

Management Plan for Pet Keeping

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for Lot 33, Clint and Noemi Campisi

Existing pets: 10 chickens, 3 Netherland dwarf rabbits

Management Plan for the Chickens:

10 laying hens are kept within a fenced area (approximately 20 square meters) on lot 33 with a fully closed and movable chicken tractor that is solar operated. The chickens feed on laying hen pellets and chicken scraps. The tractor and enclosures are regularly cleaned out. Chickens are kept first and foremost for egg production but also for pets and company.

Management Plan for the Rabbits:

We have 2 white Netherland dwarf rabbits, one male, one female. The female is desexed making breeding impossible. They are both kept in a 2m by 1m movable cage that is kept in different spots on our grass area. In the future we might add a larger, snake-proof cage. So far no snakes or goannas have been sighted near the rabbit cage.

1. Reasons for Having the Animals: Rabbits: For the children to look after and interact with. Chickens: For egg production and for company.

2. Animal Species and Number: Rabbits: Netherland Dwarf, one male, one female. Chickens: 3 Marans, 5 Rhode Island Whites and 2 Rhode Island Reds.

Will the animals be capable of breeding? How will you keep the numbers under control?
No breeding possible as there is no rooster and since the female rabbit is desexed.

3. Care and Welfare *How will you ensure the animals' needs are met, e.g. access to sufficient and appropriate food and water, social needs, etc?*

Rabbits: The rabbits feed on rabbit feed mixture, grass and greens from the garden. Water is available, too. They have each other for company and seem to get along well.

Chickens: They feed on layers pellets as well as kitchen scraps and bread. They have water available at all times and spend all day and night together peacefully.

Who will care for them if you are away?

Rabbits: Possible carers: Justine and Steve Hall-Shaw or Sam Odermatt

How will you inform yourself on their care and needs?

We read up on caring infos and requirements prior to getting the pets.

4. Range and Containment

Chickens: Chickens live in a fully contained chicken tractor that is movable and will be regularly moved from one orchard to the other. The tractor door is solar powered and shuts and opens at set times. They have a space of approximately 15m² but are able to free-range at times. They do not move away far from their pen.

Rabbits: The rabbits were free range in the past and a few times made it over to the neighbours from where they were recaptured each time but are now kept in a cage permanently.

5. Environment, Waste and Maintenance

Chickens: Chicken manure is used for fertiliser for the trees and soil enhancement. Food scrap remains are dug into the garden soil for composting.

How could native flora and fauna be impacted by your introduced animals e.g. additional fencing leading to habitat fragmentation or animal entrapment?

The chickens are kept in the orchard where it is welcome for them to flatten out the ground and keep the grass low. So far we had no case of animal entrapment. There are bandicoots around the chicken enclosure at night but since the tractor is sealed they cannot get into it.

Do the animals pose a risk of establishing as wild feral populations? No

6. Noise and other Impacts on People

How could your animals impact others?

Chickens: They provide eggs for not only our household. They are relatively quiet. Our next-door neighbours have chickens themselves.

Rabbits: Their roaming posed a bit of a problem in the past but since they are caged now they do not impact anyone in a negative way. One of our neighbours actually enjoyed their visits in the past.

7. Removal of Animals

How will you remove or kill animals humanely, e.g. to consume for food, end of life, they become a nuisance? Our pets are not kept for meat production.

For further questions contact Noemi on 0423774955.

Thank you.