

Navajo Nation Animal Control Program



CURRENT ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS

- 1701-definition
- 1702-Licensing
- 1703-Permits
- 1704-Rabies Control
- 1705-Notice to Licensing Authority and Animal Bites
- 1706 Dog or cats Bitten by Rabid Animals
- 1707-Injury to Livestock(rescinded due to Title 3)
- 1708-Nuisance
- 1709-Restraint of Animal
- 1710-Vicious Animals; Liability for Dog Bite
- 1711-Impounded Animal
- 1712-Safety Provision



CURRENT ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS

- Current Animal Control Ordinance does not address the following issues:



- Failure to Obtain Animal License
- Unauthorized Animal License Use
- Annual Kennel Permit
- Dog/Wolf-Hybrid as pets
- Failure to Comply with Muzzle Requirement
- Wolf as pets
- Failure to surrender an animal
- Animal Killing, Injuring Livestock, Equine, Pets or Wildlife
- Failure to control his/her dog
- Tampering or Removing Traps Set by Animal Control
- Dog Fighting
- Abandonment of Animals

CURRENT ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS

- **Current Animal Control Ordinance does not address the following issues:**
 - Interfere with Animal Control Officer
 - Removal of animal from animal control shelter
 - Impersonating a keeper
 - Failure to Maintain Animal Quarantine on Property
 - Unauthorized disposal of dead animal
 - Sale of animals
 - Cruelty to animals
 - Dogs prohibited on school grounds
 - Authority to take control and custody of animal left unattended
 - Vicious Dogs and Cats
 - Damaging property
 - Violation of housing Regulation



LICENSING



- Any person living on Navajo Nation must have their animal license that is over 3 months of age.
- License are good for 3 years from date of issuance
- This apply to all animals. There is no exemption for any dogs or cats
- Failure to obtain a license is going to be a minimum fine of \$100.00 dollars, but not to exceed \$500.00, per violation
- Current Fine is \$50.00 dollars for no license

PROPOSED DOG/WOLF HYBRID LAWS

- Must possess a special permit from Animal Control
- Animal must be surgically sterilized (neutered or spayed)
- Must be micro-chip
- Animal must be confined within a fenced yard with a ten foot or higher fence to prevent the animal from escaping.
- Allow inspection of enclosure,
- Must post sign every 50 feet stating of possible vicious animal on property
- When in public, animal must be wear a muzzle.



PROPOSED DOG/WOLF HYBRID LAWS



- Failure to Obtain License is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to Surgically Sterilize Dog/Wolf Hybrid is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to micro-chip Dog/Hybrid is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to Comply with Muzzle Requirement is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to install Required Sign on Property is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation

PROPOSED RABIE REQUIREMENTS

- Any Dogs or Cats over three month age must be vaccinated for Rabies
- Owner shall release the rabies certificate to an animal control officer upon request,
- Any Dog/Wolf Hybrid shall be vaccinated for rabies and owner shall sign a rabies consent form with Animal Control Program.
- Dog/Wolf Hybrid must be vaccinated every year,
- Failure to comply with rabies vaccination is a minimum fine of \$100.00, but not exceed \$500.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to comply with rabies vaccination for dog/wolf hybrid is a minimum fine of \$100.00, but not exceed \$500.00 dollars per violation



ANIMAL BITES/QUARANTINE



- All animals bite must be reported within 24 hours,
- Victim must go to the hospital to obtain medical assistance,
- The owner of a bite animal must surrender it immediately for quarantine,
- The animal owner is responsible for expense necessary for the quarantine, examination, treatment or destruction of an animal,
- The owner must show proof of rabies vaccination,
- Dog/Wolf Hybrid will be immediately euthanized and the head submitted for testing,

ANIMAL BITES/QUARANTINE

- Failure to report Animal is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to surrender a bite animal is a minimum fine of \$250.00, but not exceed \$2,500.00 dollars per violation
- Unauthorized removal of a Quarantine animal is a minimum fine of \$250.00, but not exceed \$2,500.00 dollars per violation



Animal Bite



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LIVESTOCK ISSUES

- The owner of a dog is liable for all damage caused by the dog chasing, killing, or wounding livestock, equine or wildlife.
- This is not limited to veterinary expense and other fees associated with the damage.
- No person shall keep any dog after it is known to kill, or injure livestock, equine, pets or wildlife.



LIVESTOCK ISSUES



- Animal Killing or Livestock, Other animal or wildlife-damage is a minimum fine of \$300.00, but not exceed \$1,500.00 dollars per violation
- In addition to the fine, a dog owner may be required to pay restitution for the animal up to 3X the value
- Failure to report is a minimum fine of \$200.00, but not exceed \$1,000.00 dollars per violation
- Failure to surrender is a minimum fine of \$250.00, but not exceed \$2,500.00 dollars per violation
- It may also include 90 to 180 days imprisonment depending on the violation

RUNNING AT LARGE

- It is unlawful for any person to permit there animal to be at large
- Animal Running at Large shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00, but not exceed \$500.00 dollars per violation
- Exception:
 - Working Dogs
 - Dogs assisting peace officer in law enforcement duty
 - Search and Rescue dogs
 - Guide Dogs assisting blind, deaf, or physically handicapped person



RUNNING AT LARGE



DOG FIGHTING



- No person shall keep, train or breed dogs for purpose of fighting, nor enter a in a fight
- Dog Fighting shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$300.00, but not exceed \$2,500.00 dollars per violation
- May include imprisonment up to 180 days
- Subject the owner to paying restitution for the animal including but not limited to cost associated for rehabilitation of the animal, veterinary cost, feed cost, shelter cost, personnel hours etc.



ANY QUESTIONS?

