



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

Our 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

- All dogs must be microchipped and registered.
- All cats must be microchipped.
- Permits are available for other animals (see table).
- Lifetime permit for the animals on your property. If circumstances change, such as moving house or you obtain a new animal, 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.

- Application form can be found on our website.
- If you breed or intend to breed your dog, you will be required to obtain a breeder identification number (BIN) supplied by Queensland Government Dog Breeder Register.

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 to any person on their property.
- 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.12.1 (Animal Management) 2013* for specific animal minimum standard requirements.

ANIMAL	PROPERTY SIZE	NUMBER ALLOWED	PERMIT APPLICABLE
Dogs (registered and microchipped)	All	2	Yes for more than 2
Cats (microchipped)	All	2	Yes for more than 2
Budgerigars, canaries, similar-sized birds and pigeons	Less than 300m ²	4	Yes for more than 4
	300–1999m ²	20	Yes for more than 20
	2000m ² or more	30	Yes for more than 30
Cockatiels and similar-sized birds	Less than 300m ²	2	Yes for more than 2
	300–1999m ²	10	Yes for more than 10
	2000m ² or more	30	Yes for more than 30
Cockatoos, galahs and similar-sized birds	Less than 300m ²	1	Yes for more than 1
	300–1999m ²	2	Yes for more than 2
	2000m ² or more	4	Yes for more than 4
Geese, turkeys, ducks	Less than 4000m ²	0	Prohibited
	4000m ² or more	1 per 300m ²	No
Domestic hens	600m ² or less	0	Prohibited
	More than 600m ²	1 per 150m ²	No
Roosters, peacocks, ostriches and emus	Less than 4000m ²	0	Prohibited
	4000m ² or more	Minimum standards	No
Horses*	2000m ² or less	0	Prohibited
	2001–3999m ²	Inspection required	Yes
	4000m ² or more	Minimum standards	No
Livestock (other than horses)	2000m ² or less	0	Prohibited
	2001–3999m ²	Inspection required	Yes
	4000m ² or more	Minimum standards	No

*Exemption for Bundall equestrian area precinct.

Note: Any material changes of use for animal keeping will require a development approval under the *Planning Act 2016*.

For more information

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