

The Law:

Permitted Animals and Density Restrictions.

- 🐾 **INTACT** - Capable of producing offspring.

- 🐾 **Intact Animal Permit.** A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over an intact dog or cat shall obtain an Intact Animal Permit from the Animal Control Unit for each intact dog or cat owned, whether or not the person intends to breed the animal.
 - 🐾 The Intact Animal Permit fee shall be refunded to the permit holder if the intact dog or cat is sterilized within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the permit.

- 🐾 **Litter Permit.** A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over a dog or cat and who intentionally or unintentionally breeds the animal shall obtain a Litter Permit from the Animal Control Unit for each litter born.
 - 🐾 The Litter Permit fee shall be refunded to the permit holder if the reproducing dog or cat is sterilized within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the permit.
 - 🐾 The permit holder shall not advertise, barter for, sell, or give away any puppy or kitten unless the applicable Litter Permit Number is displayed legibly in all advertisements.

- 🐾 **Multiple Animal Site Permit.** No person shall operate a multiple-animal site without a valid permit. A person may obtain a permit after satisfactorily passing a pre-permit inspection, payment of the appropriate permit fee, and proof of business registration, if applicable. The operator shall post the permit in a conspicuous place on the premises.
 - 🐾 The maximum allowable number of dogs, cats, or any combination thereof is fifteen (15).
 - 🐾 For sites with six (6) or fewer dogs, cats, or any combination thereof, no multiple animal site permit shall be required.

For the Complete Ordinance please visit:

<http://donaanacounty.org/animal/>



Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide efficient and quality service to the citizens of Doña Ana County by providing protection for them and their property from the dangers and nuisances caused by stray animals, to protect pets from the cruelty they may face from irresponsible citizens, and to educate the public in the responsibilities of pet ownership, animal control, care, and welfare.

Contact Us:

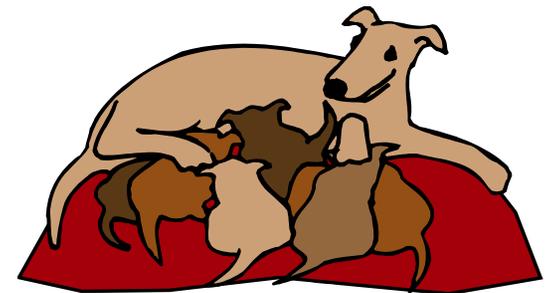
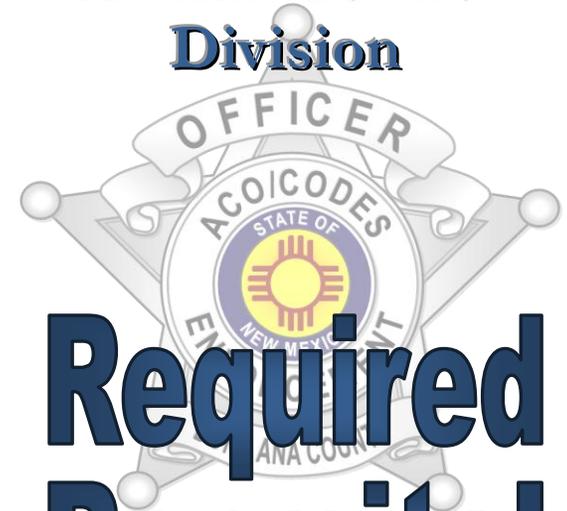
**Central Dispatch:
1-800-260-0911**

**Our Offices:
575-525-8846
2024 E. Griggs
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Website:
<http://donaanacounty.org/animal/>**

Doña Ana County

Animal Control Division





Required Permits!

How Much?

The fees for Permits in Doña Ana County have been established by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and are as follows:

Intact Animal Permit..... \$100.⁰⁰ Per Animal Per Year

Litter Permit.....\$50.⁰⁰ Per Litter

Multiple Animal Site.....\$20.⁰⁰ Per Location Per Year

Special Permits

Outdoor Rehabilitation

Aviary..... \$10.⁰⁰ Per Location Per Year

Birds of Prey.....\$10.⁰⁰ Per Location Per Year

Certain Snakes.....\$15.⁰⁰ Per Location Per Year

Guard Dog.....\$20.⁰⁰ Per Location Per Year

Hybrid Animal..... \$100.⁰⁰ Per Location Per Year

The above listed permits may be obtained from the Animal Control & Codes Enforcement office at:

**2024 E. Griggs
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-525-8801**

You may download a copy of the application form at: <http://donaanacounty.org/animal/>
You may mail the completed application to our office, or stop by in person. Our regular office hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Since When!?!?

At its Regular Meeting of **December 10, 2013**, the BOCC voted to adopt Ordinance **No. 266-2013**. This newly adopted Ordinance went into effect as of **January 17, 2014**, and includes updates to the Permit Requirements; however, many of the required permits, such as the Intact Animal Permit, Litter Permit, Multiple Animal Site Permit, and others, have been in effect since **November 8, 2002**.

But Why!?!?

It is the intent of the BOCC to encourage responsible pet ownership through:

- 🐾 Owner Identification and Pet Licensure.
- 🐾 Population Management primarily through Sterilization.
- 🐾 Humane Care.
- 🐾 Vaccination against Rabies.
- 🐾 Physical Control of Pets.

The industry standard for calculating a Community's Euthanasia Rate is the number of animals killed per every 1,000 residents. In 2011, our animal shelter, the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV), euthanized approximately **41.4** animals for every 1,000 residents of Doña Ana County, while the national average, as of 2010, was reportedly at **10.2**. That's nearly 4 times higher than the national average.

On a daily basis, unwanted pets are hauled into our local animal shelter, including litters upon litters of puppies and kittens. The ASCMV makes hundreds of animals available for adoption every day of the week, they hold special adoption events every week at multiple sites across town, they have multiple satellite adoption centers across town, and they hold frequent special adoption events throughout the year, but still they cannot find homes for them all. The ASCMV transports bus loads of dogs and cats to other shelters and rescue groups in other communities, as far away as, Denver, Phoenix, and even San Diego, but still they cannot find homes for them all. As the pets in our community continue to multiply and as more and more are hauled into our shelter, space quickly runs out every day and the tough decisions have to be made as to who lives and who dies. These permit requirements are one of many ways in which we are helping to stem the tide. Please help us to save lives and address this dire situation in our community.

