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Sec. 6-58. - Cruelty to animals.

Sec. 6-59. - Fights.

Sec. 6-60. - Fowl; impounding or crating.

Sec. 6-61. - Hobbling.

Sec. 6-62. - Interference with the county manager in the performance of his duties.

Sec. 6-63. - Keeping a seriously sick or injured animal.

Sec. 6-64. - Sale and display of animals.

Sec. 6-65. - Sterilization agreements/contracts.

Sec. 6-66. - Unlawful use of rabies tag.

Sec. 6-67. - Vicious or dangerous animals.

ARTICLE VII. - WILD ANIMALS; CANINE HYBRIDS

Sec. 6-68. - Wild animals.

Sec. 6-64. - Sale and display of animals.

- (a) A *person* shall only sell, offer for sale, barter, give away or otherwise dispose of an *animal* at the physical address listed on the appropriate permit issued by the *county manager*. Shelters shall be allowed off-site adoption events, with permission of site owner and while preserving appropriate care and maintenance of *animals*.
- (b) No *person* shall offer for sale, sell, barter or give away turtles except in conformance with the appropriate federal regulations.
- (c) No *person* shall offer an *animal* as a prize, giveaway or award for a contest, game, sport or as an incentive to purchase merchandise.
- (d) *Animal* exhibits.
 - (1) No *person* shall operate, conduct, or maintain a permanent or temporary commercial *animal* show, circus, *animal* exhibition, *animal* ride, petting zoo or carnival without first having obtained a permit from the *animal care services* department. Conditions for permit approval include provisions for the humane care and treatment of the *animals* and the protection of public safety. Permits shall not be issued upon verification that the applicant has been convicted of charges of *animal* cruelty, abuse, or neglect, or has violated the Federal *Animal Welfare Act*.
 - (2) No *person* shall operate, conduct or maintain any *animal* exhibit under conditions that pose a danger to the public or the *animals*. Specific requirements shall be available upon request to the *animal care services* department.
 - (3) The following are exempt from the requirements of this section:
 - a. Individuals or groups holding a State of New Mexico regulated permit or a federally regulated permit.
 - b. Events sponsored by a municipal zoo or aquarium facility.
 - c. Competitive sporting events.
 - (4) *Persons* involved in these exempt activities shall comply with all other applicable sections of this chapter.
- (e) Sale of live *companion animals* at *pet shops* is prohibited unless the *pet shop* has an approved *professional animal site* permit. Sale of *rabbits*, cats or dogs in *pet shops* is prohibited.