



## FACT SHEET

### Minimum Standards for Keeping Animals

*Keeping pets can be a rewarding experience, but there are certain responsibilities that come with pet ownership. Minimum standards are required by Council's Local Laws in order to protect the health, safety and amenity of the local community and environment.*



The owner of an animal must comply with the following minimum standards –

#### WASTE DISPOSAL

Ensure that waste waters from enclosures are drained in a nuisance free manner and that run-off is kept off adjoining land; and

Ensure that excreta, food scraps, and other material that is, or is likely to become, offensive, is collected at least once each day, and if not immediately disposed of, is kept in a fly proof container.

#### CLEANING and MAINTENANCE

Ensure that any enclosure in which the animal is kept is:

- kept in a clean and sanitary condition and free from dust and odour; and
- properly maintained in an aesthetically acceptable condition; and
- thoroughly cleaned each week; and
- effectively treated with an insecticide at least twice a year.

#### NUISANCE

Take all reasonable steps to prevent the animals from making a noise or disturbance that causes a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers of other land or premises; and

Comply with reasonable directions given by an authorised person to ensure that the keeping of the animal does not result in nuisance to occupiers or other and or premises. Including directions for the treatment of transmittable infections of fleas or mange.

#### SUITABILITY and WELFARE

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; and

Ensure that all animals kept on the premises are provided with and have access to adequate shelter, drinking water and appropriate food.

#### FLY and VERMIN PROOFING

Any animal food is stored in an impervious fly proof and vermin proof receptacle or in an impervious fly proof and vermin proof storeroom.

#### DECEASED ANIMALS

Upon discovering the existence of a dead animal, immediately dispose of the remains of the dead animal so as not to cause a nuisance. The remains must not be disposed of on or in a public place.