



KEEPING PETS ON THE GOLD COAST

CITY OF
GOLDCOAST.

Identify your pets

Identifying your pet helps us reunite lost pets with their owners. It is compulsory under State Legislation for dogs and cats to be microchipped by twelve (12) weeks of age. 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 (excluding electronic containment systems) to prevent them 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.

**TOUGH PENALTIES APPLY FOR
ANIMALS FOUND WANDERING OFF
THEIR PROPERTY AND DOGS NOT
UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL.**

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 waste appropriately.

City of Gold Coast has allocated a large number of parks, reserves and beaches where dogs can be exercised off leash. Despite areas being zoned off leash, owners need to be vigilant that dogs do not cause a nuisance and that dogs remain under effective control at all times.

Visit [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/dogparks](https://www.cityofgoldcoast.com.au/dogparks) to find an off leash area near you.

Lost and Found Animals

Found animals can be housed in one of our holding pens. These pens are not suitable for surrendered, sick or injured animals.

If your pet can't be found, it may be at the City Pound. Scan the QR code for locations and operating hours.



Increase the chance of being reunited with your pet by ensuring details are up to date.



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 (registered and microchipped)

All sizes..... 2

Cats (microchipped)

All sizes 2

Budgerigars, canaries, similar-sized birds and pigeons

Less than 300m²..... 4

300–1999m² 20

2000m² or more..... 30

Cockatiels and similar-sized birds

Less than 300m²..... 2

300–1999m² 10

2000m² or more..... 30

PROPERTY SIZE NUMBER ALLOWED

Cockatoos, galahs and similar-sized birds

Less than 300m²..... 1

300–1999m²..... 2

2000m² or more..... 4

Geese, turkeys, ducks

Less than 4000m²..... 0

4000m² or more..... 1 per 300m²

Domestic hens

600m² or less..... 0

More than 600m² 1 per 150m²

Roosters, peacocks, ostriches and emus

Less than 4000m²..... 0

4000m² or more..... Minimum standards

Horses

2000m² or less..... 0

2001–3999m² Inspection required

4000m² or more..... Minimum standards

Livestock (other than horses)

2000m² or less..... 0

2001–3999m²..... Inspection required

4000m² or more Minimum standards

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

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

