

OFF-LEASH AREAS



Advice for Off-Leash Users

- Your dog should be trained to consistently return to you in the face of distraction. Silent whistle recall training is recommended.
- If you know your dog has doubtful social skills, is not trained to always come when it is called or is the fearful type, do not take it to any off-leash areas.
- Don't feed your dog before visiting an off-leash area. Let your dog know you are carrying food treats as this will keep him close by and his focus on you.
- Reward your dog with treats each time he returns or retrieves on command.
- If your dog appears to be showing unwanted attention to, or interest in another person or dog, immediately reward it when it responds and place a collar and lead on it, and quietly move it away.
- Restrain your dog if asked and don't allow it to be a nuisance.
- Keep play activities away from main walking tracks and other users.
- If your dog is approached by another while playing with toys, recall your dog. Restrain it and remove the toy so your dog won't feel that it needs to protect it from the other dog.
- If your dog approaches another person or dog, don't rush up yelling at your dog as this could incite it or the other dog into attacking.
- Quietly wait a reasonable distance away until the dogs have lost interest in each other. You should then call your dog, praise and reward it on its return.
- Ask any person approached by your dog to remain still until the dog has scented them. Do this if you are approached by another dog.
- Do not allow your dog to wander off exploring. Use your visit to the off-leash area for controlled exercise or play only.
- Keep your dog under control at all times. Keep your first visits to strict routine and your dog will still learn 'the drill'
- Control over your dog and respect for the rights of local residents, other users and the environment are the keys to preserving these facilities.



CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

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WERRI OFF LEASH TRIAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

At its meeting on 20 August 2008 Kiama Council approved a section of Werri Beach as a Dog Off-Leash Swimming Area, to be reviewed after 12 months.

The area that can only be used and conditions of usage that must be complied with are outlined on this sheet. Your co-operation in complying with all of these requirements is sought. This includes: complying with the usage hours, the collection and proper disposal of your dog faeces in the bins provided at beach entrances (no one likes treading in dog poo), ensuring your dog is kept on a leash when entering and leaving the beach access points and in all other public places, not taking your dog into the prohibited beach areas. Your dog must also be micro-chipped and registered. Your vet can do the micro-chipping and you can then register your dog at the Council Administration Centre.

Avoid Getting a Fine - \$165 or more.

No one likes being fined. However we all have choices whether we comply or not with the law. If you choose not to comply with the requirements of the off-leash area and other requirements under the Companion Animals Act you may be fined a minimum of \$330. You may also be the person responsible for the off-leash area not continuing.

Penalty Fines Issued include:

• Animals not permanently identified (microchipped)	\$165
• Animals not registered	\$165
• Failure to prevent dog escaping	\$220
• Dog not on lead in public place	\$220
• Failure to remove faeces	\$275
• Dog in a prohibited place eg on the beach outside off-leash area	\$330
• Owner or in charge of an attacking dog	\$550

Please Note:

You must have your dog on a leash and under effective control, no matter what age it is, even if no one is around and you think it does not matter or it seems unreasonable. This includes all other public places when exercising your dog even along the grassed areas and concrete footpath in Pacific Ave and all other streets, footpaths and public places in Werri Beach and the Municipality unless it is a Council Off-Leash Area. Incidents have occurred where dogs off-leash have attacked other animals, run on the road and been killed or caused a traffic accident. If this occurs you could be liable for damages.

Thankyou for Your Cooperation and Compliance



KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

**BEFORE 9AM AND AFTER 5PM
WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS**

The mapped area indicated hereunder is a designated leash free/swimming area for dogs and must be approached and departed per the conditions of use.



THE CONDITIONS OF USE ARE:

- Dogs are only permitted in the defined off-leash area:

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- Dogs are only permitted off-leash and to swim in the designated area as identified by the northern and southern boundary signs erected on the beach.
- Entry or exit to and from the off-leash area is only permitted via four designated entrances located between Moore Street and opposite 63 Pacific Avenue.
- Dogs must be kept on leash at all times when outside the designated off-leash area including entry and exit through the designated entrances.
- Dogs must be under effective control at all times and their owners or handlers are responsible for their dogs' actions.
- Dogs must be registered and wear a collar and identification tag.
- Each dog's attending owner or handler must carry a bag or suitable means to immediately remove any dog faeces, which must then be disposed of offsite in the reserve bins provided.
- Restricted Breed Dogs, Declared Dangerous Dogs or Greyhounds are prohibited in the designated off-leash area.
- Owners and handlers must comply with all relevant provisions of the Companion Animals Act, 1998 and Council's Conditions of Use.

**DOGS ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES AND IN
ALL AREAS OF THIS BEACH, OTHER THAN IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS.**

INFRINGEMENT NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR OFFENCES

*By Order
General Manager*