

# **CITY OF JOBURG – BYLAWS –**

## **KEEPING OF ANIMALS**

### **Part 1: General provisions relating to the keeping of animals**

#### **Application of Chapter 118.**

**(3) No person may, subject to the provisions of section 121, keep or allow to be kept, any animal other than an approved pet on an erf in a proclaimed township, provided the keeping of such pet does not create or constitute a nuisance.**

### **Part 4: Keeping of poultry**

Application 124. The provisions of sections 126(d), (f), (g) and 127(e), do not apply to any person keeping ten or less poultry.

#### **Permit requirement 125.**

**No person may keep more than 10 poultry on an erf in a proclaimed township** or 100 poultry on premises zoned for agricultural purposes except in terms of a permit authorising that activity.

### **Part 5: Keeping of rabbits**

Application 128.

The provisions of sections 130(b), (c), (d), (f) and (g), and 131(d), (f) and (g), do not apply to any person keeping ten or less rabbits.

#### **Permit requirements 129.**

**No person may keep more than 5 adult rabbits on an erf in a proclaimed township** or more than 20 adult rabbits on premises zoned for agricultural purposes, except in terms of a permit authorising that activity.

### **Part 6: Keeping of birds other than poultry**

**Requirements for the premises 132.** No person may keep any bird, other than poultry, in an aviary which does not comply with the following requirements:

- (a) the aviary must be constructed of durable rodent-proof material;
- (b) adequate access must be provided for cleaning purposes;
- (c) if the aviary is constructed above ground level, its base must be constructed of an impervious and durable material and must be situated a minimum of 300 mm above ground level;
- (d) the aviary may not be situated within three metres of any building or structure, boundary fence or boundary wall; and
- (e) a water supply adequate for drinking and cleaning purposes must be situated in or next to every aviary.

#### **Duties of keepers of aviaries 133.**

Any person who keeps birds in an aviary must –

- (a) ensure that the aviary and the premises are kept in a clean condition and free from pests;
- (b) provide and use rodent-proof facilities for the storage of bird food; and

(c) ensure that the birds do not disturb the comfort, convenience, peace or quiet of the public.

## **Part 9: Keeping of wild animals**

### **Requirements for the premises 139.**

No person may, without the approval of the relevant nature conservation authorities, keep wild animals on premises in a proclaimed township.

### **70 Dangerous animals.**

(1) No person may without a permit issued by an environmental health officer, keep any wild animal of a species that is dangerous to humans, including and without limitation, large carnivores, venomous snakes, spiders or scorpions.

### **71 Keeping of and slaughtering animals for religious and ceremonial purposes.**

- (1) Any person who keeps an animal prior to slaughtering it for any religious or ceremonial purposes, must comply with the provisions of this Chapter applicable to the animal concerned.
- (2) A person intending to slaughter an animal in any place other than in a recognised abattoir must
- (a) notify the Council in writing, fourteen days prior to the event;
  - (b) slaughter the animal in a position where the slaughtering cannot be observed by any person on neighbouring premises or any member of the public;
  - (c) use the meat derived from the slaughtered animal solely for the purposes of the religious or ceremonial feast;
  - (d) handle the meat in a hygienic manner at all times;
  - (e) dispose of any portions of the animal which are not used or consumed, in a manner which will not become a public health hazard or public health nuisance; and
  - (f) not keep such animal prior to slaughtering for a period in excess of 24 hours.

**WKRRRA requests that a 5-day pre-notification be made to us as a matter of courtesy.**

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**The above are excerpts from the relevant COJ By Laws by WKRRRA  
For other animals and full requirements consult City of Joburg webpage.**