

DOG REGULATION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE

SECTION I DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Dog" shall mean any canine animal, male or female.
- B. "Owner" shall mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, harboring or having the responsibility of care and providing for, or allowing any care or harborage of any dog.
- C. "At Large" shall mean any dog off the owner's premises and not under the control of a responsible person at all times.
- D. "Stray" shall mean any dog not having a valid rabies tag displayed from an identification collar on the neck.
- E. "Nuisance" shall mean any dog found running at large at any time, any dog without a valid rabies tag or any dog found to be causing a nuisance, and such "nuisance dog" may be forthwith destroyed and disposed of in a reasonable and humane manner.
- F. "Disturbing the Peace" shall mean that no person owning any dog shall suffer or permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by excessive barking, making other loud or unusual noises, or be at large.
- G. "Rabies Vaccinated" shall mean having a rabies vaccination by a veterinarian or I.H.S. and displaying a tag or an identification collar.

SECTION II REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND TAGS REQUIRED:

- A. No dog shall be kept, harbored or maintained on any recognized Tribal Homesite area of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, without having an identification collar carrying a current rabies tag.
- B. Any dog estimated to be more than six months of age and not having a valid current rabies tag on will be deemed an animal at large, and dealt with in the same manner as any stray dog.

SECTION III IDENTIFICATION COLLAR AND RABIES TAGS:

- A. It shall be the duty of a dog owner to cause each dog to wear such an identification collar securely attached around said dog's neck and kept there at all times.
- B. No dog shall be released without payment of a service fee of \$10.00 for the first said service and \$20.00 for each service thereafter. Any unclaimed dog can be claimed by any person wishing to pay the required service charge and who obtains a rabies tag. Service fees collected shall be deposited with the Tribe and used to defray the expenses connected with the administration of this Ordinance.
- C. The apprehension of said dogs shall be by use of a net, tranquilizer gun or any other lawful method and neither the BIA Law Enforcement Officer or the Blackfeet Nation shall be liable for any injuries or damage to dogs found running at large contrary to Law and Ordinance.

SECTION VI CONTROL OF POSSIBLE RABIES INFECTION OR RABIES INFECTED ANIMALS AND DOGS WITH OTHER POSSIBLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES:

- A. Any dogs known to have bitten a person so as to cause an abrasion of the skin, or which appears to possibly be infected with rabies or other communicable diseases shall be closely confined at the discretion of the Housing Authority, Indian Health Service or BIA Police Department.
  - 1. At the owner's premises, by means of kennel or quarantine at veterinary.
  - 2. At the facility of a designated Veterinary hospital or other designated location wherein the animal will be placed under observation. The owner shall, in such cases, be required to reimburse the Blackfeet Tribe for the expenses connected with the confinement.
- B. Whenever a diagnosis of rabies or other communicable diseases is confirmed in any animal, the Indian Health Service may establish a quarantine on domestic animals and shall define the area under quarantine. This quarantine shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Indian Health Service.
- C. No animals subject to the quarantine shall be removed from the quarantine area without written permission from the Indian Health Service. Owners of animals in the quarantine area shall confine animals to the owners premises or at a veterinary hospital.
- D. The Indian Health Service may require the vaccination of any and all domestic animals in the community during the period of quarantine.

SECTION VII NUMBER AND KIND OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL ALLOWED IN ANY ONE HOUSEHOLD UNDER THE BLACKFEET HOUSING AUTHORITY SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Not more than two (2) dogs per household.
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