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HORSE Kept in Urban Areas within Balonne Shire Towns (St George & Rural Towns). There are no distinctions between sizes of horses. 	/	1 Private Use Permit Must meet conditions for keeping of horses within town areas	3 Private Use Permit Must meet conditions for keeping of horses within town areas	5 Private Use Permit Must meet conditions for keeping of horses within town areas	Commercial Use Permit for land use, not individual horse permit Submit tax statement with application Approved by full Council Meeting	/
SHEEP/ALPACA/LLAMA 	/	/	2 Permit Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal	10 Permit Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal	/	Permit Vet care with certificate Drought care - authorisation by BSC/declaration Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal
GOAT 	/	/	/	/	/	Permit Vet care with certificate Drought care - authorisation by BSC/declaration Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal
CATTLE/COW 	/	/	/	/	/	St George & Rural Town Areas Permit Vet care with certificate Under drought care Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal

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POULTRY DUCKS GEESE CHICKENS GUINEA FOWL TURKEYS 	/	12 Total number poultry in any combination Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal	24 Total number poultry in any combination Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal	50 Total number poultry in any combination Refer to standard conditions for keeping of an animal Permit required for more than 50 - Application for Permit & Assessment by full Council Meeting
ROOSTER 	/	1 Permit required for allotments in St George	1	1
EMU/OSTRICH/ PEACOCK 	/	/	/	/
HONEY BEES 	/	1-2 Refer to conditions on keeping bees	2+	Application & assessment by full Council Meeting Refer to conditions on keeping bees
PIG 	/	/	/	/
STALLION 	/	Prohibited in all town areas unless special conditions Permit, Vet care & certificate	Double fenced, Defined conditions	
BULL/RAM 	/	Prohibited in all town areas unless special conditions Permit and Vet care & certificate		
CAT 	1	>1		

There are also minimum standards for keeping certain animals. These standards are to reduce domestic animals impacting residential amenity, creating noise and odours, causing environmental harm and creating a public safety risk. For details on the Local Laws go to Council website - www.balonne.qld.gov.au