

FACT SHEET



Keeping of animals



Owning a pet can be a wonderful experience, enhancing your health, wellbeing and happiness. At Moira Shire, we encourage responsible pet ownership which is in the best interests of the pet, the owner and the community. That's why there are a number of rules about dogs, cats and other animals kept in Moira's townships.

Animal Permits

No person may without a permit keep any livestock, birds (including pigeons) or poultry other than a domestic animal, fowl hen or song bird on any property in a residential area.

Poultry

No person shall keep on any property in a residential area or commercial area a number of fowl hens greater than ten mature birds.

Horses

No person may without a permit keep any horse on any property in a residential area or commercial area.

Dogs

No person may without a permit keep more than two dogs on any property in a residential area or commercial area, or on any property in a rural area which comprises less than eight hectares.

Cats

No person may without a permit keep more than two cats on any property in a residential area or commercial area, or on any property in a rural area which comprises less than eight hectares.

Background

Moirā Shire Council has local by-laws affecting the number of animals that can be kept on residential and farming properties. These by-laws aim to minimize the impact on neighbouring properties and protect the well-being of animals.

Other Animals

Some reptiles and birds may require special permits. Enquiries should be directed to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, please phone 136 186 for more information.

Noise complaints and strays

Barking dogs can become a nuisance and cause friction between neighbours.

Animal owners have a responsibility to ensure their pets do not cause a nuisance.

If you wish to make a report about a barking dog or a stray animal please contact our office.

Moirā Shire Office Hours

Mon to Fri 9.00am to 5pm

