



# Dog Ownership Information





## Nelson City Council welcomes you and your dog

Nelson is a dog friendly city. We've got about 6,000 registered dogs and we welcome the contribution dogs and their owners make to our community.

We've produced this booklet to let you and other dog owners know the important things about keeping a dog in Nelson. It covers what the rules are, where you can take your dog for on or off lead exercise, and how to make sure you and your dog have a great time out and about and at home in Nelson.

*This brochure is for dog owners in the Nelson City area to understand their responsibilities under the Dog Control Act 1996, Nelson City Council's Dog Bylaw and Nelson City Council's Dog Control Policy. You can find more information about our bylaw and policy at [nelson.govt.nz/dog-ownership](http://nelson.govt.nz/dog-ownership)*

## Register your dog

If you are new to Nelson, you should transfer your dog ownership registration from your previous location. If you are the proud owner of a new dog or puppy, you'll need to make sure your dog is registered by the time it reaches three months old.

You can register your dog online at [my.nelson.co.nz](http://my.nelson.co.nz) – or call into the Customer Service Centre at 110 Trafalgar Street and our friendly staff will help you.

Our dog registration fees are set annually to reflect the actual cost of our dog control programme. You'll find the latest fees at [nelson.govt.nz/dog-registration](http://nelson.govt.nz/dog-registration). Call 03 546 0200 for more information.

If your dog dies during the year; you need to let us know. Registration rebates are available from the date the written application is received by Council. You also need to let us know if you have rehomed your dog.



## Microchipping

All dogs registered in New Zealand for the first time from 1 July 2006, except working farm dogs, need to be microchipped within two months of when they were first registered. And while it is a legal requirement it also means that in the event of your dog getting lost, you'll stand a much better chance of getting him or her back quickly.

Microchipping is a quick and painless procedure which involves putting a tiny chip (about the size of a grain of rice) into the scruff of the dog's neck. Your local vet and/or the SPCA can take care of this and provide you with a certificate for Council to verify the microchipping and record your dog in the National Dog Database.

This is a one-off cost as the chip lasts for the life of the dog. If the dog is picked up lost or injured, Council can scan the chip, check its owner and re-unite owner and pet as soon as possible.



## Dog exercise areas – and manners!

Nelson's parks and reserves offer many great dog walking areas – with a mix of on- and off-lead places. You'll find a map and list of designated exercise areas, plus those places where dogs are prohibited – in this pamphlet or at [nelson.govt.nz/dog-owner-responsibilities](http://nelson.govt.nz/dog-owner-responsibilities).

If you take your dog to a place where dogs are permitted to be off-lead, you still need to keep your dog under your control – and it is up to you to decide whether it's appropriate for your dog to be off-lead at any time. You need to carry a lead with you at all times, so you can use it if required. Remember some people – and dogs – may not like being approached by a dog they don't know, so use your judgement when in public places, and don't let your dog cause a nuisance to other people or stray onto private property.

If your dog is sick or has a condition such as mange, please keep it at home where it cannot affect other dogs, and make sure it gets appropriate vet treatment as soon as possible.

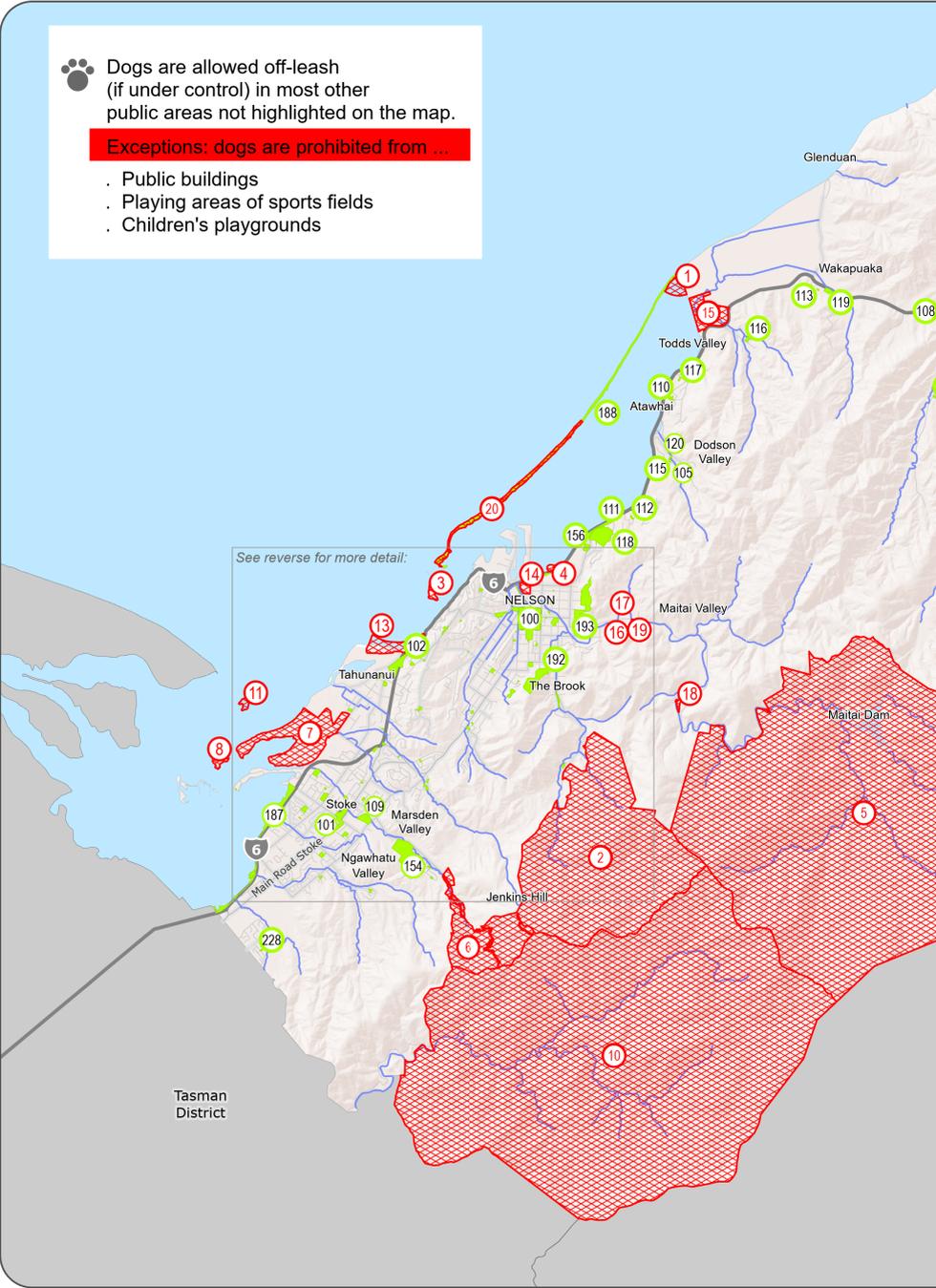


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- Children's playgrounds



## 2020 DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY MAP

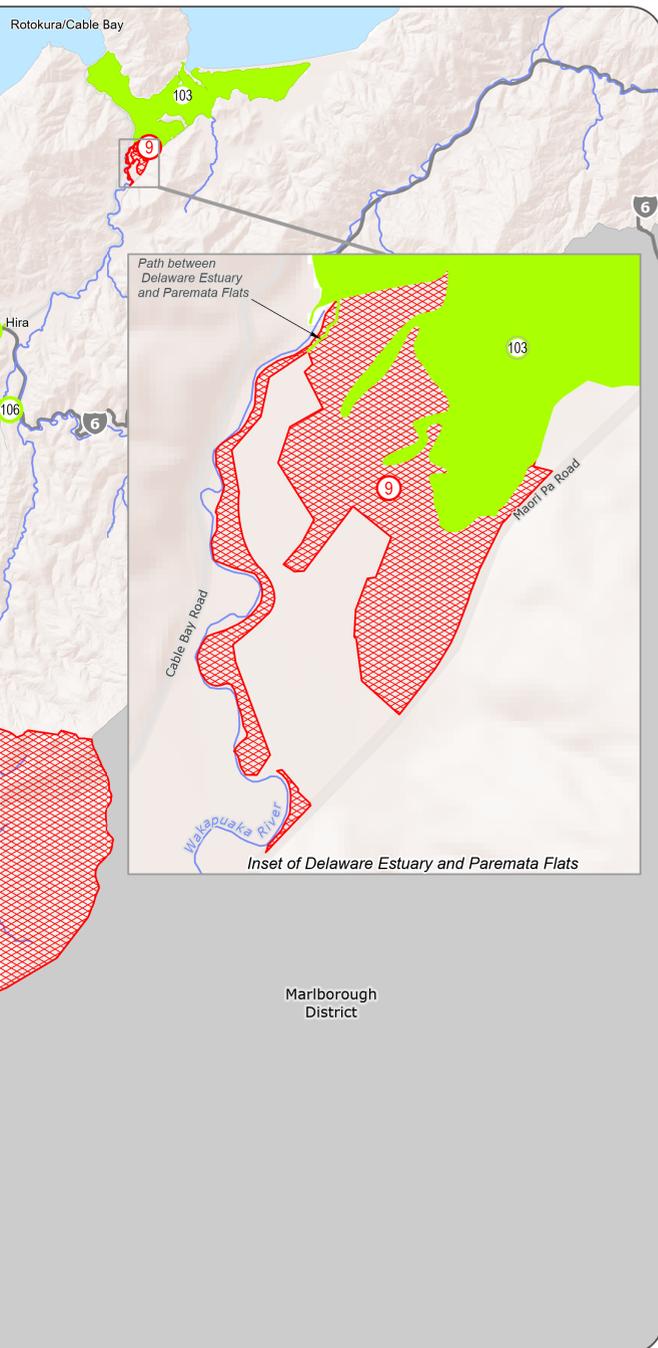
Overview Map



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**Dogs are prohibited from:**

*Prohibited at all times:*

- 1 BOULDER BANK ESTUARY
- 2 BROOK CONSERVATION RESERVE
- 3 HAULASHORE ISLAND
- 4 HAVEN HOLES
- 5 MAITAI WATER RESERVE
- 6 MARSDEN VALLEY RESERVE EAST
- 7 NELSON AIRPORT
- 8 OYSTER ISLAND
- 9 PAREMATA FLATS
- 10 RODING WATER RESERVE
- 11 SAND ISLAND
- 13 TAHUNANUI RESERVE MAIN BEACH
- 14 TRAFALGAR PARK
- 15 WHAKAPUAKA RAUPO SWAMP

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- 16 BLACK HOLE PICNIC AREA
- 17 DENNES HOLE & PICNIC AREA
- 18 MAITAI CAMP HOLE & PICNIC AREA
- 19 SUNDAY HOLE & PICNIC AREA

*Prohibited from 15 August to Last Day of February:*

- 20 BOULDER BANK\*

**Dogs must be on-leash at:**

- 100 NELSON CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
- 101 STOKE SHOPPING CENTRE
- 102 TAHUNANUI SHOPPING CENTRE
- 103 DELAWARE ESTUARY AND PAREMATA FLATS PATH
- 105 FRENCHAY RESERVE
- 106 FROST RESERVE
- 108 HIRA CEMETERY
- 109 ISEL PARK (East part only)
- 110 MARYBANK RESERVE
- 111 MIYAZU RESERVE
- 112 MONTROSE RESERVE
- 113 ST ANDREWS CEMETERY
- 115 TE-ATA RESERVE
- 116 TOD RESERVE
- 117 TRESILLIAN RESERVE
- 118 WAKAPUAKA CEMETERY
- 119 WAKAPUAKA RESERVE
- 120 WERNETH RESERVE
- 154 MARSDEN VALLEY CEMETERY
- 156 MIYAZU JAPANESE GARDENS
- 187 WHAKATU DRIVE FORESHORE
- 188 BOULDER BANK\*\*
- 192 GRAMPIANS RESERVE (Grazed Area)
- 193 SIR STANLEY WHITEHEAD PARK (Grazed Area)
- 228 MAKO RESERVE

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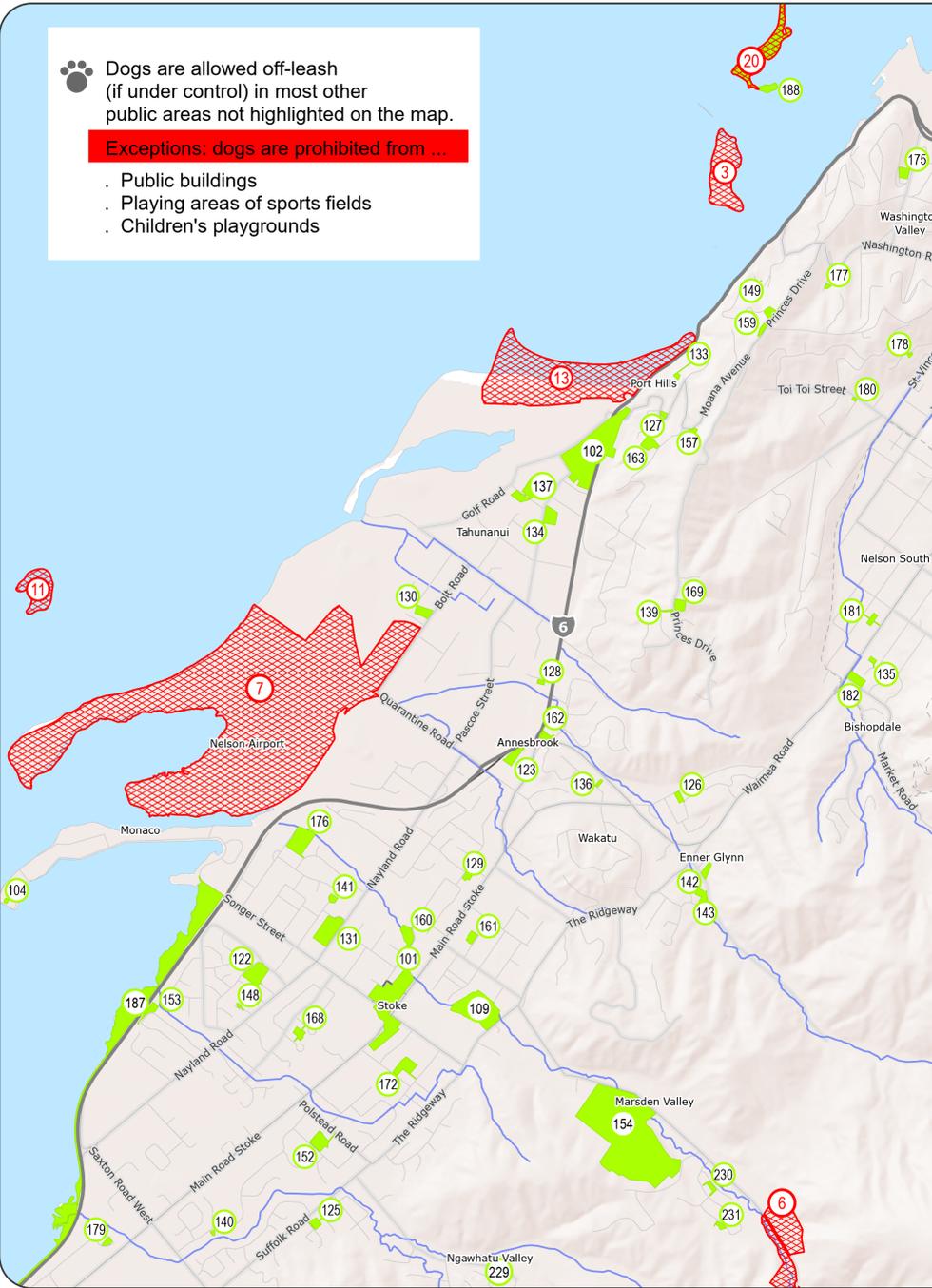
**See: [www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz](http://www.topofthesouthmaps.co.nz) for more detailed overviews of the areas**

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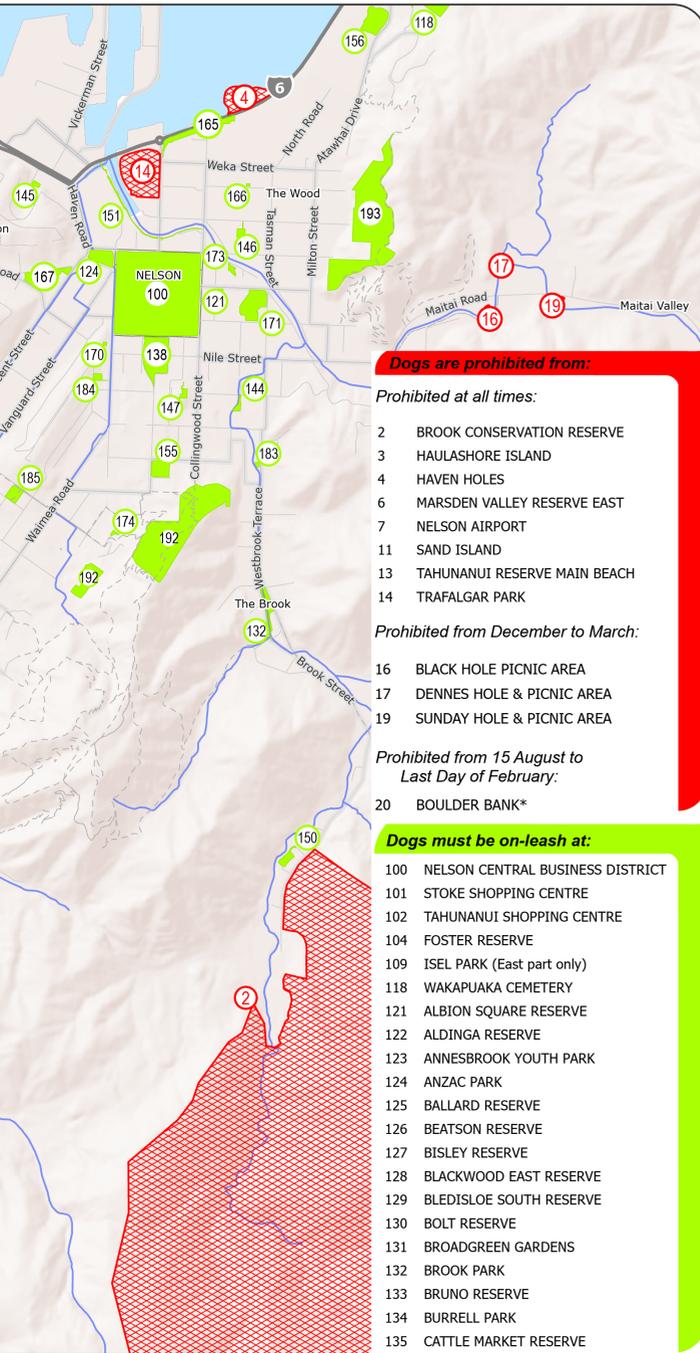
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Urban Map



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**Dogs must be on-leash at:**

- 136 CAWTHON RESERVE
- 137 CENTENNIAL PARK
- 138 CHURCH HILL
- 139 COMMODORE RESERVE
- 140 COVENT RESERVE
- 141 DEVON RESERVE
- 142 ENNER GLYNN NORTH RESERVE
- 143 ENNER GLYNN SOUTH RESERVE
- 144 ERIN RESERVE
- 145 FOUNTAIN RESERVE
- 146 GROVE RESERVE
- 147 HALLOWELL CEMETERY
- 148 HARFORD RESERVE
- 149 HAVEN CEMETERY
- 150 HOCKEY RESERVE
- 151 MAITAI WALKWAY (West part only)
- 152 MANSON RESERVE
- 153 MANU KAU RESERVE
- 154 MARSDEN VALLEY CEMETERY
- 155 MELROSE GARDENS
- 156 MIYAZU JAPANESE GARDENS
- 157 MOANA RESERVE
- 159 MONCRIEFF RESERVE
- 160 NEALE RESERVE
- 161 NGAIO RESERVE
- 162 NORGATE RESERVE
- 163 PADDYS KNOB RESERVE
- 165 PEACE GROVE
- 166 PEPPER TREE PARK
- 167 PIONEERS PARK
- 168 POETS PARK
- 169 PRINCES LOOKOUT RESERVE
- 170 QUAKERS ACRE CEMETERY
- 171 QUEENS GARDENS
- 172 RANUI RESERVE
- 173 RIVERSIDE RESERVE
- 174 RONAKI RESERVE
- 175 RUSSELL RESERVE
- 176 SEAVIEW CEMETERY
- 177 SEQUOIA RESERVE
- 178 ST LAWRENCE RESERVE
- 179 TOKOMARU RESERVE
- 180 VOSPER RESERVE
- 181 WAIMEA NORTH RESERVE
- 182 WAIMEA SOUTH RESERVE
- 183 WARDS RESERVE
- 184 WELLINGTON RESERVE
- 185 WIGZELL PARK
- 187 WHAKATU DRIVE FORESHORE
- 188 BOULDER BANK\*\*
- 192 GRAMPAINS RESERVE (Grazed Area)
- 193 SIR STANLEY WHITEHEAD PARK (Grazed Area)
- 229 MONTEBELLO RESERVE
- 230 PLUMTREE RESERVE
- 231 SANCTUARY RESERVE

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- 122 ALDINGA RESERVE
- 123 ANNESBROOK YOUTH PARK
- 124 ANZAC PARK
- 125 BALLARD RESERVE
- 126 BEATSON RESERVE
- 127 BISLEY RESERVE
- 128 BLACKWOOD EAST RESERVE
- 129 BLEDISLOE SOUTH RESERVE
- 130 BOLT RESERVE
- 131 BROADGREEN GARDENS
- 132 BROOK PARK
- 133 BRUNO RESERVE
- 134 BURRELL PARK
- 135 CATTLE MARKET RESERVE

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## Do you scoop the poop?

By picking up your dog's poop, you are making a great contribution to the health of our rivers, streams and waterways.

An average dog will produce about 125 kg of waste a year and a single gram of pet waste, the size of a pea, contains 23 million faecal coliform bacteria. With about 6000 dogs registered in Nelson, that's a lot of poop.

When it rains, bacteria from dog faeces are washed into the river; they don't get filtered out even if they are on grass or earth. Research has shown that dogs are a major contributor to *E.coli* found in the Maitai River. We want to keep our rivers clean so people can swim and enjoy them without getting sick.

Dog walkers are required by law to carry a dog poop bag when in a public place, and to immediately remove the faeces. Breaching these requirements can result in a \$300 fine!

So, do us all a favour – always take a disposable bag with you, pick up your dog's poop and dispose of it in a rubbish bin!

## How many dogs is too many?

If you wish to keep more than two dogs on your property, you will need to apply to the Council in writing; either drop your letter into our Customer Service Centre at 110 Trafalgar Street, or send an email to [enquiries@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@ncc.govt.nz)

## Good Dog, Bad Dog

Each year the Council receives around 1700 complaints about dog control problems. As much as possible we take an educational approach first, but if there's an ongoing problem or the complaint is serious enough, we'll take action as required by the Dog Control Act 1996. Common complaints include barking dogs, wandering dogs, dogs damaging other people's property or causing a nuisance, and dogs threatening or attacking people, dogs or other animals.

As the owner of the dog, you're liable for the cost of any damage caused by your dog. Examples are the vet bills incurred if a dog attacks another animal, or the repair bill if your dog causes a car accident.

## Marsden Valley Dog Park

The dog park is located on Marsden Valley Road, opposite the Marsden Cemetery. It is fenced so dogs can be exercised off lead safely, with seating, shaded areas, a dog agility area and separate zones for big and small dogs. Parking is available on-site.



## Does your dog bark when you're not home?

It's okay for your dog to bark occasionally, for example if somebody is visiting your property, but if your dog is continuously barking or howling for any reason, your neighbours are within their rights to complain. If we receive a complaint about a barking dog we'll visit the property, check that the dog is not in any pain or discomfort and talk to the owner about how to manage the barking situation. If we continue to receive complaints, we do have the power to remove the dog or issue fines as necessary. Bark abatement notices are also an option.

## Dogs Attacking People

If your dog threatens to attack, or attacks, another person the consequences can be serious for everyone. There's some key points to be aware of as a dog owner.

Anyone being attacked by a dog can destroy the dog in self-defence to stop the attack continuing.

If your dog attacks someone, Dog Control Officers can remove the dog from your property. Upon conviction, the court must order it to be destroyed. If someone sustains a serious injury, you as the dog owner could be convicted and either imprisoned or fined.

## Dogs Attacking Animals

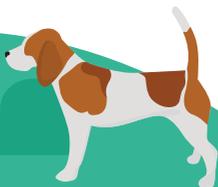
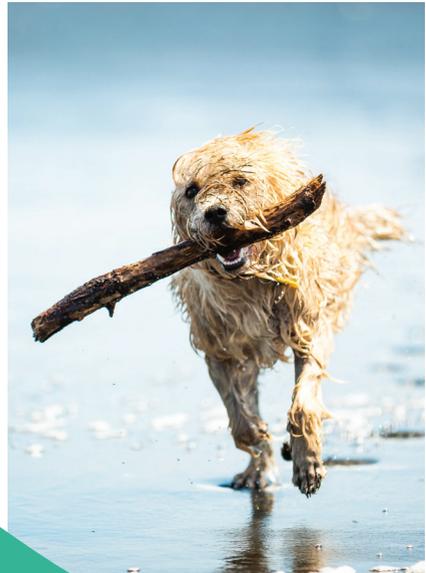
If your dog attacks any stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife, you'll be liable for a fine and your dog could be destroyed.

## Dangerous Dogs

If your dog poses a threat to the safety of people or animals, it may be classified as dangerous, which means it must be:

- Kept within a fenced property with safe access for visitors.
- Muzzled, or confined in a cage or vehicle when in a public place.
- Neutered within one month of classification.
- Controlled on a lead unless in a designated dog exercise area.

You'll need Council's consent to give or sell a dangerous dog to any other person and the registration fee for a dangerous dog is 150% of the normal fee.



## Menacing Dogs

The following breeds (or part breeds) are classified as menacing:

- Pitbull Terrier type
- Dogo Argentino breed
- Japanese Tosa breed
- Brazilian Fila breed
- Canary Dog breed

Your dog can also be classified menacing if it poses a threat to people or animals.

If you own a menacing dog, it must be muzzled in public unless confined in a vehicle or cage.

## Who let the dog out?

It's up to you to make sure your dog can't leave your property on its own. We impound 3-400 dogs every year found wandering, as they are likely to cause problems by:

- going on to other people's properties where they may cause damage
- threatening or attacking people or animals
- causing road accidents
- defecation and damage to properties

If we impound your dog you'll be liable for a fee to release it. Our dog impoundment fees are set on a user pays basis with costs increasing for each impoundment within a 12 month period.

## Education, fees and fines

We'd rather talk to you and find a way through any dog control issues than impose a fine. But if you and your dog continue to break the rules and cause a nuisance, we'll issue infringement notices and fines.

If we issue three separate infringement notices within 24 months, or if you're convicted of a dog-related offence, we can disqualify you from dog ownership for up to five years. In some cases we'll take the lesser option of classifying you as a probationary owner, which means you may keep your current dogs but not get any new dogs.

## Don't let your dog be a nuisance to others

If you own a dog or dogs, you must look after it and make sure it doesn't bother other people, either at home or out and about. If we believe your dog(s) are causing a nuisance to other people, property or animals, we'll ask you to:

- keep fewer dogs
- improve their housing
- confine them appropriately

If you don't comply with this request, you could be convicted of an offence, and if your dog is causing a problem in a public place, we may impound it.



# SCHEDULE ONE

## Dogs Prohibited Areas

1. Nelson Airport (unless transporting dogs for air lift in or out of Nelson; or dogs securely restrained in the owner's vehicle).
2. Eastern two thirds of Tahunanui Main Beach.
3. The playing area of any Council sports grounds. The exception is Maitai Cricket Ground, for which the prohibition only applies from October to March each year.
4. Children's playgrounds - the section of the reserve set aside for playground equipment.
5. Nelson City Council Water Reserves (without Council permits):
  - Maitai Valley
  - Roding
6. Brook Conservation Reserve.
7. Any public building owned or controlled by the Council. (Except in respect of the Trafalgar Centre or Stoke Hall when a function involving dogs is being held.)
8. Trafalgar Park.
9. Saxton Field Cricket Oval and the Athletics Track.
10. Saxton Field Hockey and Softball Areas.
11. Haulashore Island.
12. Oyster Island.
13. Haven Holes Reserve.
14. The following Maitai River swimming holes and the listed picnic areas:
  - The picnic area and river bank beside Black Hole - true right side of the river only. (This is the right-hand side, when looking downstream.)
  - Dennes Hole and the adjacent picnic area
  - Sunday Hole and the adjacent picnic area
  - Maitai Camp Hole and the adjacent picnic area.

(This prohibition only applies from 1 December to 31 March each year.)

15. Dogs are prohibited from land administered by the Department of Conservation that is not a common marine and coastal area unless the owner has specific authorisation, for example a dog control permit from the Department of Conservation; or the reserve has Department of Conservation

signage identifying where a dog may be taken without a permit. (Dogs are permitted on common marine and coastal areas administered by the Department of Conservation unless it is an area listed in this Schedule.)

16. The beaches and estuary flat of Nelson Haven bounded by the Boulder Bank Scenic Reserve (to the west) and Boulder Bank Drive (to the east) for a distance of 500 metres along each of those boundaries.
17. The Boulder Bank, from the Cut towards Boulder Bank Drive for 4 kilometres, from 15 August to the last day in February.
18. Whakapuaka Raupo Swamp.
19. The fenced area of the foreshore and esplanade reserve at Paremata Flats, including the planted area of the Paremata Flats Reserve, but excluding the northern most section of the walkway to the lookout adjacent to the Wakapuaka River and the fenced land adjacent to the swimming hole.
20. Dogs are permitted to be off leash on the formed cycling and walking tracks within Marsden Valley Reserve, including Involution Trail. However, they are prohibited from being in the bush areas (off the tracks) in the part of Marsden Valley Reserve to the east of the Barnicoat Walkway.
21. Sand Island.

# SCHEDULE TWO

## Dogs are Permitted but must be kept on a leash

1. All public footpaths and other public areas within the Central Business District, and within the Stoke and Tahunanui shopping centre.
2. Nelson cemeteries, both active and non-active. The active cemeteries are: Wakapuaka Cemetery, Marsden Valley Cemetery, Seaview Cemetery, and Hira Cemetery. The non-active cemeteries are, the Quakers Cemetery on Wellington Walkway and the Hallowell Cemetery near Shelbourne Street.
3. Horticultural Parks. These are: Miyazu Japanese Gardens, Anzac Memorial Park, Church Hill, Melrose Gardens, Queens Gardens, Broadgreen Gardens and Isel

Park. The exception to the on-leash requirement is the less cultivated part of Isele Park which begins at Main Road Stoke and extends to the Isele Park entrance gate, as well as the area south of the access road beyond the Isele Park entrance gate. This exception applies when events are not being held in Isele Park.

4. Neighbourhood Parks — excluding those listed in Schedule Three.
5. The margins, islands, sand and mudflats of Delaware Estuary, and the northernmost section of the walkway adjacent to the Wakapuaka River from Paremata Flats to the lookout.
6. Around the playing areas of sports fields when games or training sessions are occurring. (At other times dogs may be off lead on sports grounds other than the playing area of sports grounds.)
7. The Maitai walkway, from the river mouth up to the Collingwood Street bridge.
8. The grazed parts of the Grampians Reserve and the Sir Stanley Whitehead Park. (Note: The grazed parts of the Maitai River Esplanade Reserve, Tantragee Reserve and Paremata Flats Reserve are areas where dogs may be off-leash.)
9. Delaware Estuary margins, and islands within the estuary.
10. The Boulder Bank from Boulder Bank Drive to the Cut. (Note: The Boulder Bank from the Cut toward Boulder Bank Drive for 4 kilometres is a dogs prohibited area from 15 August to the end of February, and dogs may be off leash on the Boulder Bank northwards from Boulder Bank Drive.)
11. Whakatt Drive Foreshore Reserve.

## SCHEDULE THREE

### Neighbourhood parks in which dogs may be off lead

- Abraham Heights Reserve
- Andrews Farm Reserve
- Bay View Reserve
- Betsy Eyre Park
- Bishopdale Reserve
- Bishop's Park
- Bledisloe North Reserve
- Branford Park
- Corder Park
- Custom House Reserve
- Fairfield Park
- Grampian Oaks Reserve
- Glenduan Reserve
- Hira Reserve
- Kowhai Reserve
- Monaco Reserve
- Murphy North Reserve
- Murphy South Reserve
- Ngapua Reserve
- Nikau Reserve
- Orchard Reserve
- Pipers Park
- Poplar Reserve
- Queen Elizabeth II Reserve
- Station Reserve
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- Songer Reserve
- Te Manu Reserve
- Tosswill Reserve
- Waterhouse Reserve
- Wolfe Reserve

