

Dog parents can practice pet etiquette

Dogs are popular pets. Forbes Advisor reports 65.1 million households in the United States have a dog, and there are roughly 89 million dogs in the country. According to Dogster, Canadians own about 7.9 million dogs as of 2022.

People have grown accustomed to treating their dogs like members of the family, and that means that dogs increasingly are being brought along on errands, traveling with their human companions, and even being brought into the workplace. It's important for pet parents to always be mindful of their dogs' behavior when out and about, or even hanging closer to home. Dog owners can follow these dog etiquette pointers to be responsible pet owners.

• **Get permission from your employer before taking a dog to work.** If you plan to take your pet into the workplace, whether during Take Your Dog to Work Day or Take Your Pet to Work Week, or any time of the year, it is best to check with management to find out if this is allowed. You must be mindful of people's dog fears or allergies and be respectful of others no matter how much fun it might be to bring your dog into a public space. The warm and fuzzy feelings dog owners feel for their dogs are not necessarily shared by everyone.

• **Quiet nuisance barking.** Do not leave your dog outside unattended for a long time. This can cause what the American Kennel Club characterizes as boredom barking. Quiet your dog if he or she is barking, or bring the pet indoors.

• **Always leash your dog.** Some people are not comfortable around dogs. And even if your dog is friendly, others met on walks or outings may not be. To prevent uncomfortable situations or even dog bites, it's best to always leash your dog. Choose a leash short enough to prevent your dog from jumping



on passersby.

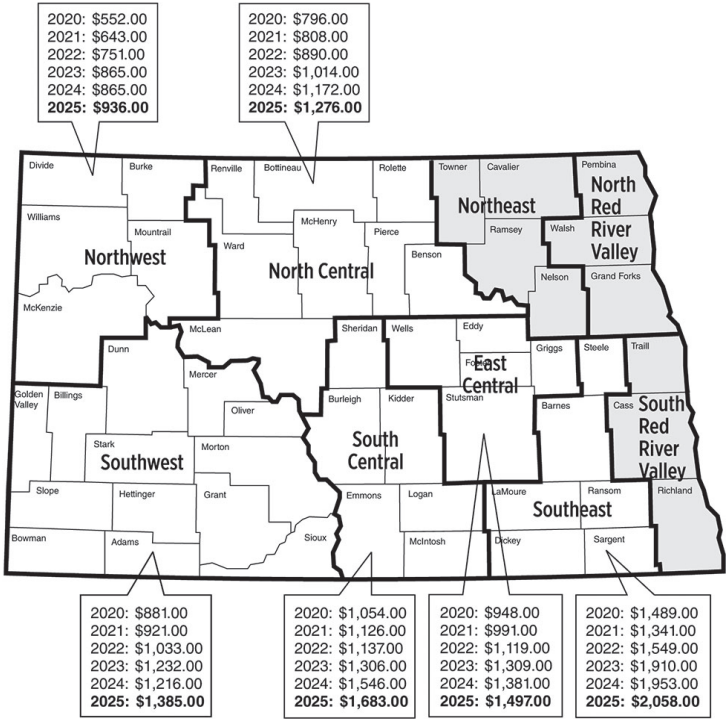
• **Ask permission first.** Check to see if your dog is allowed to greet people or other dogs. If someone says, "no," respect that answer.

• **Clean up after your pet.** Always have waste bags at the ready so you can clean up after your dog. This also applies indoors, should your dog have an accident inside a pet-friendly store.

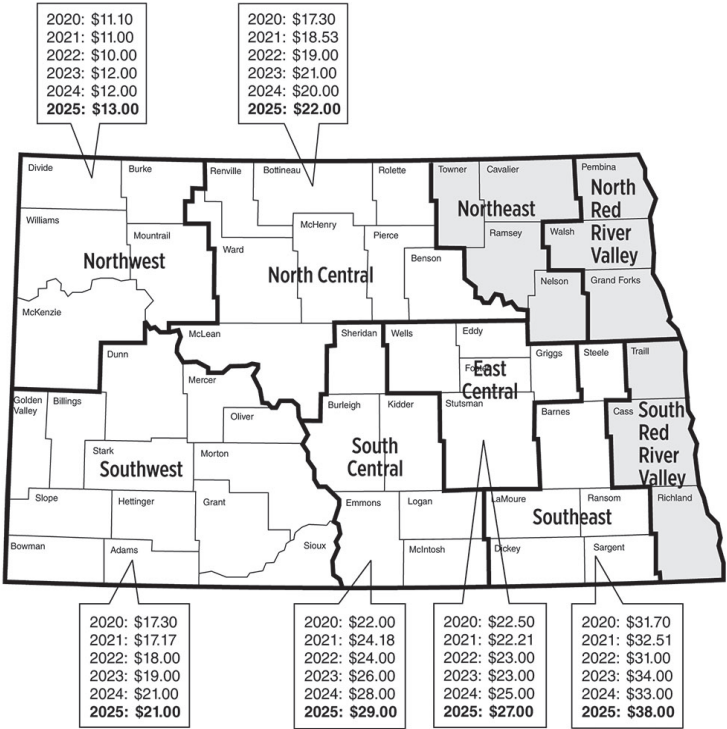
• **Be mindful of shopping with pets.** Many stores do not allow dogs inside, but employees may be hesitant to approach pet owners about such policies. Many stores only allow trained service dogs that are Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animal designations are exclusive to dogs. However, a number of people have "emotional support animals," which are not recognized as service animals. As a general rule of thumb, know a store's policy on non-service animal pets before visiting. And, when shopping at food stores, it's best to leave the dog at home.

• **Train your dog.** A dog that knows basic obedience training will behave better in the community. If you are having trouble training your dog alone, consider working with an experienced dog trainer.

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Estimated average per acre values of pasture in North Dakota from 2020 to 2025.



Estimated average cash rent per acre of pasture in North Dakota from 2020 to 2025.

Pastureland values --

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fallen to 3.64%, and now in 2025 that ratio has fallen to a multi-decade low.

“With 2024 and 2025 experiencing a multi-decade low in cattle inventories, the demand pressure from ranchers to push pasture rental rates upwards hasn't been there despite record-

high cattle prices,” says Parman. “It can take years for beef cattle inventories to adjust to market prices, and therefore, high prices in the cattle markets are likely seen in land prices well before they would have an impact on rental rates.”

Bill requiring phone-free schools --

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lawmaker who sponsored HB 1160 and introduced the phone-free amendments with Axtman, said the bill is “the culmination of a decade and a

half of North Dakota schools trying to negotiate cell phone policies, trying to solve the problem of how much it distracts students from being engaged in learning.”

Alzheimer's group to meet

The Alzheimer's Association will be offering an in-person caregiver support group. This group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11:00 a.m. at the Lake Region Heritage Center, 502 4th St. NE, Devils Lake.

The support group is free and open to all caregivers of an individual with Alzheimer's or related dementia.

Registration is required. Call 1-800-272-3900 or visit www.communityresourcefinder.org.

More bills signed --

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approves of in each race for public office; the candidates receiving the most votes are elected until all necessary seats are filled in each race. Ranked-choice voting describes a method in which a qualified elector may rank candidates for public office in order of preference, and all submitted ballots are tabulated in multiple rounds until a single candidate attains a majority of votes. The bill abolishes the use of ranked-choice voting in Fargo, where it is used to elect the mayor and four city commissioners. Fargo voters approved the ranked-choice option in 2018.

Under SB 2269, an elected member serving on a city, park district or school board is subject to recall by a petition of electors equal to 35% of the voters from the most recent election. This also applies to a member who was appointed to fill a vacancy.

Infrastructure

Under HB 1058, the Department of Environmental Quality will adopt rules about maintaining, reporting, taking corrective action, and establishing standards for construction and performance of above-ground petroleum fuel storage tanks.

Under HB 1258, before an electric transmission facility is approved, the applicant must comply with the road use agreements of the impacted political subdivision. When an application for a facility is filed, any affected townships, cities and counties must be notified and have a public hearing.

SB 2204 requires sellers of real property to disclose to the buyer any knowledge of radon concentrations on the property. The seller must provide any test results and evidence of mitigation to the buyer.

Grant opportunities

HB 1591 designates \$1.5 million for grants to county agriculture fair associations for the planning, designing and construction of infrastructure projects. Local fair associations would have to provide at least \$1 for every dollar of state support.

HB 1581 allocates \$100,000 for tribal tourism grants. A tribal government in the state may apply for a grant up to \$20,000 to promote and enhance tribal tourism opportunities. The tribal government must match any grant funds.

HB 1603 allocates \$500,000 to the State Historical Society for the purpose of providing compliance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The act was enacted in 1990 to address the return of Native American remains and cultural objects that were illegally taken from their homelands. The bill also establishes a compliance committee consisting of tribal historic preservation officers or designees from each state tribe.

SB 2228 allocates \$1 million for one-time sustainability grants to preserve or reopen rural grocery stores. Many North Dakotans live in “food deserts,” which are areas where

residents must travel 10 or more miles for fresh or perishable foods.

Rules and regulations

Under HB 1303, the state, a political subdivision, or institution of higher education may not adopt or implement a sanctuary city policy.

Under HB 1305, an individual who unlawfully detains, occupies or trespasses upon a residential dwelling is guilty of a Class C felony for the first offense and a Class B felony for a second or subsequent offense that occurs at the same dwelling. A Class C felony is punishable by five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine; a Class B felony is punishable by 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

Under HB 1375, an individual who refuses to provide proof of identification upon request of a peace officer at a licensed premise that serves alcohol is guilty of an infraction, which carries a maximum punishment of a \$1,000 fine.

Under HB 1203, a registered qualifying patient or designated caregiver may not possess more than 500 milligrams of a cannabinoid edible product at one time.

HB 1351 defines a sexually expressive image as a real, altered or computer-generated photograph or visual representation that exhibits a nude or partially nude human figure. The previous law did not include computer-generated images.

HB 1361 creates mandatory minimum sentencing requirements of 20 years, 10 years or five years, based on the class of felony, for human trafficking offenders.

HB 1429 makes a person guilty of an offense if they use a robot to frighten or harass someone else with no legitimate reason for doing so.

Miscellaneous

Under SB 2069, a state agency may request immediate publication of a notice on the ND Newspaper Association's public notice website if a newspaper fails to publish a legal notice in the newspaper.

HB 1479 designates October 1 as ND Constitution Day. Voters approved the state constitution on Oct. 1, 1889. The governor typically issues a Constitution Day proclamation upon request. HB 1479 would make the commemoration part of state law.

Immunization clinic information

Immunization clinics by the Nelson-Griggs District Health Unit are held on the following dates each month.

- Lakota Courthouse, 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- McVillage Health Unit, 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Cooperstown City Hall, 4th Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Vaccines are available for all ages, including adults, children and infants.

Memorial Day weekend travel tips

Certain times of year inspire more travel than others. Memorial Day weekend certainly fits that bill. AAA estimated 44 million people traveled during Memorial Day weekend in 2024, and that popularity is at least in part due to the holiday's reputation as the unofficial beginning to summer.

With summer set to kick off, even if only unofficially, travelers can consider these tips to make the most of this popular time to travel.

• **Book early.** Whether Memorial Day weekend travelers are flying or traveling by bus or train, it's important to book reservations as early as possible. Flights on popular travel weekends fill up quickly, so booking early can increase the chances flyers will be able to depart and return at the time of their choosing. The same goes for bus and train travel. Lodging also can fill up quickly, so book hotel reservations or reserve stays through sites such as Airbnb as early as possible. Booking early can help travelers ensure they aren't shut out of their desired destination, and it also can save money, as rates tend to go up the closer one gets to the travel weekend.

• **Time your travel.** Memorial Day weekend motorists might want to get on the road before the sun rises. Leaving early, when there are fewer cars on the road, reduces the chances of being caught in a traffic jam.

If pre-dawn is simply too early, AAA indicates it's best for Thursday and Friday travelers to be on the road prior to 11 a.m. Leaving after 7 p.m. on

Thursday or 8 p.m. on Friday is best for those who must travel at night. Travelers taking to the air or the rails might also benefit by leaving on Thursday and/or returning on the Tuesday after Memorial Day to reduce time spent in crowded airports or train stations.

• **Expect delays.** Travel delays can be stressful, but they're nearly inevitable during peak travel periods like Memorial Day weekend. Parents traveling with young children can plan for travel delays by packing extra snacks and downloading extra entertainment onto kids' tablets. Adults traveling without children can build delays into their itineraries and consider them before booking dining or entertainment reservations on the day of their arrival.

• **Limit luggage.** Memorial Day weekend tends to feature ample sunshine and warm weather, which makes it easier to travel light. Air travelers can pack just a carry-on so they don't have to wait at the luggage carousel or worry about potentially lost bags. Car and train travelers also can pack light so they have more room to maneuver.

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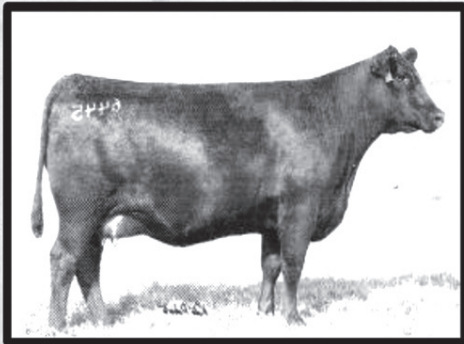
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