

**PUEBLO OF JEMEZ  
DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**1. DECLARATION OF POLICY:**

An ordinance regulating the vaccination, impoundment, quarantine and disposal of stray and feral dogs on the lands within the Jemez Reservation to preserve the public health, safety and welfare by prevention of nuisances and hazards resulting from dogs.

**SECTION 1: CONTROL, REGISTRATION & LICENSING**

- a. Control, registration and licensing of dogs shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- b. All dogs over the age of six (6) months, owned, kept or maintained within the boundaries of the Jemez Reservation shall be registered and licensed by the dog owner with assistance by the Public Safety Technician and / or designated Tribal Official and Loretto Veterinary Clinic. The Public Safety Technician and Injury Prevention Program will maintain registration records at a centralized location.
- c. Presentation of a certificate, attesting to vaccination against rabies, together with vaccination tag shall be considered as registration.
- d. Upon registration of a dog the vaccination tag will be considered the license tag for each such animal. The vaccination tag shall be affixed to a collar, harness, or other suitable device encircling the neck of such dog.
- e. Registration shall be done during the annual Rabies Vaccination Clinics, which are provided by the Indian Health Service, Pueblo of Jemez Health & Human Services Department, and coordinated with the Loretto Veterinary Clinic.

**SECTION 2: STRAY AND UNLICENSED DOGS**

Any dog found within the boundaries of the Jemez Reservation not wearing a vaccination tag will be considered a stray and will be picked up by the Public Safety Technician or designated Tribal Official.

**SECTION 3: VICIOUS DOGS**

- a. Any animal that shall attack or bite any person shall be presumed to be vicious, except animals, which are maintained as guard animals and kept in an enclosure, or are restricted by means of a chain to a specific property limit and in the protective capacity, bite or otherwise attack an intruder or trespasser. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to own, keep or maintain a vicious dog within the exterior boundaries of the Jemez Reservation.
- b. Upon notification that a dog has bitten or attacked a human for the first time, the owner shall be notified, and required to pen or secure the dog for a minimum of ten days.

- c. Any dog that inflicts two or more unprovoked bites on persons, or that inflicts a severe unprovoked injury on any person, shall be presumed to be vicious and shall be destroyed humanely.
- d. Any tribal member who wishes to own a watchdog shall be responsible for maintaining such dog in an enclosed area, or secured by means of chain or other suitable device within the owner's property. All such owners shall post at least one clear and visible warning sign, which alerts the public to the presence of the watchdog.
- e. Any dog that exhibits physical signs of rabies shall be destroyed humanely by the Public Safety Technician or designated Tribal Official, who will submit the head specimen to the New Mexico State Laboratory for Rabies Analysis.

**SECTION 4: OWNERSHIP**

All individuals shall be restricted to one dog per household. For families in rural areas of the Jemez Reservation who feel they need more than one dog, the limit shall be two (2). ALL DOGS SHALL BE PENNED UP OR TIED UP DURING RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

**SECTION 5: VIOLATION**

Any tribal member who fails to comply with the ordinance will be in violation and subject to a hearing in the Jemez Tribal Court.

**SECTION 6: PENALTIES**

Refer to the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Codes.