## NAVAJO NATION ANIMAL Control program



### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

- 65% of complaints & investigations involve NHA housing tenants (bite cases, livestock damage, pet abandonment, neglect and vicious animal investigations)
- NNACP Community Enforcement Sweeps are primarily for NHA field management sites
- Threat of rabies in wildlife & roaming dogs issues compound situation
- Roaming dogs spreading ticks increases threat of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) if ticks infected with the bacteria, spread diseases common to dogs within communities, and spread intestinal parasites where ever they defecate.

### **RDCO-79-16 NNACP PLAN OF OPERATION**

The purpose of the Animal Control Program is to enforce the animal control laws established by the Navajo Nation Council:

- to protect the health, safety and property of people and animals
- address responsible pet ownership, over population, disease and neglect of animals through education
- promote foster programs
- spay and neuter clinics
- animal adoption programs through the public, other agencies and organizations in the spirit of cooperation and for the benefit of present and future generations.

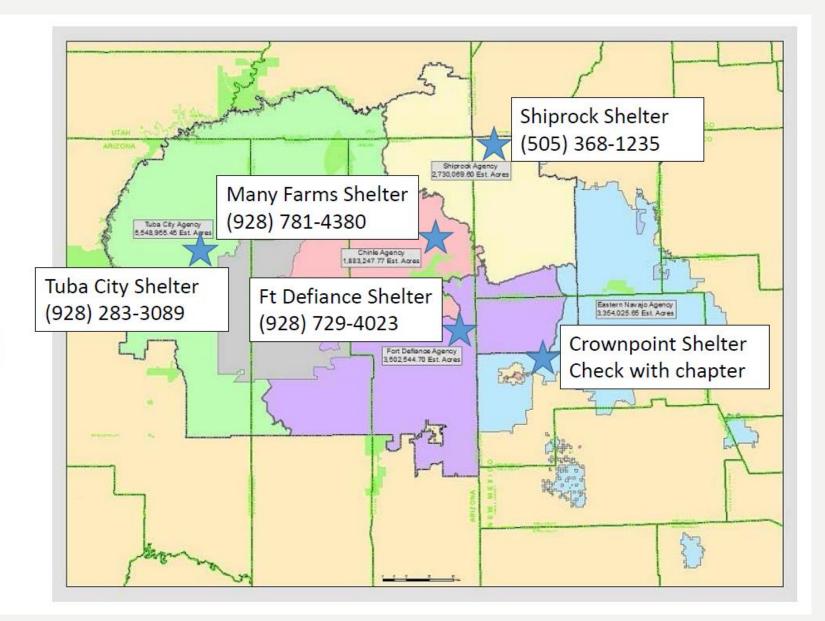


#### Navajo Nation Animal Control

#### Program

PO Box 1480 Window Rock, AZ 86515

www.nndfw.org Animal Control Program



### **CENTRAL AGENCY**



Many Farms Shelter

(928) 781-4380

- George Skeet, Animal Control Officer
- Tamara Begay, Kennel Officer

### FT. DEFIANCE AGENCY



- Ft. Defiance Shelter (928) 729-4023
- Vincent Tsosie, Animal Control Officer
- Brent Sutton, Kennel Officer
- Joe Begay Jr, Senior Animal Control Officer

#### NORTHERN AGENCY SHELTER



#### Shiprock Shelter

(505) 368-1235

- Stacey Daw, Senior Animal Control Officer
- Connie James-Kady, Kennel Officer

### WESTERN AGENCY



Tuba City Shelter

(928) 283-3089

- Vacant, Kennel Officer
- Gregory Pahe, Animal Control Officer Kayenta area

### EASTERN AGENCY



#### **Crownpoint Shelter**

- Patrick Leo, Animal Control Officer
- Vacant, Kennel Officer



October 29, 2019 – Ground breaking for the new model design build agency animal shelter for the Eastern Agency



## WHAT DO WE DOP

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#### **INVESTIGATE ANIMAL BITE CASES**



#### **18 YEAR OLD VICTIM - ATTACKED BY 2 DOGS**



#### **3 YEAR OLD VICTIM**





#### MORE BITE CASES INVESTIGATED

#### 76 YEAR OLD VICTIM - ATTACKED BY 7 DOGS



#### CRIME SCENE OF 76 YEAR OLD VICTIM WAS ATTACKED IN OPEN FIELD



### **INVESTIGATE LIVESTOCK DAMAGE**







#### **TOO MANY DOGS AT RESIDENCE**



### IT'S NOT A DOG PROBLEM; IT'S A PEOPLE PROBLEM



#### ANIMAL HOARDING



#### **ABANDON RV WITH 12 DOGS**



#### ANIMALS REMOVED – HOARDING CASE



## TODAY, AC PROGRAM STILL CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS



#### PARTICIPATING IN THE YEARLY FREE RABIES CLINICS CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



#### **TRAPPING FOR WILD/FERAL ANIMALS**



#### PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE NAVAJO VETERINARY CLINICS AND NHA SITES





#### COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL SWEEPS



### IMPROVING WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES......



# **"COLLAR,** LICENSE, VACCINATE 8 CONFINE" NAVAJO NATION ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

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# PETS SHOULD HAVE COLLARS

#### RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS PLACE COLLARS ON THEIR PETS

- Demonstrate to others that the animal is owned
- Without collars Are assumed to be unowned
- A stray animal



These dogs are considered stray animals. They do not have collars and will be picked up by the Animal Control Staff. Unowned animals are impounded and humanely euthanasia.



# LICENSE YOUR PETS

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#### NAVAJO NATION Animal License

- Pets are REQUIRED to be licensed & microchipped
- Beginning 2017 Animal Licenses are available at agency shelters
  - Each I<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month
- Animal license is placed on the collar
  - Needs to be visible
- The NN Animal License is also the rabies tag
  - All pets three (3) months and older are vaccinated for rabies
- Animal Licenses are good for one year
  - Expire December 31 each year
- It is the responsibility of animal owners to license and vaccinate pet each year

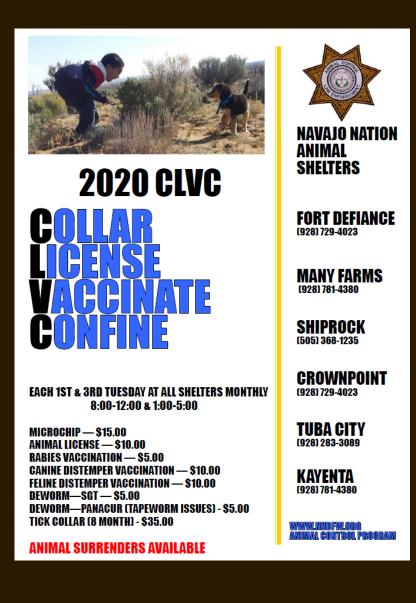


This dog has an animal license; This animals is registered

# VACCINATE TO PREVENT DISEASE

#### VACCINATE TO KEEP YOUR PET HEALTHY – PREVENT DISEASE

- Agency animal shelters will provided vaccinations –
   Each 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Vaccinations prevent common diseases of pets (Dogs & Cats)
- Receive the rabies and distemper COMBO vaccine and get a free deworming for your pet
  - An oral deworming decreases internal parasites



## CONFINE YOUR ANIMALS - STOP ROAMING ANIMALS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES

#### **CONFINE YOUR ANIMALS**

- All pet owners are required to keep their animals confined and restrained at home at all times
- Requires some type of containment
  - Fence
  - Run line
  - On a chain
- Adequate care while under restraint of owner
  - Good food
  - Clean water
  - Shelter
  - Exercise
  - Veterinary care



#### DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO ROAM

#### NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE – AUGUST 6, 2018 CJY-64-18

The purpose of the newly amended Navajo Nation Animal Ordinance is to communicate to Navajo Nation dog and cat owners that <u>they are responsible</u> <u>for their pets</u>

#### **NAVAJO NATION** ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS



#### NAVAJO NATION ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

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Т	uba City Agency Animal Shelter, AZ	(928) 283-3089
Crov	vnpoint Agency Animal Shelter, NM	NEW Shelter Coming Soon
	DNR Central Dispatch, AZ	(928) 871-6491

#### NEW ANIMAL **CONTROL ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT** ALL PETS ARE **REGISTERED AND ARE MICROCHIPPED**

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Photo by Jolene Holgate, Sr PIO Office of the Speaker Diné animal control push counts on 'Furball'

By Marley Shebala Diné Buraau navajot @gallupindependent.com

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The Navajo Nation Animal Control Program is launching a public awareness campaign with the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch's "Furball."

Legislative staff reported in a news release that Furball is a domesticated feline who provides pest control for the Office of the Speaker and will now be the "spokes-kity" for the animal control program's initiative to educate the Navajo public on newly implemented animal ordinances and its microchip campaign.

Staff noted that the kickoff for the campaign is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Office of the Speaker in Window Rock, Arizona.

They said the public is invited to attend the launch and meet "Furball," who is also known as "Legislative Kitty." Speaker LoRenzo Bates said the Legis-

Speaker Lokenzo Bates said the Legislative Branch is more than happy to aid in the public awareness campaign and noted that "Furball" is the ideal candidate to advocate for the initiative.

"Our Legislative Kitty, Furball, has been an asset to our office and keeps our space clean and free from pests and rodents," Bates said. "She's also a pleasure to have in our office and we couldn't be more excited that she is a part of this launch."

New animal control laws

He added "We must also comply with the new animal laws and we encourage the public to be educated on the new ordinanc-

Article Gallup Independent 10/27/18

THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM LAUNCHED WITH THE HELP OF LEGISLATIVE KITTY "FURBALL" A FREE MICROCHIP CAMPAIGN FOR ALL PET OWNERS THAT PURCHASE A NAVAJO NATION LICENSE FOR THEIR PET BETWEEN <u>OCTOBER 30, 2018 TO APRIL 30, 2019</u> WILL RECEIVE A FREE MICROCHIP



#### SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES / FINES

§ 1702 Licensing (A)(1) Excessive number of dogs in the household	\$50.00
(A)(2) Excessive number of cats in the household.	\$50.00
(A)(3) Failure to compile with lease agreement for number of allowable pets per household	
(C) Failure to microchip your pet.	
(G) Failure to obtain or display animal license.	
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(H) Transfer of Animal Tags	\$50.00
§ 1703 Commercial Animal Establishment Permits	
(E) Failure to Obtain Permit	
(F) Failure to Operate in a Safe/Sanitary Manner	\$200.00
§ 1704 Rabies Control	
(A) Failure to vaccinate for rabies	\$50.00
(B) Failure to produce certificate of vaccination	
(F) Failure to show proof of vaccination.	
§ 1705 Animal Bite Reporting and Quarantine	
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(A) Failure to report an animal bite	
(B) Failure to produce animal for quarantine	
(E) Removal of animal from quarantine	\$200.00
§ 1706 Dogs and cats bitten by rabid animals	
(C) Failure to guarantine an animal bitten by a rabid animal	\$200.00
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\*\* <u>NOTICE</u>: SECOND & THIRD VIOLATIONS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN FINES TO THE ANIMAL OWNER \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* SEE § 1715 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES \*\*\*\*

#### NEW SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES / FINES CJY-64-18

- Navajo Nation pet owners are urged to Collar, License, Vaccinate & Confine their pets
- Pets require microchip and a NN Animal License
- Learn what is "adequate care" for your pet
- Vaccinate for diseases common to dogs and cats annually
- Visit on of our agency shelters every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (Animal Surrender, Licensing & Vaccinations Available)
- PLEASE do not abandon your animals
- "Be a responsible pet owner"

NEW DNR Central Dispatch will handle all Animal Control SERVICE REQUESTS call (928) 871-6491

#### PROACTIVE ACTIONS & COMMON GOALS RECOMMENDATIONS:

- I. Provide adequate care for all your pets
- 2. <u>All pets are to be licensed and microchipped</u>
- 3. <u>All</u> pets are to be vaccinated & dewormed to prevent diseases and decrease parasites
- 4. <u>No</u> vicious animals are allowed on the Navajo Nation including NHA housing sites
- 5. Animals are to be <u>confined</u> & not allowed to roam
- 6. NNACP accepts animal surrenders every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month

#### PLEASE NOTE:

§ 1702 Limit of <u>four</u> pets & recognition of <u>housing lease agreement</u> on number of pets per household

§ 1707 Dogs killing, injuring or chasing livestock, equine, poultry or pets; <u>liability of dog owner</u>



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the livestock code to the criminal code, noted Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department Director Gloria Tom, which means police can issue citations and arrest people for violations. Animal control officers present at the ceremony got kudos from Tom, Davis, and Hale for working long hours at a stressful job, and all three said they hoped the new more specific regulations would help them do their jobs even though there are more provisions to enforce. "People just gotta take care of their pets," summed up Tom. "That's the bottom line." Tom noted there are vacancies in the animal control department, which she would like to fill before the new regulations are enforced. Apply to Fish and Wildlife if interested

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