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THE TOWN OF SALEM, FB ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SEWAGE SNIFFING DOGS TEAM UP TO IDENTIFY HUMAN SOURCES OF BACTERIA IN SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Salem, NH – The Town of Salem and FB Environmental out of Portsmouth, NH are pleased to be hosting Sable and Logan, the dogs from Environmental Canine Services, for a day of bacteria source tracking. The Town has engaged FB Environmental to assist in an effort to conduct preliminary bacteria screening and detection in several Town ponds. This work is intended to be an initial step in identifying water quality issues in Salem’s water bodies and stormwater, and is part of the Town work to comply with EPA Small MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) requirements.

Come see the dogs in action! Interested citizens and the press are welcome to attend a public demonstration in Salem, NH on **Wednesday, October 29th at 12 Noon** at the Ingram Senior Center, 1 Sally Sweet’s Way in Salem.

Environmental Canine Services is the first and only company in the world to scent train canines as a rapid screening method to identify human sources of bacteria in storm drains, rivers, lakes, and other waterbodies. Field tests have shown the dogs are approximately 90% accurate compared with traditional laboratory water tests and are a more efficient and cost effective option for budget-conscious cities and municipalities looking to fix sewer problems and protect swimming beaches, and the water quality of their rivers and lakes.

FB Environmental Associates, established in 2001, is a consulting firm that specializes in directing environmental planning, assessment, monitoring, mapping, and restoration projects for a diverse array of clients. The firm has experience working on water and natural resource projects throughout New England and has worked on numerous bacteria source tracking and mitigation projects.

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