

Report of the Animal Control Officer

In 2014, The Animal Control Department responded and resolved over 445 calls and complaints. These involved everything from cruelty complaints, lost dogs/cats, found dogs/cats, loose livestock, injured animals, animal bites and abandoned animals.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) enforces state laws and town ordinances pertaining to domestic animals. Animal Control is dedicated to serving the community as it relates to both humans and animals.

Dog Licensing had over 1,100 dogs licensed this year. Licensing is required by NH Law to ensure all dogs carry a current rabies vaccine. Over 252 civil forfeitures were issued this year relating to unlicensed dogs. I am using social media this year with a direct link to the Town Hall E-Reg dog license link to make it easier than ever to license on time and avoid the late fees and fines. Not only is licensing required by law but it is a huge aid to get 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.

2014 Dog License Revenue

Licenses	\$5,605.00
Late Fees	\$434.00
Other Fines	\$540.00
Civil Forfeitures	\$3,050.00
Total	\$9,629.00

The total revenues are less the mandatory payment to the overpopulation program through the NH Department of Agriculture that was \$2,364.00 from Fremont. 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. New England as a whole takes pride in the way we treat our animals and as a result we do not see the massive “puppy mills” that are run in the south.

The 2014 annual Rabies Clinic was again very successful. One and three year vaccines are available. As you may or may not know, once an animal has a vaccine administered it is good for one year. If a second vaccine is administered within the following year that vaccine is now good for 3 years. In 2014 we vaccinated 177 animals and micro chipped 18 dogs.

2015 Rabies Clinic will be held

April 11, 2015

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Fremont Safety Complex

Rabies Vaccines - Microchips and Licensing

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. In a few cases the animal had been missing for several months. We have chips available every year at the Rabies Clinic. We use Datamars chips that have FREE lifetime registration.



In 2014 dog bites were up by almost double from prior years. When a dog bite takes place it is required by law that the dog be placed into a 10 day quarantine. NH RSA 436:105, III. If the dog is current with the rabies vaccine they can be quarantined at home. If the vaccine is not current it can be required to be quarantined at an approved animal hospital with the owner being responsible for all costs. In either case at the end of the 10 days the dog must be examined by a licensed Veterinarian to be cleared from the quarantine. As the saying goes "accidents happen..." and even in play, a bite with broken skin can occur. Protect you and your pet by always keeping that vaccine up to date.

I was fortunate to attend a Large Animal Technical Rescue class this summer and learned many ways to safely assist in extricating a large animal in a sticky situation. Preparation is always the best prevention. Making sure fields are free from open wells and trailering is always done with proper safe equipment can minimize catastrophe. We are lucky to have diverse agricultural animals in town and it's one of things that make living in Fremont so enjoyable.

The Santa parade is always a great time. I love seeing the whole family out waving to Santa including your four legged furry friends.



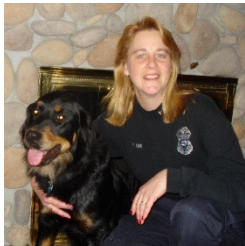
This year I would like to dedicate my annual report to my peer, Officer and ACO Stephen Arkell who made the ultimate sacrifice. My you fly high and forever be remembered. R.I.P.



I can be reached through the Police Department at 603 895 2229 for any questions, inquires or complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

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“Courage is being scared to death... and saddling up anyway.”

~ John Wayne