of these dogs reacts and another dog, owner or child is hurt as a result.

It's great there will be more off leash areas and in theory this should lessen the above but I don't believe it will. A lot of people stay away from dog parks now due to reckless owners.

Could there be more onsite monitoring of these parks? Or have times that people know there will be staff monitoring the park to give peace of mind.

All in all, this is a really hard issue- I'd hope educating owners would be the key but would likely fall on deaf ears to the ones that really need it.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Clara

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 13, 2024, 10:24 PM

Contribution ID: 663

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Andrea Green

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 13, 2024, 03:29 PM

Contribution ID: 655

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Yes i do.

I think the way complaints regarding a constant barking dog needs a review.

Section 55 of the dog control Act 1996.

"Dog owners must ensure that their dogs do not create a nuisance by loud or persistent barking or howling."

My neighbours dog creates a nuisance by its barking and snarling at the fence at me when I'm on my own property and

I've had to put up with that for months and months when I shouldn't have to by Law.

Currently what happens when a complaint is made re barking dogs, a form is sent to surrounding neighbours to fill out for a whole week stating times date etc when it occurs.

Apart from most people being either at work in daytime or too busy to fill out the form or not live in the close proximity as the person effected, that can be an ineffective way of getting a result. I made a complaint last year and I still have the same problem with the dog in fact its become worse the last few months.

When I made the complaint I filled out a very detailed report as to the times it was barking every day which you will have on file.

When the dog control person told the owner that only one person responded, he knew it had to be me as I had rung him a few times letting him know about the barking." I know who that was" he said. I wasn't happy about that. I thought a complaint was confidential .

Because of the layout of houses down long drives, sometimes it can be only one neighbour who is mainly effected by nuisance barking dogs not the whole neighbourhood.

The neighbour in question has a young large dog. A very loud barker. For months and months I have had to put up with its constant barking mainly when the owners are out but also when they are home quite often.

The way the complaint I made was dealt with was to send letters to several neighbours to see if the dog was annoying them as well.

That's all very well usually, but in my case the way our houses are situated, I am mainly the one that is effected by this dog.

I am down a long driveway and their property back section backs on to mine. A fence on boundary between us.

They have a large section.

The dog comes down to the back its section which borders my property.

Whenever I go outside to sweep, clean my car, do the garden, take the rubbish out etc. if it hears me, it sits on the boundary fence line right by me.. barking snarling growling at me.

The law says I shouldn't have to constantly put up with that. When people visit me or cars go to the house behind me the same thing happens

If we are cutting the hedge along the long driveway on the boundary he snarls and jumps up at the fence banging on it trying to get to whoever is cutting the hedge. There is no peace some days

The last few months, some weekday mornings , he has realised if he comes down to my boundary fence he can bark furiously and to his delight set the other 2 dogs on the other side of the drive off barking as well .Then the 3 of them bark on and on

Th dog in question has a large section so he is not confined, so he must be either bored not trained or not walked.

He is hyped up by all sorts of neighbour noises. The3 of them go on and on constantly some days. Usually when no one is home.

He is at his worst when they are out, most weekdays, though they don't always realise he is at my fence because that's at the back of their long section.

I have tried talking to them to no avail. I cant talk to them about it as I cant go on their property with that dog there.

My family/ visitors don't know how I can put up with the constant snarling and barking at the fence

I get so frustrated. I always ignore the dogs and never interact with them .That doesn't deter them

That's the reason I think a review of the way barking dog complaints are dealt with is necessary.

Case by case.

One size does not fit all.

Constantly barking dogs are a "breach of homeowners quiet enjoyment."

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Laura Cullen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 13, 2024, 01:33 PM

Contribution ID: 653

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

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DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Many of the parks have playground and children's areas that are extremely close to nearby the off lead areas, which it dangerous.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

It really depend on what these times are, and how popular these parks are with the general public.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

As mentioned in some of my expanded answers. Many of the parks have playground and children's areas that are extremely close to nearby the off lead areas, which it dangerous as not all dog owners want to or can control their dogs, and the dog will easily be able to get into the playground area and near these children. If off lead areas are to be playgrounds or areas where people frequent, the off lead areas should somehow be contained as it is not right and not safe for off lead dogs that are not controlled to be able to be in the same area with people and children especially with the increased number of uncontrollable dogs, owners that don't care, and increase in dangerous blood-sport pitbull/bull terrier breeds that are dangerous and are known to attack. I am also concerned about the increase in dog off lead areas that are popular and frequented by people (especially areas of the Hamilton Gardens and the parks around Hamilton Lake) as it is unfair and dangerous that off lead dogs that are not controlled (as uncontrolled dogs will frequent these areas even though they are not allowed to) can be allowed to destroy the peace and safety of people in these areas. We have a problem with uncontrolled dogs, dangerous dogs, roaming dogs, and dogs with owners that do not care here in Hamilton and any areas off lead areas should therefore be self-contained so that these types of dogs cannot have free access to members of the public that still want to use these park areas (such as the children's playgrounds) .

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

People and their safety need to be put ahead of dogs. One dog attack on a human is one too many. With the increase of uncontrolled dogs, dangerous dogs, roaming dogs, and dogs with owners that do not care here in Hamilton, any areas off lead areas should therefore be self-contained so that these types of dogs cannot have free access to members of the public that still want to use these park areas (such as the children's playgrounds).

Unfortunately the Dog Control Act 1996 is not being reviewed and the council needs to follow the Act, but there are many unlisted dog breeds that are should be added to Schedule 4, backed up by science and statistics. We need to protect Hamilton citizens from harm and be able to have them feel safe to go to the parks (and safe to go outside their homes). Dogs can kill, and just like with other weapons such as guns, there should be greater control around owning and using dogs. Owning pets/dogs in not a right, and the safety and needs of humans need to be put above animals.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Tiffanie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 07, 2024, 07:20 PM

Contribution ID: 490

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I do not support the park on Knighton road to be made an off lead park as it would increase the amount of noise and possibly smell on our road. I think it will also be an issue with parking on our road, making it tough for residents to find marks. And I think the overall amount of dirt/smell from the park will increase.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

As mentioned in my previous answer.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Joan Haughie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Oct 15, 2024, 08:24 AM

Contribution ID: 694

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Please see full response attached.

I am writing in reply to your letter to residents in the area of Mangaiti Park regarding the proposed changes to Dog Control in this area.

I am aged 83 and throughout my whole life I have had a fear of dogs. These days I can tolerate the smaller pet dogs but I still have a sense of dread if a medium to large dog is in the vicinity. I am concerned that if these dogs are allowed to roam willy nilly in local parks there will come a day when someone vulnerable will be attacked with dire consequences.

It is a joy to watch families enjoying the open spaces of our lovely park. It would be sad if this changed because of the influx of medium to large dogs having the freedom to roam wild. There should be some form of restriction on the size of the dog that can be off lead.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

Yes

Narelle Waite

Strategy and Policy Advisor

Hamilton City Council

Hamilton 3240

[redacted]

14th October 2024

Dear Narelle,

I am writing in reply to your letter to residents in the area of Mangaiti Park regarding the proposed changes to Dog Control in this area.

My husband and I have lived at Shirley Place on the southern boundary of the park for the last 10 years. We have very much enjoyed living here and have appreciated the development and improvements over the years. The new playground, walkways and regular mowing of the grass ensure that the entire park is maintained to a high standard for the whole community to enjoy. We gain much pleasure watching families and individuals walking, cycling, flying kites, etc, and even Hot Air Balloon launching on a number of occasions.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

(Mrs.) Joan Haughie

Name: Michelle Peoples

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:59 PM

Contribution ID: 86

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I agree with multiple dog permits as long as it does not exceed the totaling amount of annual fees already in place for a dog over its lifetime.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Dogs who are aggressive by nature must be leashed and not allowed to be off leash in dog parks.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jordana Goodall-Thompson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 04:08 PM

Contribution ID: 95

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

definitely support if this is adding to parks that currently only allow on-leash dogs, but not if its on existing off leash areas and adding restricted times.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Q1 - my dogs sleep indoors, and are never outside when we are not home. Would the minimum accommodations have this as an option, and if visiting a property how would it be determined if a dog is keep outside in poor housing or is an indoor dog also? I have had custom built kennels in the past, and occasionally the dogs would use it, but generally they preferred to site out in the rain, so if I walk past a house and see a dog out in the rain, I don't assume that it is not being cared for.

Q3 - I am originally from Canterbury, and there are so many wonderful dog parks there, I have found Hamilton lacking in comparison. A lot are poorly fenced, or have small fences, are next to the river or are boggy, so I definitely support more parks.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I find there tend to be more stray dogs in Hamilton compared to previous places I have lived.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Samuel McCabe

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:59 PM

Contribution ID: 94

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Dogs are dangerous and we read every year about people being seriously injured or killed by dogs, including people who are attacked by dogs that are not their own.

Dogs, especially large dogs, being in public parks especially while off leads, pose a potential danger. I am afraid of being in parks with such dogs and it limits by ability to use, or be relaxed in such parks.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kelly Moore

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:53 PM

Contribution ID: 93

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I would like to see many more dog parks but would like them to be enclosed areas where dogs can be off lead complete with water and some seating. All throughout Queensland Australia are great enclosed areas that have seperate spaces for small and large dogs - with a gate in between so if no one else is around you can use the entire space

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I would like to see many more dog parks in Hamilton but would like them to be enclosed areas where dogs can be off lead with a fenced area, complete with water and some seating. All throughout Queensland Australia are great enclosed areas that have seperate spaces for small and large dogs - with a gate in between so if no one else is around you can use the entire space. These dog parks are within local parks but the dogs are contained while off lead. Our little dog is a runner so cannot be off-lead so a space like this would be great for both keeping him safe and socialising with other dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Cheryl Wootten

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:49 PM

Contribution ID: 92

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lily Benton

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:44 PM

Contribution ID: 91

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

These need to be fenced. 10 sounds like a large number and I question the usage rate based on others I have seen.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Too many dog owners who cannot control their dogs off lead

Dogs who are on lead may have lead aggression with those off lead

Lack of consequences when dogs attack people or other dogs. Too many chances to keep dogs and fines are not effective.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

As above, lack of consequences when dogs attack.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Isobel

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:44 PM

Contribution ID: 90

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

The changes are good but unfortunately do little to both provide the park using public from rampaging wild dogs (like mine), and do not give the dog owners a safe space to exercise and train their dogs. It is difficult to train your dog to do a reliable recall if there is no safe place to practice it. Please provide more fenced areas for people to exercise and train their dogs safely from cars and other people. The dog park at Minogue park is great but too far away for many people. Even the domain where the hamilton obedience club is is not fenced - maybe this would be a good place to start becuase it is next to the skate park and near a busy road/car park.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Desiree Burborough

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:36 PM

Contribution ID: 89

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The parks that have very specific and narrow areas that are off lead areas may be confusing for the public. Parks where there are larger areas designated and where it's more easily understood which areas are off lead will be much more user friendly and increase compliance.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Hillcrest Park should not be included. Knighton Normal School uses the reserve to access the pump track for their biking activities, so dogs off lead would pose a safety risk for this.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Christine Savage

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:52 PM

Contribution ID: 78

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

This needs to be way better managed and policed. For example, Te Kootii park has a designated off leash area but it is not marked. So dogs roam freely in the whole of the park and also come bounding out of the park at the exits, way ahead of their human and remain off leash in the adjacent streets until the human catches up. Not good enough and puts citizens and other pets at risk of attack or being lunged at. Horrible!

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Dog control needs to be easier to contact and respond to situations far more rapidly.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lin

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:08 PM

Contribution ID: 87

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

For dog park access, please consider having full fenced separate area for small dogs and big dogs. And please also consider cycling restricting in dog off leash area as the fast- moving cyclists could hurt dog owners and dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Re-consider the need for annual renewal of registration for all dog owners - not just for those have more than 2 dogs

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Elizabeth

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 04:56 PM

Contribution ID: 99

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

4.1 should include the recognition of the accepted animal rights " 5 freedoms" as per the SPCA - as follows

The Five Freedoms are recognised internationally and consist of; freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury or disease; freedom to express normal behaviour; freedom from fear and distress.

In this way animals will be protected from neighbourly vendetta's, in particular false accusations of unreasonable noise, animals have the right to bark and it is useful to deter burglars.

7.1 An authorised officer should not be able to remove an animal for a nuisance when this by definition is both arbitrary and subjective. Except in the case where physical harm has occurred or is imminent to either the public or to the animal.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

if budget allows it would be great to see poop bags and bins provided in all off and on lead areas. these could be budgeted for out of the registration fee.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

9.1 limitations on number of dogs should exclude breeders for up to 16 weeks of age of puppies as it may be harder to find good homes in the current economic climate and in addition is more likely to produce well socialised stable behaviours in the pups.;

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It is fabulous council is offering more options for off lead exercise areas. Dogs play an important role in both physical and mental health of people.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Bianca Cvitanovich

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:39 PM

Contribution ID: 85

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Our dogs are inside at night and when we're out so would we have to purchase a Kennel our dogs would never use?

I think people will not adhere to parks only being off lead at certain times. We have so many issues of off leash dogs rushing us at on leash areas. Hopefully adding more off leash parks will encourage people to go there and keep the on places a safe place for dogs who need it

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sinead McCurdy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:35 PM

Contribution ID: 84

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

With the growth of our animal population, comes a growth of irresponsible owners. I think it needs to be made clear what is expected of them, in a simple format that anyone can read.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I do support adding more Dog Parks, but I am not sure if 10 is required.. That does seem like a substantial amount.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I do also support this, but if the 10 more dog parks do get erected, then this may not be required? If we half the number of dog parks, and add this option I think it will work well.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Shannon Bromfield

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:33 PM

Contribution ID: 83

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kim

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:31 PM

Contribution ID: 82

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Shawney

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:18 PM

Contribution ID: 81

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Increasing dog friendly areas in the community enable family's to take their dog with them.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lyn Wenmoth

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 02:08 PM

Contribution ID: 80

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I don't believe a lot of people would bother to update council if they added a new dog/s.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I would like council to consider the compulsory neutering of all dogs unless an exemption has been applied for (with strict guidelines) and granted. There are so many bad owners and neglected and abused dogs and the shelters are overwhelmed. It would be a good start to getting the problem under control. It costs a lot of money to be a responsible dog owner so it may encourage people to think twice before getting a dog they can't afford.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Andre

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 26, 2024, 07:30 PM

Contribution ID: 352

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Janice Schoonraad (née Crutchley)

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 03:23 PM

Contribution ID: 88

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

We love the Minogue fenced dog run area and take our greyhound there most weeks for a run. Because our greyhound doesn't have good recall, we don't feel it is safe to led him off lead in a non-fenced park. So thank you for this park that allows us to safely let him enjoy a run - it is a great facility and we thoroughly enjoy meeting up with other dog owners and their pets for the animals to enjoy a play together. We would love to have an additional fenced run area within the city, as often this particular park is very busy, so it would be amazing to have another option to visit to reduce the load on this spot.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: marie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 08:03 PM

Contribution ID: 107

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Nell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 09:37 AM

Contribution ID: 116

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

The clause I object to is the sizer 7.2. I feel there needs to be more done before dogs are removed from owners - unless case of neglect. And if neighbours are making false complaints, that could result in dog being taken there needs to be clearer regard for this.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

The times need to be clear, and lots of notice be given

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Are we also able to please have more rubish bins at parks. We are trying to do the right thing and pick up after our dogs but there is a lack of rubbish bins to aid in this

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jitender Tomar

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 08:45 AM

Contribution ID: 115

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sarah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 08:02 AM

Contribution ID: 114

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ross Scott

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 07:49 AM

Contribution ID: 113

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Anna

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 09:39 PM

Contribution ID: 112

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I would like to see a couple of fully fenced dog parks where dogs can be off lead. We used to live the Horotiu dog park as it was safe. I trust my own dog but if something happened and she spooked, I need her contained

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Our dog is 9 years old and has never ever gone in her kennel and has anxiety so containing her would be torture. She is inside at night and when we are home and outside in a fully secured section with shelter and water and a bed. I don't thinks it's fair to enforce housing rules on animals that are not a nuisance and have had no complaints. I actually believe she'd bark and cry all day if she was contained. She's walked daily. Please don't punish well behaved animals or make life hard for their owners. She's too old to train in any other way

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Glen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 08:37 PM

Contribution ID: 111

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I own a dog. She is not problematic to neighbours and is in a fully fenced section but will not sleep in a kennel. Ever since being a pup she will not go in. This policy would force me to buy a a kennel my dog will never use. I think the policy would be ok if requires a complaint in the first instance and can't be a blanket rule but better to work consultation with owners for an acceptable solution. We keep our dog inside overnight but she is outside if we go out during the day

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: David Winter

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 08:33 PM

Contribution ID: 110

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Concern for those owners on shift work or those who work hours that these changes may prevent them letting the dog lead.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sophie Gallier

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 04:13 PM

Contribution ID: 96

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I do not understand why dogs can be off lead during some hours but not other. The reason for this proposal is not clear.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

In addition to a kennel access to clean water and food is important as well

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rebecca Milligan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 08:15 PM

Contribution ID: 108

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

As a dog owner in Hamilton, I am very appreciative of all the open space we have to exercise our dogs. My Springer Spaniel needs this enrichment for her wellbeing as she needs more exercise than just lead walks. Any new areas to explore are greatly appreciated. My only feedback is to please educate dog owners of their responsibilities as a dog owner when their dog is off lead, and encourage them to teach their dog good dog manners eg not rushing up to all other dogs (as not all dogs like to be approached), and how to read dog body language so they can understand when their dog is annoying or intimidating another dog (but it looks like play to the non educated). If dog owners are more aware, then we would have fewer incidences of dog attacks in our dog parks and better public buy in and trust for those who do not like dogs. I would not encourage any more enclosures like the one at Minogue Park because there are many dog issues in that enclosure mostly caused by owners not recognising poor dog behaviour.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Melanie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 04:51 PM

Contribution ID: 98

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I would like to propose that after a certain age, dogs be exempt from paying dog registration fees. An old aged dog usually just stays home and doesn't use the facilities which it would have previously needed to contribute toward the up-keep of.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Melissa Shirley

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 07:20 PM

Contribution ID: 106

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

So many idiots out there please make sure that there are still many on lead parks in EVERY area, otherwise you'll ruin it for the good owners

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jesse Golden

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 07:00 PM

Contribution ID: 105

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would be good to expand the dog control bylaw & policy to include cats.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Reyna

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 06:52 PM

Contribution ID: 104

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

We should look at giving owners who get their dogs desexed a cheaper registration, as they do it in other regions

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sarah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 06:31 PM

Contribution ID: 103

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lorna Gribble

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 06:27 PM

Contribution ID: 102

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I would like more enclosed dog exercise areas such as in Minogue park

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Lisa

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 05:08 PM

Contribution ID: 101

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

This is do do with nusience dogs and when you make a complaint about a neighbours dog and you fill in rge stupid barking log sheet and then the Animal Control officer comes and puts out a survey to see from other neighbours and this comes back as inconclusive !! Like why bother with that when the barking sheet shows its a nusience ! And the owner should be given a warning and a fine! You are to soft on this rule its stupid! The dog owner gets away with it and the neighbour still has to put up with the idiot neighbours and a barking dog cause nothing changes!

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Karin

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 04:56 PM

Contribution ID: 100

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Also have fenced off areas to keep dogs safe.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Judy Jones

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:48 PM

Contribution ID: 77

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I have a dog living across the road from me and it is allowed to roam outside the property and surrounding areas. It does not appear to have a registration tag and is a menace to another dog living nearby.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I walk my puppy daily and we are constantly menaced by large dogs in the surrounding streets who bark and leap at the fences as we pass by. It can be very frightening and stressful.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Pankaj Kumar

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 08:29 PM

Contribution ID: 109

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mary Daborn

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:08 PM

Contribution ID: 45

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Please consider providing more fenced off-lead areas so that owners who are training their dogs to come on recall have a safe space to do so, without endangering anyone or any animal, including their own.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jane McMichael

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:47 PM

Contribution ID: 54

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: John Stevenson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:46 PM

Contribution ID: 53

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Looks all commonsense to me

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jake miller

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:42 PM

Contribution ID: 52

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

There shouldn't be specific times. Dogs should be able to be walked off lead any time if they are a safe dog.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jenny Abel

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:40 PM

Contribution ID: 51

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

There should be provisions for temporary housing animals on public land. For example for fairs and exhibitions.

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sandra

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:37 PM

Contribution ID: 50

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Nigel Wilson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:29 PM

Contribution ID: 49

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I strongly support the proposal to require minimum standards for dog housing - many dogs have inadequate environments, and this conflicts not just with the law but also with ethical animal ownership.

Further to the proposed change, I would like to note that there is also a real requirement to ban the prolonged tethering of both dogs, and other animals like goats. Current policies allow animals to remain tied up for an inhumane amount of time.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Tami Masters

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:28 PM

Contribution ID: 48

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Seems like nothings really changing here, except wording?

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If allowing dogs off leash, have VERY strict signage that if their dog does not have perfect recall, they should remain on leash. Long lines are amazing and can be meters of freedom. Reactive/dogs on leash should still feel safe in these areas.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

My comments above still stand, signage and regulation is key. Will people actually put their dogs on leash outside of those certain times? I don't trust this.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

More fully fenced open dog areas would be amazing. There are many parks in the Waikato that are almost fully fenced and would require very minimal work to close them in entirely. I see many posts on facebook pages from open dog areas and dogs going missing/run off. If that wasn't a possibility in some places, it would be amazing.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

If the housing policy is anything like the SPCA, animals suffer. We need to ensure action is taken if dogs are found to be living in poor and unsafe conditions. the SPCA is insanely well funded (compared to rescues with no funding) and they still refuse to uplift dogs in dire situations because they've got a bowl of water in the garage they're locked in 24/7. Its sickening and i see proof of this daily. Not just with dogs, but all animals.

So I would prefer to see policy on how anyone plans on following through with enforcement if things are bad.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Stef Gibson-Muir

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:57 PM

Contribution ID: 79

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Andrew walton

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:15 PM

Contribution ID: 46

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I oppose this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I applaud the HCC's desire to increase access in areas for dogs to exercise in. I have been a regular user of the Minogue park area for seven years. Since the introduction of the fenced Dog area. I have witnessed more aggressive and uncontrolled dogs running in the off leash area, causing concern for my well-being and also for my well trained dogs well-being. I know the city council can't control who uses the unleashed area but it's worth mentioning that Dog owners with absolutely no control of the dogs. Think it's a place for the dogs to run rampant.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sarah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:52 PM

Contribution ID: 57

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

No regulations regarding the dogs attending the parks or monitoring by council at present. Raymond Park in Fairview Downs has had multiple dog attacks/fights due to irresponsible owners. Plus the Green Hill park area has multiple people walking their dogs off leash in residential areas. So my concern is that dog control do not have the capability or resources to monitor these situations now how are they going to handle an additional 10 parks?

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

How are dog control going to monitor that dogs are not off leash at these parks out of allowed hours.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I definitely think we need dog control out & about more it just feels like the council are not providing them enough resources. It's been awful since the out of hours stopped as I have seen multiple dogs out roaming after 5pm. You call the council and are advised that animal control will me advised the next day. That's no good as the dog will be gone and while it is out loose it's a risk to public safety. So all in I think there are definitely improvements required and for Hamilton Council to provide more resources to the animal control department

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mel

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:05 PM

Contribution ID: 44

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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I do not have a views on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

We personally do not utilise the dog parks or walk our fogs off lead. I have read to many stories on the local Facebook pages about both dogs and people being attacked by off lead dogs at dog parks. It's not a risk I am willing to take.

Owners will never have 100% control of there dog if they are off leash. Even the most obedient dogs can react to there surroundings (people, other dogs, birds, cats), causing the owner to no longer have control.

Dogs who are off leash should be muzzled especially the breeds known to attack. Like people dogs are unpredictable and an owner should always have 100% control.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Nirushini

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:00 PM

Contribution ID: 43

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

No dogs should be off lead in any public areas.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Savanah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 11:57 AM

Contribution ID: 42

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Eileen fenner

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 11:52 AM

Contribution ID: 41

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I would expect owners to act responsibily if their dog doesn't like other dogs they should know not to let them off lead.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Dog Owner Policy, if a dog is attacked by another dog, there needs to be some legal process to recover vet fees.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Angela Aubrey

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 11:51 AM

Contribution ID: 40

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I would also like to see a minimum housing requirement for dogs as well as a ban on chaining of dogs as this is animal cruelty.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Yes as well as looking at the housing requirements of dogs there needs to be a total ban on chaining of dogs especially dogs that are chained for life.

This is absolute animal cruelty and should be banned and the owner of the dog fined and prohibited from owning another dog.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Megan Campbell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 11:48 AM

Contribution ID: 39

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Would want to see where the proposed areas are. Would oppose if they are on or around sports fields

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I oppose as it is unlikely people will abide by the timings. We have enough issues at our local park (Hare Puke) with off lead dogs either bothering on leash dogs or defecating and owners not picking them up

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Georgina

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 11:47 AM

Contribution ID: 38

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I strongly believe that all dogs deserve a comfortable and safe home. They are loyal and trusting pets. I think if anyone can't provide adequate housing then they should not have a dog.

The changes to off lead parks proposed is fantastic. The more there are, the less crowded they will be. This is a sign of a healthy civilised city in my view.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Caryl Ginever

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:23 PM

Contribution ID: 47

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Some people are too lazy to exercise their dogs so let them off the lead under cover of darkness. Sometimes they leave their calling card on my lawn. This is a great nuisance on rubbish night when many large dogs find no difficulty in tipping the kitchen rubbish bin over and opening it, scattering rubbish in all directions. I am an older resident and am unable to bend down and pick it all up. Would it be possible to have officers police the streets on rubbish nights so that these dogs can be impounded. I think it would be a salutary lesson for such owners.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jessica

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:04 PM

Contribution ID: 66

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Chris

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:42 PM

Contribution ID: 76

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Shannon

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:39 PM

Contribution ID: 75

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I would like more to be done about roaming dogs and their welfare. We have many, many repeat roamers in our area and I think there should be stricter rules about irresponsible owners not getting their dogs back if they aren't meeting standards of care and fencing etc. I know it would require work but why aren't dogs required to be neutered if the owners aren't registered breeders as part of the registration process? Why don't animal control check properties etc when releasing a dog back to an owner?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Traci

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:25 PM

Contribution ID: 74

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sandra

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:24 PM

Contribution ID: 73

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I would like to know what the policy is around impounded dogs and if they get the chance to be rehomed after a certain period where they have not been claimed?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Hannah Robinson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:21 PM

Contribution ID: 72

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I would recommend looking into also provide off lead areas that could be booked out for owners of reactive dogs, the Waikato Adventure Park has had great success and reactive dog owners have very few safe areas to walk our dogs already.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

We already have an issue with dogs being off lead in areas where they are prohibited to be on lead, this can lead to an increase in dog-on-dog attacks and cause serious long-term consequences for dogs that have been attacked. People likely won't abide by these times as they already don't follow the rules and this opens up a can of worms for those of us following the rules and trying to protect our dogs

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I would encourage stricter on lead rules, too often I see or come across dogs that are off lead and out of control. All good and well to provide more dog parks but also consider restricting those other areas so people with reactive/nervous dogs can feel safe and have the freedom to exercise their dogs without the risk of being rushed or attacked by off lead dogs.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Steve

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:18 PM

Contribution ID: 71

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Suzanne Grant

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:09 PM

Contribution ID: 69

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: John

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:49 PM

Contribution ID: 55

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Yes

As far as i am concerned there is no point in changing any by-laws if they arent policed.

For several years us and several other neighbours have reported a dog based at a house just down the street. It is frequently roaming around the street. Whilst we dont know that it has actually bitten anyone it does exhibit threatening behavoriours.

We were asked to provide photos of it roaming which we have several times.

I believe repeat "offender" dogs like this should be immediately impounded and the owners fined and after say 5 impounds the dog be euthanised.

I would like to stress we are not "dog haters"

we actually have our own small one.

Thank you

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kiri

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:06 PM

Contribution ID: 67

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Daryl Donaldson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:51 PM

Contribution ID: 56

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

A vexatious complainant register should be established for neighbours who are dog haters and use Council resources to harass the dog owner. The council fails in its duty to the dog owner by failing to hold these persons responsible for waste of funds and relying on the dog owner to use the Harassment Act.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: TV

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:03 PM

Contribution ID: 65

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I disagree with increased off lead dog parks. As a vet we see so many fight injuries resulting from off lead dogs. My one dog is required by law to wear a muzzle despite behavioural assessment saying he does not need it, but should an unfriendly dog come up to him he cannot defend himself. I think policing of local parks like Discovery and Flagstaff for dogs off leash is a better use of resources to keep dogs and residents safe. Perhaps it would be a better idea that owners and dogs need to pass

a behaviour and control assessment before being allowed off leash. Any dog can attack given the right circumstances and forcing more dogs together in one area does not necessarily mean better socialisation. Dogs have personalities and some dogs don't want another dog up in their face!

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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This in my opinion is worse. Unless there is supervision of the parks. If done during quieter times of the day there are less people around to help a person /owner/ pet that is being attacked.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I love the idea of colour coded leads or similar - a traffic light system as used in Wellington to give owners and residents warnings if a dog does not want another dog or people up in their face

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rich

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:02 PM

Contribution ID: 64

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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A number of Councils (New Plymouth for example) have completely prohibited dogs from central business areas. Others have prohibited dogs from suburban shops also.

Globally there is increased loitering, anti-social behavior and intimidation in central cities. Whether leashed, or not, dogs add negatively to this element.

I have noticed an increase level of leashed and un-leashed dogs in the CBD (particularly) in Garden Place. In some cases, the leashes if used are very long, defeating any attempt to restrain the dog. I have observed dogs fight, barking, growling, and lunge at pedestrians. I am not aware if anyone has been bitten. I am collected dog droppings myself.

My concern is for the safety of those using these spaces and the animals. I am also concerned for the negative impact on the cities image and for the business operating there.

I would like to see consideration to fully prohibiting dogs in the central city, particularly garden place. Consideration should be giving to prohibiting dogs in suburban shops.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Claire Richards

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:01 PM

Contribution ID: 62

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rachel

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:59 PM

Contribution ID: 61

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

why are there not definite, strict penalties for non compliance - instead you have used wording "might". Offenders should be penalised full stop and know that any form of nuisance will not be tolerated. Too many animal incidents are happening with little to no consequence! Increase the fines for non adhering to by laws. Deal with owners (if you could call them that) that allow their dogs to roam constantly. Deal with problems every time and take a harsher stance for those recidivous offenders. Why only Roosters? Many people have chickens in their backyard, that get out, cluck all the time and attract rats and vermin. I live next 2 houses that have chickens and you can hear them daily..

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Get stricter on roaming and nuisance dogs. There are A LOT that roam daily and clearly don't get consequences as they are recurring offenders. Enforce compulsory neutering unless someone is a registered breeder. increase the fines for non compliance.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Deb Baker

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:59 PM

Contribution ID: 60

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Minimum accommodation standards in the Bylaw -

Keeping of animals:

* Every person who owns or keeps any dog on private property must ensure that the dog/s:

1) Is not restrained on a chain or long lead - Provision is made for toileting away from dog eating and sleeping area.

2) Is provided with clean drinking water at all times and daily appropriate dog food.

3) Dog living area is clean, comfortable and free from parasites.

4) Dogs are provided with regular, adequate exercise relevant to the breeds exercise needs.

5) Health and wellbeing needs are provided for - Annual Vet checks. This will ensure Vets can view potential neglect.

6) Give Dog Control, SPCA, and Dog Rescue services the legal power to uplift.

7) Immediate uplift of unregistered dogs.

* Please introduce bylaw legal requirements that allow for immediate uplifting/surrender of a dog that is subjected to neglect, physical/emotional/mental harm.

Hamilton has too many dogs living in terrible conditions. Contact rescue groups; they will provide photo/video evidence of this huge problem.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kate eltingham

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:53 PM

Contribution ID: 59

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Very little people have control over their dogs and most dogs have no recall. Leading to increased dog fights and higher chance of people getting attacked. If you want off lead areas make the fences areas so people walking their dogs on lead can walk in peace without fear of someone's dog coming in uninvited. It's bad enough dogs roam the streets freely.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Courteney Lee

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 12:53 PM

Contribution ID: 58

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Max Buxton

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 10:53 AM

Contribution ID: 122

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I support this proposed change

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Increasing access to dog parks for the community is a fantastic initiative and will also give owners more variability in the parks they take their dogs to. fantastic idea.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jan Brassington

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 18, 2024, 01:09 PM

Contribution ID: 68

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Many areas of the current dog parks are ending up under-utilised because of the noxious weed Tradescantia (sometimes also called Wandering Jew) that is being left to run rampant unfortunately. The plant has the effect of leaving many dogs with rashes and other skin problems, so many people with dogs do not end up letting dogs run off lead in those dog parks any longer. The plant used to be better contained in those areas, but has been left to grow more and more over the past decade or so.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I think the proposal for having more areas where dogs can run off-lead is a positive one, however doing an assessment of current dog park use might show up some issues that would help you to determine how to get better use out of any off-lead areas. Surveying vet clinics who end up helping dog owners to manage the skin problems, and surveying dog owners regarding why & where they run their dogs, could provide you with useful information. Making a summary of that information available for the general public would also be of interest. I think spending some money tackling the removal of Tradescantia is likely to result in better use being made of any of the areas available for dogs, whereas leaving that problem in place would mean that any areas that it grows is going to be off-putting for many dog owners & their dogs. Similarly, having off-lead dog areas not adequately fenced results in lower use by dog owners as well - many people have experienced having their dogs venture outside of the park area and end up in unsafe situations on the road due to traffic, when the park perimeters are not fully fenced.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Harriette McCall

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 12:00 AM

Contribution ID: 176

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Adequate outdoor play/exercise area should also be enforced alongside adequate housing, especially for larger dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It should be easier to raise complaint about dogs causing aggravating noise disturbance

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sarah Marshall

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 09:25 AM

Contribution ID: 185

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Edward Bird

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 09:16 AM

Contribution ID: 184

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Te Kooti park is a great dog park with lots of room for dogs, I don't see any grounds as to why you would remove the ability for dogs to roam free on weekends except early in the morning and late at night.

I will say that i know for a fact that hamilton city counsillor Tim Macindoe has a property bordering this park that is inadequately fence and i have seen him get annoyed when dogs go onto his property. If you cannot provide a logical rationale as to why these rules are changing for Te Kooti i will assume it is just based on one counsillor having a biased opinion bordering on corruption.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Overall supportive with the additional 8 parks being added, great result for dog owners. In relation to Te Kooti park, i have walked my dog there for many years and never seen any issues so i can't understand the rational for time slots being added other than Tim Macindoes residential property bordering the park inadequately fenced.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Gigi

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 09:12 PM

Contribution ID: 183

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Graham and Marie-Thérèse Borland

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 08:32 PM

Contribution ID: 182

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

We are concerned because there is no comment on the increase of the number of dog parks

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Lack of clarification about the hours or will it vary between parks - rules must be clear otherwise they become increasingly hard to police and in that respect how are council intending to police the rules?

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

No dogs in children's play grounds and inner city streets

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mark Holmes

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 12:40 PM

Contribution ID: 181

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Please make Animal Control a genuine 24/7 service. There is rarely any answering in place for this.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Stef Holmes

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 12:34 PM

Contribution ID: 180

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Over a number of years submissions/ suggestions have been made to Council but not been followed through. Some of the existing areas really need to be safer for off lead exercise eg Melville needs a fence from the busy road. Ham gardens hillside area very near the entry road and areas of poison etc

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Animal Control really needs to be more proactive rather than just collecting registration fees. The Dog Control Bylaw and Policy are both there to be followed and education so needs to be provided too and seems to be lacking ….

Hamilton City Council should be running a 24 hour emergency service where there is a potential health and safety issue of loose/ roaming dogs rather than clocking off early in office hours and dismissing an important duty.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Scott

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 12:23 PM

Contribution ID: 179

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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The kennel rule adds a lot of complexity and subjectivity and dogs are kept in many different environments. For example a lot of dogs are kept inside, or use open conservatories and shelters rather than kennels. While wanting to look after dogs, this rule is going too far! This would also add unnecessary costs to be incurred by council to pass onto dog owners to ensure enforcement for very limited gain!

Furthermore, this goes beyond the remit of the council in terms of ensuring community safety and therefore should. It be included in the bylaw changes

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kathryn

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 09:42 AM

Contribution ID: 118

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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I support this proposed change

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I personally do not go to off the lead dog parks because the few times that I did back in the day, both my dog and I were harrassed and bullied by dogs that shouldn't be off the lead and their incredibly aggressive owners. I do not feel safe there, or that I can protect my dog. However I support these places because I can just choose not to go there and other people seem to weirdly like it.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Stop people from walking the streets with their dogs off the lead. They should go to one of the designated areas if they want to do that. Those of us who walk our dogs in such a way that they cannot interefere with other people's enjoyment of the same space should not have to have eyes in the back of our heads to watch for rando dogs on the loose approaching us.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Scott Brownhill

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 09:49 AM

Contribution ID: 177

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I support more dog parks, I do believe we need more fenced areas especially down near the river and in areas with forest walks. We often travel to Rotorua and Tect park for our weekend walks because of the forest being such a nice location. Hamilton city council must have some land with established trees.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I think more needs to be done and dog breeders should be registered. A good dog breeder will not sell a dog to a family that is not capable of caring for a dog. Dogs should have the same option as cars for desexing so we do not have an unwanted dog population.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sonya

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 11:53 AM

Contribution ID: 188

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Samantha Uerata

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 10:40 PM

Contribution ID: 175

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Regarding the minimum accommodation standards for a dog - this is incredibly important and I support this whole heartily. I am continuously shocked at some of the appalling conditions some dogs live in and is totally legal. We must do better by dogs who aren't allowed inside, we must ensure when a dog is taken into care by a human, that they fulfill their obligation of care to that dog.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Samantha Uerata

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 10:31 PM

Contribution ID: 174

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Michelle

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 09:39 PM

Contribution ID: 173

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Katherine Courtenay-Roe

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 05:29 PM

Contribution ID: 172

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dani

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 05:29 PM

Contribution ID: 171

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Raven Achari

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 03:59 PM

Contribution ID: 170

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jackie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 02:04 PM

Contribution ID: 169

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

While I support the introduction of 'part time access for some parks' in principle, and feel this is a step in the right direction to enable dogs to be exercised in under-utilised areas, I oppose the introduction of a year round requirement for dogs to b

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I would like this rule to be amended to take into account the differing:

- daylight hours in summer and winter
- usage of this area during the week compared to weekends.

The proposed rule would effectively prevent many people from using this space for their late afternoon dog walk in winter, when it is normally dark by 6pm, as they would simply not feel safe.

I would also like the council to consider how heavily used this area is during the week compared to weekends. I do not believe many people besides off lead dog walkers use this area during the week.

For these reasons, I believe the council should change the times for the Hillside Lawn as follows:

- Weekends and public holidays
  - daylight saving – onlead 10am – 6pm
  - not daylight saving – onlead 10am – 4.30pm
- Weekdays (excluding public holidays)
  - daylight saving – off lead all the time
  - not daylight saving – off lead all the time

I would also like to mention that often during summer evenings I have observed vehicles driving around this part of Hamilton Gardens in a manner that makes it unsafe and unpleasant for other users (e.g. people on foot with dogs). I have made various enquiries over the years regarding this, and have been told this is permissible. I understand that sometimes overflow parking is required, but am astounded that cars are permitted to drive on any grassed area of Hamilton Gardens they can access, for any reason whatsoever.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rhonda McKelvie

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 22, 2024, 10:33 AM

Contribution ID: 178

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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Off lead time is so important for the exercise, wellbeing and training of dogs.

Responsible owners can be relied upon to make considered decisions about limiting their dog's off-lead range based on compliance with recall, and to adjust their course or put the dog back on the lead for a short spell when passing playgrounds, children, people playing causal sports in public areas.

Making clear the expectation that dogs should not be encouraged to chase balls or sticks into areas being rewilded around park edges is also important, to ensure these replanting efforts have the best chance of succeeding.

It is logical that in some parks that feature children's play and sports areas that the timing of off-lead freedoms are limited to the early morning and late afternoon/evening when these activities are less likely to be occurring. That way everyone gets the maximum benefit from the park.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Sheree

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 25, 2024, 10:26 AM

Contribution ID: 210

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kay Maniapoto

Organisation:

Date submitted: Oct 30, 2024, 08:48 AM

Contribution ID: 1022

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Hello

I am making suggestion on the Dog bylaw & parks around Hamilton.

My suggestion is why not have allocated water fountains for humans & water tray for dogs at bottom of fountain with dog plastic bag dispenser at the entrance of parks and walkways around Hamilton.

I have seen in NAPIER how the council there have provided along the walkways esp West Shore Napier walkways from WestShore to BayView and along all there walkways around Napier, Ahuriri, Marine Parade beach front all the way to Haumoana, and most parks in around Napier which you will find have these water fountains with dog plastic bag dispensers,no traces of dog poop anywhere in the Hawkes Bay.

Hope your council will consider my suggestion and maybe take a trip to Napier to see how the council has provided these water fountain & dog bag dispencers, bins, and free barbecues dotted in all there parks. Very clever with people & animal, dog/horses focused support ideas.

Just a suggestion.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Leah

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 26, 2024, 05:02 PM

Contribution ID: 347

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: v

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 16, 2024, 04:20 PM

Contribution ID: 1

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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Cool.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Brigit Brant

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 26, 2024, 08:37 AM

Contribution ID: 280

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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No

Name: Jo

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 26, 2024, 08:19 AM

Contribution ID: 267

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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I would like to provide feedback on both

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Strong education and communications will need to go out on this. I see owners with dogs off leads in matter which park it is.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It's great to see the housing dog's proposal and for the dog control team to be able to follow through for all dogs' wellbeing and welfare

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Matthew Burt

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 25, 2024, 10:12 PM

Contribution ID: 243

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kathie Wilkes

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 25, 2024, 05:33 PM

Contribution ID: 238

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ray

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 11:01 AM

Contribution ID: 186

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Ensure there are a suitable number of rubbish bins at each dog park.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Megan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 25, 2024, 03:28 PM

Contribution ID: 214

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 11:26 AM

Contribution ID: 187

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I support this proposed change. Having experience a nuisance dog while I was walking my dog, my dog got attacked and I reported it to the council and they responded quickly. I think the changes will improve the current bylaw.

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I support all there proposed changes. I think having additional parks for the dogs will be beneficial to the Hamilton Community.

Its safer if dogs have a space where they can be off lead and roam around freely. It will be appreciated if each dog park will have some plastic dispenser in case an owner forgot to bring one. Also I would love not to renew multiple dog permits every year. It will be easier just to it as one off.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

It will be amazing to have more dog parks. In the added dog parks, it will appreciated if there is a plastic dispenser for dog poops as some people often forget it and they dont bother to pick up their pets' discharge.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Katy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 24, 2024, 06:14 PM

Contribution ID: 209

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Dogs need to have more off the lead spaces. Given the dog is trained and controlled

Too many people do not ha e control over their animals

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Guinevere

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 24, 2024, 03:50 PM

Contribution ID: 208

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Daisy Wills

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 24, 2024, 10:57 AM

Contribution ID: 199

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I am really stoked to see the addition of more dog parks - great work Team! I just wonder around those parks with specified times how/what was the reasoning for those specified times? It would be nice to be able to utilise those areas for after work walks

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Great mahi, team! It's awesome to see more welfare considerations and speaks to how much the Community value our furry friends. Would love to see an addition of more dog poo bins around the city - however, I acknowledge these nice to have additions are probably not feasible in the current financial climate.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kim Jenkins

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 24, 2024, 06:32 AM

Contribution ID: 197

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Roaming dogs should be removed from owner and placed for adoption/ destroyed on occasion of being found roaming a third time.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Summer Campbell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 09:39 PM

Contribution ID: 196

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Aleksandra

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 06:54 PM

Contribution ID: 195

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dorothy

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 23, 2024, 12:03 PM

Contribution ID: 189

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Ann-Maree Byrne

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 09:12 PM

Contribution ID: 165

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mariana

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 25, 2024, 05:12 PM

Contribution ID: 236

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

I have two small kids and one is terrified of dogs. I know of other kids that are afraid, too. Having dogs off leash means these kids - and usually their parents - can enjoy less the city.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Fay tooman

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 02:35 PM

Contribution ID: 130

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

There should be parks for small dogs and some for more big or bad dogs.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Staff should be out more and seen as there are a lot of dogs off leads and not very nice ones therefore changing the bylaws will not stop this. I was told when I rung to rung next time I see it.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Changing bylaws won't work unless the staff at animal control are out and about.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Chris Banks

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 11:15 AM

Contribution ID: 168

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

My property borders Chelmsford Park, which is in your map as a new off lead area. I strongly oppose this. The park is already used by many dog owners to run their dogs off lead, so if this is not allowed it is clearly not enforced.

I have had incidents of off lead dogs coming from the park and attacking pets on my property, and off lead dogs jumping on my two year old son and knocking him to the ground while playing at the playground in the park.

Chelmsford Park is not an appropriate place for an off lead dog area for two reasons:

First due to the playground. There are 3000 injuries to children from dogs every year in nz according to stats nz. Parks with playgrounds should not be off leash dog areas.

Second the gully system is an SNA, and considerable effort has been made to restore the area. Its not dogs fault they are dogs, but they don't mix with native fauna, are making the park an off lead area is detrimental to restoration efforts.

In conclusion, dog owners already let dogs off their leads where they shouldn't, and expanding the area will only serve to endanger our most vulnerable citizens and the environment to please entitled habitual rule-breakers.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jen

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 09:37 PM

Contribution ID: 138

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mark Bell

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 07:42 PM

Contribution ID: 137

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Judy Swetman

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 06:56 PM

Contribution ID: 136

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Any dog off lead should be okay no matter what time they are at the park. I walk mine on lead all the time at parks once the working and school people with dogs are at work or school. I feel safer doing this mid morning/early afternoon. I walk Claudelands Park and there are a few off lead, unruly dogs there early mornings. As this Park is close tk the Settlement Centre and Playground I feel all dogs should be on lead, or put in a fenced area as the migrants walking this Park are scared of loose dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

More policing by Animal Control around the streets and parks. I walk Peachgrove Road and have encountered loose dogs roaming, along with owners walking off lead dogs that don't have a collar or registration tag. Gets scarey sometimes.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Hayley

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 06:01 PM

Contribution ID: 135

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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I oppose this proposed change

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I do not have a views on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

There should be laws about walking more dogs than you can control!!

Or walking a dog thats too big for you to handle!

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Dion

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 04:42 PM

Contribution ID: 134

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jenni Murphy-Scanlon

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 04:24 PM

Contribution ID: 133

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

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I support this proposed change

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More off lead dog parks, and providing times for dogs to be off-lead in more parks is very much needed. As noted in the policy, dogs are better behaved when well socialised and dogs benefit hugely from being off-lead - they can get the brain work they need when free to sniff etc. Well-exercised, happy dogs are less nuisance when they are back home for the neighbours as well.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Danika

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 01:21 AM

Contribution ID: 140

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Pamela Kaval

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 03:10 PM

Contribution ID: 131

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I am in favor of more off leash areas and times

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Grace

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 08:12 AM

Contribution ID: 141

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Shawn Walsh

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 01:52 PM

Contribution ID: 129

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

The parks that are proposed have not been mentioned in any of the submission supporting documents????

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Kevin Collins

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 01:12 PM

Contribution ID: 128

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Bert Jackson

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 12:54 PM

Contribution ID: 127

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

My concern is about cats.

Firstly, we have both native and other wild birds on our property in Nawton. We want to protect and encourage them. Currently a blackbird pair are making a nest. But several cats come onto or across the property, and are an obvious danger, especially to nesting birds and babies in the nest. We had a pet blackbird we were trying to protect because it had a broken wing and could only live on the ground. It didn't last long. I know it's difficult: How do you stop cats wandering? I know Council is already aware of the issue. I don't know the answer. But please keep thinking about it.

Secondly, I am unhappy with the way Council's animal welfare staff sometimes elevate cats to the level of protection that is more appropriate for human beings. We had a very elderly woman friend in Nawton who could walk only slowly. A very aggressive cat came onto her property, no-one knew from where, jumped out from her garden and slashed her leg. With her poor circulation she had trouble healing. The cat was still hanging around, so our friend now couldn't go outside. The animal control people told us we couldn't trap it and put it down, because it might be someone's pet! I think that is ridiculous. No-one should have a cat which causes such problems. I think eventually a Council staff member did, at least, go around the street themselves asking if the cat belonged to anyone. After that I'm not sure what happened. I like animals, and they should be given all appropriate care and protection, but in the end a cat is an animal, not a human being.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I wonder if the kennels requirement is going too far. We don't have a dog, but dogs are basically outdoor, hardy animals who often don't need kennels. They can sleep happily on the back porch or under a shed. They should have shelter from rain, wind and frost, but I think some dogs don't use their kennels even if they have them.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I strongly support and am grateful for Council's dog control bylaw. Some years ago, wandering, threatening-looking dogs were a regular problem, not only in our Nawton Street but at the community centre my wife and I volunteer at, where adults and children are always coming and going. When the dog control bylaw was introduced we used it to report these dogs, and generally the rangers came and removed them. Most of the problem has been solved, thankyou. My one remaining concern is that occasionally there have been long delays before the ranger could come, by which time the dog we'd reported had disappeared.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Tom Bronlund

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 12:36 PM

Contribution ID: 126

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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Off leash exercise areas should be available within walking distance for dog owners in Hamilton. The current dog parks service tiny parts of the city on foot and require driving for most people to use them. This restricts a lot of people to only using them on weekends which means they are either not giving their dogs adequate exercise during the week or are ignoring current restrictions on off leash areas

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Teresa Baird

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 11:36 AM

Contribution ID: 125

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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We definately need either another fenced dog park in the North of the City (perhaps an area at the Mangaiti Park in Huntington) or the one at Minogue park enlarged. It is very popular for those of us whose dog (a beagle) are 50/50 on their recall when a sniff is more interesting! :-)

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Karryn

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 11:28 AM

Contribution ID: 124

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

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ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

As if anyone will adhere to this - this is just ridiculous people have their dogs off a lead even if it is on lead park

FINAL THOUGHTS

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I totally object to paying rego for my 2 dogs at $100 each dog they are desexed and microchipped however, there are so many homeless people roaming with dogs (multiple) in no certainly have not be desexed none registered and certainly will not be micro chipped but thats ok - they seem to be allow these animals it is so wrong

please remind me why I pay??? Also we have dogs roaming the streets it is very dangerous for kids playing or other people walking their pets on a lead doing the right thing it really irritates me - what do the council do???? NOTHING

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Alex

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 11:27 AM

Contribution ID: 123

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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Consider making more sections of the river walkway off lead because dogs on leads are more hazardous to people on bikes and scooters than dogs off lead. Also, they are quite good areas to have off lead because they are generally enclosed (no additional fencing required) and many people walk their dogs off lead anyway.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Consider increasing enforcement of using a lead in on-lead areas. Allowing such behavior is not fair to people who obey the rules, or those patrons who use facilities thinking that dogs will be on leads.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Joanne Ennion

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 26, 2024, 09:28 PM

Contribution ID: 353

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Frankie Letford

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 03:49 PM

Contribution ID: 132

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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From my experience of dog owners at the beach that if you allow dogs off lead at a certain time owners take no notice and use the off lead all day. Either it's a dog off lead park or it's not. 10 parks are too many to police and so walkers will be unable to safely use the park. Many dogs have no manners and neither do their owners. There are too many attacks of dogs off lead. You see owners taking no notice of what their dogs are up to. So for safety restrict the number of dog parks with off lead areas. The council seems to listen to dog owners more than fearful non dog owners. There was a push to have a dog area by the yacht club by the lake which was not wanted by the many using the area, which was a real fight thankfully the idea was lost.. People will take their dogs off lead but at least they know they are breaking the law and keep an eye out on their dogs movements. If only dog owners didn't believe their dogs were perfect when they actually aren't.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

People with dogs should be made to go to dog obedience class in order to get a licence to have a dog. This happens overseas and dogs there have good manners and the owners have control. There are too many vulnerable people suffering dog bites. The result can be life changing. Too many dog owners only think about their own rights to allow their dog to roam free without accepting that some dogs are dangerous and their owners are also dangerous. Ignoring the danger these out of control dogs present to the public must be faced by the council to keep walkers safe.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: max

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 02:40 PM

Contribution ID: 151

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

actually fine people when they dont pick up after their dogs or have them off leash when they are not supposed to

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Natasha Stoupe-Barnett

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 09:46 AM

Contribution ID: 119

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

As an owner of two small dogs we know that they often bark we have trained them and we do not allow this however it's like us we talk and that's what they te doing but there has to be a balance .

Timed off leash parks can be a very good idea as it gives more choice to the owner if a park is handy within walking distance

If you have respect all who use this ,this too can go along way

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Our furry friends are and should be treated like our family

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Yarna

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 09:05 PM

Contribution ID: 164

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Only after the other 10 new alternative parks are opened

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

Nice to have safe spaces for the dogs to be dogs and explore!

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

No

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Clare Bsyly

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 08:06 PM

Contribution ID: 163

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I strongly support good dog owners ie those who register their dogs, keep them within a fenced section and appropriate housing should receive a discounted registration fee. Many Council's apply this recognition and HCC should do the same.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Heather

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 07:23 PM

Contribution ID: 162

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I just hope the increase in off lead parks does not create an increase in off lead dogs with bad recall, running up to on lead dogs who are potentially reactive and the owner is just trying to train their dog and give their dog the opportunity to progress in what should be a safe environment for all. Have had multiple experiences with off lead dogs with poor recall run up to my self and my dog and owners of the off lead dogs being quite blasé about their dogs poor behaviour.

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I support this, it is a great idea. Great for dogs who are wonderful being off lead! It also gives owners of dogs that require to be on lead at all times for whatever reason, the opportunity to go to those parks before or after the off lead hours and the dog can get enrichment and training and have fun without the risk of off lead dogs running up to them and creating an atmosphere that could cause tension.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Holly Blackley

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 06:44 PM

Contribution ID: 161

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Rochelle Dixon

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 05:17 PM

Contribution ID: 158

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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I oppose this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Jimmy Kirk

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 04:21 PM

Contribution ID: 157

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: S Meier

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 19, 2024, 10:46 PM

Contribution ID: 139

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

We are proposing to remove the annual renewal requirement for multiple dog permits and instead require variations only when something changes (like adding a new dog).

I oppose this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

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If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Melissa Gilby

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 03:07 PM

Contribution ID: 152

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Angus

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 21, 2024, 05:22 AM

Contribution ID: 166

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

I strongly support the proposed changes. A progressive step toward accessibility not just for humans but for animal wellbeing and providing greater variety of destinations and spaces for people and their dogs.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: max

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 02:38 PM

Contribution ID: 150

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Nuisance - how we regulate the keeping of animals, bees, and poultry, and protect the public from animal nuisance

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

i wish we had better laws around removing dogs from people who cant keep them on their property

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Greg

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 02:01 PM

Contribution ID: 149

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

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I oppose this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Alison

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 01:30 PM

Contribution ID: 148

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I feel that there also needs to be areas for dogs that are on leash only as well. There are some dog owners that prefer to have their dogs on leads and when others prefer off lead, and when not controlled properly by there owners there can be bad consequences.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

Same as above some owners prefer to have their dogs on a leash. My dog has been attacked by a dog off leash. Would be nice if there were times that catered for dogs on leads as well as off lead times.

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Grant

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 12:05 PM

Contribution ID: 147

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Provisions should be made for cats that come onto and damage property. The fact that a dog can face multiple penalties and even death, and cats which are ecologically damaging and carry disease that can affect human health are not applicable to rules is unfair. Cats should be kept inside or on the property of the owner which is becoming globally acceptable- at the responsibility of the owner. They damage garden beds, cars, fences and kill native birds which have been actively introduced into the city. They can carry parasites and disease that affect humans and other healthy and otherwise well-cared for animals.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Helen Boldingh

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 12:03 PM

Contribution ID: 146

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Steve Tritt

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 11:12 AM

Contribution ID: 145

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

Dog Control - how we manage dogs within the city

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

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I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

In parks or children's playground where dogs are not permitted, there should be clear signage at each entry point to say dogs are not permitted here. The sign should have a phone number for the reporting of dogs in these area.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Madison

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 08:32 AM

Contribution ID: 143

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

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I support this proposed change

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I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Do you support Council's proposal to increase the overall off lead dog park provision, by adding ten new dog parks?

I partially support this proposed change, but have comments/issues regarding the proposed parks [please expand on your answer here]

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

I think these parks need to be fenced and have rules on what hours dogs can be off lead

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I support this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

My only concern about more off leash parks is that there will be less places for people to walk unsocial/reactive dogs without fear of an off-leash dog approaching.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Susan

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 08:17 AM

Contribution ID: 142

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I support this proposed change

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

Dog owners need to be taught to care for and house dogs properly. They are loving animals, don't lock them in cages all day, allow them to wander, or to frighten passersby. The needs of each breed need to be considered. Don't keep the likes of a border collie on a tiny section or crate it. Small dogs need to have their own space to be a dog.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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I oppose this proposed change

If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

If you would like to expand on any of the answers given above, please do so here:

People already let dogs loose in parks which are not off lead. I have a neighbour who just opens their gate and lets their dog run loose in a park next to me. Dogs should be on leads at all times when in the presence of other dogs.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you have any other comments relating to Council's Animal Nuisance Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, or Dog Control Policy?

We need more fenced dog parks in places which are accessible to people who do not drive, have assistance and guide dogs.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No

Name: Mike Lynch

Organisation: No, these are my own personal views

Date submitted: Sep 20, 2024, 03:53 PM

Contribution ID: 155

Would you like to make a verbal submission? No

Which topics would you like to provide feedback on?

I would like to provide feedback on both

ANIMAL NUISANCE BYLAW

Do you support Council's proposal to make only minor amendments to the Animal Nuisance Bylaw?

I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

If you would like to expand on your answer, please do so here:

I do not have a view on this.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW

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If you partially support this proposed change, please expand on your answer here:

From experience dog owners use parks to let their dogs run around regardless. Most of the issues I have is from dogs off lead with owner when I am walking my dog on lead. I think it may encourage bad owners to just let their aggressive dogs run free even more.

Do you support Council's proposal to introduce a rule where dogs can be off lead in some parks at certain times, meaning eight parks will allow dogs to be off lead between certain hours?

I oppose this proposed change

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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From my experience I prefer all dogs to be on lead in public. Off lead dogs with the owner tend to be the ones who will be aggressive when I am walking my dog (on lead). Even the owners do not seem too concerned.

As far as dogs and nuisance barking, that is another issue which council do not enforce much at all. We have a number of dogs on our street which bark for hours on end yet there is no real deterrent.

Would you like to add any attachments to your submission?

No