


Guideline on the Keeping of Animals

1 Document Control

The electronic version of this document is the controlled version. Printed copies are considered uncontrolled. Before using a printed copy, verify that it is the current version.

RESPONSIBLE GENERAL MANAGER	General Manager Planning and Place
DOCUMENT OWNER	Manager Compliance and Amenity
APPROVED/ADOPTED BY	Jonathan Guttman General Manager Planning and Place on 16 May 2025
SIGNATURE	
APPROVAL DATE (In addition state effective if different)	16 May 2025
REVIEW DATE	16 May 2029
CM REF AND VERSION	25/129668
VERSION HISTORY	V1

2 Purpose

Kingston City Council (Council) recognises that keeping animals is highly beneficial to the health and wellbeing of people in the community. However, at times Council receives complaints about the type and number of animals kept, welfare issues and nuisances to neighbours.

Council's Community Local Law regulates some aspects of keeping animals and birds across the City of Kingston.

The purpose of the Guideline on the Keeping of Animals is to provide guidance to the community and Council about when a permit application is required for the keeping of animals.

This guideline has been prepared as an incorporated document to the Community Local Law.

3 Scope

This guideline applies to all areas of the municipality of Council. This guideline applies to all animals kept within the municipality of Council including animals kept for domestic purposes, as companion animals, as pets or for hobby interests.

This guideline is based on the following principles:

- Responsible pet ownership;
- Keeping animals in a way that protects the health and welfare of the animal; and

- Consideration of the needs of the broader community.

4 Guidelines

4.1 Keeping of Animals

Unless permitted under the Kingston Planning Scheme, a person must not, without a permit, keep or allow to be kept on any premises any more of each species or group of animals than is set out in the following table.

Type of Animal	Property 4,000m2 or larger	Property greater than 400m2 but less than 4,000m2	Property less than 400m2 or a Unit
Cat	4	2	2
Dog	4	2	1
Rodent (including Guinea Pig) or Rabbit	10	5	2
Reptile	10	5	2
Poultry	25	10	0
Rooster	0	0	0
Game Bird	25	2	0
Small Bird (i.e. Canary)	50	10	5
Large Bird (i.e. Cockatoo)	5	5	2
Farm Animal	0	0	0

4.2 Litters of Animals

For the purpose of calculating the maximum number of animals kept the progeny of any dog or cat lawfully kept will be exempt for a period of 12 weeks after their birth.

4.3 Applications for Permits

Where a person wishes to keep more than the specified number of animals at a property, they must apply for an excess animal permit.

In considering whether to grant an excess animal permit, Council will assess the permit against the criteria set out in Division 3 – Your Pets of the Kingston Community Local Law 2025.