

“Inclusive Park for Pets”

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the implementation of “Inclusive Park for Pets” in the leisure venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

BACKGROUND

2. LCSD is committed to providing quality leisure, sports and recreational facilities to meet the diverse leisure and recreational needs of the community, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and promoting sports in the community. LCSD has all along been open and proactive to proposals for provision of pet gardens at its venues. It has been liaising with the locals from time to time in identifying suitable locations for provision of venues for exclusive use by pets. Since 2010, the number of pet gardens of LCSD has increased from 19 to 50 at present.

TRIAL SCHEME OF “INCLUSIVE PARK FOR PETS”

3. In recent years, quite a number of members of the public hope that LCSD can open up more parks facilitating their visits with pets. To meet the public demand, LCSD launched the trial scheme of “Inclusive Park for Pets” (the trial scheme) in January 2019, under which six suitable parks¹ were selected from various districts across the territory for opening up for entry and use by members of the public with their pets and enabling the use of park

¹ The six parks were Kai Tak Runway Park, Victoria Peak Garden, Tong Yam Street Hillside Sitting-out Area, Tai Wo Hau Road Playground, Shing Mun River Promenade Garden No. 3 (Area B) and Wang Yip Street South Rest Garden in which the first one is within harbourfront areas.

facilities by different users in an inclusive environment. In identifying suitable parks, LCSD will consider a number of factors, including the demand of pet owners and their pets, size and geographical location of the parks, utilisation of venue facilities, etc.

4. Unlike pet gardens, “Inclusive Parks for Pets” are not designed for exclusive use by pets. The concept is to open up the existing parks for members of the public together with their pets and therefore fences will not be erected to delineate the activity areas for the pets. To keep in line with the concept of enabling shared use of park facilities among different users and balancing the needs of different users (including existing users of the venues), LCSD makes minimal changes to the existing environment and facilities of the parks and provides additional basic ancillary facilities in light of actual needs, such as dog excreta collection bins/dog latrines and hand-washing facilities, to facilitate use by pet owners and their pets when setting up “Inclusive Park for Pets”. Pet owners are required to observe the rules (**Annex A**) on the use of “Inclusive Park for Pets”, including keeping their pets on leashes to avoid causing nuisance to other users.

ADDITION OF “INCLUSIVE PARK FOR PETS”

5. In late 2019, a survey was conducted by LCSD at the pilot venues to collect views from users (including venue users bringing along their pets and other users). Most of the respondents expressed support for both the long term provision of “Inclusive Parks for Pets” at the pilot venues and the proposal of opening up more “Inclusive Parks for Pets”. As the trial scheme was well-received, LCSD has, upon consultation with respective District Councils, regularised the six “Inclusive Parks for Pets” under the trial scheme and provided another 35 “Inclusive Parks for Pets” in various districts starting from February 2021. Among the 41 “Inclusive Parks for Pets” across the 18 districts (**Annex B**), 9 of

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them are located at promenades or nearby parks which provide more attractive places for pet owners and their pets.

6. The new “Inclusive Parks for Pets” have been operating well since their opening. The public’s feedback is in general positive about the arrangements. LCSD will continue to listen to public views on the “Inclusive Park for Pets” and consider opening up more venues for pets in future. To further promote “Inclusive Park for Pets”, LCSD has set up a dedicated webpage, promoted “Inclusive Park for Pets” on social media platforms and launched virtual guided tours for the public. LCSD will continue sharing information on “Inclusive Park for Pets” with the public through different means.

WAY FORWARD

7. LCSD will, with reference to public views, continue upgrading the facilities and their safety as well as enhancing the environment of its venues to add vibrancy with a view to meeting the needs of different venue users and providing more inclusive space for public use.

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**Annex A - Users’ Code for Inclusive Park for Pets
Annex B - Inclusive Park for Pets managed by LCSD**

Annex A

Users' Code for Inclusive Park for Pets

1. Keep your dog on a leash.
2. Make sure your pet is kept under proper control and effectively restrained from causing nuisance or danger to other people and pets.
3. Clean up the faeces of pets.
4. Keep the environment clean and hygienic.

Annex B**Inclusive Park for Pets managed by LCSD**

District	Venue Name	Area (m²)	Opening Hours
Hong Kong Island			
Central & Western	1. Central and Western District Promenade - Central Section#	5 784	24 hours
	2. Victoria Peak Garden@	96 400	24 hours
Eastern	3. Fu Hong Street Sitting-out Area	563	24 hours
	4. North Point Promenade (Phase I) #	2 200	24 hours
	5. Siu Sai Wan Promenade	7 134	24 hours
Southern	6. Aberdeen Promenade	16 580	24 hours
	7. Kwun Hoi Path Sitting-out Area	1 300	24 hours
Wan Chai	8. Lin Fa Kung Garden	3 300	24 hours
	9. Lin Fa Kung Street East Sitting-out Area	300	24 hours
	10. Wan Chai Temporary Promenade#	8 630	24 hours
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	11. Kai Tak Runway Park#*@	28 200	24 hours
	12. Lung Cheung Road Park	14 100	24 hours
Kwun Tong	13. Hiu Kwong Street Rest Garden	4 036	24 hours
	14. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area#	1 395	24 hours
Sham Shui Po	15. Osmanthus Road Rest Garden	1 533	24 hours
	16. Tong Yam Street Hillside Sitting-out Area@	702	24 hours

District	Venue Name	Area (m²)	Opening Hours
Wong Tai Sin	17. Ngau Chi Wan Village Playground	1 300	24 hours
	18. Ngau Chi Wan Village Sitting-out Area	470	24 hours
	19. San Po Kong Interchange Rest Garden	3 500	24 hours
	20. Wing Ting Road Sitting-out Area	260	24 hours
Yau Tsim Mong	21. Chui Yu Road Rest Garden*	4 120	7 am to 11pm
	22. Waterloo Road/Ferry Street Sitting-out Area	92.6	7 am to 11pm
New Territories			
Islands	23. Mui Wo River Silver Garden (Area 2)	650	24 hours
	24. Tung Chung North Park (Area A)	2 690	24 hours
Kwai Tsing	25. Cheung Fai Road Promenade#	4 200	24 hours
	26. Tai Wo Hau Road Playground@	9 639	24 hours
	27. Tsing Yi Promenade-Grand Horizon Portion#	3 480	24 hours
North	28. Fanling Station Sitting-out Area	1 530	24 hours
	29. On Lok Tsuen (No. 4) Sitting-out Area	2 900	24 hours
Sai Kung	30. Fuk Man Garden*	4 000	24 hours
	31. Wo Mei Rest Garden	630	24 hours
Sha Tin	32. Pak Shek Kok Promenade—Sha Tin Section	25 000	24 hours
	33. Shing Mun River Promenade Garden No. 3 (Area B) *@	5 500	24 hours
Tai Po	34. Ha Hang Village Sitting-out Area	3 090	24 hours

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	35. Pak Shek Kok Promenade—Tai Po Section	18 000	24 hours
	36. Ting Tai Road Children's Playground	3 520	24 hours
Tsuen Wan	37. Tsuen Wan Park#	80 000	24 hours
	38. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park#	42 600	24 hours
Tuen Mun	39. Ki Lun Kong Public Park	2804	24 hours
Yuen Long	40. Tin Ho Road Playground	10 830	24 hours
	41. Wang Yip Street South Rest Garden@	1 573	24 hours

Located at harbourfront areas

* Venue provided with Pets Play Area (Leash is not required for pet within the Pets Play Area)

@ Venues have been regularized as Inclusive Park for Pets after trial scheme