

Pet fencing for wildlife

A wide variety of native wildlife species including koalas, macropods, birds, gliders and lizards are at risk of injury or death from domestic pets in urban and rural areas. Domestic cats and dogs pose the greatest threat due to their natural hunting instincts.

To keep native wildlife safe while also allowing your cats and dogs outdoor time, it is recommended that you install pet exclusion fencing and/or pet enclosures.

Brisbane City Council recommends fencing options for different pets and the property size.

Large properties (greater than 2000 m²)

To keep pets and wildlife safe on larger and/or rural properties, dedicate a specific area for pet confinement between 6pm and 6am and ensure that the following specifications are met.

- Pet exclusion fencing is used around the pet enclosure to prevent pets from leaving the property. Note that the enclosure should be fully separated from the property boundary fence.
- The pet enclosure is located away from any koala or native animal food trees, and/or known koala or wildlife paths and resting trees.
- If the pet enclosure is fitted with a gate to be accessed from outside of the house, the gate is:
 - either self-closing or has a spring-back hinge
 - fitted with the existing enclosure with no gaps on either side or below the gate when closed.
 - the same design and material as the rest of the enclosure or if another material is preferred, it must be impermeable.

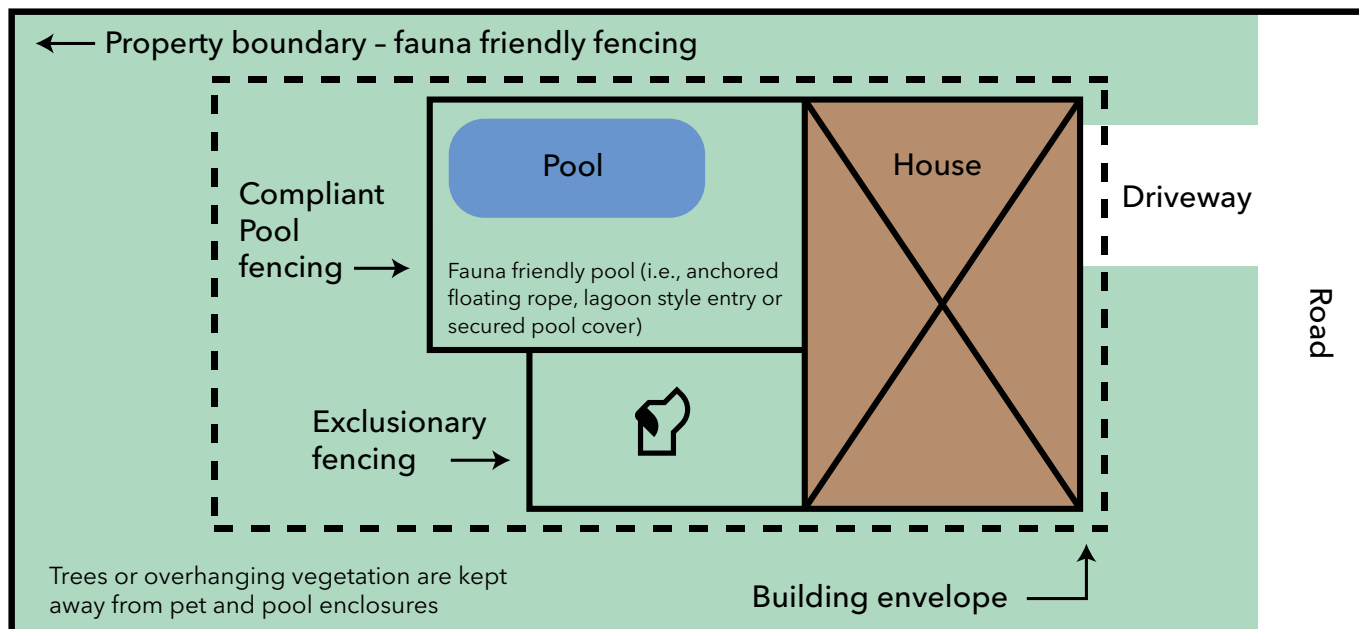
You can prevent your cat from wandering and causing a nuisance to wildlife by installing a cat enclosure. [Find out more information here.](#)

Small properties (smaller than 2000 m²)

For smaller properties where enclosures can't be established, it is recommended to ensure the following.

- Keep your pets indoors between 6pm and 6am.
- Install pet exclusion fencing to prevent domestic animals from exiting the property.

Note that it is important to provide several escape options if koalas or other animals access your yard.



More information

You can find more information on wildlife friendly fencing on Council's website by searching **'wildlife movement solutions'**.

You can also find information on Council's website about [keeping a pet in Brisbane](#).

Alternatively, you can phone Council on **07 3403 8888**.

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