

# Dogs in Public Open Spaces

Survey Summary Report

## Most used off-leash dog areas



## Promotional channels

- Council's Facebook pages
- ConnectPMH Instagram account
- 'Have Your Say' on Council's website
- Emails to interest groups including dog clubs, animal training centres and vet practices in the region

## The survey had

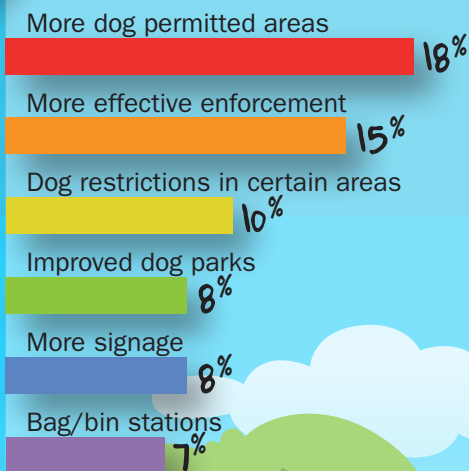


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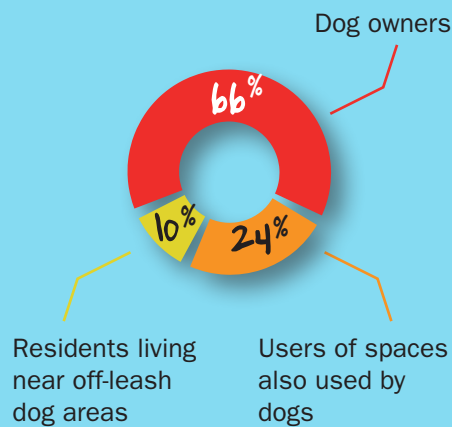


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Reponses

## What's needed?



## Who took our survey?



## What you told us

- Dog owners need to take more responsibility for their dogs and have them 'under control'
- Frustration with some owners not picking up after their dogs
- Need more effective consequences when dogs are off lead in a "leashed" area
- We need more bins and waste bags
- Better education and encouragement of dog training
- Be aware when kids or other anxious dogs are around, we need to share the space responsibly
- More fenced off leash areas to run and throw a ball

## Major Concerns

- Owners not picking up poo
- Misuse of designated areas
- Uncontrolled dogs
- Environmental impacts

