



Park Do's and Dont's

Please

- Keep your dog under effective control and leave the Dog Park if it becomes aggressive or bothers other dogs
- Clean up and dispose of faeces and other rubbish in the bin provided, using either your own disposal bag or the tidy bags provided
- Talk to other users before issues arise
- Children may be at risk around dogs - please supervise them carefully. Prevent children from shouting, teasing and chasing around dogs

Please Don't

- Come into the park if your dog is unvaccinated, aggressive or on heat
- Bring puppies who have not completed their vaccinations
- Let your dog off-lead if you do not have a reliable recall
- Bring in food (except for discreet treats) or toys (exercise items such as balls & frisbees are fine!)
- Allow children under 14 years of age into the enclosure without adult supervision



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Off Leash Dog Exercise Park

260 Steele Street, Devonport
(Near Splash Aquatic Centre)

Off Leash Dog Beaches

Back Beach, Devonport
Pardoe Beach, East Devonport

Disclaimer:

This information is provided as a brief and general guide to the main requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000 and the Devonport Dog Management Policy. This information is not a professional legal opinion and should not be relied upon as such.

For further information, refer to the Dog Control Act 2000 at www.thelaw.com.au or discuss with Council's Animal Control Officer.





What you should know about visiting a Dog Park

Because the first visit can be stressful for the new user (both human and dog), first-time visitors should consider visiting the park at non-peak times (peak times are expected to be from late afternoon to dark on weekdays and after 9.30am on weekends).

It may take a little while for both you and your dog to feel comfortable in the Dog Park, but given time you will both come to enjoy this new experience.

Dogs coming into the Dog Park must be registered, desexed (unless a permit has been issued) and fully vaccinated.

Declared restricted breeds or declared dangerous dogs are not permitted in the Park.

Failure to comply with the Conditions of Use may result in an Infringement Notice being issued.

Know Your Dog

Dog parks are not suitable for all dogs. Dogs who are aggressive or overly shy should not be taken into the enclosure. If you take an aggressive dog into the enclosure you are risking harm to others and creating a potential liability for yourself.

You should have full control of your dog and it should come when called.

You should be able to read when your dog is hot, thirsty, aggressive, fearful or happy - and act accordingly.



If your dog is not well socialised with other dogs you will need to teach your dog how to behave appropriately at the Park. Dogs that have not been well socialised will need to be carefully supervised to avoid aggression and other inappropriate behaviour.

What to do once you get to the Dog Park

- Keep your dog on a leash when entering and exiting the enclosure
- Don't come into the Park if it is crowded
- When entering or leaving through the double-gated transition area, make sure there is no-one else already in this space. This will prevent the possibility of both gates being opened at the same time or dogs fighting in this contained space
- Leave immediately if you are concerned about anything happening
- Quickly move away from the entrance and into the open. This will help disperse dogs who may come to greet your dog
- Keep walking - walking, rather than sitting or standing in one place, will encourage dogs to see the park as neutral space and reduce territorial behaviours
- Use tidy bags to clean up after your dog
- Stay alert and focussed on your dog at all times. Visiting the Dog Park can be a social outing, however it is important to always keep an eye on your dog



- It is very likely there will be groups of dogs running around the Park, which can quickly become a problem if not managed. As soon as you see any signs in any dog that they are no longer happy about the situation, call your dog away

Learn to read and respond to your dog's posture and body language

Key Things to Remember

- **Body Language** - learn to read and respond to your dog's posture and body language
- **Packs** - several dogs joining together as a pack can lead to problems - lead your dog away from the group to a neutral area
- **Possession** - dogs can protect their toys, treats & people. Shared toys can also lead to the spread of disease. Food (with the exception of discreet training treats) and toys should not be brought into the Park
- **Behaviour** - if your dog becomes overly anxious, annoying or aggressive, leave the park and come back at another time
- **Control** - dogs should be under the care of a person of at least 18 years old, who must be fully responsible for the actions of their dog at all times
- **Children** - if you bring children to the Park, supervise them closely. Children under 14 years should not enter without an adult
- **Smoking is not allowed in the enclosure** - cigarette butts are dangerous for dogs