

Report of the Animal Control Officer

In 2012, The Animal Control Department responded and resolved over 644 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 was not an easy task this year. Licensing is required by NH Law and it greatly increases the safety of Fremont citizens in regards to rabies. I served over 225 citations this year relating to unlicensed dogs. I am hoping with the E-Dog renewal on the Town of Fremont web page it will be easier than ever to license. Notices, phone calls and additional signage around town should help. The final count was 1090 dogs licensed generating revenue as follows.

Dog Licensing	\$ 8,273.00
Forfeiture fees	\$ 3,016.50
Late Fees	\$ 358.00
Other	\$ 910.00
Total Revenue	\$ 12,557.50

The number of abandoned animals had a significant decrease this year. One direct result was being able to work directly with residents in need. I was able to provide assistance with placement and information of other options. Although the decrease of stray/abandoned animals was a welcome situation we still did have a few animals that I turned over to the NHSPCA with no owner ever located.



This year the annual Rabies Clinic was again very successful. Although we did not have as many animals pass through in 2012 as in recent years, I believe that the event is working exactly as hoped for. As you may 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 2012 we vaccinated 121 animals and micro chipped 16 dogs.

Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades. I can not 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 Bayer chips that have FREE lifetime registration.



2013 Rabies Clinic will be held

April 13, 2013

**8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex
Rabies Vaccines - Microchips and Licensing**

I am available to assist and direct residents on the process of spaying or neutering their family pets through low cost programs available through the State of NH. Programs are available to pet owners whether or not they receive public financial assistance. Spayed and neutered pets are more likely to stay home and have shown to enjoy better health as they grow older.

Over the last couple of years I have received an increase in calls relating to livestock and farm animals. Occasionally these animals get out and need help getting back home. Please check your fences regularly. Poultry and fowl become a nuisance to neighbors and need to be contained to eliminate conflict. Birds can be very destructive to gardens and leave a "mess" throughout yards and driveways.



Wildlife continues to be active in Fremont. Safety for our residents and pets is my number one priority. Always steer clear and let nature take its course. If you see a wounded animal or an animal acting strangely, please call the police department immediately. Rabies has been documented in NH and it's always better to be safe than sorry.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Renee King

