



# **Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw (Multiple Dogs in Council- Controlled Public Places) Control 2025**

**(as at 2 September 2025)**

**made by Auckland Council**

**on 26 June 2025**

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### 1 Title

This control is the Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw (Exercising Multiple Dogs in Council-Controlled Public Places) Control 2025.

### 2 Issuing authority

This control is made under Clause 9C of the **Bylaw**.

### 3 Commencement

This control comes into force on the same date as clause 9A of the **Bylaw**.

### 4 Application

This control applies to Auckland.

### 5 Purpose

To specify conditions that apply to a person who has an approval under clause 9B of the **Bylaw** to have more than the maximum number of dogs allowed in any council-controlled public place under clause 9A(1) of the **Bylaw**.

#### Related information about conditions

Additional conditions may be specified on any approval from council.

### 6 Interpretation

- (1) In this control, unless the context otherwise requires:

**Bylaw** means the Auckland Council Ture a Rohe Tiakina Kurī 2019 / Dog Management Bylaw 2019.

- (2) Unless the context requires another meaning, a term or expression that is defined in the **Bylaw** or Dog Control Act 1996 and is used, but not defined, in this control has the meaning given by the **Bylaw** or Act.

## 7 Conditions for having multiple dogs in council-controlled public places

- (1) A person carrying out activities allowed in an approval from council under clause 9B of the **Bylaw**, must comply at all times with the following conditions –

### *Identification*

- (a) the person must wear a visible vest (or similar) prescribed by council that includes their name and registration number at all times when walking the dogs;
- (b) the person must ensure all dogs wear a visible identification prescribed by council at all times to indicate they are being walked by a person approved by council;

#### **Related information about visible vests and identification prescribed by council**

- Please visit our [dogs webpage](#) for details on visibility requirements.

- (c) the person must carry either a physical or digital copy of the approval and present it immediately upon request by a dog control officer or dog ranger;
- (d) the person must display a physical copy of the approval inside any vehicle used so that its details are readable from outside the front windscreen (for example, by placing it on the dashboard or affixing it to the inside of the windscreen);

### *Equipment*

- (e) the person must always carry equipment sufficient to leash all dogs in their possession;
- (f) the person must always carry the necessary items to remove and dispose of any faeces from the dogs in their possession;

### *Competence*

- (g) the person must be at least 16 years of age;
- (h) the person must possess the necessary expertise (for example skills and judgement) to –
  - i. safely manage dogs in public and maintain control of them, whether on-leash, off-leash, or a combination of both;
  - ii. assess the temperament of individual dogs and the pack as a whole; and
  - iii. recognise that public places can be unpredictable and that some members of the public may feel uncomfortable around dogs;

### *Conduct*

- (i) no more than 24 dogs may be walked together by a group of people at any one time (for example three, four or five dog walkers in a group can only have maximum of 24 dogs between them);
- (j) the person must not use a road as described in Schedule 1.3 of the Policy on Dogs as their primary walking area, which means for example –
  - i. a road may be used for short transitions, such as walking a dog from its home to a nearby parked vehicle;
  - ii. this condition does not apply to road, walkway or track in a council-controlled park;

- (k) the person must take reasonable steps to prevent damage to bush tracks and surrounding areas (for example by managing smaller packs than otherwise allowed, or avoiding tracks after rain);
- (l) the person should take reasonable steps to avoid busy areas during peak times (for example, parks that are busy on weekends and public holidays, or on parks near schools during start and end times);

**Other regulatory requirements**

- (m) the person may only walk dogs they have verified as currently registered and microchipped (for example, by obtaining proof of registration and microchipping from the dog owner);
- (n) the person walker must comply with all applicable regulations, including in –
  - i. the Dog Control Act 1996;
  - ii. the Animal Welfare Act 1999, Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018 and Code of Welfare: Dogs;
  - iii. the **Policy on Dogs** and **Bylaw**;
  - iv. any bylaw of Auckland Council about public trading and signs; and

**Related information about other applicable regulations**

Current examples of other applicable regulations include:

- the requirement to keep control of all dogs at all times (section 52, [Dog Control Act 1996](#))
- requirements about the transportation of dogs (Animal Welfare Act 1999, Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018, Code of Welfare: Dogs)
- dog access rules that require dogs to be on-leash when in a council car park or that prohibit dogs from certain areas (Schedule 1 and 2 of the **Policy on Dogs**)
- rules that prohibit offering dog walking services in a council park (Auckland Council Public Trading, Events and Filming Bylaw 2022)
- rules about vehicle livery (Auckland Council and Auckland Transport Signs Bylaw 2022)

- (o) the person must comply with any conditions specified in an approval under clause 9B of the **Bylaw**.
- (2) Where the holder of the approval is a person described in clause 9B(1)(a) of the **Bylaw** (for example a commercial dog walking business), the holder of the approval must ensure any person they instruct or authorise complies with the conditions in (1) at all times (for example through education, training, performance assessment and equipment).

**Related information, Control history**

Date	Description	Authority
26 June 2025	<b>Made</b> Controls made under the Dog Management Bylaw 2019 ( <a href="#">GB/2025/88</a> )	Governing Body of Auckland Council
2 September 2025	<b>Amended</b> Controls under the Dog Management Bylaw 2019 ( <a href="#">RSC/2025/63</a> )	Regulatory and Safety Committee
1 January 2026	<b>Commencement</b> of controls made on 26 June 2025 ( <a href="#">GB/2025/88</a> )	Governing Body of Auckland Council

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