

OTERO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 6:00 PM.

**OTERO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 123
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It is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners to further hear public comments and consider adoption of the amended Otero County Animal Control Ordinance 12-05.

The growth of the human population in Otero County has been accompanied by a growth in the population of domestic animals; and the nuisances caused by these domestic animals are increasingly becoming a problem in Otero County. Section 4-37-1 et seq., N.M.S.A. 1978 Compilation, provides that counties may adopt ordinances to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort, and welfare of the County and its citizens. Section 30-18-1 et seq., N.M.S.A. 1978 Compilation describes certain controlled activities relating to animals; and Section 77-1-1 et seq., N.M.S.A. 1978 Compilation establishes standards for the management of domestic animals, and further, requires that each county shall make provisions by ordinance for the seizure and disposition of dogs and cats running at large and not kept or claimed by any person on their premises, and requires that each county shall provide for the impoundment of rabies-suspect animals and shall designate a part-time or full-time animal control officer who shall be deputized to enforce animal control laws, orders, ordinances and regulations. Therefore, The Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, has determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Otero County would be best served by the adoption of an updated Animal Control Ordinance.

Thank You