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DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2025			
Approved by:	The Council		
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This bylaw is made by the Dunedin City Council under the Local Government Act 2002 and authorised by section 20 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This bylaw is the Dunedin City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2024.

2. APPLICATION

2.1 This bylaw applies to Dunedin City.

3. PURPOSE

3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to give effect to the Council’s Dog Control Policy (date) by:

- 3.1.1 regulating and controlling dogs in public places
- 3.1.2 providing appropriate controls to minimise the potential for harm, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs
- 3.1.3 providing enforcement options to regulate dog-related matters.

4. EXPLANATORY NOTE

4.1 Text in this bylaw that is in italics (*italics*) is not part of the bylaw, but is explanatory in nature.

5. DEFINITIONS

5.1 All definitions have the same meanings as in the Dog Control Act 1996 unless otherwise specified.

5.2 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act	Means the Dog Control Act 1996
Control	Means the owner or person in charge of a dog is aware of where the dog is and what it is doing, and that the dog is responsive to commands and is not creating a nuisance.

	<i>Explanatory note: Having a dog under control means you can see it or are aware of what it is doing and are close enough to prevent issues or quickly bring it to heel.</i>
Council	Means the Dunedin City Council and includes any person authorised by the Council to act on its behalf.
Dog exercise area	Means an area that is designated by Dunedin City Council for use as a place for exercising dogs and includes a designated dog exercise area and small breed dog park.
Leash	Means an adequate restraint and may include a lead attached to a collar or harness, that allows for the control of a dog when in a public place.
Leashed area	Means any public place specified in this bylaw, or in the Dunedin City Council Dog Control Policy, where dogs must be on a leash.
Marked playing surfaces	Is that area of land in use for sports activities (excluding golf courses).
Nuisance	Means anything which interferes with or threatens the health or enjoyment of people, wildlife or other animals, and in this context may involve things such as barking, causing distress via intimidating behaviour (such as aggressive barking or rushing), or attacking people, wildlife or other animals.
Owner	Has the same meaning as in s2 of the Act, and means every person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Owns a dog or b) Has possession of the dog, whether the dog is at large or in confinement, otherwise than for the sole purpose of returning a lost dog to its owner or c) Is the parent or guardian of and shares a household with a person under the age of 16 years who is the owner of the dog pursuant to paragraph a) or b) of this definition. It does not include any person who has seized or taken custody of the dog under the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Animal Protection Act 1960 or any regulation made under either of those Acts.
Playground	Means any Council children's playground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Within any fenced playground area b) On any specially surfaced playground area c) Within one metre of any fenced or surfaced playground area or d) Within one metre of any playground equipment where there is no fence or special surface. Includes Council skateparks and Council outdoor basketball areas.
Prohibited area	Means any public place specified in this bylaw or in the Dunedin City Council Dog Control Policy where dogs are prohibited.
Protected wildlife	Means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any animal that is absolutely protected or partially protected according to s3 and s5 of the Wildlife Act 1953, other than any animal that may be hunted or killed under s5(2) of that Act; and b) Any animal that is a marine mammal within the meaning of the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978.
Public place	Has the same meaning as in s2 of the Act, <i>and generally means a place that is open to the public whether or not it is private property.</i>
Residential zoned land	As identified in the operative Dunedin City District Plan (2GP).

