

Bark in the park

# Wellington Lions v Canterbury

Westpac Stadium, Sunday 17th September at 4.35pm

Gates open 3.30pm

## Event Information

### Requirements

- To enter the dog zone you will be required to sign and accept of the "Bark in the Park" waiver. This includes owners or anyone entering the dog zone.
- Person in attendance responsible for the dog (owner) must be 18 years old.
- One dog per person over the age of 18.
- Your dog must have a current registration tag.
- Your dog must be on a lead at all times.
- Under no circumstances should your dog be taken off the lead.
- The dog must be in control by the owner at all times
- It is recommended all dogs are up to date with immunizations.
- No dogs under the age of 6 months are recommended to attend.
- All dogs must be well behaved, friendly and social dogs.
- All dogs must be comfortable with people, busy and noisy environments.
- The owner is responsible for the dog's welfare at all times.
- Dogs showing any signs of aggression will be asked to leave.
- Dogs and owners must sit in the designated dog zone, aisles 14 & 15.

### General information

- People with dogs will be seated in aisles 14 & 15. This is separate area from the General Admission and Stadium Members
- Aisles 14 and 15 are located on the western side of the Stadium.
- The dog owner is responsible for the dog's welfare at all times.
- The dog must always be on a lead, safe and secured.
- Current registration tags must be on display.
- The SPCA Animal Welfare inspectors and Animal Services officers will be on site
- You will be asked to leave or could be fined should you not have your dog on a lead or under control at all times.

### Please bring

- Water and a bowl for the journey to and from the stadium.
- Plenty of poo bags for when nature calls.
- A designated doggy doo area will be provided.
- A blanket that your dog may like to sit on whilst watching the rugby.

### Don't bring

- Dangerous, aggressive or unsociable dogs.

- Balls or other toys that could encourage a dog to chase. Remember dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and be under control.

### **Entry into the stadium**

- As this is a new event with obvious logistical processes - please arrive early and be patient and don't rush.
- Please be respectful of other dogs, their owners and their space.
- You must have a valid ticket to the game
- It is recommended that you pre purchase your tickets for the game.
- Entrance into the stadium will be through a special dog friendly entrance via gates 1-18. These are located to the western side of the concourse.
- At the gate entry the owner will go through a number of checks. This will include;
  - Dog check of current registration tags
  - Bag search
  - Complete waiver release form (A copy of the waiver can be found at [www.wrfu.co.nz](http://www.wrfu.co.nz))
  - Ticket scan

### **Dog seating**

- Event staff will be available to help you to your seats.
- Dogs may be seated on the lap of the owner. Otherwise dogs should sit on the concrete next to the owner
- An owner may like to bring a blanket for their dog to sit on.
- Do not place dogs on the yellow folding seats as these are not suitable for dogs and could injure the dog.
- Please provide space between your dog and the next group of people. This will reduce the risk of dogs getting agitated by others close to them that they may or may not know.

### **Doggy doo area**

- A doggy doo station will be provided outside on the plaza near the entrance to the concourse.
- The dog's hygiene is the responsibility of the owner
- Please bring poo bags for clean-up and disposal of dog poo.
- Accidents happen, however please do not toilet your dog inside the concourse or seating area.

### **Food**

- There will be no dog food sold on site.
- Please bring your own dog snacks if required.

### **Noise**

- We encourage you to make lots of noise while at the game cheering on the Wellington Lions.
- We recommend your dog is accustomed to and comfortable in busy places with loud noises.
- As is the nature of live rugby there are times when the crowd will react to plays in the game including try's and tackles.
- There are regular ground announcements and music from time to time.

### **Relaxation areas**

- There will be an area in the concourse set up to rest and relax away from the noise of the game. This will be set up outside the entrance to aisles 14 & 15.
- SPCA volunteers will be on site to assist owners in terms of questions and can provide direction.
- Your dog's welfare is our top priority. If you believe your dog is not coping, feeling well or is becoming stressed please alert the event staff.

#### **Facilities**

- There will be water stations on site located outside aisles 14 & 15
- Toilet area a doggy doo station will be provided outside on the plaza near the entrance to the concourse.
- A vet will be on site in case of an emergency.
- Please do not allow your dog to cause damage to the stadium facilities.

#### **In case of an emergency**

- Follow the instructions of the event staff and or Ground Announcer

#### **Exit**

- At the completion of the event it is recommended owners take their time exiting. Be patient with others as you depart respecting the space of other dogs.
- Egress is via the 1-18 doors and western gates

#### **General Advice**

- Please provide space between your dog and the next group of people. This will reduce the risk of dogs getting agitated by others close to them that they may or may not know.

#### **Warnings**

- At no point are dogs or owners allowed on the field.
- Your dog must have a current registration tag.
- You will be asked to leave or could be fined should you not have your dog on a lead or under control at all times.