

Keeping of Poultry

Animals Local Law 1999

Poultry are defined as any domestic fowl or chicken, bantam, duck, goose or gander, guinea fowl, pheasant, turkey, peacock or peahen. Of these, the following may not be kept in any residential area: rooster, turkey, goose or gander, peacock or peahen.

As set out in the City of Joondalup's *Animals Local Law 1999*, you may keep up to 12 approved poultry in a residential area, including a maximum of two ducks, but they must be housed in a specially constructed hut.

Conditions

Poultry may only be kept under the following conditions:

- Poultry are to be kept in an enclosed yard.
- Poultry are to be housed in a shed or hut designed to permit a deep litter system. Refer Figure 1 below.
- The poultry shed must be 1 metre from any boundary and 9 metres from any house or street.

Poultry shed specifications

Please ensure your poultry shed complies with the following requirements:

- The floor must be concrete, brick paving or compressed limestone or any other suitable impervious surface.
- The frame should be constructed of timber, steel or brick.
- The cladding should be of sheet metal, brick, weatherboard or other materials approved by an environmental health officer.

- The roof should be sloped to allow the drainage of water.
- The shed is to be constructed in a sound and weatherproof manner.
- The height of the shed is to be between 1.5m and 2m.
- There must be adequate ventilation during the hot weather.
- The area of the shed must allow for 0.3m² for each bird kept.
- The roof, floor, doors, and ventilation panels must be maintained in good order and condition.
- The floor must be covered with a layer of dry sand or sawdust at least 75mm deep.
- The sand or sawdust must be kept dry at all times and changed at least once every six months or when directed by an Environmental Health Officer.

Do you need further information?

For further information please contact the City's Health and Environmental Services on **9400 4933**.

You may also wish to visit the following website for more information on keeping chickens:

Department of Agriculture and Food
www.agric.wa.gov.au

Figure 1: Specifications for a domestic deep litter poultry shed

