

Keeping of Poultry and Birds

This checklist is designed as a guidance tool to assist owners with minimum requirements involved in keeping of poultry and birds.

Animal enclosure and handling		✓
Objective	Standards	
Housing provides for the good health and well-being of poultry and birds	Minimum dimensions are met	
	Keep and maintain sanitary conditions	
	Materials and construction are appropriate	
	Meets the requirements for the poultry and birds' health and well-being, such as sufficient shelter from the weather	
	Check for any gaps in the fencing	
Noise management prevents nuisance to neighbours and the community	Manage animal to prevent noise	
	Structural provisions in place limit nuisance	
	Sufficient odour containment steps are in place	
Security methods prevent accidental or unauthorised access from the poultry and birds to dangerous materials	All potential poisons and harmful substances, whether in storage or in use, must be kept out of reach of poultry and birds	

Sourcing of poultry and birds		✓
Objective	Standards	
Poultry and birds are sourced responsibly to ensure the welfare of poultry and birds and to prevent poor breeding practices	Poultry and birds appear free from disease	

Food and water		✓
Objective	Standards	
Poultry and birds receive appropriate and sufficient food and water to maintain good health and growth	Diets are nutritionally balanced and appropriate to the particular needs of the breeds.	
	Fresh water is available at all times	
	Food must be stored to prevent its deterioration, contamination and vermin proof	
	Swill is free from animal matter contamination	

Hygiene ✓

Objective	Standards	
Pest prevention and control measures should be implemented on specialist advice and manufacturers' instructions to protect the health and safety of the poultry and birds and neighbours	Waste waters are drained in a nuisance free manner and the run-off is kept off adjoining land	
	Poultry and bird faeces are collected and disposed of in a sanitary manner	
	Food is stored in a manner that reduces the risk of mice and rat infestation	

Health care ✓

Objective	Standards	
Poultry and birds are cared for to maximise their health and well-being and minimise health risks to other poultry and birds and the community	Established liaison with a veterinary practitioner	
	Routine preventative treatment plan is in place	
	Health and welfare of your poultry and birds is monitored regularly to detect signs of disease, injury and distress, with treatment provided where necessary	
	Euthanasia is only used for the relief of incurable illness, chronic pain and suffering and only performed by a veterinarian	

Owner acknowledgement

I have reviewed and completed the above self-assessment checklist. I acknowledge I understand the responsibilities imposed upon me in accordance with Council's local laws and the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2011*.

Date:

Signature: