



## Picking up after your dog

When visiting North Sydney's parks and bushland reserves, please remember to take a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.

Also remember to dispose of your pet's waste responsibly – plastic bags discarded in bushland are an environmental hazard, take years to decompose, look awful and create a very unpleasant workplace for Council's bush regenerators and Bushcare volunteers!

Please note, fines apply if owners fail to pick up after their pet.

## Wandering dogs

If you see an unaccompanied dog wandering around, please phone Council on 9936 8100.

Dog owners may be fined and their dog impounded if it is not under the effective control of a responsible person.

## What can I do?

You can help look after bushland and protect native wildlife by:

- Always keeping your dog on a short lead whilst walking through bushland
- Picking up after your dog and disposing of the bag responsibly
- Avoiding reserves that are being baited for foxes
- Keeping an eye out for signage and following their directions
- Reporting wildlife observations to Council
- Reporting injured wildlife to organisations such as WIRES or Sydney Wildlife

## Useful contacts

North Sydney Council 9936 8100  
[northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

RSPCA [rspcansw.org.au](http://rspcansw.org.au)

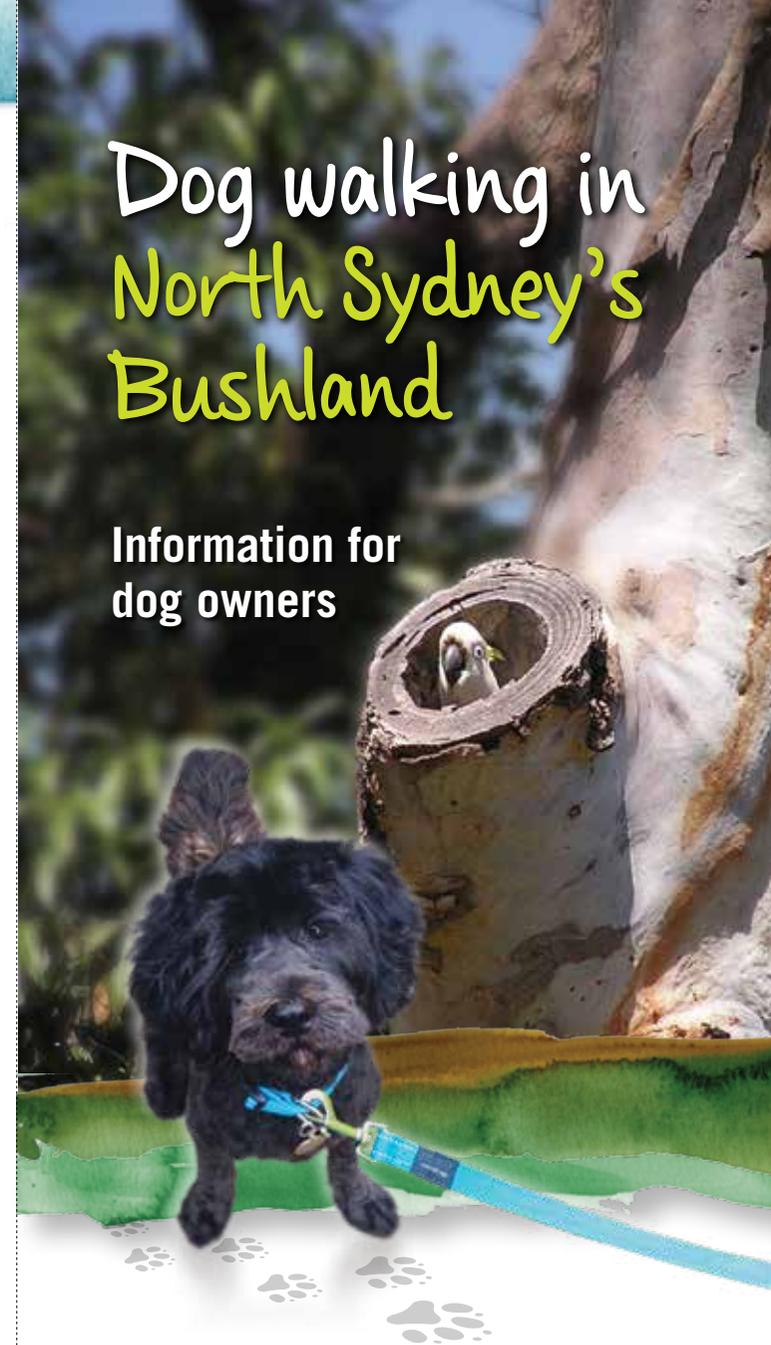
WIRES [wires.org.au](http://wires.org.au) 1300 094 737

Sydney Wildlife [sydneywildlife.org.au](http://sydneywildlife.org.au)  
9413 4300



# Dog walking in North Sydney's Bushland

## Information for dog owners





## Dog walking in North Sydney

Dog walking in North Sydney's parks and reserves is a popular activity that promotes social interaction, fitness and other health benefits for both owners and their pets.

Whilst many open space areas in North Sydney accommodate off-leash dog exercise, pet owners need to be aware that ALL bushland reserves and a small number of other parkland areas require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times.



## Dogs and bushland

North Sydney's bushland reserves provide a crucial refuge for native wildlife trying to survive in our built-up urban environment.

Surveys have recorded more than 190 native wildlife species inhabiting our bushland areas. To help protect these native animals, dogs must be kept on a short leash, under effective control and on formal walking tracks at all times when in a bushland reserve.

This is important because:

- Native animals see dogs as predators. The lasting scent left by dogs can easily scare small animals and birds away from their homes, often causing them to leave their young unprotected.
- The presence of dogs in bushland can interrupt important wildlife behaviours such as mating, feeding and nesting.
- Off-leash dogs can, and do, chase native wildlife. This causes unnecessary stress and can result in death or injury for native fauna.
- Dog faeces carry diseases which can be harmful to wildlife and people, and also add nutrients to the soil, increasing the spread of weeds.
- If dogs and other domestic pets have frightened native animals away from popular visitor areas, there will be no wildlife for other visitors to see.
- Dogs can interfere with the enjoyment of other park visitors.

Council has many off-leash parks. However, special rules apply for all bushland reserves and some other parkland areas including Cremorne Reserve, St Leonards Park, Clark Park and Ancrum Street Reserve. Dogs must be on a leash in these reserves.

## Fox baiting

In coordination with many other public land managers across northern Sydney, Council undertakes fox baiting twice a year in Balls Head, Berry Island and Badangi Reserves.

Fox baits contain the pesticide '1080' which is lethal to dogs (and cats). In order to protect your pet, dogs are prohibited from entering these reserves during each 6-week baiting program.

Warning signs are placed at the entrance to baited reserves so please keep an eye out for these signs and follow the directions. Failure to do so can result in fines.

There is no antidote to 1080 poisoning. If your pet accidentally consumes a bait, urgent veterinarian assistance is imperative.

**1080 POISON**

**WARNING  
FOX CONTROL  
1080 poison baits**  
(containing sodium fluoroacetate)  
**laid in this reserve**

  
**1080 baits are lethal to dogs and cats**  
**NO DOGS ALLOWED**  
during and for 4 weeks after baiting  
Penalties up to \$1100 Local Govt Act (1993) Sect 632 (2) (d)

For information please contact:

