

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Established under Massachusetts general law chapter 140, sections 136 – 174, the Animal Control Office responds to calls relating to wild and domestic animals that may be sick, injured or considered dangerous. This office has one employee who enforces all Federal, State, County and Town laws regarding animal cruelty as well as lost or abandoned animals.

Over the past year, on average there were 6-8 calls and complaints per day which came to the attention of the Animal Control Officer. Among these calls there were:

- Dog bites to humans and other animals.
- Loose and stray dogs.
- Dogs and cats that were quarantined.
- All animals that were tested for rabies were negative.
- Barn inspections.
- Above average number of dead animals were removed from streets and neighborhoods.
- 1,585 dogs were licensed.

The annual Rabies Clinic inoculated 207 dogs and cats. Revenues were donated to the *Dick Bustard Memorial Fund* for the care of stray and injured animals.

Finally, I would like to thank the Police, Fire, Code Enforcement Department, Board of Health, School Departments, the Town Manager's Office, the Animal Hospital, the Animal Rescue League and the MSPCA. I would also like to thank all those conscientious citizens who licensed their dogs. And, I would like to give special thanks to Kristen MacDonald and Cheryl Sass from the Town Clerk's Office as well as Lt. Charles Thistle who is the liaison between the RPD and Animal Control Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector