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Keeping of Poultry

Animals Local Laws 2001

A person may keep up to 12 poultry (including a maximum of 2 ducks) in a residential area, but they must be housed permanently in a specially constructed and securely fastened hut.

Poultry are defined as any domestic fowl or chicken, bantam, duck, goose, guinea fowl, pheasant, turkey, peahen or peacock.

Of these the following **Cannot** be kept in any residential area:

Rooster	Turkey
Goose/Geese	Peacock/Peahen

Conditions:

Poultry may only be kept under the following conditions:

No poultry is to be kept in an open yard.

Poultry must be kept in a shed or hut designed to permit a deep litter system as detailed in figure 1.

A poultry shed must be 1.2 metres from any boundary and 9 metres from any house or street.

No poultry to be able to approach within 15 metres of:

- Any dwelling
- Public Building
- Premises of employment

No poultry to be able to approach within 12 metres of:

- A premises where food is stored, prepared, manufactured or sold

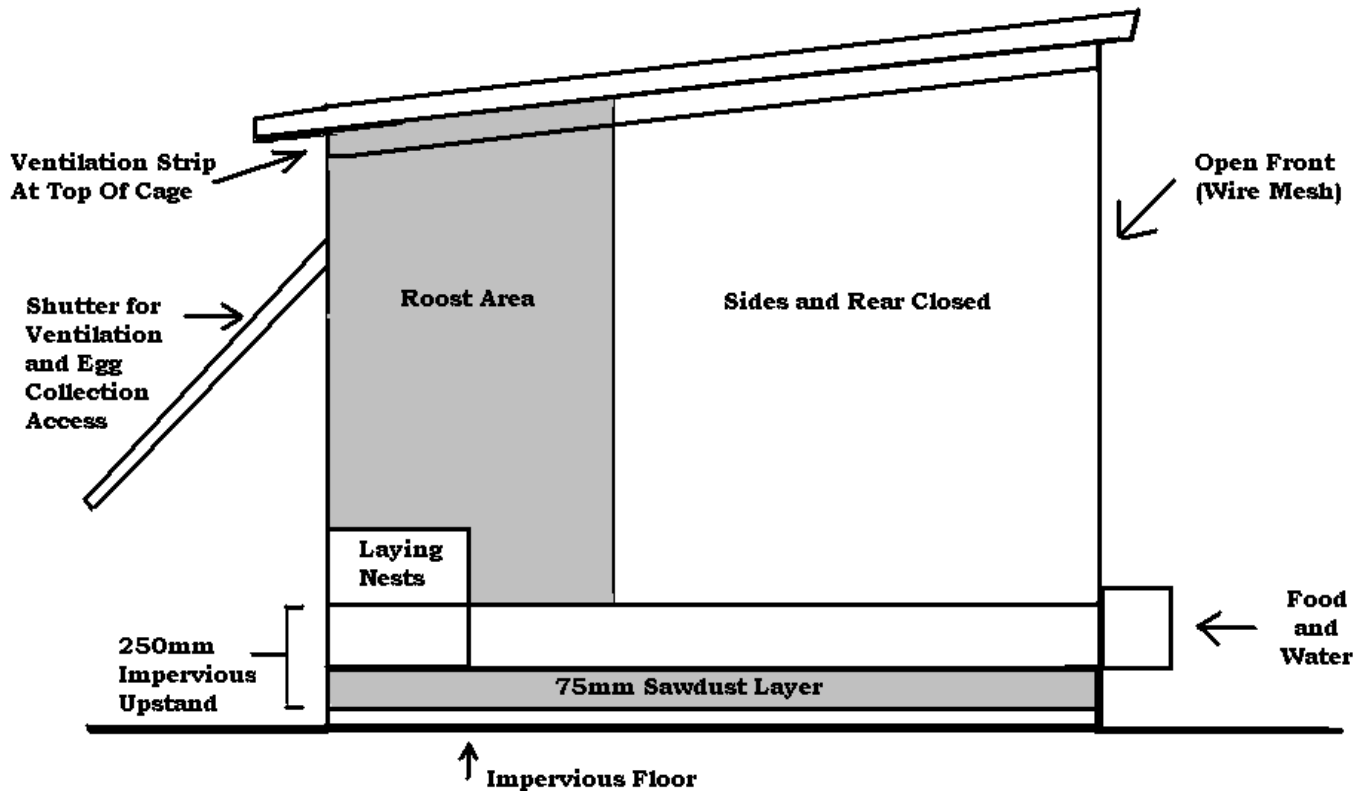
No poultry to be able to approach within 1.2 metres of:

- The boundary of land occupied by others

Poultry Shed Recommendations:

- The floor must be of a suitable impervious surface such as concrete, brick paving or compressed limestone.
- Frames should be constructed of timber, steel or brick
- Cladding is to consist of sheet metal, brick, weatherboard or other materials approved by an Environmental Health Officer
- The roof should be sloped to allow drainage of water
- The shed is to be constructed in a sound and weatherproof manner.
- The height of the shed is to be between 1.5m to 2.0m
- There must be adequate ventilation during the hot weather
- The area of the shed must allow for 0.3m² for each bird kept
- Roof, floor, doors, and ventilation panels must be maintained in good order and condition
- The floor must be covered with a layer of dry sand or saw dust at least 75mm deep and
- The sand or sawdust must be kept dry at all times and changed at least once every 6 months or when directed.

Figure1 Specifications for a domestic poultry shed



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