

# KEEPING ANIMALS IN DUNGOG SHIRE



Dungog Shire  
Life as it should be...

## Keeping Animals on Private Property

Council has adopted a Local Orders Policy for the *Keeping of Animals*. The Policy seeks to inform the community of Council's regulatory powers concerning the keeping of animals on private property. The Local Orders Policy aims to:

- minimise the incidence of nuisance being caused to persons.
- protect the welfare of companion and farm animals.
- protect the welfare and habitat of wildlife.
- minimise the disturbance of or damage to protected vegetation and safeguard the environment.
- reduce the incidents of dog attacks.
- reduce the number of unwanted and overbred animals within the community.



This brochure aims to address some of the most common enquires relating to Dungog Shire Council's Local Orders Policy. It should be noted that the provisions of the Local Orders Policy are not law but are used as a guide for decision making by Council.

## Keeping poultry

Under the Local Orders Policy:

- poultry must not be kept under such conditions as to create a nuisance or to be dangerous or injurious to health.
- the keeping of roosters is discouraged in residential areas.
- roosters should not be kept where crowing will cause offensive noise.
- enclosures must be secure to prevent escape of poultry and be kept free from mice and rats.
- poultry must be kept at a minimum distance of six metres from the nearest dwelling.

**Maximum numbers (as a group):**

**15 chickens, bantams or guinea fowl (in total).**

**10 ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl or pheasants (in total).**



## *Keeping of swine (pigs)*

Under the Local Orders Policy:

- swine must not be kept in such a place or manner as to pollute any water supplied for use by a person for drinking or domestic purposes or for a dairy.
- swine's dung must not be deposited in such a place or manner as to pollute any waterway or water storage.
- swine must be kept at a minimum distance of **60 metres** from the nearest dwelling or public building.

**Maximum number: one**

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## *Keeping of sheep, goats & alpacas*

Under the Local Orders Policy:

- fencing must be strong and durable to prevent escape.
- billy goats and rams should not ordinarily be kept on residential premises.
- animals must be kept at a minimum distance of **nine metres** from the nearest dwelling or public building.

**Maximum number: one (one animal per minimum of 1000m<sup>2</sup> of land as a general guide).**

## *Keeping of horses, donkeys & cattle*

### **Under the Local Orders Policy:**

- fencing must be strong and durable to prevent escape.
- bullocks and stallions are not encouraged to be housed in a residential area.
- animals must be kept at a minimum distance of **nine metres** from the nearest dwelling or public building.

**Maximum number: one (one animal per half hectare of pastured land as a general guide).**



**For more details relating to any of this information  
please contact Council on 4995 7777**



## Further Information

Department of Primary Industries: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Local Land Services: [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au)

Rural Crime NSW Police Force: [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

NSW Farmers Association: [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au)

Choosing the *Adoption Option*: [www.petrescue.com.au](http://www.petrescue.com.au)

Financial Assistance for Desexing: [www.ndn.org.au](http://www.ndn.org.au) or  
[www.facebook.com/Hunter-Animal-Watch-Inc](http://www.facebook.com/Hunter-Animal-Watch-Inc)

Dungog Shire Council Impound Facebook page - Lost and Found at Dungog Pound: [www.facebook.com/Lost-and-found-at-Dungog-Pound](http://www.facebook.com/Lost-and-found-at-Dungog-Pound)

**For offences refer to the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.**

**Council's Local Orders Policy can be viewed in full at [www.dungog.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dungog.nsw.gov.au)**

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