



## VILLAGE OF CORRALES

### ORDINANCE NO. 11-011

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6,  
ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE  
OF CORRALES, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 249, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 24,  
1992, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 363, ADOPTED JULY 8, 2003;  
ADDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING THAT IMPOUNDED ANIMALS  
SHALL NOT BE KILLED OR EUTHANIZED EXCEPT UNDER SPECIFIC  
CIRCUMSTANCES; MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Corrales (“Village”) has declared itself to be an Animal Friendly Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village shares a common purpose with public and private for-profit and non-profit animal shelters and humane organizations in saving animals' lives, preventing animal suffering, and eliminating animal abandonment; and

**WHEREAS**, the euthanasia of adoptable and treatable animals incurs significant social and economic costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village shares a common goal with public and private for-profit and non-profit animal shelters and humane organizations to end euthanasia of adoptable and treatable animals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to become a “No-Kill” community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, New Mexico, that Chapter 6. Animals of the Code of Ordinances of the Village shall be amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 6-1. Definitions shall be amended by the addition, in appropriate alphabetical position, of the following definitions:

*Euthanasia* means the purposeful and painless destruction of an animal by any means, mechanical, chemical or otherwise.

*Untreatable suffering* means excessive pain or discomfort with an imminent death as the only outcome (for instance, due to trauma or end-stage rabies).

**Section 2.** Subsection (d) of Section 6-6. Impoundment, is amended to read in its entirety:

(d) At the end of the minimum confinement period under this section, the impounded animal shall be made available for adoption or fostering through any means

reasonably available to the village, including but not limited to adoption through public or private animal shelters and humane organizations having policies consistent with the village's "no-kill" policy as set forth in Section 6-12. Such shelter or humane organization shall also have a standing policy that all dogs and cats made available for adoption shall be spayed or neutered and have an ID chip inserted before they are adopted, or in the case of very young animals as soon as practicable following adoption.

**Section 3.** Subsection (f) of Section 6-6. Impoundment, relating to the euthanasia of animals at the request of the owner, is REPEALED.

**Section 4.** Section 6-12. Destruction of Animals, is amended to read in its entirety:

(a) It is the policy of the village to avoid the killing of animals recovered, impounded or confined by the village, whether such killing is by euthanasia or otherwise, except only as specifically otherwise provided in this section. Village administration and staff, in cooperation with animal shelters and humane organizations having policies consistent with the village's "no-kill" policy, shall encourage and promote the fostering and/or adoption of all animals recovered, impounded or confined by the village.

(b) An animal at large or impounded by the village may be destroyed by an officer of the village or by a licensed veterinarian contracted by the village only if (1) the animal constitutes a clear and immediate threat to public health and safety; or (2) to eliminate untreatable suffering of the animal. Such killing shall be by euthanasia unless emergency circumstances render euthanasia impossible.

(c) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit the raising and the humane slaughter of livestock for food, nor to prohibit the conduct of agricultural operations in accordance with the Right to Farm Act (Sections 47-9-1 through 47-9-7, NMSA 1978).


**SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** Should any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Governing Body of the Village of Corrales hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, words or phrases being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

**COMPILING CLAUSE:** The amended sections of the Village Code adopted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be compiled as a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Corrales, as provided herein.

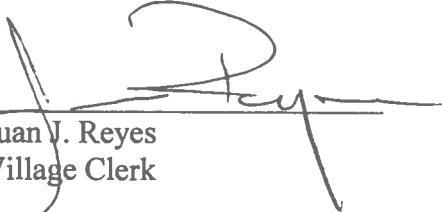
**EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION:** This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and posting, according to law.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales,  
New Mexico, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

APPROVED:

  
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The Honorable Philip Gasteyer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Juan J. Reyes  
Village Clerk