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OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY: BY-LAW RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF DOGS  
AND CATS**

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**1. Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the proposed amendments of By-Law relating to the Keeping of Dogs and Cats in terms of Section 12(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), hereafter referred to as "*the MSA*".

The proposed By-Law was introduced as is provided for in terms of Section 12(1) of the MSA and Council's By-Law on Rules of Order for Internal Arrangements, P.N. 7188 of 2013. The necessary permission was obtained to publish the proposed By-Law in the press in order to give the public an opportunity to make representations.

**2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE**

Directorate: Community Services

**3. Compliance with Strategic Priority**

Provision of democratic, accountable, and ethical governance

**4. Delegated Authority**

None

**5. Legal Requirements**

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996.  
Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, No 117 of 1998  
Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act No 32 of 2000.

**6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion**

**Background**

There is an existing draft By-Law regarding the Keeping of Dogs and Cats within the Overstrand Municipality. The purpose of the amendments of this By-Law is to ensure that dog owners can allow their dogs to be off leash in specific demarcated identified areas in the Overstrand Municipal area.

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The current approved By-law relating to the Keeping of Dogs & Cats does make provision for the handling of dogs in Public Open spaces and beaches and is specific that the Dogs must be on a leash. The need for specific demarcated areas in Public Opens spaces and beaches for dogs to be off leash was identified thus was and extensive process to establish a policy for Off–Leash Dog Parks and Beach Areas

**Public Participation Process**

The draft By-Law was distributed amongst senior officials for internal consultation and will be advertised for public participation. The proposal for Dog Zoning in Overstrand Municipality was distributed for public comment and feedback was received as per Annexure B.

In terms of Section 156(2) of the Constitution, read with the provisions of section 11(3)(m) of the MSA, a Municipality has the right to make By-Laws for matters which it has the right to administer.

Section 12(3) of the MSA determines that a By-Law may only be passed by a municipal Council if all members of the Council have been given reasonable notice and that the proposed By-Law has been published to allow for representations by the public. Council members have been given reasonable notice of the By-Law and as stated, the public was also afforded the opportunity to make representations.

It is therefore recommended that the Council approve the By-Law, attached as Annexure A.

**Publication of the By-Law and taking effect thereof**

When a Municipal Council passes a By-Law, Section 13 of the MSA requires that:-

- it must be published promptly in the Provincial Gazette and when feasible also in a local newspaper or in any other way in order to bring the contents of the bylaw to the attention of the local community; and
- that it takes effect when published, or on a future date determined in or in terms of the By-Law.

Section 13(b) of the MSA provides “that a By-Law passed by a Municipal Council takes effect when published or on a future date determined in or in terms of the bylaws”. This By-Law shall come into operation immediately from date of publication.

**7. Financial Implications**

The By-Law must be published in the Provincial Gazette.

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**8. Staff Implications**

None

**9. Comments from other Departments, Divisions and Administrations**

None

**10. Annexures**

- Annexure A: Proposed draft By-Law relating to the Keeping of Dogs and Cats
- Annexure B: Proposal for Dog Zoning comments
- Annexure C: Draft Policy: OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS AND BEACH AREAS

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL:**

that the Overstrand Municipal Keeping of Dogs and Cats By-Law **be approved.**

**TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :**

**AFTER PROMULGATION IN THE  
GOVERNMENT GAZETTE**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS :**

**AREA MANAGERS: KLEINMOND  
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**THIS MATTER SERVED BEFORE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO  
COMMITTEE ON 7 JUNE 2023, WHICH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED AS  
FOLLOWS:**

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that the Overstrand Municipal Keeping of Dogs and Cats By-Law **be approved**.

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## **BY-LAW RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS**

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### GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[ ] Words in bold type is square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

\_\_\_\_ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

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## OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY

### BY-LAW RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS

To regulate and control the ownership and general behaviour of dogs and cats in the area of the Overstrand Municipality and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTERPRETATION

#### Definitions

1. (1) In this By-law, unless the context otherwise indicates-

**"authorised official"** means any official of the Council who has been authorised by the Council to administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this By-law;

**"cat"** includes a male and a female cat;

**"cat breeder"** means a person who is registered as a cat breeder with a registered cat breeders association approved by the Council;

**"cattery"** means premises in or upon which-

- (a) boarding facilities for cats are provided; or
- (b) cats are bred for commercial purposes;

**"Council" means-**

- (a) the council of the Overstrand Municipality established by Provincial Notice No. 6766 of 2000 dated 1 October 2000. as amended, exercising its legislative and executive authority through its municipal Council; or
- (b) its successor in title: or
- (c) a structure or person exercising a delegated power or carrying out an instruction. where any power in this By-law has been delegated or subdelegated, or an instruction given. as contemplated in section 59 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000;

**"dog"** includes a male and a female dog;

**"dog breeder"** means a person who is registered as a dog breeder with a registered dog breeders association approved by the Council;

**"dwelling house"** means a single building designed for use as a residence for a single family;

**"flat "** means a single dwelling unit in any residential building other than a dwelling house;

**"kennel "** means premises in or upon which-

- (a) boarding facilities for dogs are provided; or
- (b) dogs are bred for commercial purposes:

**"owner "**, in relation to a dog or cat , means any person who keeps a dog or cat or has a dog or cat in his or her possession or care or under his or her control or on whose private premises a dog or cat is present:

**"pound"** means a place designated by the Council in terms of any law or agreement for the impounding, sale and destruction of dogs or cat, or both; a place designated by the Council in terms of any law;

**"poundmaster"** means the person who has been appointed by the Council to be in charge of a pound;

**"premises"** means any unit of land, whether built on or not and whether public or private;

**"prescribed"** means prescribed by the Council from time to time by resolution; and

**"public place"** means any beach, road, street, thoroughfare, bridge, overhead bridge, subway, foot pavement, footpath, sidewalk, lane, square, open space, garden, park, path, bus or taxi rank, servitude or enclosed space vested in the Council and includes any road, place or thoroughfare which is in the undisturbed use of the public or which the public have the right to use.

- (2) If any provision in this By-law vests or imposes any power, function or duty of the Council in or on any employee of the Council and such power, function or duty has in terms of section 81(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000, or any other law, been assigned to a service provider, the reference to such employee must be read as a reference to the service provider or, where applicable, an employee of the service provider authorised by it.

## CHAPTER 2

### CONTROL OF DOGS

#### Restriction on number of dogs

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), no person may keep more than two dogs or allow more than two dogs to be kept on any erf or premises without the prior written consent of the council.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)--
- (a) any person who, at the date of commencement of this By-law, is keeping a dog in contravention of subsection (1), may, on application for a special permit issued by the Council, continue to keep such dog but may not replace any dog that dies or is lost or disposed of if it would result in such a contravention;
- (b) the foregoing restriction does not apply to--
- (i) a dog breeder who has the written consent of the Council to keep such greater number of dogs as the Council may approve;
- (ii) the holder of a permit issued by the Council;
- (iii) the owner or manager or person in charge of a pet shop;

- (iv) the owner or person in charge of premises where guide dogs for the blind are being kept or trained; or
- (v) the owner or manager of a veterinary clinic or registered animal welfare society;
- (vi) a dog used as a watch-dog or for tracking purposes by any association, institution, organisation, corporation, or statutory body which is in receipt of financial assistance from the State or in which the State has a sufficient pecuniary interest.

#### **[Registration] Licensing of dogs**

3. (1) Every person who owns or keeps a dog shall register such dog with the Council **[and shall pay to the Council an annual tax as determined in terms of a resolution by Council]**
- (2) The Council may from time to time deliver a prescribed form for the registration of dogs to any resident of the municipality, which such resident must complete fully and return to the Council without delay.

#### **Dogs which may not be kept**

4. No person may keep a dog-
  - (a) which is wild, dangerous or fierce to such an extent that the dog is a danger to any person who legally enters upon the premises occupied by the owner of that dog, unless muzzled and held on a leash and under control of some responsible person;
  - (b) which barks, whimpers or howls to such an extent that it, or has another habit which, causes an unreasonable disturbance or nuisance to inhabitants of the neighbourhood;
  - (c) which suffers from an infectious disease, which, in the opinion of a veterinary surgeon, is of such a nature that such dog cannot be beneficially treated or boarded at a veterinary clinic;
  - (d) on premises that are not fenced in such a manner that such dog is at all times confined to the premises.

#### **Sterilisation of dogs**

5. (a) No person may keep a dog which is an unsterilised female dog over the age of six months, unless-
  - (i) the Council's prior written permission thereto has been obtained; or
  - (ii) it is kept by a dog breeder at a kennel or at other premises where it is securely confined within a building or enclosure; and
  - (iii) any other precaution specified in writing by an authorised official is taken to prevent a nuisance being caused to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood; or

- (iv) the provisions of subsection (c) apply in respect of the dog concerned.
- (b) The owner of a female dog that has been sterilised must obtain a document obtained from a registered veterinarian as proof that the dog has been sterilised and must produce such document for inspection to any authorised official on demand.
- (c) If, at the commencement of this By-law, any person is the owner of an unsterilised female dog over the age of six months, such dog may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this By-law, continue to be kept for a period of six months after such commencement, provided such dog is sterilised before the expiry of that period.

### **Dogs in public places**

- 6. (1) Subject to any provision to the contrary in this By-law or any other law, no person may bring a dog into any public place or allow it to be placed there if that dog--
  - (a) is wild, dangerous or ferocious;
  - (b) is in a habit of charging at or chasing people or vehicles; or
  - (c) is an unsterilised female dog which is on heat.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of section 8 of this by-law, no person may allow or cause to be allowed any dog to be in a public place unless it is kept on a leash and under control of a person.
- (3) Any person in control of a dog in a public place, excluding a blind person who is led by a guide-dog, must remove any defecation or other offensive matter of such dog by placing it in a plastic or paper bag or wrapper and dispose of it in a receptacle provided for the deposit of litter or refuse.

### **Prohibited behaviour in respect of dogs**

- 7. No person may-
  - (1) Without reasonable grounds,
    - (a) incite a dog against a person, animal or bird; or
    - (b) allow a dog in his or her custody or under his or her control to attack or put fear into any person, animal or bird.
  - (2) provoke a dog or harass or tease any dog.
  - (3) terrify or cause stress or fear to any dog with fireworks or by any other means.
  - (4) neglect or abuse a dog kept by him.
  - (5) as the owner or person in control of any shop or other place where food is prepared, sold or exposed for sale permit any dog to be or remain in or on such shop or place.

## 8. OFF LEASH ZONES FOR DOGS

- 8.1 The Council may demarcate areas in its jurisdiction as off-leash zones for the walking of dogs.
- 8.2 The mentioned zones in 8.1 can be demarcated areas on beaches and purpose build dog park(s).
- 8.3 Introducing pilot project as a precursor for the demarcation of leash free zones for dogs.
- 8.4 For the duration of a pilot project referred to in 8.3 the corresponding zoned area will be deemed a leash free zone for dogs.
- 8.5 Introduce a Policy to provide for a list of demarcated zones or any addition thereto or removal therefrom.
- 8.6 Provide for set time and dates during which dogs may be walked without a leash in a leash free zone.
- 8.7 Identify by means of notice board the parameter wherein the dogs may be walked without a leash free zone.
- 8.8 Dogs must be accompanied by the owner/carer in an off-leash zone in order to also exercise control over their respective dog(s) if necessary.
- 8.9 No person will be allowed to walk dog(s) in the zone without carrying plastic/paper bags/wrappers to able to remove excrement of their dog(s) from the zone.
- 8.10 Dog owners/carers must bring along their own water and bowl for usage by their dog(s).
- 8.11 The necessary notice boards must be placed at the entrances to the zones on beaches and dog park(s) that indicate the requirements to make use of the leash free zones.
- 8.12 The Council will provide a policy for identification of the off-leash dog(s) zones on beaches and parks and related management aspects.

## CHAPTER 3

### CONTROL OF CATS

#### Restriction on number of cats

- [8.]9.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), no person may keep more than three cats or allow more than three cats to be kept on any erf or premises without the prior written consent of the Council.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)-
- (a) any person who, at the date of commencement of this By-Jaw, is keeping a cat in contravention of this section. may, on application for a special permit issued by Council, continue to keep such cat but may not

replace any cat that dies or is lost or disposed of it, if it would result in such a contravention.

- (b) the foregoing restriction does not apply to-
- (i) a cat breeder who has the written consent of the Council to keep such greater number of cats as the Council may approve;
  - (ii) the holder of a permit issued by the Council;
  - (ii) the owner or manager or person in charge of a pet shop;
  - (iv) the owner or manager of a veterinary clinic or registered animal welfare society.

#### **Cats which may not be kept**

**[9.]10.** No person may keep a cat-

- (a) which makes a noise which impairs the convenience or peace of any reasonable person or which has any habit which causes an unreasonable disturbance or nuisance to inhabitants of the neighbourhood;
- (b) which suffers from an infectious disease, which, in the opinion of a veterinary surgeon, is of such a nature that such cat cannot be beneficially treated or boarded at a veterinary clinic.

#### **Sterilisation of cats**

- [10.]11.** (1) No person may keep a female cat over the age of six months unless such cat is sterilised: Provided that this provision does not apply in respect of cats kept by a cat breeder or at a cattery or during the period of grace specified in subsection (3).
- (2) The owner of a cat that is sterilised must obtain a document from a registered veterinarian as proof that the cat has been sterilised and must produce it for inspection to any authorised official on demand.
  - (3) If, at the commencement of this By-law, any person is the owner of an unsterilised female cat over the age of six months, such cat may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this By-law, continue to be kept for a period of six months after such commencement, provided such cat is sterilised before the expiry of that period.

**CHAPTER 4****IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND CATS****Taking dogs and cats into custody**

- [11.]12. (1) An authorised official may, for the purpose of having a dog or cat impounded, take into custody:
- (a) any dog or cat which-
    - (i) is at large and apparently ownerless;
    - (ii) suffers from a contagious disease as contemplated in section 4(c) or 9(b);
    - (iii) is being kept in contravention of the provisions of sections 2, 4, 8 or 9: or
    - (iv) enters any premises or flat in an effort to escape being taken into custody.
  - (b) any dog which-
    - (i) is found in a public place and is not on a leash and in control of a person;
    - (ii) overturns, damages or tears any refuse receptacle or refuse bag;
    - (iii) is brought into a public place in contravention of the provisions of section 6;
- (2) An authorised official may, subject to the provisions of section 10(3), impound a female cat that has not been sterilised in compliance with section 10(1), or a cat in respect of which its owner cannot in terms of section 10(2) provide written proof regarding its sterilisation.
- (3) Any person may on premises or in a flat of which he or she is the owner or occupier take into custody any dog or cat found trespassing thereon or therein for the purpose of having it impounded.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2), no person may take any dog or cat into custody for the purpose of having it impounded if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the dog or cat is a female with unweaned young, unless such dog or cat and unweaned young are taken into custody together.
- (5) Any person who has taken a dog or cat into custody in terms of this section-
- (a) must ensure that the dog or cat is not ill-treated;
  - (b) may, when the pound is closed, keep the dog or cat in his or her custody until the pound re-opens.

- (6) No person may, without a just cause, free any dog or cat which has been taken into custody, or is being kept in custody, or which has been impounded, in terms of this Chapter.

#### **Duties or poundmaster**

##### **[12.]13. A poundmaster must-**

- (a) keep the pound open between 08:00 and 16:30 from Monday to Friday and Saturday between 08:00 and 12:00 unless any such day is a public holiday;
- (b) accept, take charge of and impound any dog or cat brought to the pound with a view to impounding it, during the hours when the pound is open and must, subject to the further provisions of this Chapter, detain that dog or cat in the pound: Provided that the poundmaster may refuse to receive, or may release, any dog or cat if he or she reasonably believes that such dog or cat was not lawfully taken into custody or impounded;
- (c) keep a register in which the following particulars in respect of every impounded dog or cat are recorded:
- (i) The name of the authorised official or the name, residential address and telephone number of any other person who brought the dog or cat to be impounded;
  - (ii) the name, residential address and telephone number of the person to whom the dog or cat was released;
  - (ii) the time at which and date on which the dog or cat was impounded;
  - (iii) the place where the dog or cat was found immediately before it was taken into custody;
  - (iv) the date on which and the time at which the dog or cat was taken into custody before being brought to the pound:
  - (iv) the reason for impounding the dog or cat;
  - (vi) a description of the dog or cat indicating the estimated age, breed, sex, colour, markings and any injury found on the dog or cat when the poundmaster accepted it;
  - (vii) whether the dog or cat was released, sold or destroyed and the date and time of such release sale or destruction;
  - (viii) the amount of money realised in respect of such release or sale;
  - (ix) the amount of veterinary expenses, if any, incurred in respect of the dog or cat;
- (d) ensure that the pound and all equipment used in connection with impounded dogs or cats are at all times kept in a clean condition and free from flies and other vermin;

- (e) ensure that every dog or cat in the pound is properly fed and cared for;
- (f) isolate any female dog or cat on heat;
- (g) take all reasonable steps to prevent fighting amongst dogs or cats in the pound;
- (h) isolate any diseased dog or cat from the healthy dogs or cats, have such dog or cat attended to by a veterinarian and take all steps to recover the expenses incurred in this regard from the owner if the identity and address of the owner are known; and
- (i) take all necessary steps to have any dog or cat destroyed as contemplated in section 14 and recover any expenses incurred in this regard from the owner if the identity and address of the owner are known.

#### **Claiming of Impounded dogs and cats**

**[13.]14. (1)** Any person may claim an impounded dog or cat if he or she-

- (a) satisfies the poundmaster that he or she is the owner of the dog or cat;
  - (b) satisfies the poundmaster that releasing the dog or cat into his or her custody will not result in any provision of section 2, 4, 8 or 9 being contravened;
  - (c) furnishes the pound master with written proof of sterilisation of the dog or cat concerned, if applicable: and
  - (d) pays to the poundmaster the prescribed fees and the amount of veterinary expenses, if any, incurred in respect of the dog or cat.
- (2) The poundmaster must, if the provisions of subsection (1) have been complied with, surrender the dog or cat concerned to the person claiming it.

#### **Destruction or sale of impounded dogs and cats**

**[14.]15. (1)** If an impounded dog or cat is not claimed by a person entitled thereto within 7 days after the dog or cat has been impounded, the poundmaster may in the manner prescribed in section 5(1) of the Animals Protection Act, 1962 (Act No. 71 of 1962), destroy such dog or cat or cause it to be destroyed, or may sell such dog or cat or cause it to be sold.

- (2) The poundmaster must have any unsterilised female dog or cat sterilised before it is sold in terms of subsection (1) and must recover the costs incurred from the buyer.

### **CHAPTER 5**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Offences and penalties**

**[15.]16. (1)** Any person who-

- (a) contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this By-law; or

- (b) fails to comply with any notice issued for the purposes of this By-law; or
- (c) fails to comply with any lawful instruction given for the purposes of this By-law; or
- (d) obstructs or hinders any authorised official or employee of the Council in the execution of his or her duties under this By-law,
- (e) is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred rand or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding R100, or in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding one day, for every day during the continuance of such offence after a written notice has been issued by the Council and served on the person concerned requiring the discontinuance of such offence.

### **Presumptions**

**[16.]17.** If in any legal proceedings instituted under this By-law against any person it is alleged that

- (a) he or she is keeping a dog or cat over the age of six months;
- (b) he or she is keeping a n unsterilised female dog or cat over the age of six months; or
- (c) he or she is keeping a female dog or cat over the age of six months without having written proof regarding its sterilisation. such dog or cat is deemed to be over the age of six months or to be unsterilised, as the case may be, until the contrary is proved.

### **Repeal and amendment of laws and savings**

**[17.]18.** The By-laws listed in Schedule 1 are hereby repealed to the extent indicated in the third column thereof and any other provision in any other. By-law which is inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law.

### **Short title**

**[18.]19.** This By-law is called the Overstrand Municipality: By-law relating to the keeping of Dogs and Cats, 2008.

**SCHEDULE 1****REPEAL OF LAWS AND SAVINGS**

<b>NUMBER AND YEAR OF NOTICE</b>	<b>TITLE OR SUBJECT OF LAW</b>	<b>EXTENT OF REPEAL</b>
P.N 0631/1930	Kleinmond Local Board: General Series of Regulations relating to the keeping of dogs.	S53, 54
P.N 0081/1931	Hermanus Municipality: General Series of Regulations relating to the keeping of dogs.	S56 to S 64
P.N 0114/1933	Gansbaai Local Board: General Series of Regulations.	S.53, 54
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P.N. 577/1964	Gansbaai Municipality: Regulations relating to the keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N. 815/1969	Gansbaai Municipality: Amendment to the Regulations relating to the keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N 0543/1975	Hermanus Municipality: By-law relating to the keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N. 212/1981	Stanford Municipality: By-law relating to the keeping of dogs keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N 0707/1982	Hermanus Municipality: Amendment to the By-law relating to the keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N. 757/1985	Betty's Bay Municipality: By-Jaw relating to the control and keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N 0027/1986	Hermanus Municipality: Amendment to the By-law relating to the keeping of dogs	The Whole
P.N. 394/1987	By-law relating to keeping of dogs in the local areas of Agulhas, Infanta Pearly Beach, Struisbaai and Waenhuiskrans.	All provisions relating to Pearly Beach
P.N 551/1987	Gansbaai Municipality: Commonage By-law	S8
P.N 0215/1989	Hermanus Municipality: Amendment to the By-law relating to the keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N 0532/1991	Hermanus Municipality: General Amendment to By-laws.	Those provisions relating to the keeping of dogs
P.N. 395/1990	Gansbaai Municipality: By-law relating to the keeping of dogs.	The Whole
P.N . 486/1990	By-law relating to the keeping of dogs: Correction Notice.	The Whole

## Comments Public Comments on Dog zoning – August 2021

PEARLY BEACH	
Representative	Comment
Kari Brice 11 May, 2021 15:32	Hi Kari, please can we have an update on green zones for dogs. For a short while there was a notice on Grotto designating a leash free area and we have used that but now the sign has gone, not sure if it was stolen or purposefully removed. Very confusing. Dogs have run leash free on Grotto for decades.
R Williams 28 May 2021 11:20	Legal Services advised that it will be a risk for the Municipality if our Cats and Dogs By-law is amended in order for dogs to be allowed without leashes on the beach. We therefore cannot continue to implement the "green zone".
John Bristow 3 June 2022 08:22	<p>Hi Kari, regarding your comments on the <b>Dog Policy</b> we dont agree with you, for good reason. The Overstrand already has far to may 'exceptions to the rule', rules that are routinely ignored and not enforced (eg. walking dogs off-lead on on-lead areas on beaches, fouling of our beaches and Cliff Path with dog-poo, and not keeping dogs away from breeding coastal birds sitting on eggs, etc. Some of these rules also appear to only apply to certain citizens/residents ? The Dog Policy that applies in Residential areas should be simple, clear, and consistent, and this particular Northcliff matter, which you have been aware of for ages, was raised and discussed at our meeting with the Mayor in February, and has gone unattended for far too long. Please can you advise on the timing of completion of this current process ?</p> <p>Kari Brice, 2 June 2022 3:33</p> <p>The changes to the Dog and Cat policy require more consideration and input than a cut-and-paste operation copied from another source. The situation in each Municipal area is unique to that area</p> <p>I can assure you that your other concerns are being addressed and Cllr Nutt, Portfolio Chair Community Services can attest to this.</p> <p>Thank you to those Northcliff residents who took time out to assist with the vegetation cleansing and planting in the Cemetery on 21 May, this was a great public/private participation effort.</p> <p>Please attend the 'First Thursdays' meeting tonight for your issues to be addressed in person by the Mayor, Mayco and MM</p>
<b>Dr. Emily van der Merwe (Legal Advisor: Additional Court)</b>	
Tue 2020/03/10 10:42	
Facebook	Comment

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GROTTO BEACH



**Overstrand Municipality**

March 2 at 8:19 AM



Proposed dog trial zones for GROTTO BEACH - now open for comments

- The red zones will be where dogs are not allowed.
- the orange zones will ask owners to keep dogs on leashes and
- the green areas are where dogs can be let off leashes but must be kept under control... [See More](#)






10,642  
People Reached



1,379  
Engagements



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 **Dee Froud-reid** let's all abide by this and there will be no issues. i for one, am tired of being tarred by the brush of the bad dog owners. i love that i can take my dogs for a good run and enjoy the beach at the same time. so please people, lets do this right.  
Like Reply Message 3d   10



 **Bev English Joubert** Dee Froud-reid with you  
Like Reply Message 3d  2



 **Edward Cornelissen** Don't let the OSM intimidate the rate payers.  
Like Reply Message 3d  2














 **Rosemary Krause** Bev English Joubert me too  
Like Reply Message 3d


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 **Margot Catherine Penney** In Plett their sign says on the off leash areas u have to have vicious dogs wear a muzzel. Hope people have sense not to bring them to the beach!!! For the first time ever I saw a dog at onrus lagoon eearing one!!  
Like Reply Message 4d  2


 **Nanandi Simone Albers** Margot Catherine Penney taking a dog out with a muzzle is not nice for the dog... 🙄  
Like Reply Message 4d  1


 **Margot Catherine Penney** Nanandi Simone Albers nor is it nice to be bitten or your pet mauled!! They should Stay at home then so others can enjoy the freedom!!  
Like Reply Message 4d  6


	<p> <b>Walter Esterhuizen</b> Very simple,if thy not behaved and just bite thy should be not allowed to be on the beach!</p> <p>Like Reply Message 4d  4</p> <p> <b>Rosemary Krause</b> Nanandi Simone Albers then those dog's owners should also be 🙄🙄</p> <p>Like Reply Message 3d</p> <p> <b>Philippa Elaine Castle</b> Margot Catherine Penney yes I agree, my dog was mauled through a muzzle... He did not survive... His name was LUCKY R. I. P.</p> <p>Like Reply Message 2d</p> <p> Reply as Overstrand Municipality    </p> <p> <b>Ian Hendricks</b> If your dog attacks my dog, and it becomes apparent that we have no control over the situation, am I allowed to tazer both dogs to bring the situation under control? Just needing to know what the legal ramifications are. A few volts on the posterior is a lot cheaper than the veterinarianary bill for sowing up a flesh wound.</p> <p>Like Reply Message 4d  4</p> <p> <b>Andree Noska</b> How about worrying about the real issues in this town? All the people loitering in suburbs looking for work, destroying our environment and threatening the lifeblood of this town?</p> <p>Like Reply Message 4d  14</p>
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 **Jon Smedley** Top Fan very good but whose going to police it  
Like Reply Message 3d


 **Brenda Walters Du Toit** Jon Smedley It **should** not need policing if people have respect for nature and one another but that seems like a pipe dream.  
Like Reply Message 3d Edited 2


 **Jon Smedley** Top Fan Brenda Walters Du Toit exactly cant see it working as much as i would hope it does  
Like Reply Message 3d

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 **Judy Braune** And include written rules about picking up their dog please!  
Like Reply Message 3d

 **Amie Olivier** Klink alles goed en wel, maar ietwat onregverdig . Om daaglikse van Fisherhaven of Onrus af te ry tot waar honde vry kan hardloop is nie prakties nie, dis dood eenvoudig te ver . **Waarom kry ons nie n stukkie strand tussen Onrus en Sandbaai nie?**  
Like Reply Message 14h

 **Carol Vs** Looks good to me... 👍 📷  
Like Reply Message 4d 1

 **Lloyd Barnes** What about my cat?



**Willemien Burger** Hoe gaan grense tussen sones aangedui word? Grense tussen sones...hoe gaan dit aangedui word? Oop vir debat en eie interpretasie.

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Die grootste impak op die omgewing en ekologie (voëls bv) is nader na die Kleinrivier Estuarium toe en dis juis daar waar voorgestel word honde vry kan rondloop.

Wat van besoekers? Hoe gaan hulle weet van hierdie reëls?

Like Reply Message 4d Edited

Most Relevant is selected, so some comments may have been filtered out.

4 relevant comments:

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**Margot Catherine Penney**

Also hope the will be more garbage bins to deposit dog poop!!!

**Bins cannot be placed on the beach as they will be washed away with the spring tides.**

**Judy Braune**

And include written rules about picking up their dog 🐾 please!

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**There will be additional signage to demarcate the zones on the beaches.**

**Riana Steenekamp**

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**Overstrand Municipality**  
 February 14 at 10:17 AM

Have your say on proposed DOG ZONES

It's time for one last round of feedback before Overstrand Municipality is implementing trial dog zones on Kleinmond Main Beach, Grotto Beach in Hermanus and Pearly Beach near Gansbaai.








Each of these beaches will have a GREEN (off-leash), ORANGE (on-leash) and RED zone (no dogs)... [See More](#)




**PROPOSAL FOR  
 DOG ZONING IN THE  
 OVERSTRAND**

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	<p> <b>Des Davidson</b> Why nothing about Betty's Bay, Hangklip, Pringle Bay and Rooi Els? Like Reply Message 2w</p> <p> <b>Overstrand Municipality</b> <small>Author</small> Hi Des, this is a starting point and will be introduced to other areas at a later stage Like Reply 2w <span>1</span></p> <p> <b>Anna Newman</b> <small>Top Fan</small> <b>Overstrand Municipality:</b> as in all areas other than Ward 10? I sometimes wonder whether there are decision makers in the OSM that haven't a clue about our existence. Secondly, in the time that Louis van Heerden was the Ward Councillor for Ward 10, there was a decision taken about a beach for dogs. Please check the <b>Minutes</b> ... Like Reply Message 2w</p> <p> <b>Corine Behm</b> Why Pearly Beach? We need a dog Zone in Gansbaai/Franskraal /Kleinbaai area. Since more than 50% of dog owners live in these areas of Gansbaai not Pearly Beach. Like Reply Message 2w</p> <p> <b>Pam Hart</b> Sort out the poachers that mess up our beaches first Ban Pam Hart Unhide <span>1</span> 2w</p> <p> <b>Jason Stonehewer</b> Law enforcement still need to address illegal driving on the Beach, this is the number 1 killer of nesting birds on our coast. Like Reply Message 2w <span>1</span></p> <p> <b>Runette Louw</b> You have not included the link Appendix1 which includes the budget</p>
<p><b>PEARLY BEACH</b></p>	<p><b>Representative</b>      <b>Comment</b></p>

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**Overstrand Municipality**


February 25 at 12:38 PM · 🌐

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**Dog off-leash areas for PEARLY BEACH**

Kindly take note that comments regarding trial dog zones must be specific to the proposed trial areas as specified on the maps.

Please send feedback or comments on or before Friday, 6 March 2020 to the Gansbaai area manager, Francois Myburgh - [fmyburgh@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:fmyburgh@overstrand.gov.za)... [See More](#)



**8,417**

People Reached

**971**

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KLEINMOND DOG ZONES	
Representative	Comment
<p><b>From: R Steenkamp</b> <b>Date: 6 March 2020</b></p>	<p>4 relevant questions</p> <p><b>Janse Van Vuuren</b> How are you meant to get to the orange and green zone, this map isn't very clear.</p> <p><i>Will place clear markers on the boards.</i></p> <p><b>Claassens</b> No problems with the zoning as proposed. But often access to the green zone would be severely restricted if the lagoon is relatively full. Can you please make sure that the green zone is always readily accessible?</p> <p><i>One will be able to walk through the orange zone to get to the green zone.</i></p> <p><b>Susan Classen</b> Daar is baie ou menses wat met hulle vier been kinders gaan stap. Hoe dink julle gaan hulle by die groen zone uitkom ?</p> <p><i>The zones have been created as they are as they are the most practical. Hopefully we will be creating more areas in the future.</i></p> <p><b>Joe Lategan</b></p>

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	<p>Just for info: The green zone is exactly where specific prolific breeding of oyster catchers ( and others) on the beach take place and I have seen how dogs kill the chicks and dogs not on leashes chases them off the nests non stop at the entertainment of their owners. Leashes must be a regulation irregardless. We are at least part of the worlds greatest biosphere and need to make decisions like this based on this fact</p> <p>As presented by Natures Valley Trust we are compromising and cannot save all the birds but we will endeavour to cordon off areas where birds are breeding and trust people will respect the signage.</p> <p>Riana Steenekamp Media Liaison &amp; Social Media Officer, Management Services Overstrand Municipality</p>
	<p><b>From:</b> Desmond Lakey <b>To:</b> Janis Moffatt <b>CC:</b> Lauren Rainbird; Tamzyn Zweig <b>Date:</b> 26 February 2020 08:53 AM <b>Subject:</b> Re: KLEINMOND BEACH DOGS</p> <p>Dear Ms Moffatt</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Your comment is noted.</p> <p>Kind regards/Vriendelike groete</p> <p>Desmond Lakey Senior Manager Kleinmond Administration/Senior Bestuurder Kleinmond Administrasie</p> <p>T: +27 (0) 28 271 8413   F: +27 (0) 28 271 4100 E: <a href="mailto:dlakey@overstrand.gov.za">dlakey@overstrand.gov.za</a></p> <p><b>Overstrand Municipality</b> <b>Hangklip Kleinmond- Admin</b> A: 33 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Kleinmond 7195   P: Private Bag X3, Kleinmond, 7195 T: <a href="tel:+27282718400">+27 (0) 28 271 8400</a>   F: <a href="tel:+27282714100">+27 (0) 28 271 4100</a></p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:enquiries@overstrand.gov.za">enquiries@overstrand.gov.za</a>   W: <a href="http://www.overstrand.gov.za">www.overstrand.gov.za</a> Vision Statement: "To be a centre of excellence for the community"</p> <p>Disclaimer: This e-mail (including attachments) is subject to the disclaimer published at: <a href="http://www.overstrand.gov.za">http://www.overstrand.gov.za</a> Please read the disclaimer before opening any attachment or taking any other action in terms of this e-mail. By replying to this e-mail or opening any attachment you agree to be bound by the provisions of the disclaimer.</p> <p><b>P Please consider the environment before printing this correspondence.</b></p> <p>&gt;&gt;&gt; Janis Moffatt &lt;<a href="mailto:janism.44@gmail.com">janism.44@gmail.com</a>&gt; 2020/02/25 01:38 PM &gt;&gt;&gt; Hi The problem with the access to the dog areas on Kleinmond Beach is that you are expected to walk behind the sand dunes to get there. That's a security issue for me!! I was stopped coming off the bridge walk making my way to the far left of the beach. Just a point to note. Janis Moffatt</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>
	<p><b>From:</b> Desmond Lakey <b>To:</b> Christine Baunier <b>CC:</b> Lauren Raebud; Tamzyn Zweig; Roderick Williams <b>Date:</b> 26 February 2020 09:13 AM</p>

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	<p><b>Subject:</b> Re: dog zones</p> <p>Dear Ms Bäumlér</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your comments re the proposed zones for dogs at the Kleinmond Main Beach.</p> <p>Your comments will be considered.</p> <p>Kind regards/Vriendelike groete</p> <p>Desmond Lakey Senior Manager Kleinmond Administration/Senior Bestuurder Kleinmond Administrasie</p> <p>I: +27 (0) 28 271 8413   F: +27 (0) 28 271 4100 E: <a href="mailto:dlakey@overstrand.gov.za">dlakey@overstrand.gov.za</a></p> <p><b>Overstrand Municipality</b> <b>Hangklip Kleinmond- Admin</b> A: 33 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Kleinmond 7195   P: Private Bag X3, Kleinmond, 7195 T: <a href="tel:+27(0)282718400">+27 (0) 28 271 8400</a>   F: <a href="tel:+27(0)282714100">+27 (0) 28 271 4100</a></p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:enquiries@overstrand.gov.za">enquiries@overstrand.gov.za</a>   W: <a href="http://www.overstrand.gov.za">www.overstrand.gov.za</a> Vision Statement: "To be a centre of excellence for the community"</p> <p>Disclaimer: This e-mail (including attachments) is subject to the disclaimer published at: <a href="http://www.overstrand.gov.za">http://www.overstrand.gov.za</a> Please read the disclaimer before opening any attachment or taking any other action in terms of this e-mail. By replying to this e-mail or opening any attachment you agree to be bound by the provisions of the disclaimer.</p> <p><b>P</b> Please consider the environment before printing this correspondence.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;&gt; Christine Bäumlér &lt;<a href="mailto:kc.weingarten@gmail.com">kc.weingarten@gmail.com</a>&gt; 2020/02/25 05:11 PM &gt;&gt;&gt; Good day Mr Lakey</p> <p>Thank you for giving us, as dog lovers, the opportunity to give input into the zoning of dog areas.</p> <p>I am a resident of Kleinmond and a regular dog walker and my dog loves the beach, so I am quite happy with the proposed zoning of Kleinmond beach. However, may I give a few suggestions?</p> <p>When the lagoon is full, there would be no access to the green zone, except walking through water, which I say is unacceptable. Elder people who could not walk as far as the "back" bridge, have no access to the green zone.</p> <p>I thus suggest that the red zone be made accessible to pass through, keeping below the high water mark and within the times of no access during the Blue Flag flying.</p> <p>Kind regards <i>Christine Bäumlér</i></p>
<b>KLEINMOND MAIN BEACH</b>	
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Comment</b>

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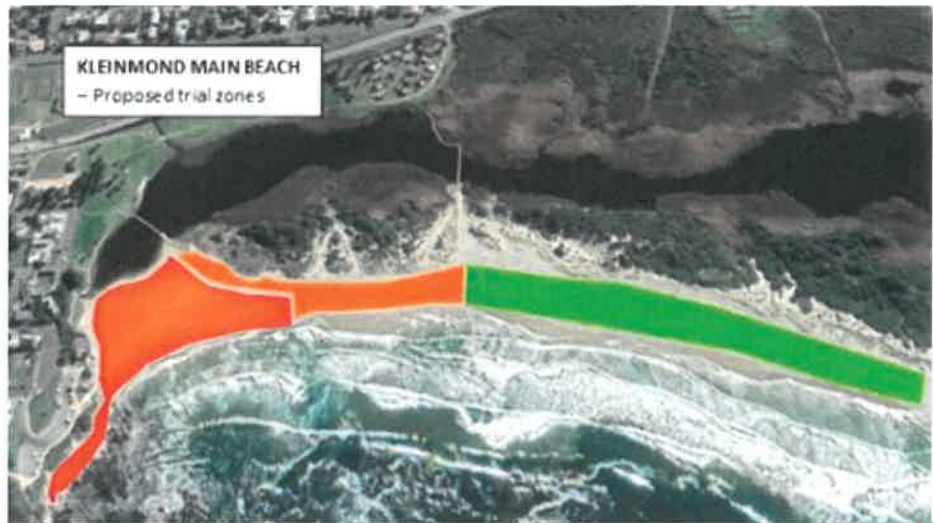
February 20 at 8:33 AM

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**Proposed dog friendly areas for KLEINMOND**

Overstrand Municipality is to introduce three zones: red, orange and green starting at beaches in Gansbaai (Pearly Beach), Grotto (Hermanus) and Kleinmond (Main Beach).

- The red zones will be where dogs are not allowed, ... [See More](#)



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People Reached

**2,159**  
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**Louise Roux Lombard** Ek stem nie hiermee saam nie, al die jare kon ons honde ook die see en strand geniet onder toesig en beheer van hulle eienaars. Indien die hond aan 'n leiband is en deur die eienaar beheer word kan ek nie sien wat die rede is dat geen honde in die rooi .. [See More](#)

Like Reply Message 2w



**Joe Lategan** Louise Roux Lombard wat jy in ag moet neem is dat jy in die wereld se grootste biosphere kom woon het. N wereld erfenis gebied wat baie meer sensitief is as gewone areas en wettelik vereis dat die natuur eerste kom. Ek aanskou elke dag van my lewe hoe honde gaan stap saam met mammie net om in almal se grasperke op tuine te skyt. En dan het ek telke male gesien dat honde die tobis kuikens doodbyt op die groen stook strand omdat hulle los rondhardloop op die groen sone van die strand en ook kuikens en voels jaag ten groot vermaak van die "papples" en "mammies". Honde word net nie gereguleer of beheer nie en klaar. Ek sien ook elke amper week by restaurante hoe die hondjie net teen die restaurant tafel urineer terwyl ander gaste eet ten aanskoue van mammie en hy word nie eers gekeer of hulle bied nie eens aan om dit skoon te maak nie. Ek sê basta , meeste mense kan nie eers beheer van honde spel nie en daaroor moet honde glad nie eers op publike plekke toegelaat word nie.

Natuurlik is daar n handjie vol slim mense wat weet n hond is net so goed soos sy opleiding en se honde absoluut tot sonder n lyfband geen skade of irretasies aan sal rig nie. En so hond sê ek kan enige plek kom.

Like Reply Message 2w



 **Louise Roux Lombard** Joe Lategan nou word die honde gestraf asook die gehoorsame ouers. Die tobis kuikens gaan nie net op die groen strook strand voorkom nie...die ontlasting van honde gaan in die oranje en groen stroke ook gebeur, dit gebeur nie net in die rooi strook en op mense se grasperke nie. Die aanbring van die houers met plastieksakkies vir die honde se ontlasting help geweldig baie. Verbied honde in eetplekke, daarmee stem ek saam, maar HOEKOM op die strand 🙄 Daar is meer as net honde wat nie beheer word nie...gaan kyk maar hoe gaan dit oot 'n naweek by die hawe, daar word niks aangedoen nie...pouchers helder oor dag in die water by kusweg, ook niks word gedoen nie, nou wil hulle die geliefde honde wat die strand en see so geniet verbied...komaan man wees realisties...daar is regtig groter probleme wat in Kleinmond aangespreek moet word as honde op die strand...!


Like Reply Message 2w




 **Christine Schwarz** Louise Roux Lombard Stem saam! Ons honde-eienaars is 'n sagte teiken 😊

Like Reply Message 1w



 **Irene Emily Jordaan** Stem saam elke dag hoor ons van die 4 seuns wat steel en skade aanrig aan mense se eiendomme maar omdat hulle minderjarig is word daar niks gedoen nie in plaas stuur hulle weg verbeterings skool toe elke dag hoor ons die polisie hier beteken niks net a ekstra uitgawe vir belasting betaalers so los ons honde uit wat ons moet hê om die kriminele weg te hou en al oefening wat hulle kry is as ons hulle strand toe vat.



 **Rebecca Janse Van Vuuren** It's very important that people can access the green zone easily. Neither my dad nor I would be able to walk on the beach sand across the orange zone to get to the green zone... [See More](#)

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 **Rebecca Janse Van Vuuren** How are you meant to get to the orange and green zone, this map isn't very clear.

Like Reply Message 2w






 **Nelson Christian** Rebecca Janse Van Vuuren there is a bridge at the top left of orange zone


Like Reply Message 1w


 **Rebecca Janse Van Vuuren** Nelson Christian do you mean between the orange and red zone? is there also a parking area inbetween the orange and green zone? I am not sure I could walk all the way across the orange to the green zone.


Like Reply Message 1w

 **Tian Claassens** No problems with the zoning as proposed. But often access to the green zone would be severely restricted if the lagoon is relatively full. Can you please make sure that the green zone is always readily accessible?


Like Reply Message · 2w   5

 **Heide Botha** Tian Claassens What about safety? Just wondering if I can walk there alone with my dog? (Green zone area)


Like Reply Message 2w  1


 **Tian Claassens** Heide Botha in my experience during normal "walking" hours there are so many people on the beach with their dogs that I believe the green zone will be safe. It is the orange zone that will be (relatively) deserted and thus less safe?


Like Reply Message 2w


 **Joe Lategan** Tian Claassens now thats a bit far fetched old chap.


Like Reply Message 2w

 **Vanessa Viret** I don't think dogs should be loose on the beach at all. People don't keep them under control now, so...why would they in the future!


Like Reply Message 2w Edited  5


 **Christine Bäumlér** Vanessa Viret, please don't generalize.


Like Reply Message 2w  6


 **Joe Lategan** Vanessa Viret agree


Like Reply Message 2w




 **Jaxx Levy** Vanessa Viret Don't paint all with same brush



Like Reply Message 2w  1






 **Vanessa Viret** Christine Bäumlér I am generalizing! I'm talking about what most people do!




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 **Alta Smit** People please be pragmatic for the sake of the welfare of your animals. I will jump through 7 hoops with my dog on the leash if it means I can have her with me.  
Like Reply Message 1w


 **Mark van Zwam** Cats can go everywhere!  
Like Reply Message 1w   2

 **Vanessa Viret** Mark van Zwam that's because they are clever! 😊  
Like Reply Message 1w  3

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 **Susan Classen** Daar is baie ou mense wat met hulle vier been kinders gaan stap. Hoe dink julle gaan hulle by die groen zone uitkom ?  
Like Reply Message 2w   3

 **Jenny Parsons** Susan Classen and will the safety of walkers be guaranteed by the municipality?  
Like Reply Message 2w  1

 **Susan Classen** Jenny Parsons Good question ! Walking in the Mountain and beach lanes is also not guaranteed as safe, but at least there are houses around, not so on the far side of the beach. 😊



**Willemien Burger** Wat sou die gevolg wees sou 'n hond 'n mens of ander hond wat wel aan 'n band is byt in die groen sone? Dieselfde vraag kan ook gevra word...wat is die gevolg as jou hond wat los rondloop my hond byt wat aan 'n band is in die oranje sone? En wat as die grense tussen die sones grys en debatteerbaar is. Wonder maar net....  
EN.....

In hierdie skrywe noem julle dat honde ter alle tye aan leibande moet wees...maar in die groen sone se beskrywing noem julle van leibande af maar onder beheer gehou! Dubbelsinnig en verwarrend.

Like Reply Message 2w Edited



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**Barrie Swanepoel** Klomp reëls wat nie toegepas sal kan word nie. Onthou dat Kleinmond afhanklik is van toeriste en toeriste honde. Is daar nie groter probleme in Kleinmond as om mense se honde te reguleer nie? Rerig mense, sorg eerder dat ek nie besteel word op daai sta... See More

Like Reply Message 2w



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**Bridget Bartleman** Great idea!!!!

Like Reply Message · 1w



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**Nic Bischoff** Mense mense julle is gepla met honde het julle al gesien hoe los die mense die strande stompies vis lyn en n klomp ander strond. Die honde los nie naby soveel skade aan die natuur soos ons mense nie. PUNT!!!

Like Reply Message 2w



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**Joe Lategan** Nic Bischoff jy het n PUNT ja. Siende dat mense wettelik verantwoordelik is vir hulle honde ..soos jy natuurlik weet is hulle die grootste skade doeners

Op n ander PUNT, hier word gepraat oor die potensiele skade wat gedoen kan word sowel as die onaangename kondisies vir toeriste wat die ruggraat is vir die klein ekonomie deur honde op die strande. Meeste mense hou nie daarvan om op honde drolle sit as hulle strand toe gaan nie. Meeste mense wil nie dat hulle honde been lig teen hulle koelbokse terwyl hulle eet nie. Meeste mense wil nie hulle honde wat op band is aangeval he deur honde wat nie op band is nie. Meeste mense besef hulle verantwoordelikheid in n biosfeer wat ook wereld erfenis is en wil nie bedreigde spesie doodgebyt of uitgeroei he nie. En ongelukkig die PUNT dat n internasionale blouvlag status van n strand

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**Katinka Grobbelaar Engelbrecht** Flap julle kan alles uit verband uit ruk. Demns ryg oor elke ding in Kleinmond. Het julle al gedink wat mense buite ons dorp oor ons sê oor ons so kerm oor alles. Kry vir julle stokperdjies en hou julle met iets konstruktiefs besig.

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**Katinka Grobbelaar Engelbrecht** Joe Lategan ...ons ander watal vir langer hier na dinge kyk.. het in d veld gestap en veld blomme gepluk om in ons huise te sit..ons het niks verwoes nie want ons was en is lief vir die natuur...ons honde het saam met ons steand toe gegaan en saam met ons geswem... ons het perlemonen geëet sonder om die see te stroop...dis hoe ons dit baie jare getede gedoen het...en ons het gelos vir die nageslag...nou kom die "nageslag" en sommige maak reëls en die ander kom stroop die see...ander sit en kerm oor alles en gun niemand iets nie. Ek het nie n punt nie... maar meer reëls om te breek...en mense die harnas in te jaag...

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	<p> <b>Hanlie Van Deventer Pretorius</b> What about Betty's Bay Like Reply Message 2w  1</p> <p> <b>Yvonne Swanepoel</b>  Top Fan Hanlie Van Deventer Pretorius YES PLEASE Like Reply Message 2w</p> <p> <b>Kevin Poulter</b> This is a trail to see if this will work before amending the bylaw and doing all beaches and then it does not work. But all areas I think will need to push for what they want. Like Reply Message 1w</p> <p> <b>Cobus Stander</b> Another bylaw... Like Reply Message 2w</p> <p> <b>Kevin Poulter</b> Cobus Stander no another bylaw. It is an existing one that these are proposed amendments to make it more in line with community needs. Like Reply Message 1w</p> <p> <b>Cobus Stander</b> Kevin Poulter Cool...where would one find the docs that describe the needs and the communities they represent...? A well run municipality like ours would obviously have documented the different community's requests etc...on their website...? Like Reply Message 1w</p> <p> <b>Joe Lategan</b> Just for info: The green zone is exactly where specific prolific breeding of oyster catchers ( and others) on the beach take place and I have seen how dogs kill the chicks and dogs not on leashes chases them off the nests non stop at the entertainment of their owners. Leashes must be a regulation irregardless. We are at least part of the worlds greatest biosphere and need to make decisions like this based on this fact Like Reply Message 2w  4</p> <p> <b>Vanessa Viret</b> Joe Lategan its hard to believe how they make such ridiculous decisions. 🙄 Like Reply Message 1w Edited</p>
	<p><b>From:</b> Burtie Maree &lt;burtie.maree@gmail.com&gt; <b>To:</b> Lauren Rainbird &lt;lrainbird@overstrand.gov.za&gt; <b>Date:</b> 03 March 2020 05:46 PM <b>Subject:</b> Re: Overstrand Dog Zoning Project</p> <p>Good day Lauren</p>

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	<p>I worked through the document and can confirm that the Maree Family trust is supporting your proposal for the zoning at Kleinmond for dogs</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Burtie Maree Chairperson (Maree Family trust IT1425/2002)</p> <p>On Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 4:25 PM Lauren Rainbird &lt;lrainbird@overstrand.gov.za&gt; wrote:</p> <p>&gt; Dear Sir &gt; &gt; The Overstrand Municipality has embarked on a "Dog Zoning" trial project &gt; on three beaches in the Overstrand. The project received positive feedback &gt; during our public meetings and we have now made a document available &gt; to the &gt; public for comments. &gt; &gt; We would like to acknowledge you as one of the adjacent property owners &gt; and give you an opportunity to comment on the proposal. (see attached) &gt; &gt; The period for comments closes on 6 March 2020 and we would appreciate &gt; any &gt; comments you may have. &gt; &gt; Kind Regards &gt; &gt; &gt; *Lauren Rainbird* &gt; Horticulturist &amp; Blue Flag Coordinator</p>
<b>GANSBAAI</b>	
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	<p><b>From:</b> Francois Myburgh <b>To:</b> corine behm &lt;behmcorine2@gmail.com&gt; <b>CC:</b> Lauren Rainbird <b>Date:</b> 25 February 2020 06:23 PM <b>Subject:</b> Re: Dog Zone Gansbaai</p> <p>The focus with the current exercise under discussion is to control dogs on swimming beaches [Blue flag beaches]of the Overstrand.If found to be succesfull,the municipality may look at rolling it out to residential areas as well.Please bear in mind that the current by-law stipulates that dogs should be kept on leashes whilst in public streets and open areas[parks].The current by-law is also under revision and the oppurtunity to make input during the public participation process will start shortly.Regards &gt;&gt;&gt; corine behm &lt;behmcorine2@gmail.com&gt; 25/02/2020 03:12 PM &gt;&gt;&gt; Good Day Mr Myburg Regarding the off leash Dog Zones. Will Gansbaai town also have an off leash zone or any area closer to Gansbaai?</p> <p>There are way more citizens with dogs in Gansbaai, Kleinbaai, Franskraal and de Kelders.</p>

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	<p>Why is this being implemented in an area with so little people. This is really unfair and just does not make any sense. If you want to to test this of leash Zone test it in an area where the majority is.</p> <p>Regards Corine</p>
<b>HERMANUS AREA</b>	
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	<p><b>From:</b> Brittany NVT &lt;brittany@naturesvalleytrust.co.za&gt;  <b>To:</b> Lauren Rainbird &lt;lrainbird@overstrand.gov.za&gt;  <b>Date:</b> 14 February 2020 10:14 AM  <b>Subject:</b> Fwd: FW: Proposed Dog Zoning Hermanus area</p> <p>Hi Lauren</p> <p>Please add the email below as comment for the public participation process. I have sent her a short response and thanked her for her input.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Brittany Arendse</p> <p>Conservation Ecologist  Nature's Valley Trust  044-531 6820  <a href="http://www.naturesvalleytrust.co.za">www.naturesvalleytrust.co.za</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/naturesvalleytrust">www.facebook.com/naturesvalleytrust</a></p> <p>----- Forwarded message -----  <b>From:</b> NVT &lt;info@naturesvalleytrust.co.za&gt;  <b>Date:</b> Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 7:41 AM  <b>Subject:</b> FW: Proposed Dog Zoning Hermanus area  <b>To:</b> Brittany NVT &lt;brittany@naturesvalleytrust.co.za&gt;</p> <p>Please send a brief reply thanking her for input, and saying we will feed this back to the Municipality. Keep this on record as feedback.</p> <p>Dr Mark Brown  Program Director</p>

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\*From: \*Linda Musson <Indmusson@gmail.com>

\*Date: \*Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 18:22

\*To: \*"info@naturesvalleytrust.co.za" <info@naturesvalleytrust.co.za>

\*Subject: \*Proposed Dog Zoning Hermanus area

\*For Attention : Brittany Arendse\*

Good Day Brittany

From the article in the local newspaper I could not tell whether you were from Hermanus or not. Either way, unless you have personally walked a dog in this area regularly you could not be expected to know or understand the different attitudes of the various types of dog walkers. Hopefully you will be willing to take into account the needs of the various sectors of dog owners to enable this initiative to work.

Hermanus has always had definite categories of dog owners : wealthy retired people who can sometimes have a rather self righteous attitude, pensioners whose dogs are their much loved companions, sporty young working people with children who like to jog with their dogs and walk on the beach (this being said, most people enjoy walking their dogs on the beach) and the lawless dog owners who will continue to do as they please.

There will never be enough trained and motivated law enforcement officials to patrol everywhere so this initiative is reliant on the willingness of the public to obey the laws promulgated by OM. At the current time many dog owners have become resistant to obeying the laws that are currently in place because of the fact that they are not enforced in ALL areas on ALL dog owners. They feel that the personal freedom and enjoyment that they are entitled to is being taken away because of the worst case scenario people. The same will apply to the proposed dog zoning unless :

- People who wish to have their dogs off lead, playing with other dogs are given a designated space in THEIR area.

Onrust is an example – Onrust beach has pilot blue flag zoning status so I'm hoping that when the zoning comes about it will accommodate Onrust dog

owners. There are many elderly Onrust residents who enjoy taking their dog

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to the beach for a short walk, this has been done for decades and residents should not be deprived of this enjoyment because some people don't know how to respect anything. Onrust residents cannot be expected to drive to Grotto Beach (some of the elderly don't even drive anymore) and Hawston beach is unsafe. Onrust does have OM owned land, the old jukskei field adjacent to the cemetery, which could be used as a dog park.



Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards



Linda

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**Esmé du Plessis-vanWyk** Andree Noska , i often walk alone on Onrus beach. And really feel uneasy and unsafe with the men asking for money at the parking area and those loitering on the beach.

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**Brenda Walters Du Toit** The real issue and why this started is to address the impact of dogs on seabird breeding areas. The white fronted plover is under a lot of pressure from being constantly disturbed by people and dogs. So the red areas are created mostly for their protection and the project is designed to benefit that and in turn dog owners. And all you hear is complaining.



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**Andree Noska** Esmé du Plessis-vanWyk exactly it is not safe. I was mugged in Onrus on a cliff path near Davies Pool at 11am 9m a Sat while my husband was putting the dogs in the car.





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**Anne Loubser** Andree Noska this is one of the issues.

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**Annabella Busse Malherbe** Biggest issue of the year   1


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**Reply as Overstrand Municipality**    

**Linda Pretorius** The signs will show Right is such and such a zone and left will be such and such a zone

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**Margot Catherine Penney** Also hope the will be more garbage bins to deposit dog poop!!!

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**DRAFT POLICY**

**OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS AND BEACH AREAS**

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## 2. BACKGROUND

Off-leash dog parks and beach zones will be established in designated places in the Municipal area to provide safe spaces for dogs to exercise and to promote human-dog relationships. Off-leash dog parks will provide a separate space from neighbourhoods and heavy traffic in order for dogs to run freely in the presence of their dog owner/dog carers. Beaches as approved by Council will be divided/demarcated into three colour coded zones (sections), namely:

- red zones : where dogs are not allowed (for example swimming beaches),
- orange zones : where dog owners must keep dog(s) on leashes at all times,
- green zones : where dog(s) are allowed off-leash in the presence and under the control of their dog owners/dog carers.

Note: 1. except in Sandbaai, Onrus, Hermanus and Gansbaai cliff paths, and  
2. in residential areas.

## 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- 3.1 To ensure that signage with clear instructions for dog owners/dog carers/non-dog owners are displayed at the dog off-leash dog parks and off-leash beach zones.
- 3.2 To ensure that dog owners/dog carers/non-dog owners understand the arrangements regarding access to the off-leash dog parks and beach zones.
- 3.3 That dog owners/dog carers understand their responsibilities and required behaviour at off-leash dog parks/and off-leash beach zones.
- 3.4 To promote safety of dog owners/dog carers/non-dog owners at off-leash dog parks and off-leash beach zones.
- 3.5 To ensure maintenance and effective provision of infrastructure services at off-leash dog parks and off-leash beach zones.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

**“Off-leash Dog Parks”** A designated off-leash area which makes provision for a safe, controlled environment for dogs to play, socialise and exercise, and which provides people an opportunity to interact with other people having similar interests.

**“Off-leash Dog Zones on Beach”** The affected beach areas will be divided/ demarcated into three colour codes which include a green zone: where dog(s) are allowed off-leash in the presence and under the control of their dog owners/dog carers.

**“Dog Owner/Dog Carer”** in relation to a dog(s), includes the person having the possession, charge, custody or control of such animal.

## **5. ACCESS TO OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS**

- 5.1 The availability and usage of camps for dogs within an off-leash dog park will be on a first-come-first-service basis.
- 5.2 Off-leash dog parks will be open seven (7) days a week during daytime for dogs accompanied by their owners/carers.
- 5.3 Dog owners/dog carers will not be allowed to bring dogs with diseases and/or parasites into the park.
- 5.4 Dog owners/dog carers will only be allowed to remove leashes from dogs once they are within a closed camp within the park.
- 5.5 A dog will only be allowed in a park for a maximum of one hour per day.
- 5.6 Off-leash dog parks shall be accessible to wheelchair bound and other disabled dog owners/dog carers.

## **6. OFF-LEASH DOG ZONES ON BEACHES**

- 6.1 Dogs will be allowed in demarcated orange and green zones during daytime except for peak festive seasons to be announced by the Municipality.
- 6.2 Dogs may only be taken off-leash when inside a demarcated green zone.

## **7. RESPONSIBILITIES/BEHAVIOUR OF DOG OWNERS/DOG CARERS**

- 7.1 Dog owners/dog carers with more than one dog will be allowed to place dogs in the same camp at a dog park.
- 7.2 Dog owners/dog carers must bring their own bag(s) to collect the droppings of their dog(s) when utilizing a camp in a park and in orange and green dog zones on beaches.
- 7.3 Dog owners/dog carers, excluding a blind person who is led by a guide dog in an off-leash dog park/off-leash dog zone on a beach and other public place/access road/walkway to mentioned park or beach must remove any defecation or other offensive matter of such dog.
- 7.4 Any defecation or other offensive matter referred to in 7.3 above must be placed in a plastic or paper bag or wrapper and dispose of it in a refuse bin/bag provided for the deposit of litter or refuse.
- 7.5 Dog owners must bring their own bowls/containers to supply dogs with drinking water at the park.
- 7.6 Dog owners must remain at a park (even inside a camp) for the duration of their dog's stay at the park.
- 7.7 Dogs must be placed on leashes before exiting camps within the park/green zones on beaches.

- 7.8 Dog owners are not allowed to bring dogs with diseases and/or parasites in dog off-leash dog parks or on to beaches.

## **8. PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

- 8.1 The Administration will be responsible for installing proper fencing, walkways, water supply, shelter, refuse bins and signage at the off-leash dog parks and swimming beaches.
- 8.2 Proper waste management practices must be implemented to ensure the effective removal of droppings from the refuse bins at off-leash dog parks and beaches.
- 8.3 Trees and plants in off-leash dog parks must be protected from urine of dogs to avoid bad odour.
- 8.4 Fencing, gates and screens in off-leash dog parks must be maintained in order to prevent as far as is reasonably possible dog fights.
- 8.5 The surfaces of the pathways and camps need to be maintained on a daily basis.
- 8.6 Cutting of grass and pruning of plants must be attended to maintain the neatness of the off-leash dog parks.
- 8.7 Maintenance and repairs of signage must take place as and when required.

## **9. SIGNAGE**

- 9.1 Signage must be displayed at various access points to off-leash dog parks and three colour-coded zones on beaches to ensure that dog owners/dog carers/non-dog owners are made aware of what is permitted and what is not permitted. The signage must include:
- 9.1.1 Times
  - 9.1.2 Access arrangements
  - 9.1.3 Contact numbers of responsible officials
  - 9.1.4 Information about the key parasite types likely to be present in the park
- 9.2 The Municipality will develop maps to indicate the demarcated zones referred to in 6.1 above which maps will be included in this policy document and displayed as part of signage at affected beaches.

## **10. IDENTIFIED OFF-LEASH DOG ZONES ON BEACHES**

The beach areas, also indicated on attached maps, are as follows:

- (a) Pearly beach, Gansbaai: portion of beach outside the swimming beach,
- (b) Ganbaai beach, Hermanus: portion of beach outside the swimming beach, and
- (c) Main beach, Kleinmond: portion of beach outside of the swimming beach.