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Annette Ross, 2068560959919864	I don't think they should be walked in the CBD. I seem to remember that was the rule.
Tania Forgie, 2561466480611202	We need a dog park for the west harbour area please. We are extremely limited as to where we can exercise our dogs off lead in port Chalmers and other west harbour areas.
Michaela Sortehaug, 16367237930	Honestly, as a dog owner one thing I'd like to see more of (been a few years since last had one) is more surveillance of those who think it's acceptable to not one's best at picking up there dogs 🐕. Like there clearly seems to be a lack of enforcement and/or fines. It's not that hard to have bags on hand to pick up the mess.
Alana McGregor, 225955346079809	In saying that though would be nice to see some more bins in some areas such as our neighbourhood so you don't have to cart ones doggy 🐕 as far. Annette Ross I agree with you, I am a dog owner but with the amount of foot traffic it only takes one person whose dog is not under proper control to pull a leash in front of someone tripping them up. Not to mention the people who think it is beneath them to pick up after their dogs
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Below is a screen shot* of what is produced by the links from the "information " page lined up: 1) Only the link to the submission form produces a page. 2) None of the links to page people could use to make an INFORMED submission work. 3) Not even a 404 - just a blank page. Not the first time the DCC has consulted without providing information. But it is first time I can recall it has expended rate-payer money writing links to a page that is so badly coded it does not display, or trigger a 404, so readers just get a blank.
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	We need more bins. I go to several beach spots that are popular for dog walking and there are no bins. I went to black head beach last week and counted 7 poops just on the walk to down the beach. There is no bin there so people are leaving it. I drive with it in the car and drop off at the bin but it's not ideal. Smailis is another beach without a bin in the carpark
Allie Phipps, 5418480581582417	
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	You know what I would love: A dog Pool ! Like a dog community pool. All responsible dog owner conditions would apply of course. It doesn't have to be fancy but has a deep and shallow end (I saw a community dog pool on tik tok) it was so wonderful to see them having such fun being able to swim .
Julie Rodgers, 1956755621113374	
Desi Liversage, 1904335503010102	Dunedin City Council It should be cat control you're talking about. When do submissions close for that?
Tania Forgie, 2561466480611202	Clint Dane sad aye but there is no harm trying
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Julie Rodgers, 1956755621113374	Tania Forgie do you think so? I thought everyone would think I was being weird. Thank you ðŸ™,
	There definitely needs to be some modern updates to the rules. Well behaved dogs on leads should be allowed in more public spaces and on public transport etc as seen overseas - they add to good communities vibes !ðŸ™ Dunedin City Council
Claudia UM, 2476617849034718	Yvette Pauley
	Yuri Templeton-Wierda not sure if this still happens but a few times I have found a wandering dog and ran the council they provided me with the dog's address so I could return it , which I didn't mind in a first instance as I believe everyone gets a chance to sort things out. If it happened a lot that would be a different matter.
Karen Sortehaug, 26670637466692	
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	Can you put more signs up where dogs have to be on leads. For example there is a new walking track in Fairfield where I would love to take my dog on a regular basis but everyone let's there dogs off to run freely and I shouldn't have to go really early in the morning to avoid dogs off leashes. It makes it hard when you have your dog on a lead and he's very reactive to dogs that just run over to him.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	
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Liz Rox, 2728350657205282	Please monitor where dogs are already PROHIBITED. Like Arthur St Reserve. The playground is used by kids, families and tourists... and DOGS++ (before people arrive).
Tania Wilson, 2108668705913947	A dog water fountain at the top of JWD would be much appreciated
Tania Wilson, 2108668705913947	Julie yesss! Fabulous idea
Rachel Mary Bernadette, 22526882	Claudia UM
	Karen Sortehaug no that no longer happens. That is why I brought it up. Some dog control functions have been contracted out to Armour guard. They may contact the owner if they can get hold of them the first time but if a dog has been found wandering for a second time it is mandatory impoundment.
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Fiona Forde, 2296130810493219	Deborah Gillam I think it states that dogs have to be under control at all times which means it can be off lead but under voice control. I find it frustrating too as a guide Dog user especially those long line leads It gets no control.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Tracey Mains no, not all dogs. Many need more exercise than a walk on a lead and if the owners have put time into training their dogs who obey why should they be punished. Not their fault your dog doesn't like other dogs.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Joy Woodford your reason for this being??
Clint Dane, 2422299167781325	No they don't. And while we're at it how about the DCC supply's breakdown of whete all the money we pay for registering our dogs goes.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	"Shared" walking/bike tracks should have dogs on leads as I've had uncontrolled dogs run in front of me. Dangerous...
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son I never said it was. It's not my fault my dog dosnt like dogs rushing up to him All the time either when they should be on a leash
Melissa Gawn, 2043915628996787	Dogs shouldn't be allowed in the swimming area (flagged area) of the beaches. I have one child whom was knocked over into the surf by a dog running around crazy. The owner didn't even apologise.
Wayne Winder, 2304463319597785	Tracey Mains According to the DCC dog map, there's plenty of places where dogs are allowed off lead, and this is fair. My 2 year old Bichon x Shih-tzu has heaps of energy. He loves running around St Kilda Beach and Rotary Park for example. There's no way he'd get that much exercise on lead. It's good for dogs to have places where they can run free. Depends on training of course. My dog comes when called 95% of the time, and a treat held in the air works otherwise.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Wayne Winder that's good that yours is under control but there are so many that arnt. It's when they come rushing up to us is my problem. A lot of owners have Absolutly no control over there dogs. And I'm pleased that there are many places that you can let your dog run off lead but there are many places you can't hense my problem.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Julie Coward pretty sure dogs are supposed to be on lead in these places which is fair. Shame so many ppl think the rules don't apply to them ðŸ•
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Melissa Gawn they ate supposed to be on lead between the flags but I expect many ppl don't know that or maybe don't care?
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	The map seriously needs updated and to match with signage. It should be easy to look online to see where to walk your dog. For example it states dogs are not allowed between Outram Glen and Lee Stream. But wait that's not DCC land. It's DOC land and they allow dogs there. No signage there either saying no dogs. Just one example of many.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Tracey Mains if you have a reactive dog there are plenty of on lead only areas to walk. If this area is off lead then you will always have encounters your dog doesn't like. Sad but true ðŸ~ª
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers if you had bothered to read this properly then you will realise I'm walking my dog on lead in on lead places. He's reactive to all the bloody dogs who should be on lead but arnt and that is my problem. He's only reactive cos these dogs rush to him with no leads or owner control in on lead areas
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son omg read it properly before you comment. I'm in on lead places and he reacts because these dogs rush him when they are under no control So they are not being punished as you say because we walk on on lead places.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers the problem is that people don't observe the on-leash requirement in those places, so those with reactive dogs or dogs in training end up having to deal with off lead dogs anyway. There needs to be more education and enforcement so everyone can enjoy the spaces they need.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers they don't care. That's the problem, alot of dog owners just don't care.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Tracey Mains I did read properly. You just say all dogs should be on leads not that it's a designated on lead area.
Sharon Chambers, 2211023338935	Diana O'Kane I agree about enforcement and education but also to sort out the signage which is hit and miss at best. Half the time people don't know the rules and the signs don't match the online map which is very frustrating eh?
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Sharon Chambers unless if it's an off lead area then yes they should all be on leads.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers absolutely - it's a total mess! Contradictory, confusing, illegal, and downright wrong. In addition, hardly anyone has actually read the bylaw or the Dog Control Act, so the number of owners who are clueless about the rules, their rights, and their responsibilities is ridiculous. Education and enforcement, along with sorting out the signage/maps/conflicting info, would go a long way to making everyone happier.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Julie Coward a lot of those dogs belong to the people on the bikes ðŸ~, I agree that the lack of off-leash control is a serious problem, but it would also be helpful if cyclists would give some warning when they are whizzing up from behind so you can get everyone out of the way in time, leash or no leash. The idea of "shared" requires patience and consideration on both sides, for everyone's safety.
Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Aleisha David-son if owners have their dog under control, as required by law, then there is no reason why those dogs should be running up to other dogs, as part of being "under control" includes not causing a nuisance. And it is basic dog walking etiquette to keep your dog to yourself, whether the area is off leash or not. Ironically, it IS the fault of owners with uncontrolled loose dogs that someone else's dog is reactive, because most of the time the problem has been caused by negative experiences with that very scenario.
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	Diana O'Kane or some people don't know how to train their dogs OR isolate them from being social with other dogs when pups or infrequent interactions by only occasionally exercise. If a dog is under full voice command control, ie heels at his owners feet when walking or recalled then why should it have to be on leash? Because Princess Chardonnay the Second has small dog syndrome and attacks any other dog walking by? In that case, it's poor training.
Julie Coward, 2187203064704787	Diana O'Kane yes agree hence we have bells, and use them. It would also be helpful if walkers didn't have headphones on so they could hear Said bells.
Tracey Mains, 2850146148343732	Aleisha David-son wow! You just don't get it. I like to walk my dog every day on our 6km walk in peace. When I see owners walking there dogs towards me and they are not on a lead I try to cross the road if possible. They should be on a lead in the suburbs even if they are perfect on voice command. My dog was attacked in Sunnyvale earlier in the year by a dog not under control. His owner even admitted he couldn't control his dog when it decided to attack mine. It was horrific and didn't need to happen had the dog been under proper control. And before you put down small dogs mines a rather large golden retriever who is the gentlest of dogs in his every day life but dogs who rush at him when they should be on a lead he dosnt like. And who can blame him!
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Are there any cat control rules? If not, are there likely to be? THANKYOU
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	My biggest problem is how quickly the âœ¸oundâœ¸ let Dunedin Dog Rescue in on the game! All too often a dog is up for adoption before an owner even has the opportunity to get their baby back!
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Dogs registered and microchipped are not the concern! Put your energy into those dogs roaming and causing real trouble! Ask the SPCA.
Gretel Newman-Sugrue, 257227258	Julie Moyle Pound wouldn't have the dog if it weren't roaming.
Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	Gretel Newman-Sugrue not debating that anywhere!
Megan Burbery, 266291114378015	Julie Moyle 100% with you! It's horrific!
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Richard Roberts Kia ora Richard, we don't have any current plans to introduce a cat control policy. However, we do work with the SPCA to support their snip and chip programme and encourage cat owners to get their cats microchipped and neutered.
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Melissa Gawn Kia ora Melissa, we encourage and welcome feedback about on and off leash areas for dogs. All dogs should be kept under control, even in off-leash areas.

Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Sharon Chambers Kia ora Sharon, as part of the Policy and Bylaw review, we will be reviewing signage to ensure it reflects the map schedule of areas with specific on or off leash rules. We have also asked for feedback from the Department of Conservation around their recommendations for reserves, beaches and the new marine conservation area.
Viv Baskerville, 2025378140906944	Dunedin City Council it's great that you're updating dog control policy, but PLEASE do plan to introduce cat control measures which are way overdue. The problems that neighborhood/ roaming cats create are huge and needs to be addressed.
Dunedin City Council, 12792208725	Clint Dane Kia ora Clint, the fees charged for dog registration contribute to the services provided by our Animal Services team. During the last registration year these services included responding to over 2500 requests for service involving dog attacks and incidents of aggression, roaming or contained dogs, investigating barking complaints and attending to stock on the roads. We also maintain records for the more than 18,000 registered dogs in the Dunedin area, run a neutering scheme for community services card holders, offer education sessions for schools, community groups or workplaces and maintain dog exercise areas across the city.
Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust Julie Moyle, 2261815963849967	Julie Moyle Dog Rescue Dunedin never rescue a dog before its due date is reached. We advertise on our Facebook page, but if you were to read the wording at the top of each post, you would be aware that our primary aim is that a dog go home to its owner. Sadly, when that doesn't happen, we are there to rescue a dog who may, in another council area, be euthanised. Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust I do read itâ€¦. It's just a really really bad look!!!!
Richard Roberts, 237826296553116	Dunedin City Council microchipping and neutering doesn't seem to stop neighbourhood cats damaging my garden. If it were a dog I guess I'd simply call the DCC and they would come and take care of the dog? So why are cats treated differently? I am happy to have this discussion offline. THANKYOU
Laufrin Marie, 2114037555352120	Dunedin City Council not exactly a breakdown of the costs there. Just a list of things
NÃ- Mo Ainm FÃ-or, 271703858840	Dunedin City Council so if you have like you said 18,000 registered dogs , if each of those dogs were the "Nonâ€“working Dogs Registration Fee" that is \$109.00 per year, that would be a total of \$1,962,000. out of getting that paid to you each year, how many staff have you got in the dog control sector? as that would equate to 37.73 staff if they each were paid each \$52,000 per year or \$1000 per week before tax which would be 38.46 hours on your minimum \$26 per hour rate.
Rod Francis, 7586664798029129	so yes, a breakdown of annual dog registration fee expenditure sounds like its needed. Dogs that are licensed and on leash should be allowed in public places including the Botanical Gardens. You could explore establishing a program of training dogs and their human handlers together for certain trails where the dog could be off leash (see Boulder CO).
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Diana O'Kane, 1966406263457441	Sharon Chambers the problem is that people don't observe the on-leash requirement in those places, so those with reactive dogs or dogs in training end up having to deal with off lead dogs anyway. There needs to be more education and enforcement so everyone can enjoy the spaces they need.
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	<p>The problems in Dunedin are caused by what began in 2016 " which is currently being investigated by the Ombudsman.</p> <p>1) In 2016 the DCC wrote access rules that treated all off leash areas as dog exercise areas. The distinction is important because exercise areas are for exercising dogs so you expect them to be running about quite a bit. By making every off leash area an exercise area we now have a generation of new dog owners who have been educated that if an area is off leash it is also fine for dogs to run around madly.</p> <p>2) The DCC tried to fix that by defining control to mean on leash. (Copied from a information page on the Irish Government website < sigh>) It can't, but insisting that was the case educated new dog owners that if a dog was off leash it couldn't be controlled: Which predictably lead to dogs running around out of control.</p> <p>3) The Dog Control Act contains the offence of *rushing* which means running at anything (people, other dogs, etc) Basically it exists because if a dog cannot rush at something it cannot get close enough to interfere with it in undesirable ways. But the DCC would not recognise that. Hence a generation of new owners with out of control dogs running around madly rushing up to everything in sight.</p> <p>4) The disinformation also affected the dogless. Frequently people will demand dogs on leash when they really only want dogs under control. But they say on leash because the DCC disinformation makes them think a dog has to be on leash to be under control.</p> <p>5) But blanket on leash rules are unreasonable and unfair, and prevent dog owners meeting their obligation to provide adequate exercise (which is a \$5000 fine). They also make no sense: Why would anyone want well-trained dogs on leash on Swine Spur? What good purpose is achieved by banning obedience training, rally-o, agility, and all the other dog sports that train excellent off leash control and other good behaviours? It makes no sense and creates even more untrained dogs.</p> <p>The fix just requires complying with the Dog Control Act: - Allow controlled dogs off leash and enforce lack of control or rushing. - Designate some areas as exercise areas for dogs do like to run about madly " the current dog parks, for example. (Dog owners pay for these from their registration fees so it is quite fair to set them aside in that way.)</p> <p>Integration not segregation and sharing without interfering is what we had before 2016, is consistent with the Dog Control Act, is the best use of public resources, and produces the best behaved dogs (and often people).</p> <p>It also stops this incessant squabbling that has been groomed since 2016 about whether pedestrians ... cyclists, ... skateboarders ... people with prams ... walkers with paws or any other social group should have exclusive use any public space - that we *all* pay for (including walkers with paws)</p>
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	Karen Anderson exactly!
Aleisha David-son, 2366811356685	<p>Rod Francis that programme is sort of what the Selected Owner programme used to do - it was quite an intensive.</p> <p>But after 2016 the DCC secretly ditched it and replaced it with a thing called Responsible owner. That really only requires fencing because the questions about the bylaw are really easy. And there is nothing about good dog handling/dog behaviour.</p> <p>Sadly, just another way the DCC, since 2016, has systematically removed all the dog control practises that created/supported (and rewarded) good dog owner/dog behaviour.</p>
Karen Anderson, 260126445656664	<p>NO, they don't work.</p> <p>I actively check walks and tracks for their dog requirements before going. I have encountered off leash dogs not just on lead required tracks but also no dogs at all tracks all over the city.</p> <p>If we have bylaws for this - there needs to be a way to enforce them, and make it work. Kids and other humans going for a walk should not have a risk of an off leash dog rounding the corner in expectedly on a dog free or on lead only track.</p> <p>To all the responsible dog owners out there - keep being amazing.</p>
Lydia Simpson, 3637116506358421	<p>I'd love an off leash space for dogs aside from dog parks. I've known dogs that walk better off leash than on " and looking from their perspective going for a walk is great but you are confining them to walk " dogs need to run it should be their right!</p>
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