

ANIMAL KEEPING MINIMUM STANDARDS

Local Law No 2 and Subordinate Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2018.

Minimum standards:

Where animals are kept the keeper must ensure that they comply with the minimum standards. Failure to comply with the minimum standards may result in the issue of a compliance notice or a fine. Where the keeper has an approval in place this may be revoked where there is evidence of non-compliance.

The animals must be kept in a manner that does not create a nuisance to others.

1. *The person keeping the animal must ensure that—*
 - (a) *the animal does not—*
 - i. *cause a nuisance; or*
 - ii. *expose the health and safety of other persons and animals to significant risk; or*
 - iii. *create a reasonable apprehension in the minds of other persons of a significant risk to health and safety of persons, other animals or that animal; and*
 - (b) *waste waters from enclosures are drained in a nuisance free manner and that run-off is kept off adjoining land; and*
 - (c) *excreta, food scraps, and other material that is, or is likely to become, offensive is collected at least once in each day and, if not immediately disposed of, is kept in a fly proof container; and*
 - (d) *any enclosure in which an animal is kept is kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free from dust and odour and properly maintained in an aesthetically acceptable condition; and*
 - (e) *the area available to the animal kept on the premises is appropriately sized so that the animal can be effectively and comfortably kept; and*
 - (f) *any animal food is stored in an impervious fly proof and vermin proof receptacle or in an impervious fly proof and vermin proof storeroom facility; and*
 - (g) *all animals kept on the premises are provided with and have access to adequate shelter, drinking water and appropriate food; and*
 - (h) *any enclosure used for the purpose of keeping an animal is thoroughly cleaned each week and effectively treated with an insecticide at least twice a year; and*
 - (i) *upon discovering the existence of a dead animal, immediately dispose of the remains of the dead animal so as not to cause a nuisance. The remains must not be disposed of on or in a public place.*
2. *For subsection 1(a)(i), a nuisance occurs if an authorised officer considers there is sufficient evidence that people in nearby properties are being affected by the activity of the offending animal.*

A person who keeps an animal on their premises must:

- Ensure that the enclosure in which the animals is kept is cleaned regularly and waste disposed of in a manner that does not cause a nuisance to others or is injurious or prejudicial to health; and
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent the animal from making a noise or disturbance that causes a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers of neighbouring properties; and
- Ensure that any enclosure in which the animal is kept is properly maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; and an aesthetically acceptable condition; and
- Ensure that the animals are wormed and vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations of the national veterinary association

How many animals can I have?

Keeping excess animals is an offence and may result in the issue of fines and notices.

	<450m ²	>450m ² < 10,000m ²	>10,000m ² < 20,000m ²	>20,000m ² < 40,000m ²	>40,000m ²
Poultry	✗	🐔 x 10	🐔 x 10	🐔 x 50	🐔 x 50
Rooster	✗	✗	✗	🐓	🐓
Cats	🐱 🐱	🐱 🐱 *	🐱 🐱 *	🐱 🐱 *	🐱 🐱 *
Dogs	🐶	🐶 🐶 *	🐶 🐶 *	🐶 🐶 *	🐶 🐶 *
Horses	✗	*	🐎 🐎 *	🐎 🐎 *	🐎 🐎 *
Stock	✗	✗	🐷 🐷 *	🐷 🐷 *	🐷 🐷 *
Pigs	✗	✗	✗	*	*
Noisy birds	✗	2	2	2	2
Caged birds	10	60	60	60	60

*Approval required to keep more than number shown

Approvals: Council does not issue approvals to keep excess animals unless exceptional circumstances exist. For Example: an elderly relative passing away or moving into care and their pet needing re-homing. The applicant would need to have no history of complaints regarding their keeping of animals, as sufficient enclosure and the size of their property and location of theirs and neighbouring residences would be taken into account.

Development Approvals: To keep more than the allowable number of dogs for the purpose of a boarding or breeding kennel assessment under the Council's planning scheme will be required as this is considered a development activity.

ALL DOGS IN QUEENSLAND MUST BE REGISTERED



For more information about animal keeping minimum standards, contact Council on 1300 308 461 or visit www.msc.qld.gov.au.