

Report of the Animal Control Officer

2022 was another busy year for Animal Control. We received calls related to everything from cruelty complaints, lost dogs/cats, found dogs/cats, feral cats, loose livestock, injured animals, animal bites, abandoned animals, wildlife acting funny, wildlife acting normal. Not counting maintaining licensing and serving civil forfeitures.

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

Dog Licensing in Fremont had over 1,142 dogs licensed in 2022. Licensing is required by NH Law to ensure all dogs carry a current rabies vaccine. Over 62 civil forfeitures were issued this year relating to unlicensed dogs. It is easier than ever to license online. Save the fine, license on time. Fines from 2022 are still in effect for the 2023 license year. If you have a problem with licensing your dog or no longer have your dog, please call me at 603 895 2229, email nhk9cop@comcast.net or you can notify the Town Clerk's office.

To RENEW a license online visit the Town of Fremont NH website on the Town Clerk page, using this purple dog licensing tab. You must have the old tag number to renew online. You can also do it in person with the Town Clerk or drop off information in the drop box for a mail-back registration.



Licensing is required by law and aids in getting your dog home quickly if they wander. Accidents happen and dogs get out. Current licenses (and microchips) 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. Cell numbers are best.

2022 Dog License Revenue	License Fees \$9,211.00	Late Fees \$249.00
	Civil Forfeiture Fees \$1,860.00	Dog Fines \$249.00

Less the Mandatory State of NH payout to the overpopulation program and Department of Agriculture that was \$2,603.00 from Fremont. Total revenue \$8,966.00

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.

Every year we receive many calls for loose/lost/found dogs and barking dog complaints. If your dog goes missing or if you come across a friendly stray dog, please CALL 603 895 2229 to report. Most times an owner is frantic looking for their pet that is safe several houses down the street. Not everyone is on Facebook although FB is a great tool, making the call can facilitate a quick

reunion. Fremont Community Facebook page is still being used on occasion to report Animal Control related events. I **do not** monitor Facebook 24/7 nor Facebook Messenger on a regular basis.

If you are experiencing an Animal Control issue, please call the Police Department at 603 895 2229. If it is after business hours the call will roll to Rockingham County Dispatch and they will contact the Police Department directly. Facebook is an excellent resource if you are missing or find a pet, but it is imperative you still call it in. Not everyone is on Facebook. In most cases I can tell you where the animal lives or if someone has found your animal.

The 2022 annual Rabies Clinic was a great success. It again was held as a drive-up event at the Town Shed on Danville Rd. We were able to vaccinate over 94 animals and implanted 16 microchips. The drive-up event at the Town Garage is working out great and that will continue to be the location of choice. Animal Control Officers know that Rabies clinics are very important for pet owners. Surrounding ACO's come together and work each other's clinics to provide this service. Without the dedication of local ACO's these clinics would not be possible. The 2023 Clinic is slated for Saturday April 15, 2023. Watch for postings on the Fremont Community FB page, Town Newsletter, Fremont Police FB page, and signs around town. Please call or email nhk9cop@comcast.net with any questions.

2023 Rabies Clinic is tentative for April 15, 2023
Time 8:30 -1:00 pm at the Fremont Highway Shed, 113 Danville Road
Rabies Vaccines \$15 Microchips \$25 Licensing \$7.50/\$10.00

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 that gets checked when any officer picks up a found pet. All shelters and vets scan any incoming animal. I have chips available every year at the Rabies Clinic. I use Datamars chips that have FREE lifetime registration.

A special thank you to all the Fremont Police Officers for stepping up and responding to many of the animal control calls this past year. Due to a family medical situation, I am finding myself spread thin and they all have picked up the ball and provided excellent coverage.

Please call if you have any animal related concern, I am happy to provide information or resources that can help. I can be reached through the Police Department at 603 895 2229 for any questions, inquiries or complaints. Non-urgent requests can be emailed to me at nhk9cop@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

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Animal Control Officer

