



Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

DOMESTIC ANIMALS POLICY

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1 DISCLAIMER

- 1.1 All domestic animals on any part of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's (RQYS) premises are at the owner's responsibility.

2 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 All domestic animals on Squadron grounds are to be kept in accordance with this policy and Brisbane City Council local laws for Domestic Animals (Animals Local Law 2017).
- 2.2 The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) Standard 3.2.2 sets out requirements that relate to animals and pests in food premises to which the Squadron must comply.

3 REGISTRATION & INSURANCE

- 3.1 It is the requirement of the Squadron that all domestic animals within the grounds are registered in accordance with the current regulations of Brisbane City Council.

4 LIVE-ABOARD DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- 4.1 It is the requirement of the Squadron that all domestic animals kept by liveaboards be registered with the Marina Office.
- 4.2 Visiting vessels are required to register domestic animals with the Marina Office but are exempt from registering their domestic animals with Brisbane City Council providing that the animals are registered within the requirements of their home location.

5 DOGS TO BE UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL

- 5.1 A keeper of a dog must ensure that the dog is kept under effective control by means of a leash at all times.
- 5.2 Unrestrained dogs are not permitted on the Squadron grounds.
- 5.3 Owners of noisy or disruptive dogs will be asked to remove them from the premises.
- 5.4 All domestic animals must be kept under reasonable care at all times

6 ANIMAL EXCREMENT TO BE CLEANED UP

- 6.1 The keeper of the animal must carry a bag, implement or container suitable to pick up and dispose of the animal's excrement if the animal defecates.
- 6.2 If an animal defecates, the keeper must immediately pick up and dispose of the excrement in a sanitary manner so that:
 - (a) it cannot be washed into watercourses, gutters or stormwater drains; or
 - (b) it cannot form a breeding place for flies; or
 - (c) it does not cause a nuisance.
- 6.3 For the convenience of members, dog dropping bag stations have been established at the Bay Lookout and John Harrison Foundation Trade Sheds.

7 ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

- 7.1 Guide dogs, dogs trained to assist a person in activities where hearing is required and any other animal trained to assist a person with a disability are called assistance animals.
- 7.2 All food businesses including the Squadron must permit an assistance animal in areas used by customers. This applies to both outdoor and indoor eating and drinking areas and any other customer areas.
- 7.3 Assistance animals are not permitted to enter non-customer areas such as a kitchen, storeroom or other places where food is handled.
- 7.4 The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code does not provide the same provisions for companion animals. A companion animal is any animal that provides companionship and a sense of responsibility.

8 DOMESTIC ANIMAL EXCLUSION\EXCEPTION ZONES

- 8.1 Domestic animals are not permitted in the RQYS Bistro, RQ Bar, undercover area of the and in the area on the Boardwalk where tables and seating are provided.
- 8.2 Dogs may be tied in the barbecue area and on the Boardwalk area closest to the main launching ramp (providing the areas are not currently in use). Dogs tied up must be under constant supervision and provided with adequate water and care.
- 8.3 Domestic animals are not permitted to run unrestrained on the Squadron's rigging lawns under any circumstances; this includes the Sailing Academy lawn, the main and secondary rigging lawns and the Windsurfing Precinct lawn.
- 8.4 Domestic animals are not permitted within the Marina Hardstand or Trade working areas unless controlled on a leash.

9 RQYS CANAIPA

- 9.1 Domestic animals are permitted ashore at RQYS Canaipa; however, they must be on a leash at all times and may not enter food preparation areas.

10 BREACHES OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY

- 10.1 Breaches of this policy may incur one or more of the following:
 - A written warning;
 - Denial of access (including the switching off of proximity cards);
 - Removal of the offending domestic animal from the grounds on a temporary or permanent basis;
 - Further action by General Committee.