



## KEEPING PETS ON THE GOLD COAST

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**GOLD COAST.**

If you keep animals on your property they must be kept in accordance with our local laws.

For further information please contact Animal Management on **07 5667 5990** or visit [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/animals](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/animals)



## How many pets can I keep on my property?

To provide a safe and happy environment, there is a limit to the number of pets that can be kept on the Gold Coast. If you wish to keep additional pets, please contact us to apply.

	Property size	Number allowed
Dogs (must be registered with City of Gold Coast)	All	2
Cats	All	2
Budgerigars, canaries and similar-sized birds	<300m <sup>2</sup>	4
	301m <sup>2</sup> - 2000m <sup>2</sup>	20
	>2001m <sup>2</sup>	30
Cockatiels and similar-sized birds	<300m <sup>2</sup>	2
	301m <sup>2</sup> - 2000m <sup>2</sup>	10
	>2001m <sup>2</sup>	30
Cockatoos, galahs and like sized birds	<300m <sup>2</sup>	1
	301m <sup>2</sup> - 2000m <sup>2</sup>	2
	>2001m <sup>2</sup>	4

	Property size	Number allowed
Pigeons	<300m <sup>2</sup>	2*
	301m <sup>2</sup> - 2000m <sup>2</sup>	20*
	>2001m <sup>2</sup>	30*
Geese, turkeys, ducks and other poultry	<800m <sup>2</sup>	0
	801m <sup>2</sup> - 2000m <sup>2</sup>	6
	>2001m <sup>2</sup>	10
Domestic hens	<600m <sup>2</sup>	0
	>601m <sup>2</sup>	1 per 100m <sup>2</sup>
Roosters, peacocks, ostriches, emus	<4000m <sup>2</sup>	0
	>4001m <sup>2</sup>	1 per 4000m <sup>2</sup>
Horses and cattle	<4000m <sup>2</sup>	0
	>4001m <sup>2</sup>	1 per 4000m <sup>2</sup>
Sheep, pigs and goats	<4000m <sup>2</sup>	0
	>4001m <sup>2</sup>	1 per 4000m <sup>2</sup>
Mice	All	10
Rats	All	4

\* **Note:** exclusions apply to members of approved aviculture societies and the Pigeon Racing Association, contact us for further information.

## Identify your pets

Identifying your pet helps us reunite lost pets with their owners. It is compulsory under State Legislation for dogs and cats aged three months and older to be microchipped. Dogs must also be registered annually with the City of Gold Coast.

## Ensure your pet is not a nuisance

As a responsible pet owner, you have an obligation to care for the health and wellbeing of your pet, as well as a duty to ensure their activities don't interfere with your neighbours or the environment. Nearly all dogs bark, but excessive barking can be annoying for neighbours. Uneaten food scraps, manure and any other material likely to become offensive (ie faeces, soiled bedding and/or litter) needs to be collected at least daily.

## Contain your pets safely on your property

All animal owners have a duty to provide proper fencing and enclosures to prevent them (including cats) from wandering. A roaming pet is in danger of becoming lost, injured or killed in a road accident and can annoy neighbours by damaging gardens, destroying private property or fouling footpaths and lawns. At worst they may threaten or attack people, other pets and wildlife, get attacked themselves or pose a traffic hazard.

## Walk your dog on a leash

Any dog that is taken into a public place must be kept on a leash at all times and it remains the dog owner's responsibility to pick up and dispose of the dog's droppings. City of Gold Coast has allocated a large number of parks, reserves and beaches where dogs can be exercised off their leash. Despite areas being zoned off leash, owners need to be vigilant that their dogs do not cause a nuisance and that dogs remain under effective control at all times.

## If your pet can't be found it may be at the pound

### Coombabah Shelter Road

P 07 5581 7600

Monday to Friday 8am to 5.30pm

Saturday 8am to 4.30pm

Public holidays 10am to 2pm

*Closed Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day*

### Stapylton Rossmans Road

P 07 3807 0580

Monday to Friday 8am to 12.30pm

*Closed weekends and public holidays*

