

Council encourages responsible dog owners to have 'Leash-Free' fun with their dogs, at Council's many designated 'Leash-Free' areas which are located around the Mornington Peninsula. Exercising your dog contributes towards a more healthy, active lifestyle for you and your dog.

Dogs give pleasure, they teach responsibility, they give affection to humans and receive it in return, and their owners are healthier and happier than non-owners.

Dogs play an important and positive role in our community, especially with the elderly and with people who live alone. In many cases dogs provide an important means of 'contact' for these people with other members of the community.

'Leash-Free' areas have an important part to play in reducing dog nuisance problems for the community:

- socialised dogs are less likely to be aggressive
- dogs that get regular exercise and positive stimulation are less likely to be bored and cause nuisance by barking

Don't forget a little beach courtesy

- *Put your dog back on-leash near small children.
- *Be careful when introducing dogs to each other. They should be kept on-leash until the dogs get to know each other.

Please clean up after your pet

This will ensure dogs retain their rights to access the beach and other public places.

Many Mornington Peninsula beaches are **NOT** leash-free, and at most non-surf beaches the following controls apply

During the Daylight Saving period: Dogs are not permitted on the foreshore between 9.00am and 7.00pm

Dogs **on leads** are permitted on the foreshore except between 9.00am and 7.00pm during Daylight Saving Period

**FOR DOGS SAKE!
PICK UP THE POO!**

**PROTECT YOUR DOGS ACCESS
TO BEACHES & PUBLIC PLACES**

Mornington Peninsula National Park

- Dogs are prohibited**
- within Point Nepean area including Visitor Centre carparks.
 - after 9.00am, along the total coastline between London Bridge and Flinders. This includes the ocean beaches of London Bridge, Portsea, Sorrento, Diamond Bay, Koonya, Dimmicks, Montforts, No 16, Rye, St Andrews, Boag Rocks, Gunnamatta, Stockyard Creek, The Blowhole, Flinders and West Head.
 - Pines Picnic Area, Fingal Beach, Cape Schanck, Bushrangers Bay, Main Creek, Highfield and Greens Bush areas.
- The prohibition includes vehicles carrying a dog, all beaches, walking tracks and carparks within the above areas.

- Dogs on a leash** are currently permitted along the coastal portion of the National Park as follows:
- between sunrise and 9.00am from London Bridge through to 300 metres south of Gunnamatta Surf Life-Saving Club House.
 - from Stockyard Creek through to the Flinders West Head Gunnery Range.
- When dogs are permitted in the park, they **MUST** be on a leash at all times.



Please clean up after your dog. Responsible dog owners always ensure they have a plastic bag or acceptable item to clean up after their dogs. Failure to clean up after your dog can result in an 'on-the-spot' fine of more than \$100 being issued.

Any person in charge or in control of a dog, in a public place, must have in their possession sufficient bags or similar devices for the purpose of removing and hygienically disposing of any excrement deposited by their dog. Failure to have sufficient bags or similar may result in a further \$100 'on the spot' fine.

Protect the privilege of walking your dog in public places... Please don't make **your** dog's mess everybody's problem!