

Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw (Multiple Dogs in Council-Controlled Public Places) Control 2025

Clause 7(1)(a) and (b)

Identification requirements

Conditions for having multiple dogs in council-controlled public places

Clause 7(1): A person carrying out activities allowed in an approval from council under clause 9B of the Bylaw, must comply at all times with the following conditions –

Approved Dog Walker

(a) – the person must wear a visible vest (or similar) prescribed by council that includes their name and registration (approval) number at all times when walking the dogs.

Minimum requirements prescribed by Auckland Council:

1. It must be a visible vest (not covered) or similar (could be an armband, attached ID card, or an ID card worn around the neck with a lanyard)
2. The approval number under which the dog walker operates must be displayed
3. The name of the dog walker must be displayed

Note:

- The name and approval number can be printed, embossed or written on the vest, on an armband, or on a printed or written identification card attached to the vest, or worn on the person.
- There is no specific colour or design prescribed for the vest, armband, or any identification card.

Examples:



Dogs being walked

(b) – the person must ensure all dogs wear a visible identification prescribed by council at all times to indicate they are being walked by a person approved by council.

Minimum requirements prescribed by Auckland Council:

1. It must be visible identification (attached to each dog and openly displayed)
2. Wording that indicates the dog is being walked by an Auckland Council approved dog walker

Note:

- The identification for the dog can be printed, embossed or written on a wearable dog vest, or printed, engraved or written on a metal or plastic tag, or on any custom tag worn on the dog's collar.
- There is no specific colour or design prescribed for a wearable dog vest or a tag worn on the collar.

Examples:



General information

New rules for walking multiple dogs in any council-controlled public places come into effect on 1 January 2026.

A person must not have in their possession in any council-controlled public place more than the maximum number of dogs specified in Clause 9A of the [Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw 2019](#).

To walk more than four dogs at the same time in any council-controlled public place, an approval is required, and certain conditions must be met at all times while operating under such approval. These conditions are listed in the [Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw \(Multiple Dogs in Council-Controlled Public Places\) Control 2025](#).

To allow sufficient time for approved dog walkers to obtain the necessary identification and equipment required to comply with the controls of an approval, an exemption to this identification requirement will be in place until 1 February 2026.

For any enquiries relating to visible identification requirements for approved dog walkers, please email dogregistrations@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone **09 301 0101** during business hours.