

Dogs

The number of dogs that may be kept at a place has changed:

From

- No more than one on a property that is less than 450m² or within a residential complex
- No more than three on a property in an urban area
- No more than five on a property in a rural residential area

To

- No more than three in an urban area
- No more than one on a property less than 600m²
- No more than two on a property less than 1000m²
- No more than five on a property less than 8000m²
- No more than six on a property less than 16,000m²
- No more than eight on a property 16,000m² or greater, unless the dogs are working dogs

Permits are required to keep more than two dogs over 12 weeks old on a property less than 8000m²; and more than three over 12 weeks old on a premises 8000m² or greater.

Cats

The number of cats that may be kept at a place has changed.

From

- No more than one on a property
- No more than three on a property in an urban area
- No more than five on a property in a rural residential area

To

- No more than one on a property less than 600m²
- No more than two in an urban area
- No more than five on any property

Permits are required to keep more than two cats over 12 weeks old in an urban area; and more than three over 12 weeks old in a rural residential area.

Other animals

Further restrictions apply to the keeping of poultry, roosters, noisy birds e.g. cockatoo and peacocks, birds and stock.

Permits are still required to keep poultry, roosters and stock in urban areas.

The keeping of bees now distinguishes between native and introduced species, and requirements have changed.

Standards for keeping animals

Specific standards for keeping particular animals have been included in place of the previous, general standards. Standards now apply to poultry, pigs, racing pigeons, other birds and stock.

The new standards mostly relate to hygiene and animal welfare.

One of the minimum standards for keeping animals is to not allow it to cause unreasonable noise nuisance.

There are now criteria that define unreasonable noise nuisance. The criteria include the number of complainants, the location of the complainant, and the duration, time of day and frequency of the noise or nuisance.

Breeding animals

Breeding animals now requires a specific permit unless specifically exempted. Exemptions include cats and dogs where they have less than one litter every three years.

Other exemptions apply to different types of birds, poultry, stock, licensed breeders and where town planning approval apply.

