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**Public Forum to Discuss Dog Licensing to be Held May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Archuleta County Animal Control, in conjunction with the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, invites the residents of Archuleta County to attend a Public Forum on May 6, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Courthouse. Public opinion is sought for the proposed program to implement required dog licensing for all dogs in Archuleta County.

**Facts Regarding Countywide Licensing**

1. Licensing reunites lost pets with their owners. A dog license can be traced 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
2. Licensing encourages pet owners to vaccinate against rabies. Rabies vaccination is already required in Archuleta County, and will be a prerequisite for a dog license. Licensing encourages the spaying and neutering of dogs through staggered fees.
3. Licensing helps Animal Control regulate dangerous dogs. Dangerous and aggressive dogs and habitual offenders can be more easily tracked through licenses.
4. Licensing helps the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. The Humane Society will handle administrative tasks and maintain the database. A percentage of each license sold defrays these costs.
5. Licensing helps the Archuleta County Animal Control Program. License revenue will enhance the currently overburdened Animal Control program.

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[www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org).

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