

What you can do to be a responsible dog owner

Under the *NSW Companion Animal Act* there are rules outlining the control and behaviour of dogs and dog owners.

Dogs must be:

- Microchipped from 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away
- Registered by 6 months of age
- Under effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain or leash at all times, unless in an approved off-leash area
- The maximum number of dogs you can walk at any one time in a public place is four. This includes if they are off-leash
- All dogs must wear a collar and tag with the owner's contact details on it
- Owners must pick up and properly dispose of dog poo.

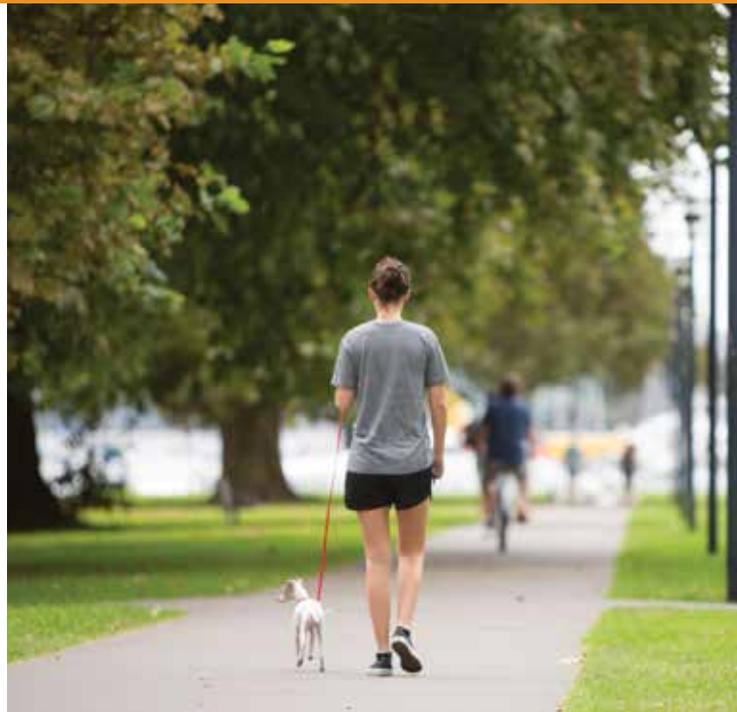
It is also important to provide adequate physical exercise and plenty of love and care to keep your dog happy and healthy.

Walking your dog in Woollahra

Taking dogs out for a walk and providing them with exercise is the perfect way to have fun and stay fit. It is also an effective way to properly socialise your dog and reduce unwanted behaviours. Woollahra Council has 23 parks and reserves for you and your dog to enjoy on and off-leash.

Did you know?

The law requires that if you are on a footpath, path, or in a public place, unless otherwise specified, your dog has to be on a leash!



Remember it is a requirement to update your details on the NSW Pet Registry if:

- You move house
- Transfer ownership
- Your pet is missing
- Your pet has passed away.

Please ensure your pet registration details are up to date. This will help vets and our rangers to contact you quickly if your dog is found. You can create an account online at petregistry.nsw.gov.au or come and visit us.

For more information please call 9391 7000 or visit our website woollahra.nsw.gov.au

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Responsible dog ownership and our off-leash areas



Woollahra Council encourages dog owners and residents to enjoy all our beautiful parks and reserves. For the safety of animals and people, dogs should be under effective control at all times. Fines apply for non-compliance.

Dog off-leash etiquette

- Only exercise your dog off-leash in Council's dedicated off-leash exercise areas (shown on the map)
- The person in control of the dog must be able to demonstrate effective voice control and the dog must be in close proximity and within their sight at all times
- Stay alert and keep a close eye on your dog. Sometimes large groups of dogs can cause them to be over-excited and this may lead to possible antisocial behaviour
- Ensure your dog's vaccinations, worming and flea treatments are all up to date
- Always ask the owner of unknown dogs if your dog can go up and play, or if you can approach their dog.



Off-leash areas in Woollahra

24/7 off-leash areas

1. Steyne Park (northern end, adjacent to seawall)
2. Yarranabbe Park
3. Lighthouse Reserve
4. Rose Bay Foreshore

Off-leash 3:30pm-10:30am

5. Rushcutters Bay Park
6. Royal Hospital for Women Park (prohibited Sundays)
7. Christison Park
8. Lyne Park

Off-leash 4:30pm-8:30am

9. Lower Cooper Park
10. Lough Playing Fields
11. Dumaresq Reserve

For more information on registration, responsible animal ownership and on and off-leash areas please visit our website woollahra.nsw.gov.au

Did you know dogs are prohibited in the following areas?

- Within 10 metres of children's playground equipment
- Within 10 metres of any food preparation area (the exception being when there is a public thoroughfare like a footpath)
- In childcare centres, school grounds and;
- Indoor shopping centres.

