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Ruapehu District Council

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RUAPEHU DOG EXERCISE AREAS NOW SIGN POSTED

Official dog exercise areas within the Ruapehu District have been sign posted as part of Ruapehu District Council's (RDC) drive to assist dog owners enjoy their pets without adversely affecting other members of the public.

RDC Team Leader Compliance, Brenda Ralph, said that Council has a programme of promoting a high standard of dog care and control that includes ensuring that the reasonable needs of dogs are met.

"Dog owners are required to ensure that their dog is under control at all times and if in an allowable public area other than a dog exercise area must have their dog on a lead at all times," she said.

"Dogs in official exercise areas do not need to be on a lead but their owner must carry a leash at all times as well as ensuring that their dog is under voice control and is always within sight of them."

Mrs Ralph noted that only the Owhango Domain and the Te Peka Reserve in Taumarunui were designated as having their entire area as being an official dog exercise area.'

"The other nine areas throughout the District have only had part of their area designated as being official dog exercise areas."

"In all official dog exercise areas the dog owner is responsible to ensure that their dog is not causing a nuisance to other uses of the park or reserve."

Mrs Ralph said that the 'part designated' areas were located at; Cherry Grove Reserve in Taumarunui, Manunui Domain, Mangawhero Terrace Extension and Rochfort Park in Ohakune, Makotuku River Rd and Ohakune-Raetihi Rd Reserves in Raetihi, the grassed area behind the public toilets on SH1 in Waiouru and the Ohura Domain.

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New official dog exercise area sign at Cherry Grove, Taumarunui.