

# Wild dog facts

## Poultry fencing

Poultry of all types are vulnerable to attack by wild dogs, foxes and free-roaming domestic dogs. In areas where wild dogs and foxes are present, the best way to protect poultry is to contain them in a secure area rather than attempting to shoot, trap or bait the predators.

Free range birds can be protected in a large enclosure. If this is not possible, build a smaller enclosure where the birds can be housed at night, as wild dogs and foxes hunt mainly in the evening or morning twilight, or during the night.

## Protective fencing

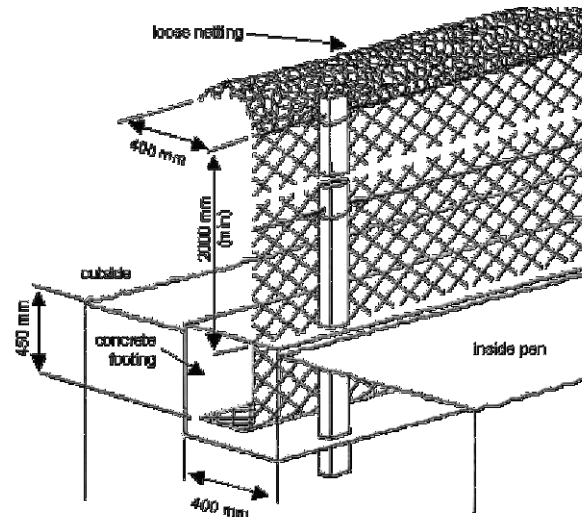
Correctly built protective fencing can greatly reduce predation on poultry, but the choice of materials is the key. Use a heavy wire-like chain-link mesh, as ordinary chicken wire is not strong enough, and dogs and foxes can chew through it.

Prevent dogs and foxes from digging to gain access to hens by burying the bottom of the fence in a concrete footing (rat wall) as shown in Version 1, or running a skirt out along the ground from the bottom of the fence, as shown in Version 2. Both methods are effective.

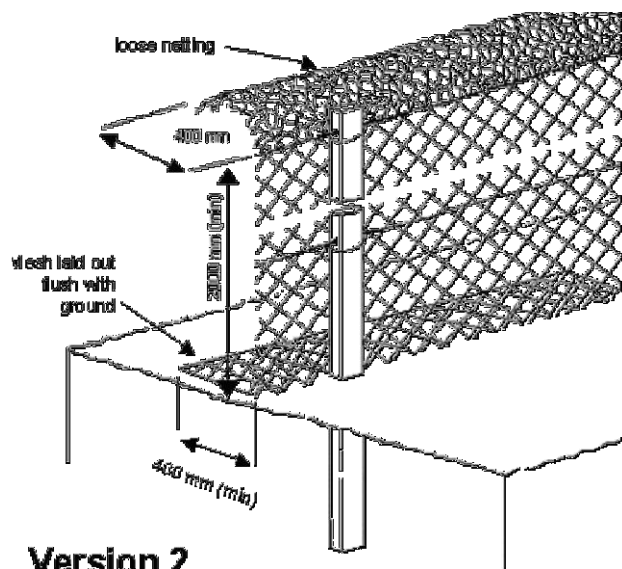
A roof on the enclosure will prevent foxes climbing in and eagles or other birds of prey from gaining access to poultry from above.

## Further information

Further information is available from your local government office, or by contacting Biosecurity Queensland (call 13 25 23 or visit our website at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)).



Version 1



Version 2