

Hillier couple win award

Bill and Rosemary Hunter of Hillier have been named "Humain-itarians of the Year" by the Prince Edward County Animal Awareness Society (PAWS).

PAWS asked for nomination letters from the community citing individuals who have demon-

strated their compassion for stray animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter currently have a household of 18 cats, two dogs, and a yard full of geese, turkeys and chickens.

"I started taking strays in in 1978", Mrs. Hunter says. "We

had a budgie, so a cat was out of the question until it died. Morris was our first stray and others have been moving in ever since."

The rules of the house state that the cats must be fixed, and receive appropriate shots every year.

"Some of our cats have come to us through a local vet, others have wandered in, and still others have come from private individuals who were unable to keep their pets any more, but didn't want to take them to the Humane Society", Mrs. Hunter says.

And how do they all get along?

"It takes a while for a new cat to establish their position in the pecking order", Mrs. Hunter explains, " but Olive is the Margaret Thatcher of the household - she rules with an iron fist. Things have been really peaceful since she decided she was the boss."

The Hunters received a plaque from PAWS, plus the neutering of their latest arrival - Cleo the cat.

PAWS received a number of nominations for the award - Queen Elizabeth School, Ann Tyler, Judy McNamee, Donna Wager, Gladys McIntosh, William Nye, Sr., Dianne Robillard, Robecka Moore, and Bob and Laura Anthony.

Laura Pearsoll and Fred and Kathy VanCott also had many nominations sent on their behalf for the many strays that they have taken into their families. They will be recognized at a later date for their compassion, as they are members of PAWS and therefore were not eligible for the award.

Next February, PAWS will



Bill and Rosemary Hunter have been named PAWS "Humain-itarians of the Year". The couple have 18 cats, most of which are strays or have been routed to them through a local vet.

again be looking for letters from the community in order to award the 1996 Humain-itarian of the Year. If you or someone you

know is worthy of this award, please send your letters to PAWS, P.O. Box 2198, Picton, Ont. K0K 2T0.

