

DOG OFFICER

Les Boardman,
Dog Officer

Program Description

The Town contracts with a private vendor to provide dog control services. The contract is awarded on the basis of a competitive bidding process and is administered by the Chief of Police.

The Dog Officer responds to all complaints regarding domesticated dogs. The Dog Officer is required to provide a vehicle for the transporting of dogs, as well as a pound for the temporary housing of dogs taken into custody. The Dog Officer and his assistant(s) are on call 24 hours a day and can be contacted through the Public Safety Communications Center by pager.

Program Implementation

The existing contract service provides response only to dog control problems. Other animal control problems are handled over the phone by referrals or by the uniformed patrol officers. The amount budgeted also provides for limited patrols by the Dog Officer to locate stray dogs.

Performance Information

The overall objective of this program is to provide dog control services in an efficient and effective manner. Effective October 31, the State mandated that the Town appoint an Animal Control Officer. Animal Control statistics will be available for the 2013 Town Report.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Calls Received	778	708	706	898	813
Dogs Picked Up	49	37	45	55	42
Dog Bites Reported	8	7	6	18	14

2012 DOG ACTIVITY BY MONTH

Month	Calls	# Picked Up	Licensed	Not Licensed	# Bite Calls	Dogs not claimed
January	74	2	1	1	1	0
February	57	1	0	1	1	0
March	102	3	2	1	2	0
April	90	3	2	1	0	0
May	61	5	4	1	1	0
June	71	2	0	2	2	0
July	45	3	1	2	0	1
August	55	4	1	3	0	0
September	57	5	4	1	0	0
October	53	5	2	3	2	0
November	69	3	3	0	4	0
December	79	6	4	2	1	0
Total '12	813	42	24	18	14	1
Total '11	898	55	40	15	18	3

All Dogs not claimed are placed with Lowell Humane or Buddy Dog