

# SHARING MUNICIPAL SERVICES



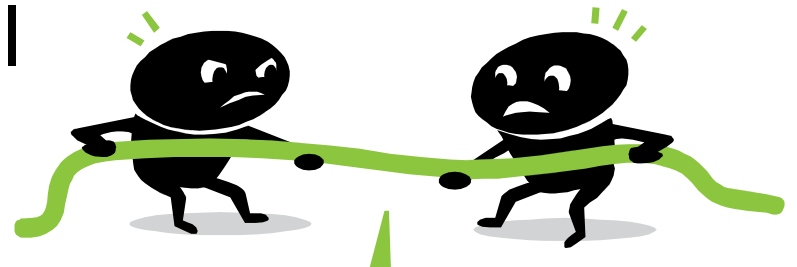
**Templeton-Hubbardston Animal Control**

# Templeton Hubbardston ACS

- Created in April of 2007 upon vote of Town Meeting, prior to legislation filed by Governor in 2008 (Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2008 C40, §4A).
- The vote authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Templeton to board stray dogs and/or cats in a facility in Templeton and to share costs of personnel and expenses for animal control operations.

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- Motivation for sharing of services was different for each town.
  - Templeton was looking to achieve cost savings.
  - Hubbardston needed services upon retirement of local dog officer.
- Savings versus Control



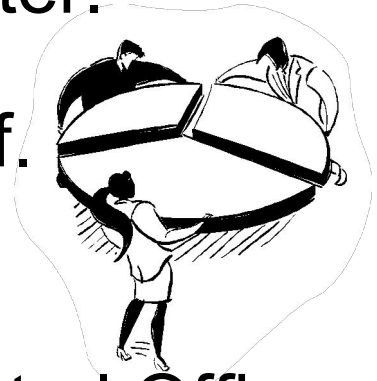
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- Templeton serves as the lead town
  - ❖ Hiring and supervision of staff
  - ❖ Salary and personnel benefits
  - ❖ Oversight of operations and logistics
  - ❖ Budget management
- Town Administrators responsible for oversight; meet annually or as needed.

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## Benefits:

- ❖ Enabled expanded services to include greater exposure, staffed kennel and shelter.
- ❖ Attract qualified, experienced staff.
- ❖ Staffing for coverage:  
one full, one part-time Animal Control Officer.



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- Assessment based on prior year number of documented calls, but not less than 25% of program costs.
- Preliminary budget created by Templeton. Hubbardston reviews and comments, as needed within established time period.

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- ④ Grants for veterinary care and supplies.
- ④ Revolving fund to accept fees from adoption of animals for supplies and maintenance of facility by ACO.
- ④ Local fees from licensing and fines stay with each community.
- ④ Gifts accepted to defray costs of program.

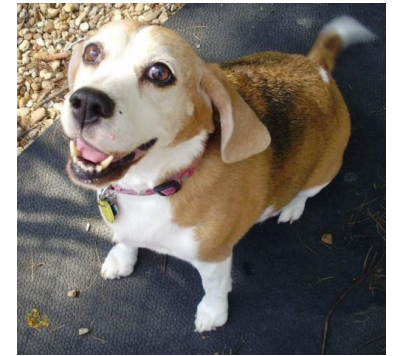
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- Allow for capital purchases
  - Purchased vehicle and specialized cab.
  - Upgraded kennels/facilities
- Review bylaws and create parallel
  - Ease of management
- Separation clause
  - To divest shared funds and capital purchases





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