



PARRAMATTA
CITY
COUNCIL



Local Orders Policy 2003– Keeping of Animals (Order 18) Fact Sheet

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 SECTION 124

ORDER 18(21) – The keeping of reptiles

Criteria

21.1 All provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, must be complied with. This includes obtaining a licence to keep reptiles.

21.2 Advice regarding the keeping of reptiles must be obtained from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

21.3 It is prohibited to move a reptile from the natural environment.

21.4 Reptiles must be housed in a manner that provides appropriate environmental conditions suited to the particular species.

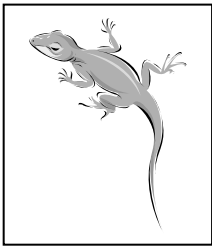
21.5 All reptiles must be housed in an adequate manner that prevents escape. Adequate housing includes, but is not limited to:

Snakes –

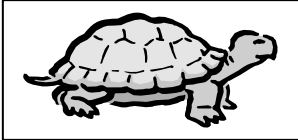
- (a)** Venomous snakes may only be kept in lockable, sealed, escape proof containers or cages within a lockable and sealed escape proof room;
- (b)** The individual containers and the room itself must be locked when the licensee is not present in the room, so as to prevent unauthorised entry and/or tampering with containers or cages and the escape of snakes;
- (c)** Access to all venomous snakes must be limited to persons who are under the direct supervision of the licensee or to persons holding a Class 2 licence with the same category endorsement;
- (d)** All housing for snakes must be kept in a clean condition;
- (e)** The Parramatta City Council must approve all housing facilities for snakes.

Turtles –

- (f)** Ponds that house turtles must be cleaned on a regular basis;
- (g)** Basking logs and rocks must be available along and partly emerged in the pond to allow for stress free basking;



- (h)** Adult turtles (30 centimetres or greater shell length) require a 2 metres length by 2 metres width by a 0.5 metre depth (2m (L) x 2m (W) x 0.5m (D)), with gradual sides to allow easy exit;
- (i)** Turtles are to be in an enclosed area so as to prevent escape.



21.6 All offensive odours must be controlled.

21.7 All noise must be controlled.

21.8 The breeding of rats, mice or other live animals for the purpose of feeding any reptile is not permitted.

21.9 All reptiles must be protected from the predation of other animals.

21.10 Parramatta City Council strongly suggests that all reptile enthusiasts join a Reptile Keepers organization.

21.11 All reptiles must be kept in appropriate numbers.