

Attachment 3 Comparison of neighbouring council Dog Control Bylaws

| Dog Control Act 1996 | Manawatu District Council 2019 | Tararua District Council 2022 | Whanganui District Council 2023 |
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| Interpretation | Includes 'Under control' - either controlled by a leash that is being held by someone that is capable of restraining the dog, under direct control such as being held, or controlled by voice command where the dog must be within sight and obeys commands without hesitation. Clause 5.1 requires every owner to keep their dog under control in all public places and at all times. | A longer list of definitions, including 'boarding kennels', 'breeding kennels', 'diseased', (affected by any communicable disease), 'mangy' (to have any sort of mite or parasite infection) | Includes 'private way' |
| 20(1)(a) Prohibited places | Schedule 1 - specific places identified. | Schedule 1C specifies public reserves, wildlife reserves, sports grounds, sports stadiums, children's playgrounds, Council public libraries, public swimming baths and Council cemeteries. Exemptions include any guide dog hearing ear dog or companion dog, Police or security guard dog and any dog present for search and rescue. | Clause 7, refers to Schedule 1 of the policy - Council playgrounds, Council sports surfaces, Council cemeteries, Whanganui Airport (unless confined for carriage or a disability assist dog), and Schedule 2 - Town Centre, Lakes and premier parks (listed) and several specified |
| 20(1)(b) Where leash required | Schedule 3 - includes Victoria Park (not the playing fields), Johnston Park, Kitchener Park, the Kowhai Park access route, and some specified sections of Feilding CBD (except during organised events) | Schedule 1B describes the leash controlled areas, including all streets in the residential, commercial or industrial areas of Dannevirke, Norsewood, Ormondville, Pongaroa, Eketahuna, Pahiataua and | Clause 8, refers to Schedule 1 of the policy - includes all roads, private ways, walkways, cycleways, shared pathways, and Schedule 2 - includes specified parts of beaches and specified |
| 20(1)(c) | [Not required] | [Not required] | Clause 9, refers to Schedule 2 of the policy - specified parts of beaches and listed areas |
| 20(1)(d) Dog exercise areas | Schedule 2 - identifies places in Feilding and other places - Himatangi Beach foreshore at least 400m from the mouth of the Kaikokopu Stream, Pohangina Valley Road reserve, Mt Stewart reserve, Sanson Domain (except when used for organised events) etc. | Schedule 1A describes the places where dogs may be exercised unleashed - specifically in Dannevirke and Pahiataua - and generally any areas of the District not listed in Schedule 1B or 1C | Clause 10, refers to Schedule 2, clause 7. |
| 20(1)(e) Accommodation standards | {Not specified} Clause 10 requires dogs to be kept at least 1.8 metres of a boundary fence without first obtaining an exemption. | Clause 11.1 requires 'adequate accommodation' and defines this. | [Not specified] |

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| 20(1)(f) Limiting the number | Clause 9 sets a limit of two dogs for urban areas and five dogs in rural areas unless a multi-dog permit has been issued under clause 11. Clause 12 sets out the circumstances for revoking a multi-dog permit. | Clause 12 limited the number of dogs at any premises to two unless a 'Three Plus Permit' has been issued under clause 13. | Clause 13 sets a limit of three dogs unless approval for four (or more) has been given, on application, under clause 14. Matters to be considered are listed. Clause 15 provides for review because of change of circumstances, justified complaints, not meeting conditions of the approval. . |
| 20(1)(g) Confinement | [Not specified] | Clause 11.4 requires the dog to be confined in the owner's land or premises so that it cannot freely leave. No time period is specified. | [Not specified] |
| 20(1)(h) Faeces | Clause 14 Does not apply to any dog herding or driving stock on a road. | Clause 15 | Clause 12. Does not apply to any dog herding stock on a road. |
| 20(1)(i) Bitches | Clause 13 | Clause 18 Clause 19 prohibits an owner from taking any mangy or diseased dog into any public place or wander free. | {Not specified} |
| 20(1)(j) Impounding | [Not specified - either in the bylaw or policy although the Council operates an animal pound] | Clause 21 | [Not specified - either in the bylaw or the policy, although the Council operates an Animal Pound] |
| 20(1)(k) Neutering | Clause 17 requires the owner to be notified in writing of the requirements to be neutered where that is required by the Act or Council's policy. | Clause 17.3 reserves the right for Council to require a dog to be neutered other than by its classification, including behavioural issues. Clauses 17.1 and 17.2 require a dog classified as menacing to be neutered. | [Not specified] Clause 15.2 of the policy provides for neutering of each dog classified as menacing |

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| <p>20(1)(l) Other purposes</p> | <p>Clause 7 specified exemptions for Disability Assist Dogs to enter any premises registered under regulations made under section 120 of the health Act 1956 and any public place.</p> <p>Clause 8 allow the Council to require the owner of a dog being carried in a vehicle in a public place to remove the dog from the public place is the dog is creating a nuisance (noise or aggressive behaviour).</p> <p>Clause 15 prohibits an owner of a dog suffering from an infectious disease or condition to take that dog into any public place or to permit it to wander free on any other premises or public place.</p> <p>Clause 19 sets out how dogs will be classified as working dogs.</p> <p>Clause 20 requires a probationary owner to undertake a dog owner education programme or dog obedience course if so notified by the Council.</p> | <p>Clause 9 permits the Council CE to temporarily declare any public place to be a prohibited public place for a specified time or suspend the designation of a prohibited public place for a specified period for a specific occasion or event.</p> <p>Clause 14 sets out requirements for boarding kennels and breeding kennels</p> <p>Clause 16 allows any disability assist dog accompanying a person with a disability to enter any public place or premises registered under section 120 of the Health Act 1956 (which includes eating houses).</p> <p>Clause 22 sets out the role of Council's Tribunal and Hearings Committee to hear objections to classification of probationary owners, disqualified owners, menacing dogs, dangerous dogs and barking abatement notices.</p> | <p>Clause 11 provides for temporary changes to dog access rules, including leisure and culture; events (including dog friendly events), dog training, protected wildlife or flora that are vulnerable to dogs, pest control in any park or beach.</p> |
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