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Beach laws accommodate dogs and horses

With the Broome Race Round fast approaching, laws requiring dogs to be kept on leashes at Cable Beach in the morning are now in effect.

The section of Cable Beach near Gantheaume Point and extending for 2km north of the beach access ramp is designated as a dog exercise area, but between May 1 and August 31 each year, from 5.30am to 10am on weekdays, dogs are required to be kept on a leash.

For the remainder of the time dogs can be let off the leash and exercised, but must still be kept under control at all times by a competent person carrying a leash and who is able to attach it if required.

The local law was introduced in 2014 following incidents between unrestrained dogs and race horses in the area, and is enforced by Shire of Broome Rangers with a fine of \$200 for those not controlling their dogs in exercise areas.

Shire of Broome Manager Health, Emergency and Ranger Services, Ty Matson, said the laws struck a balance between providing adequate areas for dogs and their owners, while at the same time protecting horses and their handlers.

“This is a very popular area for the town’s many dog owners, but has also traditionally been used to train horses during the annual race round,” Mr Matson said.

“As Broome grows and the beaches become busier these regulations have become necessary to try and prevent any incidents between dogs and horses.

“Dog owners need to keep in mind that an attack can be against a person or another animal, and can take the form of a physical attack or just threatening behaviour by their dog, with fines of up to \$400.”

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