



Meet your new best friend today!

The Mesquite Animal Shelter and Adoption center is open:

Weekdays: 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Holidays

972-216-6283

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How to Keep Your Pet Healthy and Safe in Mesquite



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Use this checklist to track your progress toward making your pet safe and healthy in its new home.

DO

- ...register your pet.** All dogs and cats four months of age or older must be registered with Animal Services. The fee is \$5.00 for sterilized pets and \$15.00 for non-sterilized pets. Registrations are valid for one year.
- ...get your pet vaccinated.** All dogs and cats four months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies annually.
- ...limit the number of animals you keep.** Residents may have up to three adult dogs plus one litter of puppies less than four months old. Residents may also have up to three adult cats.
- ...provide food, water, and shelter.** The food should be fresh and appropriate for the animal, the water should be clean, and the shelter should provide protection from the elements. Animal neglect and animal cruelty are investigated jointly by Mesquite Animal Services and Mesquite Police Department.

DON'T

- ...let animals run at large.** Stray animals can be hit by cars, attacked by other animals, and contract diseases that are harmful to people. Keep dogs on a leash or behind a fence at all times.
- ...cause a nuisance.** Clean up your animal's waste, and don't let it bark or howl excessively, especially at night.
- ...keep wild, exotic, or dangerous animals.** If it's poisonous or can't be domesticated, you can't keep it in Mesquite.

Violations of the City of Mesquite Code of Ordinances are punishable by fines up to \$500 per violation, seizure of the animal(s), or both.

What should I do if...

- An animal bit me.** Seek medical treatment, then call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283.
- My pet is missing.** The two most important things you can do are 1) post a description of your pet on our website's Lost & Found board, and 2) come by the Shelter as often as possible to see if your pet is here.
- My pet died.** Place your pet's remains in a plastic garbage bag or other sealable container. Then, contact Mesquite Animal Services, and we will send an officer to pick up your pet.
- I don't want my pet anymore.** If your pet has behavior problems, give us a call. We may be able to recommend ways to correct those behaviors so your pet can remain a part of your family. Otherwise, you may bring your pet to the shelter during our regular business hours.
- My neighbor's pets are causing problems.** Sometimes just speaking with your neighbor will solve the problem. If that doesn't work, call us at 972-216-6283. The dispatcher will ask you questions about the problem, and an animal services officer will investigate.
- I see a coyote near my house.** Coyotes are a natural part of the urban environment. Most are afraid of humans and will avoid contact unless they learn that humans are a source of food (such as by putting trash out too early or allowing small pets to run at large). If you encounter a coyote that appears injured, sick, or aggressive, call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283.

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