

Report of the Animal Control Officer

In 2021, There were over 261 calls and/or complaints pertaining to Animal Control. These involved everything from cruelty complaints, lost dogs/cats, found dogs/cats, feral cats, loose livestock, injured animals, animal bites, abandoned animals, wildlife acting funny, wildlife acting normal. Not counting maintaining licensing and serving civil forfeitures.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) enforces State Laws and Town Ordinances pertaining to domestic animals and provides education and information for mitigating wildlife issues. Animal Control is dedicated to serving the community as it relates to both humans and animals.

Dog Licensing in Fremont had over 1,129 dogs licensed in 2021. Licensing is required by NH Law to ensure all dogs carry a current rabies vaccine. Over 111 civil forfeitures were issued this year relating to unlicensed dogs. It is easier than ever to license online. Save the fine, license on time. Fines from 2021 are still in effect for the 2022 license year. If you have a problem with licensing your dog or no longer have your dog, please call me at 603 895 2229 or email nhk9cop@comcast.net. I do not monitor that email 24/7 but will contact you back as soon as possible.

To license online visit the Town of Fremont NH website under the Town Clerk link. Licensing is required by law and aids in getting your dog home quickly when they wander. Accidents happen and dogs get out. Current licenses can be the difference between being returned in minutes or an overnight stay at the kennel. Please confirm your phone number is correct so you can be contacted quickly in any event related to your dog. Cell numbers are best.

2021 Dog License Revenue
License Fees \$9,387.00
Late Fees \$481.00
Civil Forfeiture Fees \$2,670.00
Dog Fines \$200.00

Less the Mandatory State of NH payout to the overpopulation program and Department of Agriculture that was \$2,593.00 from Fremont.

Total Revenue \$10,145.00

New Hampshire has great companion animal spay/neuter programs. \$2.00 from every license goes to the companion overpopulation fund and \$.50 of each license goes to the Department of Agriculture for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic lab. These programs put New Hampshire in the group of top contenders for minimal shelter overcrowding.

2021 had many calls for loose/lost/found dogs and barking dog complaints. If your dog goes wandering or if you come across a friendly stray dog, please CALL 603 895 2229 to report. Most times an owner is frantic looking for their pet that is safe several houses down the street. Not everyone is on Facebook so making the call can facilitate a quick reunion.

More people are working from home these days and wildlife sighting calls are still coming in at a high rate. Thankfully most sightings have turned out just to be animals doing what they do but a few have required additional assistance. See something, say something is the best course of action.

Fremont Community Facebook page is still being used on occasion to report Animal Control related events. I **do not** monitor Facebook 24/7 nor Facebook Messenger on a regular basis. If you are experiencing an Animal Control issue, please call the Police Department at 603 895 2229. If it is after business hours the call will roll to Rockingham County Dispatch and they will contact me directly. Facebook is an excellent resource if you are missing or find a pet, but it is imperative that you still call it in. Not everyone is on Facebook. In most cases I can tell you where the animal lives or if someone has found your animal.

The 2021 annual Rabies Clinic was a huge success. It was held as a drive-up event at the Highway Shed on Danville Road. We were able to vaccinate over 142 animals and implant 16 microchips. The drive-up event was so successful I will continue that strategy going forward. Animal Control Officers know that Rabies clinics have become very important for pet owners. Surrounding ACO's come together and work each other's clinics to provide this service. Without the dedication of local ACO's these clinics would not be possible. The 2022 Clinic is slated for Saturday April 16, 2022. Watch for postings on the Fremont Community FB page, Town Newsletter, Fremont Police FB page, and signs around town. Please call or email with any questions.

**2022 Rabies Clinic is tentative for
April 16, 2022
Time 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Location: Highway Garage, 113 Danville Road, Fremont
Rabies Vaccines \$15 Microchips \$25
Licensing \$7.50/\$10.00**

Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades. I cannot **stress** the importance of Microchipping your animal. It is one of the first things I check for when picking up any dog or cat. Every shelter in NH is required to scan for a chip on every incoming animal. I have reunited many animals that live near and far away only because they had a microchip. I have chips available every year at the Rabies Clinic. I use Datamars chips that have FREE lifetime registration.



Photo: Milo getting his microchip.

Unfortunately, in 2021 most in person training classes and seminars were cancelled. Online classes are becoming available at record speed and are proving to be very useful.

Please call if you have any animal related concern, as I am happy to provide any information or resources that I have. I can be reached through the Fremont Police Department at 603 895 2229 for any questions, inquiries or complaints. Non urgent requests can be emailed to me at nhk9cop@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

ACO Renee King
Fremont Police

Penny & Libby King

Photos courtesy of Renee King



ACO King is also very involved with the Fremont Food Pantry and has been a dedicated volunteer for many years.

This photo is a presentation by Fremont Police Sergeant Larochelle to the Fremont Food Pantry with \$250 in grocery store gift certificates. These were proceeds from the NH Fallen Officers Memorial Softball Tournament. Dedicated Food Pantry volunteers Sherry Sampson and Kim Wood are off to Renee's right at this Select Board meeting on September 9, 2021.

Photo courtesy of Heidi Carlson