

Guidelines for Keeping Poultry

Introduction

These guidelines are for information and are to be used to assist anyone who wishes to keep poultry.

Poultry includes but not limited to, chickens, roosters, hens, ducks and geese

The keeping of poultry:

- must not create any nuisances to persons residing in neighboring properties or those residing in nearby area, and
- must comply with all Animal Welfare requirements to protect the health and safety of the poultry

Poultry Shelters

Construction and location should be in a manner that facilitates easy cleaning and is located where the poultry will not contribute to or create nuisances.

Shelter location guidelines:

- where possible, locate 1 meter or more from any fence, and
- 1 meter or more from any other structure, and
- locate as far as possible from habitable buildings and areas used for living/working and entertaining purposes and give consideration to adjoining neighboring premises and adjacent uses.

Shelter construction guidelines

- Shelters should be well constructed with sound materials in a manner as to ensure it is weatherproof, rat proof and well ventilated.
- have suitable floor space for each poultry within the shelter
- Be surrounded with suitable materials to enclose the poultry and prevent escape and provide comfort and hygiene for the poultry
- Have a front that is covered with wire netting or other approved material and where possible surrounded with the solid material extending from at least 200mm below ground level to not less than 400mm above ground level
- Floor to be paved with concrete or other approved material to provide a smooth, hard impervious finish to allow for cleaning and prevent vermin harbourage.
- Have a rainproof roof with efficient drainage so that all storm water is carried away from the shelter

Foraging Areas

It is recommended to keep these areas fenced to prevent poultry from escaping and keep areas clean of scraps and rotate foraging areas if you have the space.

Nuisances

Poultry shall be kept in a manner that prevents nuisances from noise, odours, flies and vermin, and poultry wandering into or flying over other people's property.

Noise Complaints

Noise from poultry can be a nuisance and noisy poultry may be required to be removed from the premises.

Roosters are a common source of noise however they are not necessary for hens to lay eggs and therefore it is recommended that roosters are not kept.

Waste Management

All waste produced from the keeping of poultry shall be:

- collected frequently and placed in plastic bags and disposed of immediately into an approved receptacle or rubbish bin with a lid, and
- disposed from the premises at least weekly or as frequently as required to prevent odours and fly breeding.

Fly And Vermin Control

Effective waste management and waste storage is the first defense in preventing fly breeding and vermin activity, however proactive and safe use of pesticides is also recommended.

Keep the area around the poultry shelter clear of materials that might provide harborage for vermin.

Excess food left inside the shelter may attract rats and mice so make sure that you give the poultry only the amount of food they will eat within a short period of time.

Store food in vermin proof containers fitted with lids and kept off the floor.

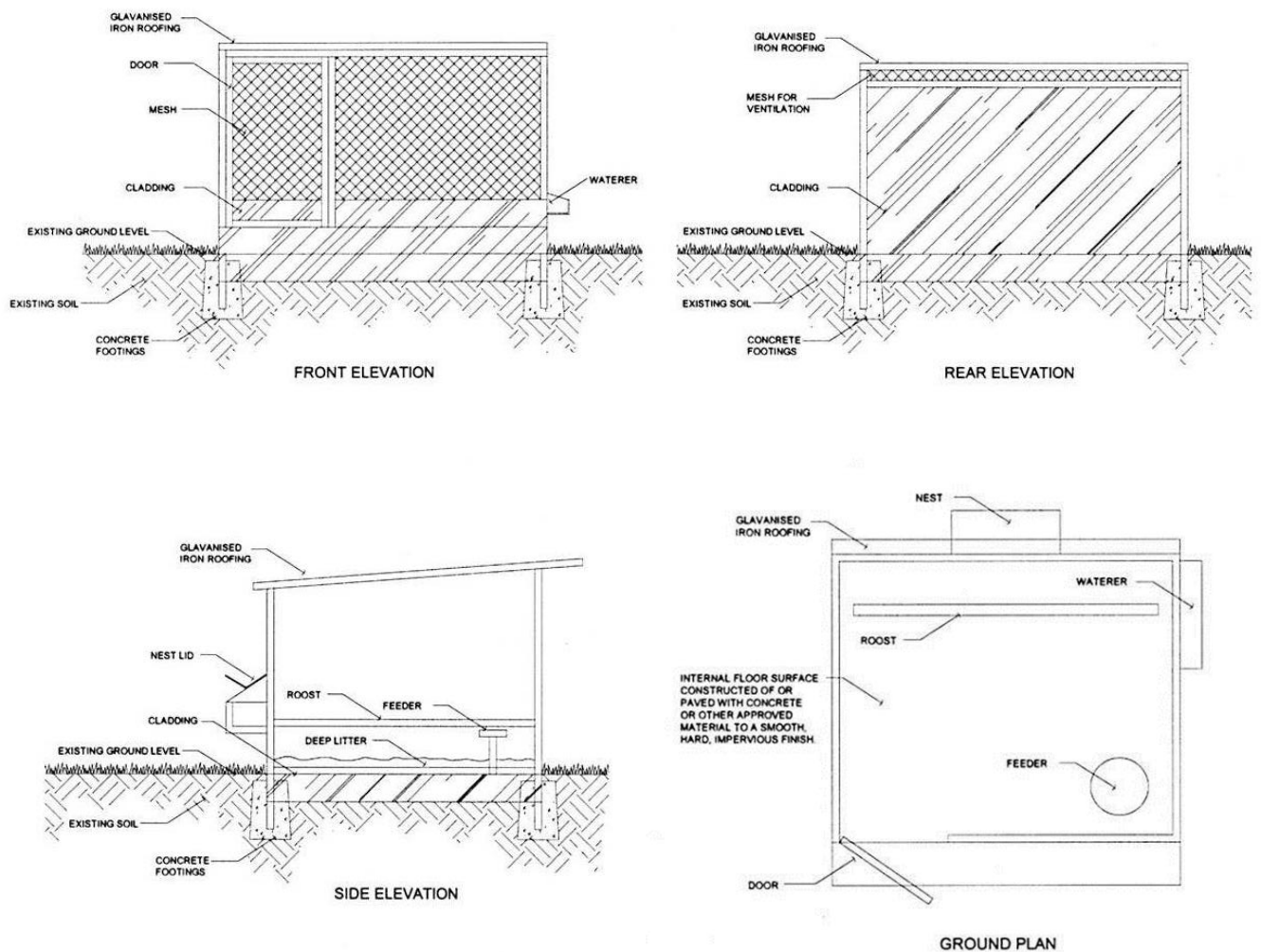
Place rat/mouse baits (as directed) around the shelter to control and prevent vermin activity.

Poultry must be kept in a location, structure and condition that will not cause a nuisance or be injurious to health in any way.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any further questions regarding poultry keeping please contact the City of Salisbury Community Compliance team on 8406 8222

Example Design for Poultry Shelter



Note: Some buildings require Development Approval.

If you are constructing a poultry coupe, please check with City of Salisbury Development Services Team.