



## Keeping your dog fit – off leash areas for dogs

The easiest way to exercise your dog is to take it for a walk. Regular exercise will improve the mental health and physical wellbeing of both you and your dog. Exercise is also proven to reduce nuisance behaviour such as barking, digging holes and destructive outbursts.

Council's Local Law requires all dogs to be on a leash at all times when in public places, except in a designated off leash area. The community has the right to walk in public places without fear of being attacked. If your animal is found wandering at large you will be given a minimum \$261.00 on the spot fine.

### Off leash areas

Council has provided a number of off leash areas where dogs can exercise freely, play with their owners and socialise with other dogs.

- All beaches before 8am and after 4pm daily unless otherwise signposted. At all other times your dog must be on a leash.
- Farnborough Beach, Yeppoon from Bangalee boat ramp south to Barwells Creek with access via Hinz Avenue excluding weekends and public holidays.
- Fisherman's Beach, Emu Park from the beach access 150 metres north of Bell Park to Tanby Point with access via Hill Street excluding weekends and public holidays.

While in an off leash area it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the dog is under effective control at all times. It is important that you monitor your dog's behaviour and ensure it does not cause a nuisance or become aggressive to other people or dogs.

Always clean up after your pet, even in off leash areas, and scoop the poop! If you leave your pet's droppings in a public place you will be given a minimum \$261.00 on the spot fine.

Being a responsible pet owner means that you care about the actions of your dog!

### Code of conduct

Council has adopted a code of conduct to make your visit to these off leash areas pleasant for you, your dog and other park users.

- All dogs must have a valid Council registration tag attached to their collar.
- Person must comply with all signs and boundaries and carry a leash at all times. You must leash your dog immediately if aggressive behaviour is demonstrated.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times prior to entering and upon leaving the off leash areas.
- Dogs must be under voice or signal control and in sight at all times. If your dog does not respond immediately, retrieve it and leash it.
- Keep your dog in the area designated so as not to destroy plants, wildlife and other resources in the park.
- Respect other park users and clean up after your dog and place waste in the bins provided.
- You should fill in holes your dog digs as they create a safety hazard for others.
- Dogs with a history of aggressive behaviour or declared dangerous dogs must be muzzled at all times when in a public place.
- Dogs excluded from designated areas include regulated dogs and female dogs on heat.