

## KEEPING OF ANIMALS

### Requirements

Animals/pets in general can be kept on residential premises. They should be kept in a manner which does not:

- create unclean and unhealthy conditions,
- attract or provide harbourage for vermin or pests,
- create offensive odour,
- cause waste disposal or pollution problems,
- create an unreasonable annoyance to neighbouring residents or fear for safety,
- contravene legislative requirements.

There are quantity, distance and construction requirements which are prescribed in the *Local Government Regulations 1993* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development) 2008* which owners of animals and occupiers of properties have to comply with. This is detailed in Table 1: Table of Requirements.

**Roosters are not permitted within the Canada Bay Local Government Area due to the potential noise impact it may have on residents.**



### If you have animals:

Here are some things you can do to prevent the nuisance from occurring:

- Keep the yard clean, so as not to provide harbourage for vermin and not cause an odour nuisance. This can be done by removing faeces and food scraps.
- Keep the animals /pets contained in your yard,
- Ensure the food is placed in a vermin proof container or contained in a vermin proof enclosure.
- Comply with the requirements detailed in Table 1: Table of Requirements.

### If your neighbours are causing a nuisance, what can you do?

- Approach your neighbour and have a face to face conversation and discuss your issues and try to come up with a resolution. If this fails,
- Contact Council on 9911 6555 or send an email to [health@canadabay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:health@canadabay.nsw.gov.au). Council's Environmental Health team would be able to advise if any further steps can be taken.

Table 1: Table of Requirements

Types of animals	Recommended Maximum Numbers	Recommended minimum distances	Other requirements
Swine		Shall not be kept (and swine's dung must not be deposited) within 60metres (or such greater distance as the Council may determine in a particular case) of a dwelling, school shop, office, factory, workshop, church or other place of worship, public hall, or premises used for the manufacture, preparation , sale or storage of food.	
Fowls , <i>Gallus gallus</i> or guinea fowls	No more than 5 No roosters	Shall be located at least 3meters from each boundary lot.  Shall not be kept within 4.5metres (or such greater distance as the Council may determine in a particular case) of a dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The poultry house must not be higher than 3meters above ground level (existing).</li> <li>• The floor of the poultry house must be paved with concrete or mineral asphalt underneath the roosts or perches or must be situated on clean sand.</li> <li>• The poultry house must not have a floor area of more than 15m<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul>
Poultry (other than referred to above)	No more than 5 No roosters	Shall be located at least 3meters from each boundary lot.  Shall not be kept within 30meters of any building, dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poultry yard must be enclosed as to prevent the escape of poultry and must be located in the rear yard.</li> <li>• The poultry house must be constructed or installed so that roof water is disposed of without causing a nuisance to adjoining neighbours.</li> <li>• If it is comprised of metal components—be constructed of low reflective, factory pre-coloured materials if it is located on land in a residential zone</li> <li>• There is not be more than 1 poultry house per lot.</li> </ul>