

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2008, The Animal Control Department responded and resolved over 500 calls and complaints. These involved everything from cruelty complaints, lost dogs/cats, injured animals, loose cows, pigs, pigeons and bats. It even included a unique call for a duck in a chimney.

In addition to responding to calls and complaints, Animal Control has worked aggressively with the Town Clerk's Office to license dogs as required by state law. As a result, over 900 were licensed in 2008. 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 is as follows:

Dog Licensing	\$ 6,721.00 *	*As reported to Animal Control	
Forfeiture Fines	\$ 1,775.00 *	from the Town Clerk	
Late Fees	\$ 437.00 *		
Other Fines	\$ 670.00	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,603.00</b>

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Animal Control Department and the Police Association held a community rabies clinic, where over 116 animals were vaccinated. Microchips and licensing were also offered.

**The 2009 Clinic will be held  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex  
Includes Rabies, Microchips and Licensing**

The Animal Control Officer is available to assist residents with getting their pets spayed/neutered through low-cost spay/neuter programs available through the State of NH. 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. In 2008 I was able to return only 2 cats to their rightful owners. In both cases they were micro chipped. One cat made it all the way from Newfields NH and the other one had been missing for over 4 months. Animal Control makes every effort to reunite all animals that are picked up. Please call the Police Department at 895 2229 to report any lost or found pet.

In 2008 I was asked to speak with different groups of children. At Camp Fremont I gave a discussion of safe practices while encountering wildlife and I demonstrated 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. I also spoke with Brownie Troop #25681. The discussion included different safety tips for children and the dangers of approaching strange animals.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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