

To keep a pig in the Kawerau District you need to apply for a permit and understand:

- The number of pigs to be kept is one (1) only.
- Responsible animal ownership including the welfare needs of the animal (i.e. food, water, shelter).
- The type of property suitable.

STANDARD FOR KEEPING PIGS IN THE DISTRICT

Depending on the size and suitability of your property, you need to consider:

- Fencing & drainage.
- Waste disposal control.
- Housing for keeping pigs.
- How to limit potential nuisances.

Responsible ownership is important for ensuring pigs do not create a nuisance or a health concern to neighbours.

STANDARD FOR BEDDING AND SLEEPING AREAS

- Your property must be fully fenced.
- Housing/enclosures must be constructed and maintained so as to ensure they are watertight and that no nuisance occurs.
- Parasites, flies and other pests must not reach levels that may create a nuisance to neighbours or a health risk to humans or animals.
- Any discharge of objectionable or offensive odour must not be of an extent that it causes an adverse effect beyond the boundary of the property.
- Effective fencing or other containment measures must be provided to confine the pig within the site and to prevent the pig from gaining access to neighbouring properties.
- Shelters must be at least 13 metres from any neighbour's dwelling house and 3 metres from any boundary
- Bedding and sleeping areas must be kept clean and dry and lined with hay, untreated wood chips, sawdust or shredded newspaper.
- Cleaned at least on a weekly basis and all old bedding removed from the property weekly.

VERMIN

Leaving food on the ground can often attract rats and mice.

You can prevent this by using vermin proof receptacles. These also keep out the rain and provide pig with good access to food.

Once vermin find an accessible food supply, they will continue to return; leaving excrement that can contaminate animal feed and water. This also exposes you and your neighbours to the diseases that rats and mice carry.

It is your responsibility to keep the enclosures clean to minimise potential smells and health problems for both the pig and people. This is a requirement of the Health Act 1956.

PIG IMPOUNDING

If a pig is found wandering on the berm, road, public or private property (other than permitted property) Council may impound it. The owner must pay a fee for the release of the impounded pig and a property check will be undertaken before the pig is released. If repairs are needed to the property these shall be carried out before the release.