

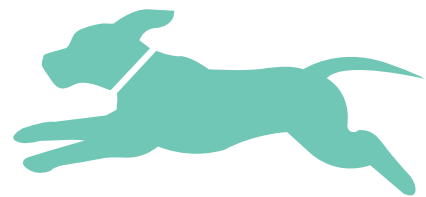
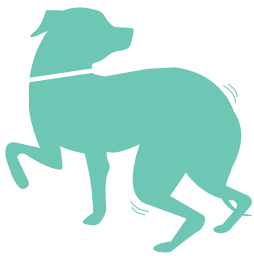
INNER WEST

DOG OFF LEASH ETIQUETTE

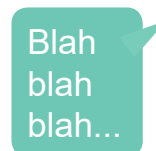
The use of Council parks by dog walkers is encouraged and recognised by Inner West Council as creating a positive sense of community, if conducted in a responsible manner.

- Only exercise your dog off leash in a dedicated dog off leash exercise area.
- Keep your dog under effective voice control.
- Remove your dog if it becomes anxious, aggressive or annoys other dogs or people and seek professional dog behavioural advice.
- Be mindful of large groups of dogs exercising together as this may lead to overexcitement and subsequently escalate into anti social behaviour.
- Do not exercise your dog off leash if it is under four months of age and not completed its vaccination program.
- Do not socialise your dog with other dogs if they are displaying signs of illness, particularly a highly contagious virus such as kennel (canine) cough.
- Do not exercise your dog off leash if it will not come to you when called, particularly when it is distracted.
- If poo happens, bag it, bin it.
- Toys and food are best left at home. Dogs may be protective of their treats and toys. Shared toys could spread disease.
- Ensure your dog's vaccinations and worming treatments are up-to-date.

**DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO RUN UP TO AN UNKNOWN DOG -
ASK THE OWNER/WALKER FIRST.**



**STAY ALERT AND FOCUSED ON YOUR DOG AT ALL TIMES.
DO NOT LET YOUR PHONE OR GROUP
CONVERSATIONS DISTRACT YOU.**



For more information on dog safety and other companion animal information, visit the Pet Section of Council's website

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Pets or join Council's Facebook group -  Inner West Pets