

# Hobby turns into thriving business

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Raising dogs is a family affair at the home of Peter and Carol Broadhurst, R.R. 1, Campbellville. With more than 30 canines, it is hard to avoid the subject.

What started out eight years ago as an admiration for a puppy being walked down the street, has grown into an internationally-known kennel with award winning dogs.

Carol, when living in Toronto, saw a Siberian Husky and a small pup being walked down the street by their owner. She decided she wanted a dog like that, and ended up with the same puppy.

After the family moved to Mississauga, Carol was so intrigued by her pet she wanted another. After that purchase, nature just took its course, and soon the Broad-

hursts found themselves with a litter. They kept one puppy and sold the others. This pattern continued, says Carol, until "a haphazard hobby just grew and grew."

She has personally raised five generations of her own breeding, she says proudly.

Two years ago, the family purchased a large farm on the Second Line of Nassagaweya. After extensive renovations of the house, and the erection of a kennel, the Broadhursts moved in about a year ago. Their registered name is Kortar Kennels.

Most of her dogs have won some award or other, says Carol. Khala recently won her International Champion, the only Siberian in Canada to do so, and the only one of that breed to do it in four straight shows. Other awards are Canadian champion, Mexican

champion and United States champion.

However, the showing of her dogs is listed as number three on Carol's list of concerns. Temperament comes first. She explains that she will not have a dog which is not of perfect temperament, and who cannot be used as a house pet. All her dogs, Carol says, take turns sleeping in the house, and she trusts them all with her three children.

The next concern is work-ability. The animals all have good leg and body length, which helps in the breeding end and on the dog sled teams. Showing is the third concern.

Buyers from all over the world have relied on Carol's judgment to send them the dog they want. She has dogs in Rio De Janeiro, France,

Seattle, Florida, Texas, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Quebec, and many in Southern Ontario. Of all the dogs she has sold, Carol says, there is only one whose whereabouts she does not know. She explains that one animal was stolen from its owners, and only that way has she lost track of it.

Some of her dogs are not for sale, she says, as they have become too much of family pets. Khala, Kesu, Chimo, Chester are just a few of the family names called at meal time.

Each dog is a member of a dog sled team. The Broadhursts' 100-acre farm provides natural trails for the teams to run. The orders mush, whoa, gee (right) and haw (left) echo through the woods as the animals are out on practice runs.

In the summer, it is a familiar sight to see a team of seven dogs running down the Second Line pulling a three-wheeled chariot. They also run them along a near-by lake, and then let the dogs go for a swim as a reward.

Dogs are not the only animals around the Broadhurst farm. Chickens are also raised by Carol, and a farmer works the land. Rambling amongst the chickens, Siberian Huskys and cats, is one Doberman Pinscher, a guard dog.

Son Brent, 10, and daughter Debora-Kim, 7, are both experienced handlers with the Siberians at dog shows. Kyle, 3, is a little too young to show the canines, but he spends his day playing amongst several dogs. Husband Peter, a Mississauga lawyer, runs the teams with the sleds during the summer and winter. Handler Norm

House, of Mississauga, is also a great help with the dogs, says Carol.

All of her dogs think they are human, the owner claims. She explains that some of them, when it is their turn to sleep in the house, will lie on the bed with their heads on the pillow. Still others can open door handles and let themselves out.

Carol's love of Siberian Huskys does not end with just the breeding, racing and showing of the animal. She is currently spinning dog hair and will make a wall hanging from it. She admits it will take a while, but it is one way of assuring her animals will live forever.

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ALL IN THE LINE of duty. Reporter Helen Murray took a dog sled ride through the 100-acre farm of Peter and Carol Broadhurst, of Kortar Kennel, R.R. 1, Campbellville, and got a first hand view of the team at work.

### Papermasters buy Domtar

Papermasters Ltd. have bought the empty Domtar plant in Georgetown and will move their operation to that plant, where they will expand, and employ more people.

Guy Melton, who with Pat Coupland owns and operates both Papermasters and Labelmasters on Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown, said the jump from the existing 21,000 square feet to 100,000 at the Domtar plant will give them the opportunity to increase production gradually. He feels the move will be done the same way. The existing Papermasters plant will be retained.

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WHAT'S EVERYBODY looking at? The Broadhurst children of Kortar Kennel attempted to pose with four Siberian Husky puppies and friend Cocoa, but one decided he was camera shy and disappeared from the view of the camera. All eyes followed. Brent, 10, Kyle, 3, and Debora-Kim, 7, did their best to hold the remaining pups in position.

Broadhurst farm has gone to the dogs

## Federation studies tax reform

Haltion Federation of Agriculture has formed a committee to study the impact of proposed reforms in property tax on the farm operations in Haltion.

The Federation held its annual meeting Thursday. "We are quite concerned about the proposed new tax," stated Bob Merry, president of the Federation.

"The proposal for taxes on the market value of land and not on the productivity of the farm doesn't make sense, especially in this area," he said.

A farmer should be taxed on his ability to produce, he continued, adding that the proposed tax form "will put people out of business if they go through with it."

"It would just kill area farmers; they would not be able to farm and make a living out of it."

The new committee, headed by Dr. Dick Kunlea of Hornby will pursue the issue in an attempt to have farms taxed on productivity instead of market value, he said.

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