



## MEMORANDUM - HINESBURG COMMUNITY POLICE

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DATE: February 12, 2013  
TO: Joe Colangelo  
FROM: Frank Koss  
SUBJECT: Animal Control Policy

The town animal control policy only relates to dogs. Due to a feral cat problem, the town has not extended the policy to picking up cats.

Recently, a woman called that a cat had started to be around her house. She said that it was a well taken care of cat, tame and appeared to be someone's pet. She had a dog and was unable to keep the cat. I had to tell her that we did not have a policy regarding cats and she ended up taking the cat to the shelter in S. Burlington.

Question. Do we want to allow our animal control officer to pick up cats that are turned in by residents that appear to be pets and not feral? I do not see much of a financial obligation since this is the first time this has happened in my time in Hinesburg. I am not sure this would require a change in the ordinance since we would only pick up a stray cat that is in the possession of a resident.