

LCSD to provide 60 more Inclusive Parks for Pets

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (April 18) that more than 60 Inclusive Parks for Pets will be opened in various districts from April 21 (Thursday), bringing the total number of Inclusive Parks for Pets to over 100. Park users with or without pets could enjoy park facilities together in an inclusive environment.

To meet the public's demands to open more parks for them to visit with pets, six parks under the purview of the LCSD were opened for members of the public to enter and use with their pets under the trial scheme of Inclusive Park for Pets launched on January 1, 2019. Following the successful implementation of the trial scheme, LCSD regularised the six Inclusive Park for Pet under the trial scheme and provided another 35 Inclusive Park for Pets in various districts starting from February last year.

After consulting with relevant local stakeholders, more than 60 additional leisure venues across the territory will be designated for use as Inclusive Parks for Pets starting from April 21. In all, over 20 venues are located at promenades or parks nearby to bring diversity to the harbourfront areas. The total number of Inclusive Parks for Pets will exceed 100 to meet public aspiration for opening up more existing parks for them to share park facilities with pets. Please refer to the attachment (new Inclusive Parks for Pets highlighted in yellow) for the list of venues.

"The aim of Inclusive Parks for Pets is to enable members of the public who bring their pets into existing parks to use park facilities together in an inclusive environment, thereby promoting exchanges and integration in the community. When identifying suitable locations as Inclusive Parks for Pets, the department has considered different criteria, including the demand of the public for these facilities, size and location of the venues, ancillary facilities and their usage. Additional supporting facilities such as dog excreta collection bins and hand-washing facilities will be provided for the convenience of pet owners and their pets in light of the actual circumstances. Cleaning work will also be stepped up," an LCSD spokesman said.

"The LCSD will consider the views of the public on the new arrangements and open up more venues for pets in the future if a positive response is received," the spokesman added.

Park users should observe and follow the users' code for Inclusive Parks for Pets. Dog owners should keep their dogs on a leash. They should make sure pets are kept under proper control and are effectively restrained from causing a nuisance or danger to others, and should clean up any mess caused by their pets and keep the environment clean and hygienic.