

## Animal Rez-Q Inc Intertribal Non-Profit Animal Services PO Box 387, Window Rock (Navajo Nation), AZ 86515

March 4, 2021

Navajo Nation Employee Housing Services P.O. Box 4278 Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: "No Place Like Home" Challenge – Navajo Nation

Dear Sir,

This is Glenda Davis, Navajo of the Water's Edge and Salt clans from Sawmill, AZ. Presently I am the Founder and President of a local non-profit call Animal Rez-Q Inc. We provide animal services directly into tribal communities for herds, horses and pets.

Our non-profit, Animal Rez-Q Inc. was selected to compete in a national event call the "No Place Like Home" Challenge with Maddie's Fund. Animal Rez-Q Inc (ARQ) is in competition with large metro cities, huge animal shelters and entities that have budgets far greater than our small non-profit, ARQ. The No Place Like Home Challenge is a national movement in the United States during the month of March, beginning March 1 and ending March 31, 2021. The challenge is to bring communities together and change the mindset that, the best place for a pet is at home. In our case it is to unify our tribal nation, as a reservation-wide event. See attached Navajo Nation Proclamation.

The NPLH Challenge is the first national competition of its kind, replacing the previous movement, Return to Home. It is the first reservation-wide No Place Like Home challenge on the Navajo Nation. The No Place Like Home challenge is funded by <u>Maddie's Fund®</u> and <u>Michelson Found Animals</u> <u>Foundation</u>, in collaboration with <u>Adoptimize</u>, the <u>ASPCA</u>, <u>The Association for Animal Welfare</u> <u>Advancement</u>, <u>Best Friends Animal Society</u>, <u>HeARTS Speak</u>, the <u>Humane Society of the United States</u>, <u>National Animal Care and Control Association</u> and <u>Petco Foundation</u>.

"The No Place Like Home" Challenge is a call to action to all Navajo Nation Pet Owners, to acknowledge that the best place for a pet is at home. We are excited that the Navajo Nation has the opportunity to bring our tribal nation together, to promote the microchipping and registration of pets which augments the return of a loved pet, should they ever become lost. Keeping pets at home, promotes the health, welfare and safety of Navajo communities.

We believe the "No Place Like Home" Challenge on the Navajo Nation has the potential to increase the number of pets microchipped within our communities, to allow for each pet to have vaccinations that prevent the common diseases of dogs and cats, to decrease the parasite loads within pets and promote keeping pets at home in escape-proof fencing.



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As an entity within the Navajo Nation, we are requesting your assistance to share with your employee housing tenants:

- 1. Get all their pets microchipped
- 2. Update annual vaccinations (Distemper Combo & Rabies)
- 3. Deworm to decrease parasite loads every six months
- 4. Check all fencing and pet enclosures to keep pets' home
- 5. Distribute the "No Place Like Home" flyers to housing tenants/employees (Flyer is attached)

The microchip, vaccinations and deworming services can be obtained with any veterinary clinic, animal shelter or with us by appointment. Animal Rez-Q Inc is willing to assist each of your clustered housing sites. We utilize COVID-19 precautions by providing services outside with masks and social distancing.

Are the Navajo Nation employee housing tenants up for the challenge? Help us, help our pets. I believe we can win this challenge together. Should Animal Rez-Q Inc receive an award, it will be redirected back into our Dine communities for the pets and the responsible owners that love them.

Should you have any additional questions I call be reached at 928.221.8711 or by email at <a href="mailto:sleen.geolder.geolde

Respectfully,

Glenda S Davis, Founder/President

Animal Rez-Q Inc

Glenda S Davis



## Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021 AS THE "NO PLACE LIKE HOME" CHALLENGE FOR ALL NAVAJO NATION PET OWNERS

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation has established animal control laws to protect the health, safety and property of people, which includes yearly licensing, microchipping, vaccination and confinement of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, Navajo children, elderly persons and livestock have suffered injuries, loss of life, from animals that run at large across the Nation; and many dogs and cats suffer from neglect, abuse, disease and injury and roam the Nation in search of food, water and shelter; and

WHEREAS, this situation is a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Navajo communities; and

WHEREAS, Navajo citizens are required to abide by the animal control laws and should implement the following measures: microchip household pets; vaccinate to prevent diseases such Rabies and Parvo; deworm to reduce the number of parasites; and confine pets indoors or within an enclosed area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and I, MYRON LIZER, Vice-President of the Navajo Nation, with First Lady Phefelia Nez and Second Lady Dottie Lizer, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as the "No Place Like Home" Challenge for all Navajo Nation pet owners to acknowledge that the best place for pets is at home and urges Navajo citizens to Microchip, Vaccinate, Deworm and Confine their pets for the health, safety and welfare of our communities.

PROCLAIMED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021

Jonathan Nez, President

THE NAVAJO NATION

Phefelia Nez, First Lady

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Myron Lizer, Vice President

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Dottie Lizer, Second Lady

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