FACT SHEET



Wandering Livestock

Do you have other people's livestock wandering?

What can you do about this?

- Call the Council and ask if anyone has reported them missing
- Call the Council and report the wandering livestock, if it is an ongoing problem
- Deliver the livestock to Councils impounding facility by appointment
- Take the livestock under effective control and request that Council remove them. Council will only collect the animal as a last resort, if the wandering is in relation to an ongoing and unresolved problem.

What can Council do about this?

- If this is the first report Council will attempt to locate the owners
- On the first occasion owners will be asked to restrain their animals
- On subsequent occasions owners will be given a written notice (Compliance notice) requiring them to take certain actions to prevent their animals from wandering at large
- Where the problem persists Council may issue penalty infringement notices (fines) to owners for failing to maintain a proper and effective enclosure or failure to comply with a compliance notice.

Please Note; Councils officers are not obliged to impound animals found wandering on private property. This is due to the costs to owners and Council and potential stress on the animals.

Seizing and impounding livestock is the last option for Council after other options have been exhausted.

Where Livestock are found wandering at large in a public place, refer to Councils Procedure for Livestock Found Wandering on a Public Place.

For further information regarding livestock, claims of cruelty, ownership or the movement of livestock please contact;

RSPCA - 1300 264 625 Bio Security - 13 25 23 Qld Police (Stock Squad) 07 4030 3321

