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Dog death sparks off-leash war

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Dog groomer Jacquie Auld, pictured with dogs Jackie and Sergeant. Photo: Danielle Butters

The mauling death of a three-month-old puppy has prompted calls for tougher off-leash laws.

The Cavalier King Charles spaniel-cross miniature poodle, known as a caboodle, was killed last week by another poodle when both dogs were off leads at Bert Oldfield Oval.

Dog groomer Jacquie Auld said community ovals were not appropriate places for dog parks. She called on the council to tighten regulations and provide dog-only areas, with restrictions on children under 10 years of age.

"I know a number of people who have been knocked off their feet in these parks by large dogs, and have sustained broken bones and concussion," she said.

A council spokesman said rules and regulations apply to all dog owners during off-leash times at the oval.

"It is not free rein. Owners must be positioned close to the dog in the event of unruly behaviour," the spokesman said. "The law states the dog must be under effective control by its owner at all times."

The poodle will be declared a dangerous dog and have restrictions placed on it, or the owners will be issued with a fine, the council spokesman said.

"Ku-ring-gai Council has more off-leash areas in NSW than any other council and for the most part, they run very well," he said.

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