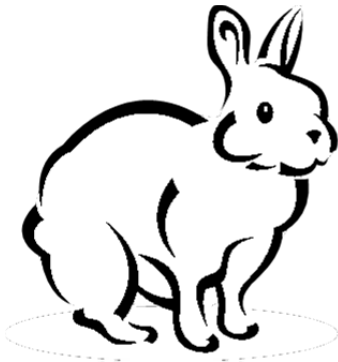




KEEPING OF RABBITS & GUINEA PIGS

1.1 A maximum of 2 rabbits, which must be of a recognised domestic breed, are allowed to be kept per premises. The number of guinea pigs permitted to be kept is determined on a case by case basis by Council.

1.2 Rabbits and guinea pigs must be housed in an enclosure (hutch) that is of adequate size and protects the animals from the weather, pests and predators. It is recommended that the hutch be lined with pine shavings or a similar material (wire mesh floor can cause injury to the animal, and is not recommended). The hutch should be **located at least 3m from boundaries and residential dwellings**.



1.3 Noise, odour and pests must be adequately managed to prevent nuisance to neighbours. Hutches must be cleaned regularly, which should include the replacement of litter and bedding material at least once per week.

1.4 Rabbits **must not** be vaccinated with the fibroma vaccine (for myxomatosis). Rabbits also **must not** be released into the environment under any circumstances.