



TOWN OF NEDERLAND DOG REGULATIONS

The Town of Nederland has certain regulations governing the keeping and care of pet dogs. Some of the key regulations are outlined below.

- ❖ **All dogs must be licensed and inoculated from rabies.** Dogs that have not been inoculated, and bite or otherwise break the skin of a person, shall be impounded at the owner's expense for at least ten (10) days. [Nederland Municipal Code 7-92] Dogs must wear collars and have the rabies tag firmly attached, and tags must be renewed each calendar year. [N.M.C. 7-93]
- ❖ **All dogs are required to be leashed** when they leave the property owner's property. Leashes may not be longer than 6 feet. [N. M.C. 7-95(a)]
- ❖ **If injury, damage or trespass occurs, a dog is deemed to be an "at-large animal" even if leashed, and code enforcement officers may impound the animal, return to the animal to the owner, and/or issue a citation.** Officers may enter private property to apprehend an animal deemed to be at large. Officers will not issue citations if the dog is wearing a leash that is obviously frayed or broken (but is otherwise adequate to restrain the animal), or the structure confining the dog was temporarily damaged due to a natural act (such as weather). Repeat offenses within a 12-month period shall be cause for a citation. [N.M.C. 7-95 (a)–(e)]
- ❖ **Pet owners must insure that their dogs do not disturb the peace by "loud, persistent and habitual barking, howling, yelping or making any other loud, persistent and habitual noise," whether on or off the pet owner's premises.** If the dog is provoked (as defined by the Code), the pet owner is not responsible for the animal's noise. Pet owners are entitled to only one (1) warning per calendar year from code enforcement officers. *Anonymous complaints will not be accepted for code enforcement actions.* [N.M.C. 7-94]
- ❖ **Dogs may not be subjected to cruelty, neglect, harassment, or kept in inhumane conditions.** [N.M.C. 7-98]
- ❖ **Pet owners must pick-up dog feces from their own and others' property.** Pet owners may not allow dog feces to accumulate on their own property so as to be a health hazard or so that the odor is noticeable to an adjoining property. Excrement may not be placed in a storm sewer, ditch, or water way. ***Pet owners must immediately remove their dog's feces from all public parks and rights-of-way.*** [N.M.C. 7-99]
- ❖ **All non-spayed female dogs must be contained when in heat.** [N.M.C. 7-100]
- ❖ **Failure to abide by these regulations could result in a fine of at least \$100.00 or, in some cases, even seizure and impoundment of the dog.** [N.M.C. 7-99(c)(2), 7-95(g)]