

## ■ Animal Welfare Matters

Owning an animal comes with responsibilities. Regulations make it easier for MPI and SPCA to take action against animal mistreatment. New penalties such as fines will be issued for certain actions. We will continue to prosecute the worst offenders under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. We're making life better for animals, and you can help others get it right too.



Are you doing it right? Encourage others to check too at

[www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)

Email us your questions to

[animalwelfare@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animalwelfare@mpi.govt.nz)



Call us about an animal welfare issue  
0800 00 83 33 or contact SPCA on  
0800 SPCA NZ (77 22 69)

## ■ New regulations

If you have animals on your lifestyle block then these regulations apply to you too, they're not just for farmers. All people who own or who are in charge of animals are subject to the Animal Welfare Act (1999). The Act provides for regulations, summarised in these leaflets, which set out offences and penalties for poor performance. Many of these regulations come from the minimum standards of care set out in Codes of Welfare. We have many Codes of Welfare, but the most relevant for lifestyle farmers are

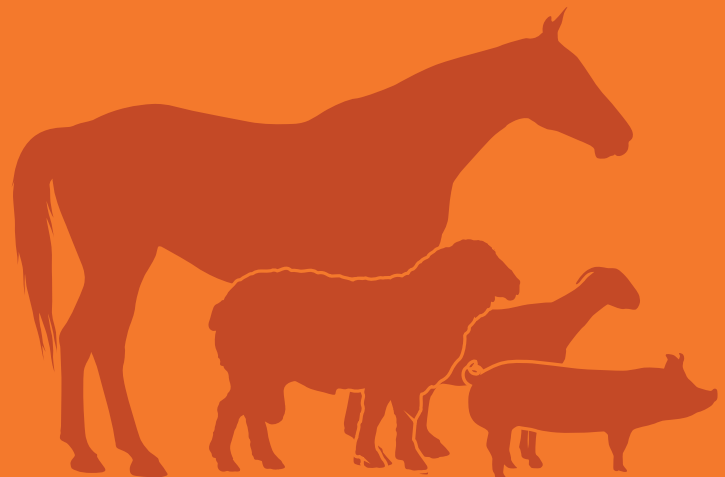
- ✓ dairy cattle
- ✓ dogs
- ✓ goats
- ✓ horses and donkeys
- ✓ llamas and alpacas
- ✓ pigs
- ✓ sheep and beef cattle

You can find the regulations, our guidance on the regulations and the codes of welfare on our website at [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)

## Animal Welfare Regulations

# Lifestyle blocks

■ From 1st October 2018



## ■ More information

Many of these regulations have come straight from the codes of welfare. Codes set out minimum standards and recommended best practices when caring for animals. There are also regulations which apply to

- calves
- cattle
- dogs
- goats
- horses and donkeys
- layer hens
- llamas and alpacas
- pigs
- sheep

For more information on regulations and the codes of welfare please visit [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)

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## Happy, healthy animals

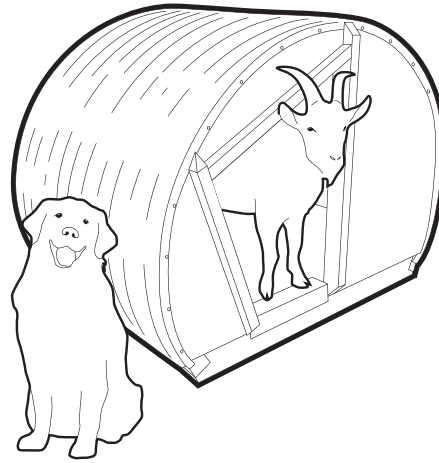
It's no prob-llama!

Pick up the leaflets which apply to you and the animals you have. You can also check out the codes of welfare on our website at [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)

### Shelter

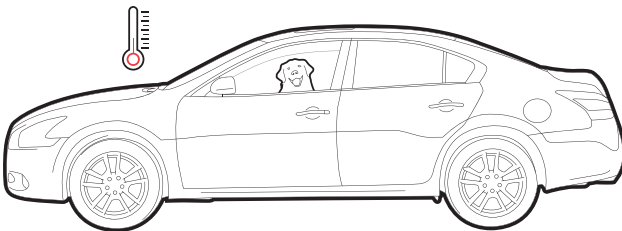
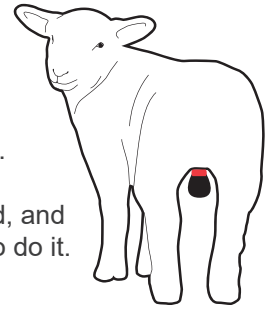
Make sure your animals have the appropriate shelter for their needs. In general shelters must

- ✓ be dry, shaded and ventilated
- ✓ be clean
- ✓ be big enough
- ✓ have food and water nearby



### Castration

Removing testicles is painful. Check our guidance for age limits, if pain relief is required, and whether a veterinarian has to do it.



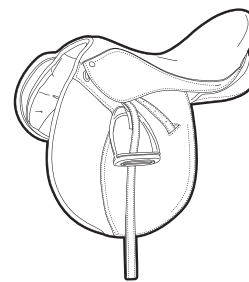
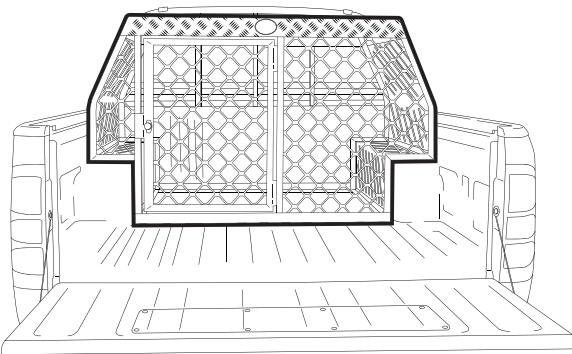
### Dogs in vehicles

Dogs can easily get heat stressed in cars. Plan ahead so you don't end up with a hot dog.

### Equipment

Equipment for all animals must not cause injury. It is important to

- ✓ ensure saddles, covers and halters etc are fitted correctly
- ✓ keep the equipment clean
- ✓ check your animals daily if they're wearing equipment



### Dogs on vehicles

Dogs on the back of utes must be secured in a cage or crate, or tied up safely so they cannot fall off or reach their legs over the side when on public roads.

### Transporting young calves

If you're using a trailer or ute with a deck height less than 90cm, you can carefully lift calves on and off; otherwise, you need to have loading facilities.

### Collars and tethers

It's best not to tether animals for long periods of time but if you have to, make sure collars and tethers fit appropriately. They must allow the animal to eat, drink, breathe and pant normally.

