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STATEMENT

DOG OWNER RESPONSABILITIES AND FREE-ROAMING PROBLEM IN CHISASIBI

As a result of dog overpopulation in our community, due to the lack of responsibility from pet owners to get their pets sterilized so they cannot have or make puppies, we are at a breaking point where harmony between humans and dogs is compromised.

The vision of the Cree Nation of Chisasibi Public Safety Animal Care and Control is that every dog is being looked after by its owner and that all its needs are met responsibly. Dogs are very active and social animals; they seek and need to exercise daily and be in contact with others of their own kind and/or humans. Dogs are the way they are because we domesticated them thousands of years ago, and they have evolved to depend on humans.

Nonetheless, if you own a dog, you are fully responsible for its well-being. As well, you are accountable for its behavior towards other dogs and, more importantly, humans. It is not legal or correct to leave your dog roaming in the community. Not all dogs know how to behave appropriately around humans, this requires training. Also, to consider how they can frighten many community members, especially our children.

Children and grown-ups should not have to worry while enjoying the outdoors that a dog might run up to them and harm them. Often times it is because they are too excited or lack the proper social skills to know that they should not jump up to greet, chase after and jump on a child or use their mouth to communicate, often by biting.

Being a responsible dog owner means:

- Spaying or neutering your dog (meaning they cannot have or make puppies);
- Vaccinating your pet, and especially your puppy, against rabies and other often deadly canine viruses;



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- Ensuring that your dog is registered with the Animal Care and Control team and that you renew your license every year;
- Feeding and giving them fresh water daily;
- Educating your dog positively to become a good and happy pet.
- Allowing them to come inside your house and having a safe place outside to protect themselves from the cold or the warmth.
- Allowing them to exercise daily and socialize with humans and dogs;
- Not letting your dog roam free in the community. Leashing is mandatory.

Dogs that roam free face many risks:

- Getting hit by a car
- Getting in a dog fight
- Scaring or hurting people
- Getting picked up by the Chisasibi Animal Care and Control team
- Reproducing if they are not sterilized
- Eating something dangerous
- Getting abused by people

You are always responsible and accountable for your dog, no matter what he does when he does it or to whom he does it. There are consequences when you do not comply with the laws. The Animal Care and Control team works closely with the local authority to charge dog owners who do not respect the law.

If you do not think you can assume all the responsibilities of owning a pet, DO NOT HAVE ONE. If you bring a dog from outside the community, ensure that he is healthy, vaccinated and fixed to not contribute to the overpopulation of dogs.

If you need help with your dog, have a question, or wish to report neglect or abuse, or if a dog is bothering you, do not hesitate to call Chisasibi Animal Care and Control. They are there to assist community members and dogs. But most of all, if you own a pet, please, treat them with respect, give them what they need to be happy and do not let them roam free. Everyone will be safer if dog owners fully assume their responsibilities.

FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER
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