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Mrs. D.L. Wachal and Ms. Laura Wachal have joined Foster Parents Plan of Canada by "adopting" Little Judy Paredes, aged 11 years, of Colombia. Their monthly contribution of \$19 brings help not only to the Foster Child but every member of the Family.

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Tomas de Cortes, her step father Ruben Salazar, a tailor, and older brother Mauricio Paredes, 13, and twin brothers Roberto and Harold Salazar, age 4. She also has one sister Lilianna, 11, who lives with an aunt.

The family's total income is \$50 a month, used for food, school supplies, clothing, fuel, transportation and other basic necessities. Her diet is mostly rice, plantain, fish, brown water, coffee and occasionally meat.

Foster Parents Plan is currently working in seventeen countries in South America, Central America, Asia and Africa. Over 100,000 children are currently being aided by individuals, groups and families in Canada, Australia, The Netherlands and U.S.A. For more information on this non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political independent organization, write to Foster Parents Plan of Canada, 153 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P8, or call toll-free anytime, 1-800-268-7174.



Joe Kirley is a favourite among his friends at the Halton Hills animal shelter. Mr. Kirley feels the irresponsibility of pet owners is responsible for the many calls the shelter receives.

Irresponsible owners keep controllers busy

Halton Hills Animal Control hopping, according to shelter manager Joe Kirley. Mr. Kirley said only about five per cent of the animals they pick up are strays. Most are pets which have been left to roam or are not tagged by lackadaisical owners.

"A licence is the best protection your dog can have. If he's found it is almost the only hope he'll be returned or cared for if he's hurt," he said.

The shelter, located on the Fifth Line, north of Lincolnton, has been in operation since 1963. It is a private operation contracted for by the Town. It receives per capita grant from the town and collects additional revenue from fines and boarding fees.

The control shelter answers calls which usually concern animals running loose or lost. They also accept unwanted animals from people, their own pets or strays.

The animal control does not do away with animals unless there is an emergency. Mr. Kirley said animals received by them are sent to the University of Guelph where they are either put to sleep or kept for research. Some of those animals kept for research may serve as blood banks, if they have a particularly unusual type blood. Rather than being destroyed some are taken home by researchers at the school.

Of the 511 calls the office received in June, Mr. Kirley speculated 95 per cent were complaints of animals running loose in the area. After animals are picked up they are kept in the pound for an average of five days. The law states a pound must keep the animals for 72 hours, excluding the day picked up.

Reclaiming rate for animals is poor, according to Mr. Kirley. Out of 81 animals impounded in June only 15 were reclaimed. "We don't like to overcrowd the pens. We can house 25 or 30 animals for about a week before we are forced to move them out to make room for the new arrivals," he said.

Mr. Kirley pointed out it is against the law for a dog to run outside the owner's property. A dog must be confined to the owner's property 24 hours a day.

With more people moving to rural areas there is an increase in dogs running loose. Many people don't realize that the law against letting a dog run loose also pertains to rural areas. In the case of dogs molesting or killing livestock, the owner or the municipality must compensate the farmer and the dog has to be put down within 48 hours. In the case of sheep a dog doesn't have to touch one of the flock. They are very nervous animals. If they are worried they will abort their lambs," he said.

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