

Coastal wildlife and your dog



New Zealand's beaches provide several recreational opportunities for you and your dogs. Dogs are allowed on many of our beaches but must **always be kept under control.**

We share these beaches with some of New Zealand's special coastal wildlife, such as little blue penguins/korora, shags/kōau, terns/tara, dotterels/tūturiwhatu and New Zealand fur seals/kekeno.

Wildlife can be present on any beach at any time and are easily disturbed. By **always carrying a lead** and following these few simple guidelines, dog owners will help ensure the wellbeing of wildlife.

If you come across wildlife on the beach:

- *Put your dog on a lead when you are within 20 m*
- *Lead your dog away*
- *Warn other dog owners at the location*
- *Notify DOC if you see wildlife being harassed by people or dogs*



DON'T LET YOUR DOG GO WILD

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468

Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies
For fire and search and rescue call 111

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To learn about wildlife you might encounter on our beaches, go to:
Department of Conservation:
www.doc.govt.nz

New Zealand Birds Online:
www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz

Some of our coastal wildlife

White-fronted terns and red billed gull

Pied shag



NZ fur seal



Variable oystercatcher



Banded dotterel



Little shags

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