



CENTRAL COAST
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Your Guide to

Responsible Dog Ownership

“BE THE OWNER YOUR DOG
NEEDS YOU TO BE”



Dog Control Act 2000

The Dog Control Act 2000 recognises the rights of dog owners and those of non-dog owners by focusing on responsible dog ownership.

On the Central Coast:

-  → All dogs over the age of 6 months must be micro-chipped and registered with Council.
-  → A dog must not be allowed to wander on its own, run up to or jump at people, or chase other animals or vehicles.
-  → A dog must not be able to escape from the premises where it is kept.
-  → When in a public place, dogs must wear a collar with a registration disc attached.
-  → Only 2 dogs, or 4 working dogs, may be kept on any premises without a special licence.



Central Coast Council must be advised within 14 days of:

-  → Changes to the owner or the address of a dog.
-  → The death, loss or removal of a dog.
-  → The transfer of a dog to another Council area.

For details about dog registration fees, rules and responsibilities go to:

www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au/dogs/

"Who's a good girl?"

They are immortalised as man's best friend, a loyal pet who teaches kids about responsibility, a hardworking farm-hand and a sloppy kiss of unconditional love.

Australia has one of the highest levels of dog ownership in the world. Roughly 2 in every 5 households have a dog – about 4.8 million pampered pooches all up.

This booklet is about ensuring that Central Coast dogs get the owners they need and deserve, and non-dog owners get the space and peace they are entitled to.

Council is encouraging dog owners to be aware of their responsibilities under the Dog Control Act 2000.

You can read our policies, regulations, fees and charges at www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au/dogs/ but the sentiment is quite simple – ensure your dog is well behaved and under control every time it is out of its yard, that it doesn't bark too much, and that you clean up any mess it leaves.

In this booklet you'll find details of the many areas on the Central Coast where you can exercise your dog as well as all the dog no-go zones.

We hope you and your dog continue to have wonderful adventures.

Popular author Dean Koontz famously wrote *“Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished.”*

By being a responsible dog owner you can make sure no-one's life is diminished.



Who's a naughty boy?

Dogs must never be allowed to be a nuisance or a danger to people or other dogs and animals.

A dog is considered to be a nuisance if:



→ It behaves in a manner which poses an injury, risk or danger to a person.



→ It creates a noise that persistently occurs or continues to such an extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any premises or public space.



→ Dog droppings must be immediately picked up by the person in charge of the dog and properly disposed of.



“It’s OK, my dog is friendly ...”

Just because your dog is friendly doesn’t mean all dogs are.

Never let your dog run up to a dog that is on a leash – they could be scared or become reactive.

Respect other owners and their need for space.

Not all dogs want added attention or intrusion.



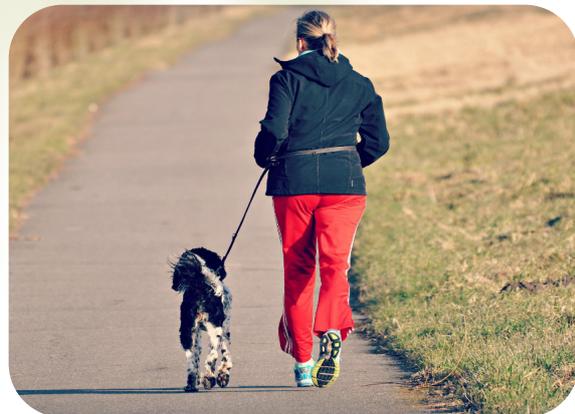
 → If you have no voice control over your dog off-leash, always keep them on-leash.

 → Dogs must always be kept on-leash in an on-leash area.

Exercising Your Dog

Walking your dog is good for you and your pet, giving you both exercise and therapy. It also strengthens the wonderful bond between you and your dog.

 → All dogs on a road or footpath in a built up area must be on a leash of 2 metres or less.



No-go zones where dogs are NOT allowed

Most dogs are prohibited from certain public areas including schools, shopping centres, grounds of swimming pools, sports grounds and children's playgrounds.

The following are areas where dogs are **Not Permitted at Any Time**:

- Buttons Beach, between Victoria Street and Buttons Creek, Ulverstone.
- Picnic Point Beach, West Ulverstone.
- West Ulverstone Beach, between Westland Drive and Goat Island Reserve.
- Sulphur Creek Beach, from Creamery Road to Howth.

In other areas a dog may be off-leash provided it remains in the owners sight and is under effective control, which means the animal is immediately responsive to the commands of the owner at all times.

Owners and persons in charge of a dog may incur substantial penalties if a dog attacks a person or another animal.



Ample options to go for ‘walkies’

You can have your dog off-leash in the following areas without it being deemed to be at large.

-  **Watcombe Beach** (Penguin) and **Buttons Beach** (Ulverstone, from Leven River to Victoria Street).
-  **West Ulverstone Beach** between Josephine St and Westland Drive. *In November to March dogs can only be on the beach from 7am till 8pm and must be on-leash to protect penguin breeding colonies.*
-  **Penguin Beach**, (Penguin) **Midway Beach**, (Sulphur Creek, east of Creamery Road), **Buttons Beach** (Ulverstone, from Buttons Creek to The Fish Pond) *In December to February dogs can only be on these beaches between 7pm and 9am.*
-  **Turners Beach**, (from Forth River to Clayton Rivulet) *In November to March dogs must be on-leash. They can only be off-leash between 8pm and 9am.*
-  **Bicentennial Park** (Ulverstone)– Dogs must be on-leash.
-  **Fenced off-leash areas** are provided on the Northern Side of Ulverstone Showground and on the corner of Ironcliffe Road and Sports Complex Avenue at Penguin.



If your dog is deemed to be dangerous

The Council can declare a dog to be dangerous if it has caused serious injury to a person or animal, or if there is reasonable cause to believe this might happen.

Guard dogs on non-residential properties are considered to be dangerous dogs.

All dangerous dogs must be micro-chipped, wear an approved collar and be kept on premises with approved warning signs erected and maintained at all entrances.

When in public areas dangerous dogs must be kept in a childproof enclosure. When not under adult supervision dangerous dogs must be secured by a lead less than 2 metres long.

Approved collars and leads are available from council.

Penalties

Council is responsible for applying the Dog Control Act 2000. Authorised officers can take appropriate action under the Act, including issuing infringement notices and impounding dogs which are found at large.

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