## 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
- 1706Dog 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- 1707-Injury to Livestock(rescinded due to Title 3)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 Ordnance 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
   Ordnance 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

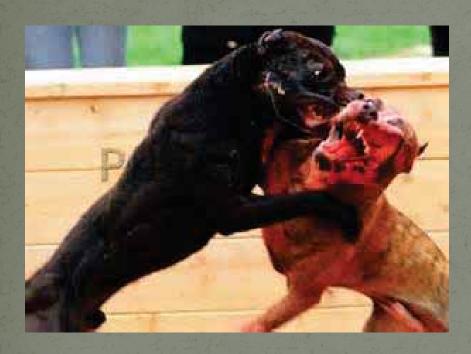


# RUNNING AT LARGE





## 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?

