

ORDINANCE 2009-

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING THE PIMA COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 ~~AMENDING~~ SECTION 6.04.090 AUTHORITY TO ALTER DOGS AND CATS RELEASED FROM A SHELTER**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA:**

**SECTION 1:** Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.090 is amended to require alteration of all dogs and cats released from a shelter unless exempted as specified:

CHAPTER 6.04

ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

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**6.04.090 Mandatory spay/neuter program for dogs and cats.**

The following standards are approved for the adoption, ~~redemption or release~~ of any dog or cat:  
A. Any dog or cat ~~released by a shelter in Pima County for adoption or redemption is~~ subject to the following conditions:

1. The adopting ~~or redeeming~~ owner must pay a fee pursuant to Section 6.04.060. A transportation fee of no more than six dollars per dog or cat may also be charged to adoption owners.
  2. ~~The shelter~~ will insure that all such animals are spayed or neutered and ~~micro chipped~~ prior to release to the adopting ~~or redeeming~~ owner unless ~~a~~ veterinarian determines that the animal has medical contraindications that would prevent or require postponement of surgery. ~~Owners and adopting owners may have the animal altered at a veterinarian of their choice and at their expense. Owned animals may be redeemed unaltered only if the owner has an intact animal permit at the time of the impoundment or pays for an intact animal permit.~~
  3. ~~If a~~ veterinarian determines that medical contraindications for surgery exist that would require postponement of surgery, a spay/neuter certificate will authorize postponement of the surgery until such time that ~~a~~ veterinarian determines that surgery can be performed in a safe, humane manner. ~~4. If a~~ veterinarian determines ~~an adopted~~ animal is permanently disqualified for surgery and would be capable of reproduction the ~~adopted~~ animal ~~may be required to~~ be returned to ~~the shelter~~, the adoption will be cancelled, and the adopting owner will be refunded all applicable fees.
  5. The adopting ~~or redeeming~~ party shall reclaim the animal following surgery as directed by the veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in a charge for extra board. Unclaimed animals may be declared abandoned.
- ~~B. The agreement to adopt an animal from Pima Animal Care Center shall require the adopting party to agree to hold harmless and defend the county, its officers and employees for loss, injury or damages arising out of or in connection with services of this program. (Ord. 2005-45 § 1 (part), 2005; Ord. 2004-17 § 1 (part), 2004; Ord. 1994-129 § 1, 1994; prior code § 15.04.080)~~

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**6.04.070 Dog Vaccinating, Licensing and Permitting procedure and fees within county limits.**

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P. A two hundred and fifty dollar intact animal permit fee will be charged to owners;

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1. who redeem an animal unaltered a second time from the enforcement agent; or

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2. who sell or give away puppies or kittens in Pima County. Owners of the mother of the puppies or kittens must include the permit number on all advertisements.

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Q. ~~OP.~~ Canine-wild animal hybrids defined by Chapter 6.05 of this code, are not required to be licensed pursuant to this section.

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**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall become effective [redacted]

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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