
D70. Dogs - Urban Dog Management

Title: Dogs – Urban Dog Management Policy

Policy No: D70

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Responsible Officer: Deputy General Manager – Land Use and Sustainability

1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The objective of this policy is to declare, for the purpose of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, certain places within the Manly local government area to be places where dogs are totally prohibited as well as places where dogs are excluded unless they be under the effective control of some competent person.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to the efficient and effectual administration of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. This policy is for the purposes of that Act, the salient part of the policy being as follows:

That pursuant to the provisions of section 13 (6) of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, Council declare that:

1. Dogs be totally prohibited from all beaches, all swimming enclosures, Manly Oval, Council's Reserve Spring Cove and Manly Peace Park Wildlife Protection Area.
2. Unless dogs are under effective control of some competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash they are excluded from:
 - i. Clontarf Reserve between the hours of 10am and 6pm (eastern standard time) and 10am and 8pm eastern summer time) on weekends, school holidays and public holidays.
 - ii. The ocean beachfront between Shelly Beach and Queenscliff Surf Club including Marine Parade Reserve, North and South Steyne Reserve and Merrett Park.
 - iii. Shelly Beach Headland and Shelly Beach Reserve below the access road
 - iv. Gilbert Park
 - v. Little Manly Point Park
 - vi. Fairlight Beach
 - vii. Little Manly Cove Foreshore Reserve
3. All other reserves under the care, control and management of Council may be used for the exercising or training of dogs provided that such activities do not conflict or interfere with any other users or authorised events on such reserve.

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3. PRINCIPLES

The principle underpinning this policy is to provide for the effective and responsible care and management of companion animals within the Manly local government area.

4. SCOPE

This policy applies to the various parks, reserves, and other places specified in the policy.

5. DEFINITIONS

See section 5 of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be implemented without delay once adopted by Council. Upon adoption this policy will be entered into Council's policy register, made available online and provided to all staff and any other people directly affected by this policy.

Council and/or the General Manager may, during a civil emergency only, set aside any policy terms to ensure public safety.

7. MONITORING AND BREACHES

Regular monitoring of compliance with this policy, relevant legislation and Manly policies and procedures will be undertaken and documented by the responsible officer for this policy.

Breaches of this policy are considered to be breaches of Manly Council's Code of Conduct and therefore invoke the relevant sanctions outlined in that Code. Persons in breach of any legislation may be subject to relevant criminal action.

8. REPORTING

No specific reporting is required by this policy.

9. POLICY REVIEW

This policy is subject to regular review at a maximum interval of two (2) years.

For the purposes of carrying out and giving effect to this policy, the General Manager may from time to time prepare, adopt or vary, and otherwise issue to Council staff, guidelines and directions relating to any aspect of this policy.

Any recognised change to relevant legislation; or directives or guidelines issued by agencies including the NSW Ombudsman and the Division of Local Government; or to Manly Council's related guidelines and procedures will activate an immediate review of this policy to ensure it remains current and aligned to best practice policies.

10. RELEVANT REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

Companion Animals Act 1998
Local Government Act 1993

11. RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

Nil.

12. REVISION SCHEDULE

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PS53/11	2 May 2011	Periodic Review	Secretariat, Corporate Services	Manager, Administration
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