

3. PROHIBITED DOG AREA (VICTORIA SQUARE)DISPENSATION

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The purpose of this report is to consider a request from Astrid Anderson of the 'Events Company' seeking dispensation from the Council to allow dogs to be kept in the prohibited area of Victoria Square. This dispensation will allow dogs to commence and complete the 5km dog walk which is part of the 'Two day walk event'.

A request has been received from Astrid outlining the events of the day scheduled for 1 and 2 March 2003. The 'Events Company' has been contracted to coordinate these walks as part of a long term initiative to encourage and promote walking. The proceeds of the people walk will go towards Canterbury Youth Diabetes.

A shorter walk has been organised for dogs and their owners and the proceeds of this walk will go towards the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind Guide Dogs.

The Christchurch City Dog Control Bylaw 1997 prohibits dogs from entering or remaining upon any part of a prohibited dog area except as authorised by the Council by resolution made under this clause.

Victoria Square is one of the prohibited dog areas. The Council may grant dispensation in accordance with Clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the 'Events Company' be given dispensation in accordance with Clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990 to allow dogs to enter and remain in the prohibited area of Victoria Square.
 2. That the dispensation only apply on Sunday 2 March 2003 from 9am to 4pm.
 3. That all dogs be kept under control by a leash attached to the owner at all times whilst in the area of Victoria Square and while on the actual walk.
 4. That each dog owner remove their dog faeces forthwith to ensure Victoria Square and the planned walk areas are kept clean.
 5. That the Council's Animal Control Section provide sufficient 'doggie do' bags to each of the dog owners on the day to assist in the cleaning up of any dog faeces deposited while on the walk.