



Solutions



Non-Native organizations have joined tribal governments and Native agencies to implement potential solutions to rez dogs.



Underdog Rescue of AZ



Wags & Brags

Tell us about your Rez-cued Dog!
Share their story!

Guests are encouraged to fill out a note and provide a photo of their Rez-cued Dog!



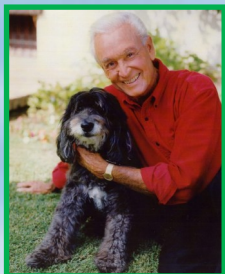
My Rez Dog

Name: _____

Rez of Birth: _____

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At the closing of every *The Price is Right* show, Bob Barker, of Sioux heritage, would remind viewers to spay and neuter their pets. "A person who has never owned a dog has missed a wonderful part of life."
~Bob Barker



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And all those who share their Rez-cue stories with us and share their homes with Rez Dogs!



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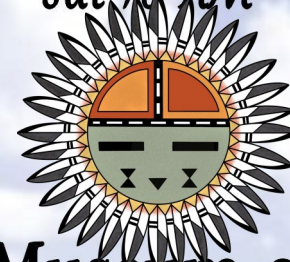
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Rez Dogz



Current Exhibit
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Why is the Museum of Indigenous People presenting an exhibit about dogs?

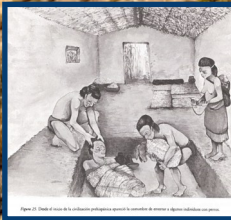
Reservation dogs are not just any dogs that most people from an urban environment think of. Generally, dogs are family members, lazing about in fenced yards, or walking on leashes and learning to behave. This is true of many pets as well as many working dogs on the ranches of tribal lands today.

However, the term "Rez Dogs" refer to something different. They are off the leash, uncared for, and they are ill-tempered with very bad manners. This special exhibit examines that part of the story, the homeless, hungry, and unloved that have become a serious threat to human safety.

Prehistory and the Pup

The early domesticated wolves produced beasts of burden which accompanied travelers and hunters of the past.

Being important components of daily life, dogs joined their masters in work, in artworks, and in their graves.



Cause for Paws

Reservations are plagued with generations of abandoned dogs. Over a period of six years, one female dog and her offspring can produce over 67,000 puppies.



There are too few vets and shelters in rural communities and costs to spay and neuter are too high for many of the residents.

Packs of wild dogs carry disease, resort to cannibalism, attack livestock, and maul or kill people, mostly young children and the elderly.



Tribal Governments have tried to combat the problem with leash laws, vaccination mandates, sterilizations, and even exterminations in the past, but there are still hundreds of thousands of strays on the reservations.

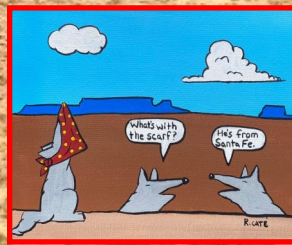


Embarking on Humor

As a commonplace entity, rez dogs inspire comedy and art, perhaps a knee jerk reaction to an overwhelming quandary.



"If you know a native community, you know what a Rez Dog is. They're tough, they somehow survive everything, they're always there, they usually run in gangs, and there's a built-in humor to it."
~Sterlin Harjo



Cartoonist Ricardo Cate featured his own rez dog in one of his popular drawings.