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SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS ADMINISTRATION
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DESIGNATION OF DOG-FRIENDLY AREAS WITHIN THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS

A decision has been made by the Administration to designate 2 dog walking areas; a dog bathing beach for a **trial period** of 1 year within the ESBA which will strike a careful balance with the aim of enabling dog owners to enjoy a beach within the ESBA, while restricting dog access to all other beaches and a dog walking park in RAF Akrotiri.

link to [map of designated beach](#)

link to [map of Akrotiri dog walking area](#)

SBA dog owners will be permitted to let their dogs off the leash within the designated area but will need to retain control of the dog at all times. Owners must bag up and dispose of dog waste, and give due regards to other beach users. All dog walkers in the designated area are to be the registered keeper/owner¹ of the dog, be at least 14 years of age and not accompanied by more than 2 dogs. Bins will be provided to keep the area clean.

This trial period will begin on Sat 01 November 2014
and will be reviewed on Sat 31 October 2015.

Dog owners are reminded that it is an offence to let a dog to roam or defecate in a public place or to cause a nuisance to the members of the public in either Sovereign Base Areas or Republic of Cyprus. Any breaches of these conditions can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice and/or imprisonment. Also note that a breach of the Seashore Ordinance can attract a fine and/or imprisonment.

If you require any further information or have any questions, please contact the Area Officer at one of the following offices:

- Area Officer Akrotiri 00357 25967290
- Area Officer Dhekelia 00357 24744558

Further information can be found on our website at www.sbaadministration.org, follow us on Twitter™ @bfcyprus, or contact the SBA Administration on 2593319.

¹ Being a person with a dog license issued under the Dogs Ordinance 2006, or a person who the owner has authorised to walk the dog.