

CITY OF MESA ANIMAL LEASH LAWS

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS ON A LEASH. If you notice an animal not on a leash please report it to the City of Mesa Animal Control at 480-644-2268. If you are bitten by an animal contact the City of Mesa Animal Control by phone at 480-644-2268. They will respond and quarantine the animal right away. If further assistance is warranted contact the Mesa City police non emergency number at 480-644-2211.

The following information is provided by the City of Mesa Animal Control website and City of Mesa Ordinance on Animal Control with Leash Law.

The Animal Control Unit provides the residents of Mesa with courteous, professional and effective animal control. In addition, Animal Control ensures the rights of animal owners and non-owners are protected and served.

What we do:

- Animal pick-up including dead animals
- Animal bite reports and quarantines
- Animals running loose (dogs/livestock) not cats
- Investigate animal cruelty, abuse or neglect
- Investigate unsanitary premises or animal fecal matter
- Investigate livestock violations/restrictions

For assistance please call: 480-644-2268

Mesa Animal Control does **NOT** pickup **OWNED** animals, except for **bite** animals needing to be quarantined. We can pick up contained STRAY dogs or dogs running loose. We only pickup severely sick or injured STRAY cats. If you need to turn your own dog or cat in, please take it to [Maricopa County Animal Care and Control](#) or the [Arizona Humane Society](#) and turn it over in person. Both agencies charge a fee for you to drop off an owner turn-in. You can also find a rescue group to accept your animal; there may or may not be fees involved.

The following items were taken out of Chapter for of the City of Mesa, Arizona Animal Control Ordinance with Leash Law (4845)

CHAPTER 4 ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE WITH LEASH LAW (4845) City of Mesa, Arizona

6-4-7: Any dog(s) at large shall be apprehended and impounded by an enforcement agent. (1980)

1. Said agent shall have the right to enter upon private property when it becomes necessary to do so in order to apprehend any dog that has been running at large. Such entrance upon private property shall be in reasonable pursuit of such dog(s) and not include entry into a domicile or enclosure which confines a dog unless it is at the invitation of the occupant. (1980)

2. Said agent may issue citation(s) to the dog owner or the person acting for the owner when the dog is at large. The procedure of the issuance of notice to appear shall be provided for peace officers in A.R.S. 13-3903, except the enforcement agent shall not make an arrest before issuing the notice. The issuance of citation(s) pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to the provisions of A.R.S. 13-3899. (1980)

3. In the judgement of the enforcement agent, if any dog at large or any other animal that is dangerous or fierce and a threat to human safety cannot be safely impounded, it may be slain. (1980)

6-4-9: HANDLING OF BITING ANIMALS; RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING ANIMAL BITES; AUTHORITY TO DESTROY ANIMALS: (A) An unlicensed or unvaccinated dog or cat that bites any person shall be confined and quarantined in an authorized pound or, upon request of and at the expense of the owner, at a veterinary hospital for a period of not less than ten (10) days. A dog properly licensed and vaccinated pursuant to this Chapter that bites any person may be confined and quarantined at the home of the owner or wherever the dog is harbored and maintained with the consent of and in a manner prescribed by the enforcement agent. (1980,3830)

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