

2011 Animal Control Annual Report

In 2011, The Animal Control Department responded and resolved over 529 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 a great success this year. NH Law requires licensing and it greatly increases the safety of Fremont citizens with regard to rabies. 1069 dogs were licensed this year by the Town Clerk's Office, generating revenue as follows:

Dog Licensing	\$ 7,495.50
Forfeiture fees	\$ 2,737.50
Late Fees	\$ 329.00
Other Fines	\$ 625.00
Total Revenue	\$11,187.00

Fremont saw a 200% increase over last year of abandoned animals left in town. I believe that many of these animals are a direct result of the economic times, however I also feel that many people do not realize that there are *many* other options available for them to relinquish ownership of their pets. Fremont, as well as surrounding towns, has provisions in place to help people that are unable to provide for their pets. Citizens can call me or pass my contact information to someone who needs assistance. If someone lives outside of Fremont and they do not have an Animal Control Officer in their town, they can also call me and I will provide them with assistance and direction, so no animal is abandoned or left on the side of the road to try and survive.



Another increase recognized this year was missing cats. If your indoor cat escapes from its environment, quick action will result in the best chance of recovery. Many times when an indoor cat gets outside they immediately become terrified and disorientated. They will stick close to the area around the home for the first 24-48 hours although you may not see them. They will wander at night when it is dark. Survival instincts then will kick in. You will want to set food out right away to keep the cat close to home. Setting a hav-a-hart trap within the first 24 hours greatly increases your chances of recovering your cat. Traps are available for loan through the Fremont Police Department.



Microchips are invaluable. Animals have been returned to their homes found months and or miles away, only because of the microchip!

Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades. One of the first things every ACO does when picking up a found pet is scan it for a **Microchip**. Shelters are required to scan for a **microchip** on every incoming animal. **Microchips** are available during **Fremont's Annual Rabies Clinic** held in town, at the Safety Complex in April.

The Rabies Clinic last year was a huge success. More than **200** animals received rabies vaccines required by NH law.

2012 Rabies Clinic will be held

April 14th 2012

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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.

In 2011 I attended several free training seminars. In January, I found the New England Horse Summit held by MSPCA at Nevins Farm in Methuen, very informative. I also enjoyed the 6-week CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. I interviewed and was accepted as an active team member to the Greater Exeter Region Citizens Corps. These are skills that can and will be used in any disaster situation.

Wildlife continues to be active in Fremont. Safety for our residents and pets is my number one priority. Always steer clear and let nature takes its course. If you see a wounded animal or an animal acting strangely, please call the Police Department immediately. The Dispatch number is 679 2225. 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
Animal Services



“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight –
it's the size of the fight in the dog.”

~Dwight Eisenhower
Address to Republican National Committee
31 January 1958

Also sometimes attributed to Mark Twain (unverified)