

City of Santa Fe
Animal Services Division
City Ordinance Summary

- 5-5.1 Rabies Vaccinations. All dogs, cats, and ferrets over the age of three (3) months must be vaccinated against rabies.
- 5-5.4 Restraint of Animals. Voice command is not an acceptable form of restraint. All animals must be restrained on their property. Animals off their property must be physically restrained on a leash no longer than eight (8) feet in length and under the immediate effective physical control of the person having custody thereof. Animals, other than service animals, are not allowed upon school grounds or playgrounds (areas where outdoor equipment is placed for children to play on; athletic fields such as baseball, football, soccer fields; handball courts, tennis courts; skateboard parks, etc.). All animals are prohibited in Cathedral Park.
- 5-5.5 Licenses for Dogs and Cats. All dogs and cats over three (3) months of age residing in the city limits must be licensed through the Animal Services Division.
- 5-6.2 Breeder's Permits. Anyone who breeds their animal, intentionally or unintentionally, must purchase a permit.
- 5-7.5 Animals Disturbing the Peace. Animals are not allowed to disturb the public peace unreasonably. All complaints must be filed in person, and in writing, at the Animal Services Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 5-7.6 Animal Nuisances. Pet Owners must carry a sanitary means, such as plastic bags, to properly dispose of their animals' waste when walking the animal off the owner's property. A nuisance violation also applies to an animal that is tearing trash or destroying or disturbing the property of another.
- 5-7.11 Confining Animals in or upon Motor Vehicles. It is unlawful to confine an animal in or upon a motor vehicle in such a manner as may cause harm or death to the animal.
- 5-7.15 Spaying and Neutering. No one shall own a dog or cat over six (6) months of age that has not been spayed or neutered unless proper permits and licenses have been purchased from the Animal Services Division.
- 5-7.16 Special Events on the Plaza. All animals are banned from the Plaza during the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast, Spanish Market, Indian Market, Santa Fe Fiesta Labor Day Arts and Crafts Market and Santa Fe Fiesta. Service animals are exempt from this ban.

5-8.3 Neglect. All animals must be provided with proper food, clean water, shade, ventilation, necessary medical care, basic grooming, and structurally sound shelter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Animal Services Division at 955-2701, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.