

## KEEPING OF ANIMALS

In small isolated communities and on the outskirts of metropolitan areas there is still room for animals. Here land is plentiful enough for urbanized people to keep animals for food, for commercial purposes, and for yard and household pets.

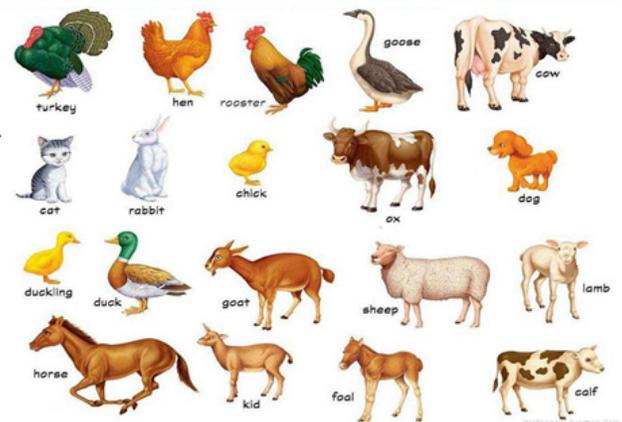
Even so, animal ways sometimes disturb. Animals make noise, emit odors, draw flies, create dirt and filth, and are sometimes dangerous. A device to ease irritation at being in close quarters with someone else's animals is to limit their number as per Animal Control Bylaw 1073-21 and reference below.

As in many other zoning matters, distinctions between commercial and non-commercial uses play an important part in regulating animal land use. A use accessory to a dwelling — such as keeping rabbits and poultry to supplement purchased food supplies must not be conducted on such scale as to constitute commercial farming. Keeping and raising animals usually is permitted in large-lot zones. In rural farming areas there is no need to be concerned about lots being too small, however setback distances from property boundaries are set to mitigate any conditions that may affect adjoining land owners. This section shall apply to parcels within all land use districts.

For the purpose of this section,  
one (1) livestock unit shall mean:

- Two (2) horse, donkey, mule or asses (over one (1) year of age); or
- Two (2) foals (up to one (1) year of age); or
- Two (2) llama, Three (3) alpaca or three (3) guanaco; or
- Two (2) cows, steers, heifers or bulls (over one (1) year of age); or
- Two (2) calves (up to one (1) year of age); or
- Fifteen (15) chickens; or
- Ten (10) ducks, turkeys, pheasants, geese, or other similar fowl; or
- Three (3) sheep or goats; or
- Twenty (20) rabbits or other similar rodents.
- Two (2) pigs, hogs, or boars (over one (1) year of age); or
- Two (2) emus or ostriches (over one (1) year of age)

### Domestic Animals



MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE	ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK UNITS
0.3 – 0.8 ha (0.75 – 2.0 ac)	0.25*
0.8 – 1.2 ha (2.0 – 3.0 ac)	0.33*
1.2 – < 1.6 ha (3.0 – < 4.0 ac)	0.5*
1.6 ha (4.0 ac)	2.0
2.0 ha (5.0 ac)	2.5
2.4 ha (6.0 ac)	3.0
2.8 ha (7.0 ac)	3.5
3.2 ha (8.0 ac)	4.0
3.6 ha (9.0 ac)	4.5
4.0 – 6.1 ha (10.0–15.0 ac)	5.0

\* When calculating the livestock units round down to the nearest whole animal.

All animals and livestock must be confined to the owner's parcel and maintained solely for the private use of the residents. For Confined Feeding Operations section 8.9 of the Land Use Bylaw shall apply. Animal units will not be regulated on parcels over fifteen (15) acres, unless provisions of Confined Feeding Operations apply.