

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The ACO worked with the Town Clerks and through an aggressive campaign there were 1,559 dogs licensed in 2013. And a total of new dogs licensed this year were 226. Below is a break down of the income brought in by dog licensing.

1. Dog Licensing	\$9,763.50
2. Dog Licensing Fines	\$3,861.00
3. ACO Fines	\$ 825.00
Total	\$ 14,449.50

Every April the ACO along with the Hampstead Fire Dept. hold a rabies clinic. Another low cost rabies and micro chip clinic will be held in April of 2014. Watch for the announcement coming soon.

The Department continues to participate in disaster training. ACO Johannesen is currently involved in NHDART (New Hampshire Disaster Animal Response Team). This involvement is on the ACO's own time and at no expense to the town. ACO Assistant Wentworth and ACO Johannesen both attended NEACHA (New England Animal Control Humane Academy) in July. ACO Johannesen was elected by her peers as the Assistant Director of NEACHA.

I would like to thank all those who donated to those strays who needed our help. The older German Shepard that was found abandoned in April that needed a lot of medical attention. She underwent surgery to remove what turned out to be a non cancerous 1 pound tumor. Bear, has found her forever home to a loving family who just adore her. A pregnant young mother cat that shortly after she was found gave birth to 5 kittens. All have been vetted out, spayed or neutered and micro chip. These are just a few of the animals you have help through your kind donations. I would like to thank all those donated, and especially thank Dr. Brad Barnes and his staff at Edgefield Animal Hospital who performed the surgery and vetting. Through the donations ACO Johannesen was able to have all the medical and boarding bills paid for at no cost to the town.

It is with heavy heart that "Bear" passed over to the Rainbow Bridge January 19th, with her loving family by her side.

On behalf of the Animal Control Department, we thank you for your support.

Sheila Johannesen
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