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## Dogs not welcome at rugby games after attack

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Dogs are no longer welcome at some sports games in Manawatu after a dog attack at a junior rugby game in Feilding.

Portable signs banning dogs from the fields have been introduced by the Manawatu District Council, the *Manawatu Standard* reported.

The attack, which occurred earlier this month, involved a dog biting the wrist of a Feilding under-12s rugby coach who was running up the sideline.

The coach required medical treatment and had to take time off work.

The dog's owner was given a warning by animal control officers.

Feilding's Saturday morning rugby president Kerrin Beatson said it was too dangerous to have dogs on the parks while up to 400 children played there.

The council also hoped the signs would stop any dog faeces or urine getting onto the fields.

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