

NEWCASTLE **LOVES** DOGS!

Here are some tips on how to be a responsible pet owner and a dog's best friend:

- 1** Keep your dog on a leash, unless they are in a leash free area
- 2** Keep dogs under control in leash free areas
- 3** Pick up your dog's poo
- 4** Make sure your dog is microchipped and registered
- 5** Ensure your contact details are up to date on petregistry.nsw.gov.au
- 6** Put your contact details on their collar to help get them back home to you if they are ever lost



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Dogs In Open Spaces Strategy

Have Your Say

Public exhibition ends Monday 27 August 2018





A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

I invite you to have your say on the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy currently on public exhibition. The Strategy will guide the provision, improvement and management of dog off leash areas over the next 10 years. This includes the development of some strategically located fenced dog parks.

To develop the Strategy, Council consulted with key organisations, sporting groups and park committees, held drop in sessions at four existing off leash sites and spoke with people who attended the Pups in the Park event. Our Strategy is also informed by an online survey completed by more than 1,000 residents.

Thanks for all your insights and feedback.

2018 SURVEY RESULTS



1,076 surveys were completed. Here's what you had to say about off leash dog areas:

84%

of respondents agreed Council should provide fenced off leash areas in Newcastle

81%

agreed Council should create some new dog off leash areas in areas that are lacking off leash opportunities

Who is using our off leash areas?

32%

of people said they do not use any dog off leash areas in Newcastle

54%

of people that don't use existing dog off leash areas stated their main reason was because there was a lack of fenced areas

54%

of people who use a dog off leash area do so at least twice a week

Concerns you had about dog off leash areas?

53%

Some people don't pick up after their dogs

38%

Often dogs off leash are not kept under control

25%

Some dogs may attack my dog

21%

Off leash area is not clearly defined

OTHER COMMON THINGS WE HEARD...

We need more bins and waste bags

Dog poo not picked up is a problem

Fenced areas would make it safer



WHAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT EXISTING DOG OFF LEASH AREAS...

TREES & SHADE 63%

WATER FOR DOGS 62%

SIGNS & INFO 24%

TOILETS 27%

SEATING 35%

FENCED AREA FOR DOGS 60%

