

Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy: Boundaries

HARD BOUNDARIES

Hard edges are recommended where there is a need to completely separate off-leash dogs from incompatible adjacent land uses, and where setbacks or other mitigation strategies are not feasible.

Recommended options for 'hard' edges include:

Post and wire 'game' fencing



Post and rail fencing with mesh panels



Chain link fencing with black vinyl coating



All Off-Leash Areas require clearly marked boundaries in order for dog owners to understand where off-leash activity is permitted.



Boundaries should be delineated with clear signage and a combination of "hard" and / or "soft" edges depending on the objective.



Boundaries are selected based on several factors:

- Street traffic
- Primary use of adjacent park area
- Environmental considerations
- Demand

SOFT BOUNDARIES

Where hard edges are not required, soft edges are recommended to help integrate the off-leash area into the surrounding site.



Wide and dense planting strips can be established using prickly shrubs, conifer shrubs, hedges or rows of trees with groundcover planting.



Planting can also be designed to provide a windbreak or visually screen the off-leash area from adjacent land uses.