

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

After working for the past 5 years as your Assistant Animal Control Officer (ACO) I felt very privileged and honored to follow in Dale Child's footsteps in accepting the position of ACO. I have worked in Animal Control for the past 7 years. I am also the founder and President of the Animal Control Officers Association of NH. I also serve as a representative for NH on the New England Animal Control Humane Academy Board, where I was Director from 2007-2010 and Assistant Director in 2011. Most of my formal training has been accomplished on my own time and at my own expense. Five years ago I started the Danville RAINBOW Association (Rescuing Animals In Need By Offering Welfare), which is a non-profit that is designed to help animals and their owners with food and some medical care.

In 2011 the ACO worked with the Hampstead Town Clerks to conduct an aggressive dog licensing campaign. We were able to license 1,484 dogs. Licensing dogs is required by state law and also enables the ACO to be more efficient in returning lost dogs to their owners promptly. Revenues generated from licensing and other related fines/fees are:

1. Dog Licensing	\$6,055.50
2. Dog Licensing Fines	\$5,750.00
3. ACO Fines	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
4. Total	\$ 11,905.50

In April, the ACO worked with the Hampstead Fire Dept. to sponsor a low cost rabies clinic. Over 100 animals were vaccinated and 10 animals were micro chipped. Another low cost rabies clinic is planned for April of 2012. Please watch for the announcement that will be coming soon

The ACO Department continues to participate in regional disaster training and coordination through the NHDART (New Hampshire Disaster Animal Response Team) at no expense to the town. This year ACO Johannesen helped set up and run a pet friendly shelter during two different storms. Assistant ACO Brian Farrell and ACO Johannesen both attended NEACHA (New England Animal Control Humane Academy) in July where they were given training in animal control safety, gun identification safety, handling aggressive dogs, dealing with animal hoarding, handling farm animals and dealing with nuisance wildlife .

During Thanksgiving, someone abandoned a neutered male Maltese with a severely injured eye. When no one claimed the dog, ACO Johannesen reached out for donations through the media to have his eye repaired. We would like to thank all those donated and especially thank Dr. Brad Barnes and his staff at Edgefield Animal Hospital who performed the surgery. Donations paid for all medical and boarding bills. "Dually" was subsequently adopted and is now living a good life in his forever home.

On behalf of the Animal Control Department, we thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at 329-5700.

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