



NAVAJO NATION

Navajo Veterinary & Livestock Program

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Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program Treating Pets for Fleas as Plague Prevention Measure

Navajo Nation – AZ, NM, UT – The Navajo Nation Veterinarian and Livestock Program is offering to treat local dogs and cats for fleas in response to the recent positive results of a plague case. The precaution will help pet owners avoid contact with plague infected fleas. The fleas from infected rodents carry the bacteria that can cause plague.

The Navajo Nation Veterinarians and staff urge pet owners to have their pets and pet housing treated for fleas. The cold weather will reduce the flea population but fleas will survive by finding warm places in and around animal living quarters and even inside the home.

The public is advised to

- Avoid flea bites by wearing proper outdoor attire and applying insect repellent.
- Indoor and outdoor pets should be treated with an approved flea medication. Flea collars are recommended. Owners need to read labels to avoid harmful effects of some products on cats and young pets.
- All sightings of sick or dying rodents and prairie dogs must be reported to the Department of Fish & Wildlife immediately, (928) 871-6451.
- Sick pets should be examined by the Navajo Nation Veterinarian and Livestock Program in Chinle (928) 674-2069, Shiprock (505) 368-1007 or Tse Bonito, (505) 371-5214.
- Concerns and questions about plague and personal health should be referred to clinical personnel at local medical facilities. Plague is curable with early antibiotic treatment.

Symptoms of Plague in humans include painful swollen lymph glands in the groin, neck and arm pits; coughing; chest pains and body ache; a high fever; headaches; upset stomach and chills. Symptoms will appear in pets; cats may appear sick and have enlarged glands in the neck area which may abscess. Dogs generally may not show symptoms but may carry infected fleas.

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DUE TO PRESENT
PLAGUE ALERT
WITHIN THE
NAVAJO NATION

Chinle Veterinary Clinic (928) 674-2069
Shiprock Veterinary Clinic (505) 368-1007
Tse Bonito Veterinary Clinic (505) 371-5214

PET OWNERS OF DOGS & CATS

NNVLP recommends flea treatments for dogs & cats

AVAILABLE TO ALL PETS ON A WALK-IN BASIS



Canine Tick & Flea collars (Regular \$15.00 to \$25.00)

Canine – Frontline single TX (\$14.00)

**Puppies, Cats & Kittens – Spray on
Treatment (\$5.00)**

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