

Introduced Species Management Plan

Member: Mark Green Site 49 Date: 12-7-23

Reasons for having the animals: Guinea Fowl have been keeping my site relatively free of ticks. Myself and four children rarely bitten by ticks. Youngest child Fern was hospitalised in past 12 month due to a tick. Clip the grass, provide manure.

Species / Breed / Gender: Domestic Guinea fowl, unsure of gender, likely/possibly 5 are females as they are very quiet and settled, 1 could be male.

Care & Welfare: Domesticated and territorial, trained and training ongoing as need arises. Range on my site and in enclosed fenced chicken enclosure. Can be locked in coop if needed to avoid transient predators. Eat some grain, but mostly grass.

Protection of Environment Including Native Flora and Fauna

The Guinea Fowl interact well with native animals. They gather and raise alarm when goannas and snakes are present.

They are well down in the pecking order with native birds. 2 plover will herd them often.

Native ducks intimidate the Guinea Fowl. Galahs, magpies and native pigeons are often close by.

Echidnas, goannas and native birds enter our dwelling. Koalas, echidnas, possums & other native species are periodically seen on our site, undeterred by Guinea Fowl.

Waste & Their droppings are firmer than chicken droppings and appear to be mostly grass tips and seeds. Flies seem to not be interested in their droppings.

Noise & other Impacts on people.

As only six, very quiet. Vast majority of time on our site. Can be herded back onto site by ourselves or plovers. Training ongoing, if seen roaming best to notify me as to when and where, I can check for a clutch of eggs and remove. Or herd back.

Removal of Animals: will be removed, relocated if substantiated and significant problems identified. Some vindictive, exaggerated and anonymous complaints may have occurred.