Dog controls within the City of Onkaparinga

Council's By-law 7 Dogs provides Council with the power to determine, by resolution, part or parts of the council where dogs must be kept on-leash, where dogs may be exercised off-leash on the foreshore, and where dogs are prohibited.

By-law 7 was reviewed and remade in 2015 and will be in effect for the life of the Animal Management Plan.

Extensive public consultation was undertaken with the community and stakeholders to remake the by-law and to give effect to dog controls throughout our area.

This review resulted in a range of parks and beaches having dog controls implemented (dog on-leash and dog prohibited areas), while still providing a diverse range of public spaces available for the off-leash exercise of dogs.

Dog Prohibited areas

- In any playground (or within 3 metres of the playground if there is no enclosed area)
- On any jetty
- Portion of Port Noarlunga Beach, the portion of the Port Noarlunga Beach that is situated between the most northern point of the beach that is bounded by the cliffs at one end and continues south to the southern end of the Port Noarlunga Life Saving Club, between the hours of 10am to 8pm on any day when daylight savings is in force
- A.E. Young Reserve, Port Noarlunga South (known as Jubilee playground)
- Local Government land immediately south of Saltfleet St Bridge and west of Weatherald Terrace, Port Noalrunga South
- Hart Road Wetlands, located in Aldinga Beach, Seaford Rise and Pedlers Creek Reserve
- Within 20 metres of play equipment or a skate Facility (excluding any shared path in that area)
- When the Open Market Christies Beach is being held between 8am -2pm, located at 121 Beach Rd Christies Beach
- Applies to all fenced Hooded Plover breeding sites located on the foreshore or on any other Local Government land so that these sites are 'dog prohibited' areas

Dog exercise areas

Approximately 450 reserves and almost 10 kilometres of foreshore is available for the off-leash exercise of dogs (under effective control).

Fenced dog exercise areas

- Minkarra Dog Park located at the corner of Manning Road, Flagstaff Hill Road
- Symonds Reserve Aldinga Beach
- Farmhouse Reserve (Dinton Farm) Melsetter Road, Huntfield Heights

Foreshore areas

Specific areas along our coastline are provided for off-leash exercise of dogs (under effective control) including portions of:

- Christies Beach
- Port Noarlunga South
- Seaford
- Maslin Beach
- Aldinga Beach, and
- Sellicks Beach

Dogs are prohibited on a portion of Port Noarlunga Beach, the portion that is situated between the most northern point of the beach that is bounded by the cliffs at one end and continues south to the southern end of the Port Noarlunga Life Saving Club, between the hours of 10am to 8pm on any day when daylight savings is in force.

During daylight savings (October to April) dogs must be leashed upon leaving the beach.

On all other beaches, dogs may be exercised off-leash, under effective control except during daylight savings when dogs must be on-leash between 10am and 8pm.

Dogs are prohibited on any jetty and Signs identify restrictions that apply.

Effective control

Exercising effective control over a dog can be through either physical restraint or by command. The person in control of the dog must be in close proximity to the dog and be able to see the dog at all times.

Dog on leash areas

- on public roads, footpaths, car parks, private places (without the consent of the occupier) and all other public places, except parks and reserves (unless otherwise specified under the provisions of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*)
- on any shared path (paths used by pedestrians and cyclists)
- Thalassa Park, Aberfoyle Park
- when leaving foreshore areas during day light saving months (October to April)
- Willunga Court House, 61 High Street, Willunga
- Kestrel Circuit Reserve, Seaford Rise
- The portion of Local Government land adjoining the Onkaparinga River south of River Road, Port Noarlunga
- Tangari Regional Park, Woodcroft; the areas of well vegetated reserve traversed by walking trails
- Byards Road Wetlands, Byards Road, Reynella East

Definition of dog on-leash

Dog must be secured by a strong leash not exceeding 2 metres in length which is either tethered securely to a fixed object capable of securing the dog or held by a person capable of controlling the dog and preventing it from being a nuisance or a danger to other persons.

Exceptions to these restrictions

An assistance dog who is trained and used, (or is undergoing training to be used), for the purpose of guiding a person with a disability is permitted in all public areas.

For full details of councils resolved dog controls, please refer to By-law 7 – Dogs available on our website http://www.onkaparingacity.com/custom/files/docs/bylaw no 7 dogs.pdf.

