



FACT SHEET: KEEPING OF POULTRY

Definition of poultry:

Poultry includes bantams, ducks and other domestic fowls.

If you wish to keep poultry on your property, it is important that you are aware of the type of poultry you can keep, the number of poultry allowed and enclosure conditions.

Number and types of poultry allowed:

Poultry permitted: Ducks and fowls (also known as chooks, chickens and hens)

Poultry not permitted: Roosters, turkeys, geese, peacocks and peahens.

An owner or occupier of premises within a townsite shall not keep a combined total of more than 12 poultry and/or pigeons without the approval of the Shire of Collie, on any lot of land.

Conditions for Keeping Poultry in Limited Numbers

A person who keeps poultry shall ensure that:

- No poultry is able to approach within 15 meters of a dwelling, public building or premises where people are employed or where food is stored, prepared, manufactured or sold;
- All poultry is kept in a properly constructed and securely fastened structure or enclosure;
- The enclosure is in a yard having an otherwise unobstructed area of at least 30 square meters;
- No poultry is able to approach within 15 meters of a street (other than a right of way) unless, in the case of a corner lot the Council has approved a lesser distance, and
- All enclosures or cages where poultry are kept shall be maintained at all times in a clean condition and shall be disinfected or otherwise dealt with in a way as directed by the Shire's Environmental Health Officer.

Roosters, Geese, Turkeys, Peafowls and Gamebirds:

An owner or occupier of premises within a townsite, shall not without the written approval of the Council, keep any one or more the following fowl:

- Rooster
- Goose or Gander
- Turkey
- Peacock or Peahen
- Gamebird (includes emus and ostriches)

The Council may upon written application, grant approval, with or without conditions, to the owner or occupier of premise to keep any of the above fowl.

A person, who has been granted approval to keep fowl, may keep the bird on the premises only while they are the occupier thereof.

The Council may revoke an approval granted if it is of the opinion that the keeping of the birds specified in the approval is causing a nuisance or is injurious, offensive or dangerous to health.

Refer to the *Shire of Collie Health Local Law 2001* Division 4 for full details.

