



Domestic animals – How many can I have on my property?



Local Laws provide the framework to protect community health, safety, amenity and the environmental values of the region.

Council is committed to promoting responsible domestic pet ownership. The number of dogs, cats, chickens, roosters, pigeons and doves you can have is dependent on the size of your property. The number of animals you can keep is regulated by Council's Local Laws.

Animals must be kept in a way that does not cause a noise, smell or wandering nuisance to others.

It is compulsory for your dog to be desexed upon registration. Refer to 'Desexing of Cats & Dogs' Fact Sheet on Council's website for further information and exemptions.

Dogs		
Property Type	How many can I have over the age of 3 months?	Can I get a permit for any extra dogs/cats from council?
Residential unit	1	Yes
Property	2	Yes

Cats		
Property Type	How many can I have over the age of 3 months?	Can I get a permit for any extra dogs/cats from council?
Residential unit	1	Yes
Property	2	Yes

Chickens	
Property size in Urban areas	How many can I have?
Properties of 600m ² or less	0
Properties of 600m ² or greater, up to 2000m ²	6
Properties of 2001m ² or greater	12

Roosters, Pigeons or Doves	
Property size	How many can I have?
Properties in an urban area	0 – Approval required for any number
Properties in all other areas up to 10000m ²	0 – Approval required for any number

Registration of a dog does not automatically ensure that the dog is permitted to be kept on a property. If an approval is required an application must be lodged to Council, along with the applicable fee.