

**Item 13.7****Notices of Motion****Fenced Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area**

By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) taking pets outdoors to a dog-friendly space is important, especially in inner-city areas with high-density dwellings where dogs do not as have much space to exercise;
- (ii) regular off-leash training and exercise in designated off-leash parks helps dogs relieve boredom and release pent-up energy and may also reduce unwanted behaviour such as excessive barking;
- (iii) outdoor exercise also benefits pet owners and builds a sense of community by bringing people together in dog friendly parks;
- (iv) the City of Sydney has a large number of off-leash parks located throughout the local government area, however there are no fenced off-leash dog exercise areas;
- (v) neighbouring local government areas including Inner West, Burwood and Canterbury-Bankstown, have several popular designated fenced off-leash dog exercise areas; and
- (vi) fenced off-leash dog exercise areas provide a safe environment for not only dogs, but other park users including families with small children;

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the installation of a fenced off-leash dog exercise area located in an appropriate location within the local government area as soon as practicable; and
- (ii) consult with the community over the next 12 months about the possibility of the installation of additional fenced off-leash dog exercise areas in locations with the greatest demand.

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