

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Pet and Animal Requirements

### **What is considered a household pet?**

A household pet includes domesticated animals and birds ordinarily allowed in a dwelling unit and kept for company or pleasure of the owner, including, but not limited to dogs, cats, and caged birds. Household pets do not include domestic livestock or fowl, as defined herein or inherently or potentially dangerous animals, fowl, reptiles or exotic animals ([Definitions - Household Pets, Noncommercial](#)).

### **How many pets may I own?**

For any given household, there may be up to four (4) dogs or cats, or combination thereof ([Section 5-2-22](#)).

### **What should I know if I want to raise livestock or fowl?**

No domestic livestock or domestic fowl shall be kept on any lot that is less than one (1) acre, and may be allowed as a permitted use in the A-1 and R&A-5 zoning districts ([Section 1712](#)).

The number of livestock or domestic fowl that may be kept where the area is used exclusively for the keeping of domestic livestock or fowl is one (1) acre, shall be as follows:

- Limited to a maximum of one (1) domestic animal per acre (Section 1712).
- Fowl may be kept on lots equal to, or larger than one (1) acre, provided the number of fowl maintained does not exceed twenty-five (25) fowl for each acre (Section 1712).
- Domestic livestock, fowl, and other animals, but excluding all prohibited animals, may be kept on lots of five (5) acres or larger without restriction on the number of domestic livestock or animals kept (Section 1712).

### **What are the requirements for mainting livestock and fowl?**

No barn, stable, shelter, corral, coop, pen, or run in which domestic livestock or fowl are maintained shall be closer than one hundred (100) feet to any residential structure located on adjacent lots (Section 1712).

- All yards, barns, shelters, cages, areas, places, and premises where domestic livestock, animals, or fowl are kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition so that flies, dust, or odors do not disturb the health of any person or animal or create a nuisance to any adjoining property (Section 1712).
- Additionally, all household pets shall be kept in such a manner that they do not disturb the peace, comfort, or health of any person or animal ([Section 1711](#)).

Zip, official mascot of Vineyard

