



What animals am I allowed to keep?

From 14 November 2011, Western Downs Regional Council is working under a new set of local laws to replace the local laws of the former Council areas and provide consistency across Western Downs. One of the local laws which was adopted is *Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011*, which specifies the type and/or number of animals which are prohibited to be kept in certain areas or may only be kept with a permit. Council has these laws to ensure that animals are not kept in numbers that could cause a nuisance to nearby neighbours. In large numbers, and on certain allotments, some animals can act as a pack, or may be very difficult to clean up after.

The areas in which prohibitions and permits are required are defined as *designated town areas*. These areas can be identified on Council's website, or at any Council office.

Species or breed of animal	Permit required if the following circumstances apply	Animal is prohibited* if the following circumstances apply
Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) More than 1 dog over the age of 12 weeks on multi-residential premises (b) More than 2 dogs over the age of 12 weeks on an allotment which— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. is in a designated town area; and ii. has an area less than 2,000m² (c) More than 3 dogs over the age of 12 weeks on an allotment which— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. is in a designated town area; and ii. has an area of 2,000m² or more (d) More than 4 dogs over the age of 12 weeks on an allotment which is not in a designated town area (e) Dog kennels must have an annual permit and a Development Approval 	N/A
Cat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) More than 1 cat over the age of 12 weeks on multi-residential premises (b) More than 2 cats over the age of 12 weeks on an allotment which— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is in a designated town area; and b. has an area less than 2,000m² (c) More than 3 cats over the age of 12 weeks on an allotment which— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is in a designated town area; and b. has an area of 2,000m² or more (d) More than 4 cats over the age of 12 weeks on an allotment which is not in a designated town area (e) Catteries must have an annual permit and a Development Approval 	N/A
Horse, donkey or deer (other than a stallion aged 12 months or over)	On an allotment with an area of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) less than 4,000m²; or (b) 4,000m² or more, but any land adjoining the allotment has an area less than 2,000m²; or (c) 4,000m² or more, but the density of animals is greater than 1 animal per 2,000m² 	On an allotment— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is in a designated town area; and (b) has an area less than 2,000m²

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Species or breed of animal	Permit required if the following circumstances apply	Animal is prohibited* if the following circumstances apply
Cow or bull (other than a bull aged 12 months or over)	On an allotment with an area of: (a) less than 4,000m ² ; or (b) 4,000m ² or more, but any land adjoining the allotment has an area less than 2,000m ² ; or (c) 4,000m ² or more, but the density of animals is greater than 1 animal per 2,000m ²	N/A
Bull or stallion aged 12 months or over	N/A	On an allotment— (b) is in a designated town area; and (b) has an area less than 4,000m ²
Sheep, goat, alpaca, llama, duck or goose	On an allotment with an area of: (a) the allotment has an area of less than 4,000m ² ; or (b) the allotment has an area of 4,000m ² or more, but any land adjoining the allotment has an area less than 2,000m ² ; or (c) the allotment has an area of 4,000m ² or more, but the density of animals is greater than 1 animal per 1,000m ²	N/A
Poultry (excluding a rooster) or racing pigeons	On an allotment which— (a) is a multi-residential premises; or (b) is in a designated town area if the density of birds is greater than 5 birds per 1,000m ²	N/A
Guinea fowl or rooster	On an allotment which— (a) is in a designated town area; and (b) has an area not less than 4,000m ²	On an allotment— (a) is in a designated town area; and (b) has an area less than 4,000m ²
Cockatoo, galah or other bird of a similar size	More than 2 birds on an allotment in a designated town area	N/A
Budgerigar, canary or other bird of a similar size	(a) More than 2 birds on multi-residential premises (b) A bird on an allotment in a designated town area if the density of birds is greater than 5 birds per 1,000m ²	N/A
Pig, ostrich or emu		On an allotment in a designated town area
Bees	(a) More than 2 hives on an allotment with an area more than 400m ² but less than 1,000m ² (b) More than 5 hives on an allotment with an area of 1,000m ² or more but less than 2,000m ² (c) More than 10 hives on an allotment with an area of 2,000m ² or more, but less than 4,000m ² (see Code of Practice for Urban Bee Keeping in Queensland 1998)	A hive on an allotment with an area less than 400m ² (see Code of Practice for Urban Bee Keeping in Queensland 1998)

*A prohibition does not apply to the keeping of an animal or animals on premises if—

- (a) the animal or animals were kept on the premises before the commencement of the authorising local law; and
- (b) the keeping of the animal or animals on the premises immediately before the commencement of the authorising local law did not contravene any provision of a local law of the local government that was repealed contemporaneously with the making of the authorising local law.