

Keeping of Poultry

Under the local law, Livingstone Shire Council prohibits the keeping of certain animals dependent on the overall size of your property, and requires an approval called a Specified Animal Permit for keeping certain animals in prescribed circumstances.

If you are in a residential area, you are encouraged to apply for a Specified Animal Permit before you purchase or otherwise acquire any livestock for your property.

No matter where you live, if you own livestock, horses, beehives (excluding native beehives) or more than 100 captive birds such as poultry or pigeons, you also need to make sure you have registered with the Queensland Government as a biosecurity entity. Registration helps Biosecurity Queensland to keep you informed in a pest or disease emergency.

A permit is not required if the keeping of the animal is authorised under a development approval issued by Council.

Requirement for Approval to Keep Animal

Birds other than nuisance birds	More than 5, but not more than 20, birds on an allotment with an area less than 20,000m ² .
Nuisance bird (includes rooster, goose)	1 or more nuisance birds on an allotment with an area less than 20,000m ² .

Minimum Standards for Keeping Particular Animals

Duck, drake, goose, turkey, rooster	<p>Each owner or responsible person must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the bird is kept without nuisance; and b) the bird is contained within an enclosure; and c) the bird's food is kept in a properly sealed, vermin proof container; and d) the enclosure in which the bird is kept is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) thoroughly cleaned at least once each week; and ii) located at the rear of, and behind, any residence situated on the premises; and e) the enclosure in which the bird is kept is not located within a radius of 10m of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) a residence on adjoining premises; or ii) a place used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food intended for human consumption other than a domestic kitchen used solely for domestic purposes by the owner or responsible person for the bird; or iii) a place used for the storage of food (other than food kept in hermetically sealed packages); and f) the enclosure in which the bird is kept is not located less than 1m from the side or rear boundaries of the premises.
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Minimum Standards for Keeping Animals Generally

A person who keeps an animal on premises must:

- ensure that the animal is adequately identified so that the owner's name, address and telephone number are readily ascertainable; and
- ensure that waste waters from enclosures are drained in a nuisance free manner and that run-off is kept off adjoining premises or as otherwise directed by an authorised person; and
- ensure that excreta, food scraps and other material that is, or is likely to become, offensive is collected at least daily and, if not immediately removed from the premises, is kept in a waste container of a kind approved by an authorised person; 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
- take all reasonable steps to prevent the animal from making a noise or disturbance that causes a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers of
 - adjoining premises; or
 - premises in the vicinity of the land on which the animal is ordinarily kept; and
- ensure that the area available to the animal kept on the premises is appropriately sized so that the animal can be effectively and comfortably kept.

Requirements for Proper Enclosures for Animals

- A proper enclosure is an area of the land on which the animal is kept, appropriately sized to be capable of effectively and comfortably housing the animal.
- The area must be suitably fenced -
 - appropriate to the species and breed of the animal to be enclosed; and
 - to effectively enclose the animal, on the land on which it is kept, at all times.
- Suitably fenced means enclosed by a fence -
 - constructed of materials which are of sufficient strength to prevent the animal from escaping over, under or through the fence; and
 - of a height which is sufficient to prevent the animal jumping or climbing over the fence; and
 - where the animal can dig, includes a barrier installed directly below the fence to prevent the animal digging its way out; and
 - where the animal can climb, be designed and constructed in such a way as to prevent the animal from climbing over the fence; and
 - of which all gates are kept closed and latched except when in immediate use by a person entering or leaving the land on which the animal is kept.

Land Size Comparisons

4,000 m² = 1 acre

10,000 m² = 1 hectare

1 hectare = 2.5 acres

Nuisance bird means:

- a rooster, goose, cockatoo, galah, or peacock; and
- another bird kept on premises which makes an audible noise which causes environmental harm or environmental nuisance to an occupier of other premises.



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