

14. PROHIBITED DOG AREA (VICTORIA SQUARE) DISPENSATION

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The Council has received a request from Astrid Anderson of The Events Company requesting dispensation for a number of dogs to be allowed in the prohibited area of Victoria Square. This dispensation will enable dogs to commence and finish while on the dog walk as part of the "Two Day Walk" event.

The "Dog Walk" has been organised for 17 March 2002. The Events Company has been contracted to co-ordinate the walk as part of a long-term initiative to encourage and promote walking, and the proceeds of this walk will go towards the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind Guide Dogs.

The request for dispensation is for **Sunday 17 March 2002** from 9am to 1pm, as dog owners will be completing the walk at different times.

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 (map attached) is one of the Prohibited dog areas.

The Council may grant dispensation in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990.

Enquiries reveal that there are no other events scheduled for Victoria Square on 17 March 2002.

- Recommendation:**
1. That "Events Company" be granted 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 17 March 2002 from 9am to 1pm.
 3. That all dogs be keep under control by a leash at all times whilst in the area of Victoria Square and that each dog owner remove their dog faeces forthwith, ensuring the area is kept clean.
 4. 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.

**Recommendation
from Chair:**

That the above recommendation be adopted.