

Abandoned kittens survive and are ready for adoption

Despite one person's bid to be rid of four tiny felines, the lucky little ones are ready for adoption.

About five weeks ago, an Acton resident found four three-week-old kittens in a ditch, covered in mud and manure, and brought them to the Acton Veterinary Clinic at 10 River Street.

Clinic employees teamed up to nurse the kittens, three males and one female, back to health, feeding the kittens bottled milk. Now, the eight-week-old kittens, already vaccinated and dewormed, are ready and waiting for a good home.

It is a difficult position for the clinic to take, said Jane McKay, an employee at the clinic. The clinic treats injured animals, but in helping these kittens there is no payment involved, she said. The work involved in nursing the kittens back to health was done out of the goodness of everyone's hearts, Mrs. McKay said.

On several occasions, employees of the clinic have taken the tiny crawlers home on weekends to babysit them.

It's the clinic's decision whether to euthanize the kittens or give them a fighting chance by feeding

and caring for them, she said.

Mrs. McKay said she becomes frustrated and angered when she hears of people abusing animals but said it is difficult to lay blame when the whole story remains unknown. "These animals can't tell us what happened so we just feed and look after them," she said.

The clinic is willing to give away the kittens to anyone who can provide a good home. The clinic is also open late on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 8 p.m. For further information contact Acton Veterinary Clinic at 853-1450.



Jane McKay of the Acton Veterinary Clinic is ready to give away the clinic's four recent additions to anyone willing to give these kittens a good home. Someone found the four orphans in a sack in an Acton ditch and brought them into the clinic. When the kittens were found, covered in manure and mud, they were estimated at only three-weeks-old.

(Herald Photo)

Youths can play vital part in protecting the environment

If the Halton Health and Social Services Committee and the Halton Regional Council accept, Halton could be attending a social services summit at the urgent request of the head of Toronto's social services committee.

Halton, which is \$500,000 over its social services budget, may soon join a summit with Peel, York, Toronto and Durham regions to solicit increased provincial funding.

However, Halton has not yet received a letter from Brian Ashton, head of the social services

committee and a Metro councillor, sent to the regions asking for their participation in lobbying the Ontario government. However, Karan Chan, acting Halton social services commissioner, said the region cannot say it will be involved until a report is submitted to the social services committee and approved by regional council.

There are definite increases in the demand for social assistance, said Ms. Chan, adding that since June, 1989, there has been nearly a 40 per cent increase in welfare case loads. In June, 1990, 1,339 welfare cases have been recorded,

an increase of 379 over last year, said Ms. Chan.

Increased demands on social services stem from three reasons Ms. Chan said. She explained there has been a significant caseload growth; recent qualification changes have made more applicants eligible and funds necessary to meet the demands of recipients have increased. The cost for each recipient has risen about 21 per cent over last year, she added.

"If you put all that together you're going to experience increases," said Ms. Chan. What it all comes down to is that more people are being forced to apply for assistance, she explained.

Halton is certainly not a region exempt from people who need financial assistance, said Ms. Chan, despite how affluent some say the region may be. The region expected increased demands on social services. However, 40 per cent increases were not expected, she said.

Social Services summit is urged

By LISA RUTLEDGE
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For Halton Hills youths who are concerned about the environment but are discouraged at the enormity of the issues, each individual can have a valuable part to play.

Thinking globally and acting locally, is the message The Canadian Red Cross Society hopes youths, ages 16 to 19, will bring home from an August Youth Conference on International Development.

The Ontario Division of the Red Cross is organizing its seventh annual conference at Maple Lake Conference Centre in Parry Sound between August 19-24 to increase awareness and understanding of international issues and to enhance leadership skills for today's young adults.

Supported by the Canadian International Development Agency, the conference will give youths the opportunity to learn about environmental issues, developing countries, natural disasters and even human rights first hand, said Conference co-ordinator Annamie Paul.

Miss Paul said the conference is an opportunity for youths to meet people from other cultures while expanding their knowledge of global issues.

Miss Paul encourages all youths interested in global issues to participate in the conference because they will learn the appropriate skills in order to initiate involvement in their own communities.

Two Woodstock students held a dance last year and raised \$700 for Child Alive, a rehydration program in developing countries, she said.

Students attending the conference will travel from London, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Windsor and even as far as British Columbia and Alberta, said Miss Paul.

"More and more, young people want to know what they can do to make a difference," said Miss Paul. "The conference is useful because it opens a lot of doors if youths want to get involved."

One of the main reasons young people don't get involved is because they don't know where to

start. Miss Paul said. But her advice is that "you can do little things. If everyone does one thing to make more people aware then it becomes a big thing".

Anyone interested in participating in the Youth Conference on International Development is asked to contact the Red Cross at (416) 980-1000, ext. 262. A \$50 cost includes accommodation, meals, return transportation, resources and a participant T-shirt. A \$30 deposit is required by Aug. 7.

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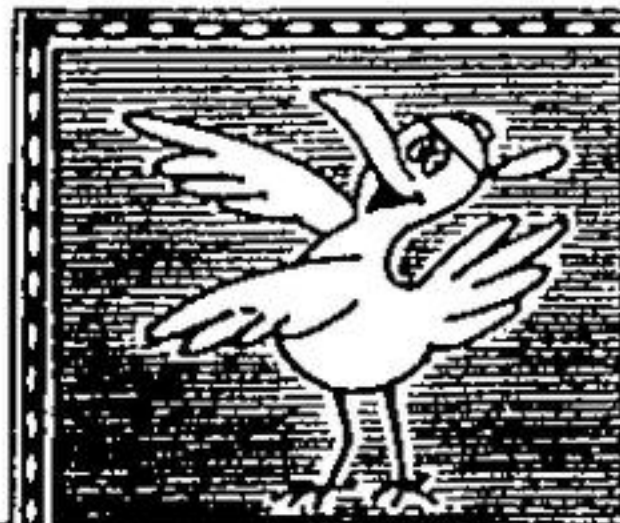
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