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**ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
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Tell us why: Our experience over 38 years of neighbours keeping animals and insects on their property is that they do not seem to understand that other property holders have a right to be free of intrusion by pets etc. Nor does the Auckland council appear to accept that also.

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Tell us why: Neighbourhood chooks were not kept in by neighbours in spite of our continued polite requests, and in spite of our complaints to Auckland Council. We had to place temporary fencing up from time to time. Our grandchildren could not enjoy our section as they would have bird faeces stuck on their feet. Plants were dug up or damaged by chooks but replacements were never offered by the neighbour. Bees are great for gardens and less problematical, as long as the number of hives is 'under control'.

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Tell us why: Residents need to understand that they are obligated to be responsible for their animals.

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Tell us why: The more urban beehives the better. Obviously safety first.

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Tell us why: I don't understand what you are saying. It's private property. How many animals are you talking, you need to give more info to get a better response.

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Tell us why: Leave things as they are

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Bees colonies are notorious for dying very easily due to varroa destructor - a keeper normally makes numbers back up by splitting new colonies from back up hives - small keepers usually need a minimum of 5 colonies to maintain balance. As hives can no longer survive in the wild please bear this in mind as there will be a crushing restriction to fertilisation if its limited to two - most keepers will lose all they have if their hives overwinter poorly.

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