



Responsible Pet Owners,

The Navajo Nation Animal Control Program has a new animal control ordinance amended August 6, 2018 by 23rd Navajo Nation Council, through resolution CJY-64-18.

The purpose of the amendments to the Title 13 Animal Control Ordinance are to communicate to the Navajo Nation dog and cat owners that they are responsible for their pets. Be a responsible pet owner, obey all Navajo Nation Animal Control Laws. Our new amendments seek to:

1. Inform pet owners that all pets are to receive “adequate care” which is the care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal including food, water, shelter, veterinary care and adequate space.
2. Re-enforce animal ownership through a collar with a visible Navajo Nation Animal License, microchip identification and vaccination against rabies and other diseases common to dogs and cats.
3. Specify that there can only be four (4) dogs per household and four (4) cats per household and that the animal owners under a lease agreement within housing sites, will abide by the number of dogs and/or cats allowed per household.
4. Specify the requirements of dog bite reporting and the mandatory requirement to quarantine dogs that inflict bites.
5. To reinstate the livestock damage section on dog-livestock, equine, poultry and pet conflicts and the liability of the dog owner.
6. Assist Navajo residents to know what is a nuisance animal and the remedies available to decrease nuisance animals in communities.
7. To specify what is an animal running at large, the violation and what happens to the animals as well as the fines to the dog owner.
8. To help our communities be safer, our code will not allow vicious dogs out of a premise. NO vicious dogs are to be in our communities to bite children, youth, adults or elderly.
9. Since our shelters are small, we have defined the number of days to redeem pets to 72 hours for dogs that are collared or microchipped. Those animals without identification will be immediately euthanized or transferred for adoption off the Nation.
10. The Ordinance increases our safety provision for our shelters, equipment and vehicles as the Animal Control Officers work.

Our Animal Cruelty section has moved to the Navajo Nation criminal code in Title 17. The Navajo Nation will no longer tolerate animal cruelty, molesting, neglect, abandonment, animal fighting and animal hoarding.

**“Be a Responsible Pet Owner, Obey All Navajo Nation Animal Control Laws”**  
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