

**REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL  
DEPARTMENT (DOG OFFICER)**

Department responses to complaints and to inquiries involving dogs saw an increase during calendar 2002. This increase

in 'Please Respond' calls from Plympton (and surrounding town) residents seem directly related to 'open land' diminishing rapidly in our local communities.

The Department will seek private funding to purchase a CO2 operated capture gun to enable the capture of stray dogs found worrying or threatening the public. A stray dog is any dog at large (with no owner present) without a valid license and rabies tag affixed to its collar. This is true whether or not the Town has adopted any "leash law".

Plympton residents are reminded that every dog 3 months of age or older must be licensed and rabies inoculated. Similarly, all cats should be rabies inoculated. Responsible pet owners in Plympton please continue to place public safety first in our Community.

Kennel owners in the Town, by request, are now able to obtain a copy of the kennel inspection standards utilized by this department during kennel inspections.

Residential support for animal control work in the Town has been outstanding. Donations of food and blankets, and a willingness to be of assistance with any future plans for a new animal shelter has been remarkable.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank C. Bush, *Plympton Dog Officer*