



Excess animal permit

Being a responsible pet owner means preventing them being a danger or nuisance to neighbours and the wider community. All pet owners must comply with State Legislation and City of Gold Coast local laws.

City local laws limit the number of animals that can be kept depending on the size of a property. The permit is designed to encourage animal owners to consider their responsibilities and to ensure a safe and happy environment for both pets and neighbours.

You may apply to keep more animals, but your property will need to be assessed to ensure that any additional animals do not have a negative impact and are suitable for the property size.

Things you should know

- To obtain a permit for more than the allowed number of dogs, all animals must be desexed, microchipped and registered.
- All cats must be desexed and microchipped on permit application.
- Permits are available for other animals (see table).
- Lifetime permit for the dogs on your property. If circumstances change, such as moving house, please inform the City of Gold Coast.
- Permit fees must be paid at the time of permit lodgement – these fees are non-refundable.
- If any animal causes a nuisance the keeper may be liable for an on-the-spot fine or be required to remove the animals from the property.
- Keepers of any animals must comply with minimum standards as outlined under local laws.
- You may require development approval on your location and activity.
- The application form can be found on our website.

Minimum Standards for keeping animals*

- The animal is adequately identified so that the keeper's name, address and telephone number is readable and easily found.
- All faeces, urine, food scraps, waste and other material are disposed of so as not to cause a nuisance.
- Water and food containers are kept free from insects and vermin.
- An adequate supply of food and water is provided.
- Enclosure is properly maintained in a clean and hygienic manner.
- Animals are kept in a manner so as not to cause a nuisance including to the occupiers of adjoining premises or premises in the immediate vicinity of the place where the animal is kept.
- The animal has adequate space to exercise and be comfortably kept in respect to the species, breed, size and nature of the animal.

*Refer to Subordinate Local Law No. 12 for minimum standards of specific domestic animals.

ANIMAL	PROPERTY SIZE	NUMBER ALLOWED	PERMIT APPLICABLE
Dogs (registered)	All	2	More than 2, permit required
Cats	All	2	More than 2, permit required
Budgerigars, canaries and similar-sized birds	Less than 300m ²	4	More than 4, permit required
	301m ² – 2000m ²	20	More than 20, permit required
	More than 2001m ²	30	More than 30, permit required
Cockatiels and similar-sized birds	Less than 300m ²	2	More than 2, permit required
	301m ² – 2000m ²	10	More than 10, permit required
	More than 2001m ²	30	More than 30, permit required
Cockatoos, galahs and similar-sized birds	Less than 300m ²	1	More than 1, permit required
	301m ² – 2000m ²	2	More than 2, permit required
	More than 2001m ²	4	More than 4, permit required
Pigeons	Less than 300m ²	2*	More than 2, permit required
	301m ² – 2000m ²	20*	More than 20, permit required
	More than 2001m ²	30*	More than 30, permit required
Geese, turkeys, ducks and other poultry	Less than 800m ²	0	Prohibited
	801m ² – 2000m ²	6	More than 6, permit required
	More than 2001m ²	10	More than 10, permit required
Domestic hens	Less than 600m ²	0	Prohibited
	More than 601m ²	1 per 100m ²	More than 6, permit required
Roosters, peacocks, ostriches and emus	Less than 4000m ²	0	Prohibited
	More than 4001m ²	1 per 4000m ²	More than 1, permit required
Horses and cattle	Less than 4000m ²	0	Prohibited
	More than 4001m ²	1 per 4000m ²	More than 1, permit required
Sheep, pigs and goats	Less than 4000m ²	0	Prohibited
	More than 4001m ²	1 per 4000m ²	More than 1, permit required
Mice	All	10	More than 10, permit required
Rats	All	4	More than 4, permit required

*Exclusions apply to members of approved aviculture societies and the Pigeon Racing Association, contact City of Gold Coast for further information.

For more information

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