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Animals for Personal Home Use

The keeping of animals for personal household use is considered an “Accessory Use” and is not further regulated by the zoning ordinance. If you plan to keep animals at your home that exceed the needs of the household or for income producing purposes, you may need approval for an “Animal Husbandry” and/or “Agriculture” use. Further, the keeping of certain animals may be regulated by the Maine Department of Agriculture (207) 287-3846, please contact them with questions.

ACCESSORY USE OR STRUCTURE

A use or structure which is customarily both incidental and subordinate to the principal use or structure. The term "incidental" in reference to the principal use or structure shall mean subordinate and minor in significance to the principal use or structure. Accessory uses, when aggregated, shall not subordinate the principal use of the lot.

AGRICULTURE

The production, keeping or maintenance for sale or lease of plants and/or animals, including, but not limited to, forages and sod crops; grains and seed crops; dairy animals and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock; fruits and vegetables; and ornamental and greenhouse products. Agriculture does not include forest management and timber harvesting activities.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

The keeping of any domesticated animals other than customary household pets.