



Media Release

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New Dog Signs to be Installed

New dog signs are currently being installed in and around Central Otago's main townships. A total of three new signs have been produced, each with a key message for all dog owners to take note of. The messages are about permitted dog exercise areas, a reminder that dogs must be kept under control at all times and also for dog owners to be aware that there is a fine of \$300 for not picking up their dog's faeces.

Central Otago District Council is aware of the community's concern about dogs causing a nuisance or fouling in public places and again reminds all dog owners to take greater responsibility for managing their dogs in public places. Any complaints the Council receives in relation to dog owners not meeting their responsibilities will be taken seriously.

Planning and Environment Manager Louise Van der Voort said "We are consistently being told by the community that dogs not under control and dog owners who do not pick up their dog faeces are two of the issues that most annoy people. People have the right to walk on a clean footpath, without the risk of a dog jumping up, or of stepping on something revolting." So the messages are control your dog at all times and pick up after your dog.

There is a risk of an instant fine of \$300 for breaching the Dog Bylaw if you fail to carry a bag with you or fail to pick up your dog's faeces.

Copies of Council's updated Dog Policy are available at the Council office and all Service Centres or alternatively on its website
<http://www.codc.govt.nz/documents/policies>

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