

Keeping of more than prescribed number of animals – Application for approval/renewal

1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025

Local Government Act 2009, Gympie Regional Council Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011,
Gympie Regional Council Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2011



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How to use this form

This form may be used to apply to Council for approval to keep more than the prescribed number of animals on a property within the region or to renew an existing approval with Council for the keeping of these animals.

It is a requirement of *Gympie Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Keeping of Animals)* that an approval is required to keep:

- More than two (2) dogs over the age of 12 weeks on any property*, except where any additional dog is a working dog**.
- One (1) or more dogs over the age of 12 weeks on any property* that contains multiple residential units.
- More than two (2) cats over the age of 12 weeks on any property*.
- One (1) or more cats over the age of 12 weeks on any property* that contains multiple residential units.
- More than six (6) poultry on an urban property*** less than 800m².
- More than 20 poultry on an urban property*** that is 800m² or greater.
- More than 25 birds on an urban property***.

***property** means a lot; or if a person owns and occupies 2 or more adjoining lots—the parcel of land comprising all of the lots owned by the person.

****working dog** means a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept on rural land; and by an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; and primarily for the purpose of droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; or being trained in droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; and does not include a class of dog prescribed under a regulation.

*****urban property** means a property of less than 4000m² that is entirely or mostly within the boundaries of a zone, other than the Rural zone or Industry Investigation zone, defined in the local government's planning scheme.

Approval period

Council's approval period to keep more than the prescribed number of animals on a property within the region runs 1 month after the registration period for dogs. The approval period has been set by Council as 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025.

Inspection of property for new applications

For new approval applications, a Council Ranger will conduct an inspection of the nominated property.

At this inspection Council's Ranger will evaluate, amongst other things whether:

- the enclosure provided for the animals is sufficient to prevent the animals from wandering or escaping from the property; and
- animal waste is disposed of in an appropriate manner; and
- for dogs, whether each dog is registered with Council or an application for registration of each dog has been submitted.

You are requested to nominate a preferred day / time for this site inspection to be undertaken as part of this application.

Inspections of properties are not usually undertaken for renewal applications.

Additional requirements for keeping more than two (2) dogs on a property

Registration requirements

It is a requirement of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* ("the Act") for the owner of a dog more than 12 weeks old to register the dog in the relevant local government's area within 14 days after starting to keep the dog in the area unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Each dog kept on the property must be registered with Gympie Regional Council except where any additional dog is a working dog**.

You will also need to complete form HEF602 Dog Registration Application/Amendment of Registration. Please note that fees will apply to register each dog that is not microchipped and desexed.

Dog breeder requirements

The Queensland Government has introduced laws to promote responsible breeding of dog. These laws apply to any dog born on or after 26 May 2017. A person who sells, advertises or gives away a dog, must have a Supply Number that identifies the registered Breeder of that dog. The supply number allows puppies to be traced back to their breeder. To obtain a supply number you need to register at <https://qdr.daf.qld.gov.au/>.

If you are breeding animals on a commercial basis, a Development Approval may be required under the *Planning Act 2016*. Commercial animal breeders should contact Council's Development and Compliance Branch on 1300 307 800 for further information.

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How to lodge this form with Council

Once completed, this form along with the appropriate fee (as detailed below), can be lodged:

In person at: Gympie Town Hall
2 Caledonian Hill
Gympie

OR

Community Sustainability Directorate Office
29 Channon Street
Gympie

OR

Kilkivan Branch Office
26 Bligh Street
Kilkivan

Mail: Gympie Regional Council
PO Box 155
GYMPIE QLD 4570

Email: council@gympie.qld.gov.au

Payments may be made by cheque, money order or EFT.

Where to for further information

Should you require further information regarding dog registration requirements, please do not hesitate in contacting Council's Regulatory Services Section on telephone 1300 307 800, by email council@gympie.qld.gov.au, or visiting Council's website www.gympie.qld.gov.au.

Privacy statement

Gympie Regional Council collects personal information in accordance with our Information Privacy Policy, a copy of which is available from the Council website. In providing your personal information eg. name and contact details, please note that due to aspects of electronic communications outside of Council's control, you are agreeing to the possible transfer of your information outside Australia under s33 of the Information Privacy Act 2009.

Application fees 2024/2025

New application for approval

Initial application fee to keep more than the prescribed number of animals on a property (Note: includes application for approval for keeping more than two (2) dogs or two (2) cats on a property)

\$209.00

Renewal of existing approval

Application fee for renewal of approval to keep more than the prescribed number of animals on a property (Note: includes renewal application for approval for keeping more than two (2) dogs or two (2) cats on a property)

\$73.00

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Cat details

Name		Gender	Desexed
Breed			
Colour			
Microchip No.			

Name		Gender	Desexed
Breed			
Colour			
Microchip No.			

Name		Gender	Desexed
Breed			
Colour			
Microchip No.			

Name		Gender	Desexed
Breed			
Colour			
Microchip No.			

Name		Gender	Desexed
Breed			
Colour			
Microchip No.			

Name		Gender	Desexed
Breed			
Colour			
Microchip No.			

No. of Poultry

No. of Birds

7. Suitable day / time for site inspection

Please indicate which days are suitable for an inspection and provide a preferred time (between 6:30am and 5:30pm).
Inspection will be confirmed once application is processed.

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Declaration of Applicant

By lodging this application, I understand that:

- Any approval issued by Council is specific to the animals described at the abovementioned property only.
- Any changes in the keeping of the approved animals at the property should be notified to Council.
- For keeping of dogs - all registration fees owing for the registration must be paid in full prior to any approval being granted.
- For keeping of dogs and cats - all dogs and cats must be microchipped in accordance with the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* prior to any approval being granted by Council.
- Council may revoke an approval if there is non-compliance with a condition or conditions issued in the approval.
- An annual renewal fee will be payable each year to renew this permit.

I declare that I have answered all questions truthfully and that all of the information I have provided is accurate. I acknowledge that it is an offence under section 204 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to provide false or misleading information.

Where a concession has been applied for, I authorise the Federal Government and its agencies to divulge to Gympie Regional Council so much of the information contained in my records as is necessary to determine eligibility for concessions for dog registration fees and for no other purpose.

Applicant's signature	
Date	

GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT NO			
AMOUNT PAID		DATE	
RECEIPT OFFICER			
REGISTER NO			