

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2009, The Animal Control Department responded and resolved over 515 calls and complaints. These involved everything from cruelty complaints, lost dogs/cats, injured animals, aggressive fox, loose cows, and abandoned animals.



One of the highlights in 2009 was the capture and reunification of “Baby” the tiny Chihuahua that lead the department on a “Merry Chase”. Baby had been recently adopted when he bolted out the front door of a Danville Road residence. He proceeded to stay on the lam for two days in below freezing weather. Just when thoughts of a low survival rate began to creep into our minds, Baby appeared in the hav-a-hart trap that had been set for him. The dog was returned to his new owners and made for a very special Christmas. Situations like this are reminders of how great the impact animal control services can be to families and pets alike. (Photo courtesy of Officer Adam Raymond)

In addition to responding to calls and complaints, Animal Control has worked aggressively to license dogs as required by state law. As a result over 1,000 were licensed in 2009. Licensing your dog is not only the law but helps in quick reunification if your pets wander off. The revenue generated to the Town of Fremont from licensing and other fines is as follows:

Dog Licensing	\$6,922.00
Forfeiture Fines	\$1,600.00
Late Fees	\$ 329.00
Other Fines	\$ 605.00
Total Revenue	\$9,456.00

On April 18th the Animal Control Department and the Police Association held a community rabies clinic, where over 164 animals were vaccinated. Microchips and licensing were also offered.

**The 2010 clinic will be held
April 17, 2010
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Rabies, Microchips and Licensing**

According to NH RSA 436:105 III ALL dogs and cats are required by law to be vaccinated against rabies. This applies even if they are indoor pets.

I am available to assist residents with getting their pets spayed/neutered through low-cost spay/neuter programs available through the State of New Hampshire. These programs are

available to pet owners whether or not they receive public financial assistance. Our mission is to encourage residents not only to spay or neuter their pet but MICRO-CHIP as well. Cats in particular are a problem to reunite with their families. Animal Control makes every effort to reunite all animals that are picked up. Please call the Police Department at 603 895 2229 to report any lost or found pet.

In 2009 more than ever animals are being left behind when people move or are simply dumped off on the side of the road. Fremont is no exception to this dilemma. Please call the Police Department if you notice a vacant house with animals left or an unfamiliar cat or dog wandering around.

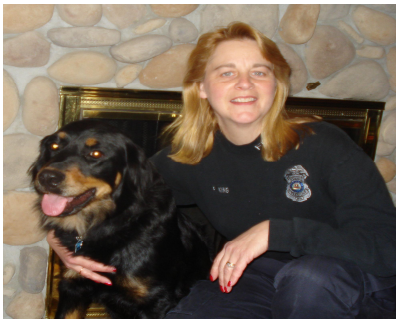
This year through the NH Fish and Game Department, I became a certified trapper and completed requirements for a Wildlife Control Operator Level II. This past spring we had a heavy fox population and I am now better able to answer questions that arise. Most importantly, remember to never approach a wild animal.

In 2009 at Camp Fremont I shared with campers a discussion of safe practices while encountering wildlife and a demonstration of the equipment that is used in handling both domestic and wildlife creatures. This helps pave the way for a peaceful coexistence between humans and nature.

The Animal Control Department can be reached through the **Police Department at 603 895 2229.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee King
Animal Control Officer



Officer King & Tasha (a stray abandoned in Fremont, now adopted)

Photo Courtesy of Tiffany King

ACO Truck in the Annual
Santa Parade ~ December 2009

Photo Courtesy of Katie Boden

