

Ashburton District Exercise Areas

Dogs must remain on a leash:



Dogs must remain on a leash in all public places, which includes all roads (including footpaths and margins); all memorial areas and all sports grounds. See the Dog Control Policy at ashburtondc.govt.nz for more information.

Areas where dogs are prohibited:



- ✗ All cemeteries
- ✗ All boat ramps and slipways
- ✗ All playing surfaces of public sports grounds
- ✗ Ashton Beach
- ✗ In any public Council owned building
- ✗ Lake Camp Reserve area
- ✗ Lake Clearwater hut area
- ✗ Lake Clearwater shores
- ✗ Lake Heron shores
- ✗ Maori Lakes shores
- ✗ Within one metre of any playground or playground equipment

Dog exercise areas “Unleashed”:



Below are specifically designated areas where dogs can exercise off leash. However, they must be under the direct control of their owners. This means your dog must respond to your commands.

Map 1 – Ashburton Dog Exercise Areas

- Ashburton District Council Dog Park
- Devon Park
- Digby Park
- Patching Street Reserve
- Pioneer Park
- Smallbone Drive Reserve

Map 2 – Argyle Park Exercise Areas

Map 3 – Tinwald Dog Exercise Areas

- The Tinwald Green (adjacent to main south railway line, south of the Ashburton River)
- George Glassey Park

Map 4 – Methven Dog Park

Map 5 – Rakaia Dog Park

Map 6 – North East Ashburton Exercise Area

Phone us 24 hours a day for animal control issues on **03 307 7700**.

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Dog Ownership

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



Important information for dog owners

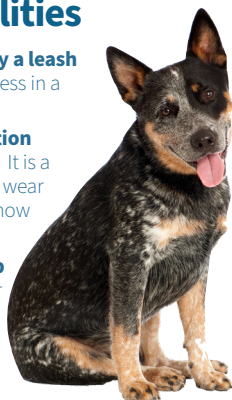
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Obligations & Responsibilities

Did you know all dog owners must use or carry a leash when in public? Your dog must be on a leash unless in a designated dog exercise area.

Did you know dogs not wearing their registration tag at all times may be deemed unregistered? It is a legislative requirement that your companion must wear their licence tag at all times (see below for tips on how to put licence tag on the collar).

Did you know it's an offence for failing to keep your dog under control? Having your dog under control is as much about the safety of your dog as it is about the safety of other dogs and other people, including in dog parks. Care should be taken if your dog is not used to socialising with other dogs, or is known to be aggressive.



Micro-chipping

Micro-chipping provides a simple, life-long way to identify dogs and link them to their owner. It is compulsory for all newly registered dogs after July 2006 (except working farm dogs) to be micro-chipped. If your dog has been impounded or declared as dangerous or menacing, it will need to be micro-chipped even if it was first registered before July 2006.

Note: A working dog is a dog that is kept solely for the purpose of herding or driving stock.

Registration licence tag tips

Did you know that you can soften the strap to make it bend a little more easily around your pooch's collar?

Place your new dog licence tag in a cup or saucer of boiling water

Leave for 10 - 12 seconds

Remove the strap out of the boiling water (use kitchen tongs to prevent scolding or burning your fingers)

Bend the tag around your dog's collar.



Dog Ownership

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Fees & Charges

1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

Rural Zone

Fees per dog

Registration 1 st and 2 nd dog.....	\$ 63.00
Subsequent dog.....	\$ 30.00
Late Registration (Penalty Fee).....	\$ 30.00
Menacing Dog.....	\$63.00
Dangerous Dog.....	\$95.00

Urban Zone

Fees per dog

Registration unneutered dog.....	\$95.00
Registration Desexed Dog*.....	\$63.00
Late Registration (Penalty Fee).....	\$ 44.00
Menacing Dog.....	\$95.00
Dangerous Dog.....	\$142.00
RDO (Responsible Dog Owner).....	\$58.00
Late Fee Desexed Dogs.....	\$30.00
Licence to keep 3 or more dogs.....	\$51.00
Renewal 3 or more dogs.....	\$26.00
Disability.....	NIL

*Urban desexed dog fee reductions will only be given upon receipt of a Veterinarian's certificate.

General / Impounding

Fees & charges

Microchip Fee.....	\$17.00
First Offence.....	\$90.00
Second or more offence (per offence).....	\$224.00
Daily Sustenance.....	\$17.00

Charged on impound and every 24 hours thereafter. Impounded dogs must be registered, micro-chipped and all fees paid before release. Please note that owners of unclaimed dogs are also liable for fees and euthanasia costs.



Children & Dog exercise areas

Council recognises the importance of exercise for dogs and to provide the opportunity for dogs and their owners to exercise and socialise together in the dog parks across the district. Although children are allowed in dog parks, **care must be taken by parents or guardians to ensure they are protected from potential dog related accidents or injuries.** Dog parks are primarily a space for dogs to socialise and exercise with other dogs.

Skate parks are designed for the use and enjoyment of children and teenagers. Children and teenagers are disproportionately represented in dog bite and injury statistics. Speed and noise of a skate park may excite or provoke a dog. **Ensuring dogs are not in skateboard areas makes them safe for children and teenagers to use.**

Barking Dogs

Excessive barking is tiresome and repetitive. It's one of the common dog complaints reported to councils. Barking is their natural means of communication. Your dog may be barking due to a lack of stimulation, especially if left alone during the day. Dogs often bark when owners are not home and this can be disturbing for their neighbours.

Preventing Excessive Barking

Ensure your dog is comfortable and is exercised regularly; and make sure the dog has toys to amuse itself with when alone, such as bones or balls. Leave your dog with friends or a boarding kennel when away for long periods of time and house your dog so it's unable to see things to bark at.

Registering Online

Jumping online is the easiest way to register your dog and make your registration payment. When re-registering, all you'll need is your dog number. If your dog's registration details have changed, such as a new address, ownership or they are now deceased, you will need to contact us by email or phone to update your details before you can re-register.

Learn more at ashburtondc.govt.nz