

This Fact Sheet provides information on the *Minimum Standards Required for Keeping Dogs* as required under *Subordinate Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2012*.

Council reminds all animal owners that they have a duty of care and legal obligation to ensure that their animals are adequately controlled at all times and do not cause harm or nuisance to members of the public.

Schedule 4 Minimum standards for keeping animals generally

A person who keeps an animal on premises must:

1. Ensure that the animal is adequately identified so that the owner's name, address and telephone number are readily ascertainable.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Ensure that any enclosure in which the animal is kept is properly maintained in –
 - (i) A clean and sanitary condition; and
 - (ii) An aesthetically acceptable condition; and
5. Take all reasonable steps to prevent the animal from making a noise or disturbance that causes a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers of –
 - (i) Adjoining premises; or
 - (ii) Premises in the vicinity of the land on which the animal is ordinarily kept.
6. 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.
7. Ensure that the animal is provided with, and has access to, adequate shelter, drinking water and appropriate food.
8. Ensure that any enclosure in which the animal is kept is not located within 10m of a place used for the preparation of food other than a place used for the preparation of food by the owner of, or the responsible person for, the animal.
9. Ensure that the animal does not make a noise that is excessive in all the circumstances, that is –
 - (i) Noise that is made for more than a total of 6 minutes in any hour from 7am to 10pm on any day; or
 - (ii) Noise that is made for more than a total of 3 minutes in any 30 minute period on any day after 10pm or before 7am.

Schedule 5 Minimum standards for keeping particular animals – Dogs (other than greyhounds)

Each owner of, and responsible person for, 2 dogs kept on premises must ensure that –

- a. each kennel, run and exercise yard on the premises is –
 - (i) Set back a minimum of 2m from each boundary of the premises; and
 - (ii) Located not less than 10m from a residence, other than a residence on the premises; and
- b. All dog accommodation and enclosure areas are thoroughly cleansed and disinfected on a regular basis to the satisfaction of an authorised person.

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Schedule 8 Requirements for adequate enclosure for keeping animals – all animals regardless of species or breed

1. An adequate enclosure is an area of the land on which the animal is kept, appropriately sized so as to be capable of effectively and comfortably housing the animal.
2. The area must be suitably fenced –
 - a. Appropriate to the species and breed of the animal to be enclosed; and
 - b. So as to effectively enclose the animal on the land on which it is kept at all times.
3. For the purposes of this item 1 suitably fenced means enclosed by a fence –
 - a. Constructed of materials which are of sufficient strength to prevent the animal from escaping over, under or through the fence; and
 - b. Of a height which is sufficient to prevent the animal jumping or climbing over the fence; and
 - c. Where the animal has the ability to dig – which includes a barrier installed directly below the fence to prevent the animal digging its way out; and
 - d. Where the animal has the ability to climb – designed and constructed in such a way as to prevent the animal from climbing over the fence; and
 - e. 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.
4. An adequate enclosure must include a weather proof area appropriate to the species or breed of animal to be enclosed.

Contact Details

For further information regarding the keeping of animals please visit Council's website, *Pets and Animals* page alternatively please contact Council's *Local Laws* unit on **4776 4607** or via email environmentalservices@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au.

*Council is committed to encouraging responsible pet ownership to benefit the entire community.
Please be a considerate and competent owner.*