Keeping Additional Animals and /or Birds Permitapplication

2025/2026

Applicant details

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| Applicant's full name: |  |
| Applicant’s address: |  |
| Applicant’s contact Number: |  |
| Applicant email: |  |
| Applicant contact number: |  |

Application fee **$68.00**

Permits are valid between **10 April and 9 April** each year and are to be renewed annually. (Pro-rata or discount permit fees do not apply). Application fee is non-refundable.

Existing dogs and cats **MUST** be registered prior to the permit application being submitted.

I wish to apply for a permit to keep

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| **Type of animal/s** | | **Total to be kept on the property** |
| ☐ | More than 2 dogs |  |
| ☐ | More than 2 cats |  |
| ☐ | More than 5 rodents (see definitions) |  |
| ☐ | More than 20 pigeons |  |
| ☐ | More than 20 domestic birds |  |
| ☐ | More than 5 poultry (no roosters) |  |

Purpose:

What is the purpose of keeping the animals?

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| ☐ | Companions/pets | ☐ | Showing |
| ☐ | Breeding **\*** | ☐ | Other, please specify: |  |

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| **\*Must be a registered breeder with Dogs Victoria, Master Dog Breeders and Associates (MDBA) or the Feline Control Council.** If you are not a member of these organisations, have 3 or more fertile female dogs or cats and you sell puppies/kittens you will need to be registered as a Domestic Animal Business and obtain a Source number from the State Government. |
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Housing and Containment:

Describe the type of housing and fencing for the animals – include dimensions, types of materials used, height of fencing etc.

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Comments:

Any other relevant details

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Site Plan:

Please provide a site plan of your property, including measurements, showing;

* the location of animal housing,
* areas where the animals are normally kept,
* distance to nearest next door neighbours’ house from the boundary fence line.

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Inspection:

An Animal Management Officer will be in contact with you to arrange an inspection of your property prior to a permit being issued.

Agreement:

I will abide by conditions as per attached permit criteria sheet, or as imposed by an authorised officer

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| Signature |  | Date: |
| Applicant’s Name: |  | |

How to apply

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| **MAIL**  Maroondah City Council  PO Box 156  Ringwood VIC 3134 | **IN PERSON**  **Realm**, 179 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood  **Croydon Service Centre, Croydon Library, Croydon** |
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| **EMAIL**  maroondah@maroondah.vic.gov.au | **FURTHER INFORMATION**  **Phone:** 1300 88 22 33  **Web**: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au |

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Definitions

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| ***Dog*** | A dog of either sex or desexed that is over the age of 3 months |
| ***Cat*** | A cat of either sex or desexed that is over the age of 3 months |
| ***Rodents*** | Includes any rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, rats and hamsters and other mammals characterised by incisors adapted for gnawing and nibbling |
| ***Large Bird*** | Any cockatoo, parrot, pheasant, peafowl, goose or turkey or other similar sized bird but excludes Poultry, pigeons and any Domestic Bird |
| ***Domestic Bird*** | Any small birds such as canaries, finches, budgerigars and the like |
| ***Poultry*** | Includes chickens, ducks, fowl and other domestic fowl or similar sized bird but does not include any Large Bird, rooster or Domestic Bird |

Application:

* Application / Permit fee is non-refundable;
* All additional animals are subject to a new permit application;
* Council must be notified of any changes to the permitted number of animals.

General Conditions (All Animal Types):

* The animal housing must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer;
* The size of the enclosure or other form of housing is adequate to house the number of animals;
* The animal housing meets the welfare needs of the animal;
* The animal housing is maintained in good repair so as not to cause nuisance to neighbouring premises;
* The animals must not create a nuisance;
* The animal housing is constructed to prevent wastewater from entering into the stormwater system or discharging to adjoining premises;
* The land surrounding the animal housing is kept clear of materials which may harbour vermin;
* The animal housing is located at a distance from neighbouring premises and dwellings that is to the satisfaction of the Authorised Officer (as a guide Council recommends at least 1.5 metres from all fences and five (5) metres from nearest point of any adjacent dwelling);
* Any food stored which may attract vermin or other pests must be kept in a sealed container.
* Food waste and animal waste must be disposed of on a regular basis and in a manner to prevent odour and/or nuisance.

Dogs/Cats:

* All dogs and cats on the property must be registered with Maroondah City Council at all times
* All dogs and cats are to be preferably desexed

**and/or Birds**

Birds/Pigeons/Fowl:

* Pigeon keepers must comply with Victorian Code of Practice for keeping and racing of pigeons
* Keeping of roosters is not permitted
* The keeping of fowls in battery cages is prohibited.

Refer below for further information and requirements relating to the different animal types:

**Rodents** - www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/other-pets/rats-and-mice

**Birds** - www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/other-pets/birds/code-of-practice-for-the-housing-of-caged-birds

**Dogs** – www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/dogs/legal-requirements-for-dog-owners/code-of-practice-for-the-private-keeping-of-dogs

**Cats –** [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/cats/legal-requirements-for-cat-owners/code-of-practice-for-the-private-keeping-of-cats](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/cats/legal-requirements-for-cat-owners/code-of-practice-for-the-private-keeping-of-cats)

**Pigeons -** www.australianpigeonforum.com.au/Pdf/Vic-Code-Of-Practice.pdf