Dog Control Bylaw

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1. Interpretation

1.1 In this bylaw, unless inconsistent with the context, or where otherwise expressly provided:-

- **Commercial dog walker** means any individual or business that walks or trains dogs in public spaces in exchange for payment.
- **Dog Exercise Area** means an area within a public place that is specified by ordinary Council resolution to be a dog exercise area where dogs may be exercised off the lead.
- **Dog Park** means a Dog Exercise Area that is defined and fenced, used solely for the purpose of dog exercise and contains specific additional amenities.
- **Dog Prohibition Area** has the meaning set out in clause 9 of this Bylaw.
- **Household Unit** means a building or group of buildings, or part of a building or group of buildings, used principally for residential purposes and occupied exclusively as the home or residence of one household.
- **Land** means a separately owned or occupied portion of land.-
- **Reserve** means any open space, plantation, park, garden or ground set apart for public recreation or enjoyment which is under the management and control of Council and includes all land administered by Council under the Reserves Act 1977.
- **Sports Surface** includes any Council land used for sporting activities, whether permanently or temporarily marked, including athletic fields, playing fields, playing courts and other constructions provided for sporting purposes.

1.2 The expressions “Dog Control Officer”, “Dog Ranger”, “Owner”, “Public Place”, “Working Dog”, “Disability Assist Dog” have the same meaning as in section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

2. Limitation on Number of Dogs Permitted on Land or Premises

2.1 No person shall keep more than two dogs over the age of three months on any premises unless they have obtained a licence for additional dogs under clause 3.1.

2.2 No person may exercise (on-lead or off-lead) more than four dogs at any time in a public place without a Commercial Dog Walker's licence.

2.3 Council will have discretion to waive licensing requirements and issue an exemption on a case-by-case basis. Any persons wishing to be considered for an exemption should contact Council's Animal Services team.

3. Licensing of Additional Dogs and Commercial Dog Walkers

3.1 The owner of a dog, or the owner or occupier of the land or premises, wanting to obtain a licence for an additional dog or dogs shall make written application to Council in the forms set out in Schedule One and Two of this bylaw and shall provide with their application any information Council requires.

3.2 Any Commercial Dog Walker shall make written application to Council for a licence in accordance with Schedule Three of this bylaw and shall provide with their application any information Council requires.

3.3 Any licence issued under clauses 3.1 and 3.2 may be subject to any reasonable terms, conditions and restrictions consistent with this bylaw. Every licence shall be issued on the forms set out in Schedules One, Two and Three of this Bylaw and, subject to clause 4.1, shall remain in force from the date of issue until the 30th of June the following year.

3.4 For every licence, the applicant(s) shall pay to Council (before the issue of the licence), the fee, or a proportionate part of the fee in the case of a licence issued for a period of less than a year.

3.5 The fee for the licence shall be payable in addition to the registration fees payable under the Dog Control Act 1996.

4. Revocation of Licence

4.1 Council may revoke a licence at any time while that licence is in force in accordance with clause 3.3 if:

a. Council is satisfied that the keeping of the additional dog or dogs has caused or materially contributed to a nuisance or the likelihood of injury to health; or

b. Council is satisfied that the keeping of the additional dog or dogs has caused an unduly detrimental effect upon the surrounding neighbourhood; or

c. there has been a failure to comply with all or any of the terms conditions and restrictions of the licence.

4.2 Any exemptions issued under 2.3 are subject to revocation under 4.1.

4.3 Where an owner fails to obtain a license or exemption within seven days of being notified of the requirement to do so, a Dog Control Officer will, by written notice, require the owner/occupier to reduce the number of dogs on their premises to no more than two dogs within 14 days. Where the owner/occupier fails to comply with this notice, Council is permitted to seize and impound the number of dogs necessary to reduce the number of dogs on the premises to two.

5. Limitation on Numbers not to Apply in Certain Areas

5.1 Nothing in clauses 2 and 3 shall apply:

a. to premises within any rural areas under an operative or proposed District Plan prepared by Council;

b. to premises lawfully used exclusively or principally as a veterinary clinic including an office used by a veterinary surgeon in the course of their business; and

c. to premises lawfully used exclusively or principally for carrying on the business of boarding, walking or grooming dogs.

6. General Controls in Public Places

6.1 Except as provided in clause 7.1:

a. no dog shall be permitted in a public place; and

b. no person being the owner of a dog shall take the dog into or permit the dog to enter or remain in a public place unless:

i. the dog is kept under continuous control by an effectual leash held by a person and securely attached to a collar on the dog; or

ii. the dog is contained in a vehicle or cage.

6.2 If a dog defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner, the owner or other person having control of that dog shall immediately remove the faeces.

7. Dog Exercise Areas

7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in clause 9, a person may exercise a dog off lead in any designated Dog Exercise Area (including a Dog Park) as outlined in Schedule Four.

7.2 The owner or person responsible for the dog shall ensure that the dog is kept under constant supervision and control while being exercised in a Dog Exercise Area (including a Dog Park).

8. Resolution to Specify Dog Exercise Areas

8.1 Council may, by resolution, specify Dog Exercise Areas where dogs may be exercised off lead.

8.2 Council may amend or revoke a resolution made under clause 8.1 at any time.

8.3 Before making a resolution under clause 8.1, Council must take into account:

a. the need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally;

b. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults;

c. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;

d. the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners;

e. impact on all wildlife;

f. whether it is necessary to consult with the public to gauge community views on a proposed Dog Exercise Area; and

g. any other information considered by Council to be relevant.

9. Prohibited Areas

9.1 No dog shall be permitted in a Dog Prohibition Area, and no owner may cause or permit their dog to enter or remain in a Dog Prohibition Area.

9.2 For the purposes of clause 9.1, the following are Dog Prohibition Areas as outlined in Schedule Four:

a. any premises used as a public hub or library;

b. any children's playground within the district;

c. any swimming pool owned or controlled by Council;

d. any land used as a kindergarten or playcentre;

e. any marked sports surface;

f. any unmarked sports surface when in use for sporting purposes;

g. any area that forms part of a park or reserve where a special event that is organised and in respect of which Council has publicly notified the time, date and duration of the closure; and

h. any other area within a public place that is specified by ordinary Council resolution to be an area that dogs are prohibited to enter upon or remain in.

10. Resolution to Specify Dog Prohibition Areas

10.1 Council may, by resolution, specify Dog Prohibition Areas where dogs are prohibited to enter upon or remain in.

10.2 A resolution made under clause 10.1 may specify that dogs are prohibited from the area either generally or only in relation to specified times and days or events.

10.3 Council may amend or revoke a resolution made under clause 10.1 at any time.

10.4 Before making a resolution under clause 10.1, Council must take into account:

a. the need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally; and

b. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; and

c. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and

d. the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.; and

e. impact on wildlife areas; and

f. whether it is necessary to consult with the public to gauge community views on a proposed Dog Prohibition Area; and

g. any other information considered by Council to be relevant.

11. Exemption for Certain Working Dogs

11.1 Nothing in clause 9 shall apply to a Disability Assist Dog or to a Working Dog which is being used by the Police or a security guard in the course of their functions and duties.

11.2 Clause 6.1 shall not apply to the types of dogs referred to in 11.1 or to a Working Dog being lawfully used to move stock.

12. Owner Deemed to have Permitted the Dog to be in Public Place

12.1 The owner of a dog found in any place in breach of clauses 6.1 or 9 shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have permitted the dog to enter or remain in that place.

13. Standards for the Keeping of Dogs

13.1 The occupier of any premises on which a dog is kept shall take all steps reasonably necessary to:-

a. ensure the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter; and

b. prevent the keeping of the dog becoming a nuisance to any person or injuring, endangering or causing distress to any person.

14. Notice to Upgrade Standards

14.1 If Council considers that clause 13 is breached, Council may (but shall not be obliged to) serve a notice on the occupier to take action to ensure the conditions under which the dog is kept are improved so that clause 13.1 is not breached. The notice may specify all or any of the following actions to be taken (except in the case of ongoing actions) within a reasonable time specified in the notice:-

a. reduce the number of dogs kept notwithstanding the existence of a licence under clause 3;

b. construct, alter or reconstruct kennels or other places where dogs are kept;

c. keep dogs confined or restrained in specified ways, specified areas and for specified times;

d. clean kennels and other places where dogs are kept; and-

e. take any other action necessary to properly house any dogs or to reduce or eliminate the nuisance caused by the dogs.

14.2 Council shall only specify actions under clause 14.1 which are reasonable having regard to the inadequacy of housing, or the nature of the nuisance. In specifying any action under clause 14.1 Council shall have regard to:

a. the need for adequate shelter and space;

b. the need for a clean and healthy living area;

c. the proximity of other dwellings;

d. the separation of kennels or other places dogs are kept from boundaries;

e. the use of materials which are easily cleaned in kennels and other places dogs are kept;

f. the construction of the flooring or ground treatment of a kennel or other place where dogs are kept, such as whether it is graded and whether it is drained to a sewer drain; and

g. the need for cleaning of kennels or other places where dogs are kept.

14.3 Council may at any time cancel any notice given under clause 14.1 if it believes the notice has not been complied with and will not be complied with.

14.4 So long as a notice under this section has been issued and has not been cancelled in accordance with clause 14.3 Council shall not prosecute the occupier for a breach of clause 13 before the date stated on the notice as the date by which the actions (except ongoing actions) are to be carried out.

Schedule One

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO KEEP ADDITIONAL DOGS ON LAND OR PREMISES

ANIMAL SERVICES
Servicing Hutt City and Wellington communities
HUTT CITY

Adobe Acrobat V11 is required to fill this form online
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Name	Person ID
Address	
Work Phone / Home Phone / Mobile Phone	
Email	

I hereby apply, pursuant to Clause 3 of the Hutt City Bylaw 2005 – Dog Control, for a licence in respect of the land or premises described below permitting an additional dog/s to be kept on the land or premises.

DETAILS OF ALL DOG/S TO BE KEPT ON THE PROPERTY

Address of premises on which it is intended to keep the additional dogs *(if different from above)*

Dogs name	Dogs ID number	Current tag number	Owner *(if different from above)*

Owner signature	Date

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Fee paid $	Receipt no	RFS enquiry no

Animal Services | 21 Meachen Street, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010 | animals@huttcity.govt.nz
Hutt City Council | 531 High Street, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040 | 04 570 6666 | huttcity.govt.nz
RSA-FORM-114F HCC | DOC/14/185976 | December 2013

Schedule Two

LICENCE TO KEEP ADDITIONAL DOG OR DOGS ON LAND OR PREMISES

ANIMAL SERVICES
Servicing Hutt City and Wellington communities
HUTT CITY

Licence number

Pursuant to Clause 3 of the Hutt City Bylaw 2005 – Hutt City Council hereby licences the land or premises, described below for the purpose of keeping the dog(s), described below on the land or premises subject to the provisions of Part 4 of the Bylaw and the conditions contained in this licence.

Name of applicant for licence		
Address of land or premises on which the additional dog or dogs are permitted to be kept		
Dog name	Dog ID	Owner *(if different from above)*
Conditions of Licence		

Any change to the listed address or any addition to the dogs listed will require a new application.

Any breach of Conditions of Licence will result in this Licence being cancelled.

Licence granted by *Regional Manager Animal Services*	Date

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Schedule Three

Commercial Dog Walking

Requirement	Evidence Required
Training and Assessment You must demonstrate required knowledge and be assessed by an Animal Control Officer.	Be assessed by an Animal Control Officer. This will cover knowledge of - Dog Control Act 1996 - Hutt City Council's Dog Control Bylaw - Hutt City Council's Dog Control Policy An Animal Control Officer will require a demonstration of the dog handlers ability to control and handle multiple dogs
Insurance and Application Public Liability Insurance	You need to supply HuttCity Council with a public liability insurance certificate and submit a Commercial Dog Walkers licence application along with the required fee.
Legal Compliance	You must not have been convicted or received an infringement under the following in the past year. • Dog Control Act 1996 • Animal Welfare Act 1999 • Hutt City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2015 You must not have received a substantiated complaint in the past year or been classified as a Probationary or Disqualified dog owner at any time.
Licence Renewal:	You need to renew your licence annually with Hutt City Council

Licence on request.	You are required to have your Commercial dogs walkers licence on your person and available on request by any Warranted Animal Control officer, when walking multiple dogs.

Licensee Details:

Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Name of Business	
Business Mobile:	Business Phone:
Business Email:	
Company Registration Number:	

Schedule Four

Dog prohibition areas and dog exercise areas

Introduction

The following areas were adopted by Council at its meeting on 31 July 2025 as either Dog Prohibition Areas, or Dog Exercise Areas. The file containing tables with descriptions relevant to each corresponding map that is indicative of the areas can be viewed here.

1. Dog Prohibition Areas		
1.1	**Eastbourne**	
a.	The picnic and leisure areas of Point Howard where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December to 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1a
b.	Sorrento Bay – Dogs prohibited at all times from the areas where there are signs: the foreshore and beach area of Sorrento Bay; from the Southern end of the rocky outcrop and running to the Northern end of the oystercatcher managed works zone	1.1b
c.	The picnic and leisure areas of Lowry Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December to 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1c
d.	Whiorau Reserve – Dogs prohibited at all times from the bird protection area as indicated by the signs	1.1d
e.	The picnic and leisure areas of York Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December to 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1e
f.	The picnic and leisure areas of Mahina Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December to 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1f
g.	The picnic and leisure areas of Sunshine Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December to 31 March. Between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1g
h.	That piece of land vested in Council at Marine Drive, Days Bay, being Lots 5, 6 and 7 Deposited Plan 1694, and being all of the land contained in Certificate of Title 498/171 (Wellington	1.1h

	Registry), more commonly known as the Days Bay Pumping Station Site and the Proposed Local Purpose Reserve (Wildlife Management)	
i.	The picnic and leisure areas of Days Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December and 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1i
j.	CL Bishop Park – Dogs prohibited at all times from the areas where there are signs: the foreshore and beach area of Rona Bay abutting Bishop Park bird protection area; and from the bird protection area	1.1j
k.	The picnic and leisure areas of Rona Bay where there are signs prohibiting dogs from 1 December and 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.1k
l.	HW Shortt Recreation Ground – dogs to be prohibited at all times from the bird protection areas as indicated by the signs	1.1l
1.2	**Petone**	
a.	Petone Beach between Hikoikoi Reserve and the Petone Wharf from 1 December and 31 March between 9.00am and 8.00pm	1.2a
b.	Eastern section of McEwan Park	1.2b
c.	Memorial Park	1.2c
d.	Percy Scenic Reserve	1.2d
1.3	**Epuni**	
a.	Mitchell Park	1.3a
1.4	**Avalon**	
a.	Avalon Park Three-quarters of Avalon Park from the tree line to the north of the children's bicycle track through to the Park's southern boundary be specified as a dog prohibition area. However, a dog on a leash is permitted to walk along the pathway as designated on Map 1.4a and coloured as a broken yellow line. Dogs are also permitted on leash at the northern end of the park as designated in Map 1.4a	1.4a
1.5	**Stokes Valley**	
a.	Speldhurst Park	1.5a

1.6	**Belmont**	
a.	Belmont Recreation Reserve Southern end	1.6a
1.7	**Seaview**	
a.	The small, fenced section of Sunset Point where the bird protection area is located	1.7a

2. Dog Exercise Areas			
2.1	**Stokes Valley**	**Entrances**	**Map**
a.	Delaney Park (excluding sports surfaces)	George Street, Stokes Valley Road	2.1a
b.	Kamahi Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Stokes Valley Road	2.1b
2.2	**Kelson**		
a.	Kelson Reserve	Kelson Grove	2.2a
2.3	**Belmont**		
a.	Redvers Drive Reserve	Redvers Drive	2.3a
2.4	**Naenae**		
a.	Naenae Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Seddon Street, Naenae Road, Gibson Street, Waddington Drive, Rimu Street	2.4a
b.	Waddington Canal	Balgownie Grove, Waddington Drive, Hill Grove, Judd Crescent, Seddon Street	2.4b
2.5	**Waiwhetu**		
a.	Trafalgar Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Trafalgar Street, Brook Street	2.5a
b.	Te Whiti Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Whites Line East, Riverside Drive	2.5b
c.	Bell Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Bell Road, Douglas Street, Riverside Drive South	2.5c

2.6	**Petone**		
a.	Portion of Te Mome Stream east side from Bracken Street along rear of Wilford School to Petone Central Croquet Club right of way.	Bracken Street, Petone Central Croquet Club right of way	2.6a
b.	Sladden Park (excluding the children's playground and sports surfaces)	Bracken Street	2.6b
c.	Ava Park	Wakefield Street	2.6c
d.	Petone Recreation Ground (excluding children's playground and sports surfaces)	Buick Street	2.6d
e.	North Park (excluding sports surfaces)	Roxburgh Street	2.6e
f.	Petone Beach Area (west of Petone Wharf) – excluding Honiana Te Puni Reserve and Te Ara Tupua (shared path), as indicated in the map.	The Esplanade, Honiana Te Puni Reserve carpark	2.6f
g.	Petone Beach East	Marine Parade	2.6g
2.7	**Korokoro**		
a.	Frank Cameron Park	London Road	2.7a
2.8	**Hutt Central**		
a.	Hutt Recreation Ground (excluding sports surfaces)	Myrtle Street, Woburn Road, Bellevue Road	2.8a
2.9	**Moera**		
a.	York Park	York Street, Elizabeth Street	2.9a
2.10	**Hutt Riverbanks**		
a.	Eastern bank from Croft Grove to Tirangi Road, Moera	Croft Grove to Tirangi Road, Moera	2.10a

b.	Eastern bank from Barber Grove to Ava Rail Bridge, Moera	Barber Grove to Ava Rail Bridge, Moera	2.10b
c.	Eastern bank from Ava Rail Bridge to Ewen Bridge	Ava Rail Bridge to Ewen Bridge	2.10c
d.	Eastern bank from Ewen Bridge to Melling Bridge	Ewen Bridge to Melling Bridge	2.10d
e.	Eastern bank from Melling Bridge to Kennedy Good Bridge	Melling Bridge to Kennedy Good Bridge	2.10e
f.	Eastern bank from Kennedy Good Bridge to Stokes Valley	Kennedy Good Bridge to Stokes Valley	2.10f
g.	Eastern bank from Stokes Valley to Reynold Bach Drive	Stokes Valley to Reynold Bach Drive	2.10g
h.	Western bank from Manor Park Road to Benmore Crescent extension	Benmore Crescent, Western Hutt Road, Manor Park Road	2.10h
i.	Western bank north of Owen St, Belmont	Owen Street to the Northern end of the riverbank before the path narrows (opposite High Street at the Northern end of Taita Drive)	2.10i
j.	Western bank - Belmont Recreation Reserve, south of Owen St, Belmont	Owen Street	2.10j
k.	Western bank from Kennedy Good Bridge south to Melling Bridge	Kennedy Good Bridge, Melling Bridge	2.10k
l.	Western bank from Melling Bridge to Ewen Bridge	Melling Bridge, Ewen Bridge	2.10l
m.	Western bank from Ewen Bridge to Ava Park.	Ewen Bridge, Ava Park	2.10m
2.11	**Wainuiomata**		

a.	Leonard Wood Park (excluding the children's playground)	Wood Street, Willow Grove, Parenga Street	2.11a
b.	Wood Street Reserve	Wood Street	2.11b
c.	Burden Avenue Riverbank Reserve	Faulke Avenue, Main Road	2.11c
d.	Rotary Park	Main Road, Gibbs Crescent	2.11d
e.	Wainuiomata Riverbank	Main Road/Poole Crescent	2.11e
f.	The Eastern section of Richard Prouse Park (when not in use for sporting purposes), and outside the sports surfaces in the Western section	Hine Road	2.11f
g.	Hine Road Reserve	Hine Road	2.11g
h.	Black Creek	Nelson Crescent, Moohan Street	2.11h
i.	Pencarrow Hall Reserve	Tipperary Grove	2.11i
j.	Drainage Reserve between Norfolk Street and Nelson Street.	Norfolk Street, Nelson Street	2.11j
k.	Drainage Reserve between Mohaka Street and Momona Street	Parkway, Manutuke Street	2.11k
l.	Drainage Reserve between Parkway and Konini Street	Parking, Konini Street, Totara Street, Karamu Crescent	2.11l
m.	Drainage Reserve between Wainuiomata Road and Fraser Street	Fraser Street, Wainuiomata Road	2.11m
n	Karaka Park (excluding children's playground)	Karaka Street	2.11n
o.	Les Dalton Dog Park	Waiu Street	2.11o
2.12	**Eastbourne**		
a.	Muritai Beach/Robinson Bay, 200 metres south of the Rona Bay Wharf (Rata	HW Shortt Park, Maire Street, Marine Parade	2.12a

	Street) to Miro Street. This excludes the bird protection area that runs parallel to HW Shortt Recreation Ground.		

3. Dog Exercise and Prohibition Areas			
3.1	**Eastbourne**		
a.	Days Bay The area in Days Bay on the beach north of the wharf is – i) A Dog Exercise Area between 8.00pm and 9:00am from 1 December to 31 March every year; ii) A Dog Exercise Area at all times from 1 April to 30 November; and iii) A Dog Prohibition Area between 9.00am and 8.00pm from 1 December to 31 March every year.	Beach area to the North of Days Bay Wharf	3.1a