

Report of the Animal Control Officer

2023 was a 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 and wildlife acting normal. This does not count maintaining dog 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 1,174 dogs licensed in 2023. Licensing is required by NH Law to ensure all dogs carry a current rabies vaccine. Over 150 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 2023 are still in effect for the 2024 license year. If you have a problem with licensing your dog or no longer have your dog, please call, or email the Town Clerk clerkcollector@fremont.nh.gov or 603 895 8693 X 307. To license online visit the Town of Fremont NH website under the Town Clerk link. [Dog Licenses | Fremont, NH](#)

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.

2023 Dog License Revenue
License Fees \$9,599.50
Late Fees \$603.00
Civil Forfeiture Fees \$2,922.50
Dog Fines \$370.00

Less the Mandatory State of NH payout to the overpopulation program and Department of Agriculture that was \$2,685.00 from Fremont. Total Revenue \$10,810.00

As 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 Facebook is a great tool, making the call can facilitate a quick reunion.

The 2023 annual Rabies Clinic was a great success. It again was held as a drive-up event at the Highway Shed on Danville Road. We were able to vaccinate over 100 animals and implanted 17 microchips. 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 2024 Clinic is slated for Saturday April 13, 2024. Watch for postings on the Fremont Community FB page, Town Newsletter and website, Fremont Police FB page, and signs around town. Please call or email nhk9cop@comcast.net with any questions.

2024 Rabies Clinic is tentative for Saturday April 13, 2024

Time 8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Location: Fremont Highway Garage ~ 113 Danville Road

Rabies Vaccines \$20 Microchips \$30

Licensing \$7.50/\$10.00

Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under the skin between the shoulder blades. We cannot **stress** the importance of Microchipping your animal (dogs & cats). 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. There are chips available every year at the Rabies Clinic. We use Datamars chips that have FREE lifetime registration.



A special welcome to Thomas Wilson-Frascone, Fremont's new Animal Control Officer. Thomas comes to Fremont with years of Animal Control experience. He currently works for several towns and is versed with NH state laws and local ordinances. He was able to hit the ground running and has already proved to be a great asset to Fremont.



I want to thank all the residents of Fremont for making my 17 years as the ACO a memorable and fulfilling endeavor. I'll still be active with the rabies clinics and back up when needed.

Please call Fremont Police Department at 603 895 2229 if you have any animal related inquiries or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

ACO Thomas Wilson Francone
ACO Renee King



Photos courtesy of Renee King