



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:



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

Dog exercise areas “Unleashed”:



These are the designated areas where dogs can be exercised off-leash. However, they must remain under the direct control of their owners. This means your dog must respond promptly and reliably 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

Dog Ownership

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



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

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Important information for dog owners

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LONG-LIFE REGISTRATION TAGS

In 2023, the Council changed from plastic strips to new metal long-life tags. While your dog will still need to be re-registered each year, your tags will not need to be replaced. If you wish, you can engrave your contact details on the blank reverse side of the tag.



It's possible that over time, the registration number will fade, particularly on active dogs. If the number is no longer able to be read, please bring it into the Council for a free replacement. A replacement fee may apply for lost tags.

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 may be deemed unregistered? It is a legislative requirement that your furry companion must wear their licence tag at all times.

Did you know failing to keep your dog under control is an offence?

Ensuring your dog is under control is as much about the safety of your dog as it is about the safety of others. Care should be taken if your dog is not used to socialising with other dogs, or is known to be aggressive, even when in dog parks.



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 (except working farm dogs) to be micro-chipped.

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

Fees & Charges

1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024

Rural Zone	Fees per dog
Registration 1 st and 2 nd dog.....	\$ 66.00
Subsequent dog	\$ 31.00
Late registration (<i>Penalty Fee</i>).....	\$ 31.00
Menacing dog.....	\$66.00
Dangerous dog.....	\$99.00

Urban Zone	Fees per dog
Registration unneutered dog	\$99.00
Registration desexed dog*.....	\$66.00
Late registration (<i>penalty fee</i>).....	\$ 46.00
Menacing dog.....	\$99.00
Dangerous dog.....	\$148.00
Responsible Dog Owner (<i>RDO</i>)	\$60.00
Late fee desexed dog	\$31.00
Licence to keep 3 or more dogs.....	54.00
Renewal 3 or more dogs	\$27.00
Disability.....	Free

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

General / Impounding	Fees & charges
Microchip fee.....	\$19.00
First offence.....	\$94.00
Second or more offence (<i>per offence</i>).....	\$233.00
Daily sustenance.....	\$18.00

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 provides dog parks across the Ashburton District for dogs and their owners to exercise and socialise together. Although children are allowed in dog parks, the spaces are primarily for pets to exercise and we ask that parents and guardians take care to prevent any potential incidents.

Skate parks are designed for the use of children and teenagers. The speed and noise of the activity may excite or provoke a dog, so please do not bring your dog into our skate parks.

Barking Dogs

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication, but excessive barking is tiresome and can be a nuisance to others. It's one of the most common dog complaints reported to councils and is often by a lack of stimulation, especially if left alone during the day.

The good news is, there are easy steps dog owners can take to help reduce unwanted barking.

Ensure your dog is comfortable and exercised regularly; and make sure the dog has toys to amuse itself with when alone. Leave your dog with friends or a boarding kennel when away for long periods of time and adapt your property so your dog is unable to see people and things to bark at. For more helpful tips, view the barking dogs page on the Council website.

Registering Online

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

