

Animals

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Purpose

Animals are an integral part of maintaining sustainable permaculture systems on the Northey Street City Farm site. Being a small system, The Farm cannot maintain larger animals such as cattle, sheep and pigs, however, it makes use of small creatures, such as chickens, ducks and bees.

Policy

1. All animals on The Farm are limited by the ability to care and maintain them.
2. Due to The Farm being a space open to the public, animals need to be kept in secure enclosures.
3. The Farm does not accept donations of animals (sick or otherwise) without prior consultation with the Green Team Coordinator.
4. Dogs are allowed on the site inline with the Brisbane City Council regulations:
 - a. dogs must be on leads,
 - b. dogs must be kept a reasonable distance away from kitchen and market food stalls,
 - c. owners are responsible for their pets' droppings, which should be placed in council owned bins.

Procedures

1. Animals are cared for on a roster system that is organised by the Education Team.
2. As part of the accredited permaculture training, students are expected to assist in caring for The Farm animals. This can be negotiated to accommodate a student's beliefs.
3. In conjunction with the students, volunteers look after the animals too, especially during quiet times, e.g., Christmas.
4. Purchasing chicken food, health maintenance and rotation of the chook tractor are coordinated by the Education Team in consultation with the Market Garden Coordinators.

