

YOU & YOUR PET

Neska reveals her true self to the people she trusts

By **JUDITH-ANNE KOLU**
Upper Credit Humane Society volunteer

I'm Neska and I came to UCHS as a surrender. I am a nine-month-old pretty beagle cross, brown with white accents, small in stature—told I am too plump at 45 lbs, I do LOVE those treats!

On arrival, it was all too much for me, this change in circumstance made me present as a classic troubled teen, fearful, no self-confidence, self-control or self-esteem, bossy yet at the same time unsure. I spent my early puppyhood in a home that did daycare and I certainly cannot go to a home with children.... my memories are not good in this regard.

The Staff feel that I am just a young girl who is confused about my role in the world. They realize that tucked inside I have a wonderful temperament, but because of past experiences I feel that it is my job to correct YOU when things aren't quite going my way. They think that I lack confidence in my caregivers to make the proper decisions. Many different people deal with my daily care here but I know I can trust them and they will keep me safe so my behavior has improved. How-



ever, I am still insecure with visitors and in social situations am very fearful of strangers which makes me not present at my best.

When I relaxed with people I trust I love my belly rubbed, playing ball and hanging around in the kitchen or outdoors where playing or walkies are very much enjoyed. I love to collect little treasures on my walk which makes the walker smile, I bring back

twigs, pieces of paper or even a small pebble...it comforts me to carry something as we walk along. I feel proud!

In summary, I would do well in a home with a family with one or two dog experienced adults that have the skills to teach me boundaries and maintain a steady routine. I would probably benefit from a multi-dog home, where I can learn from them

and raise my confidence level.

I must have a home with ABSOLUTELY NO CHILDREN because staff feel that being raised in a daycare situation may have contributed to my confidence issue. (Note: To gain my confidence before adoption, I would love you to come and visit me several times so we can get to know each other).

Please be interested to hear my plea for adoption. To meet me call the Shelter, 519-833-2287 or e-mail adoptions@uppercredit.com.

Popsicle can melt your heart

By **BARB JOHNSON**
North Halton Kitten Rescue volunteer

During the December ice storm an Acton homeowner found Popsicle in his window well stiff from cold and very hungry. After questioning the neighbours it was learned that her owners moved away in October and left her behind. The NHKR does not take in older cats but this was a desperate situation and a foster volunteered to nurse her back to health.

Popsicle shows no ill effects from her ordeal. She is a well-adjusted happy cat estimated to be three years old. She is clean with her litter box, doesn't mind having her nails clipped and enjoys being groomed. She is content to bird watch from inside and shows no desire to venture outdoors.

Popsicle has a unique face resembling a lioness with striking colours. She is a tall large cat often mistaken for a male because of her



size. She plays enthusiastically with her toys and is very strong but gentle. To receive more petting, she reaches out to touch people or tries to hold the hand that is leaving. She can be persistent when seeking attention and her size makes it difficult to ignore her. Popsicle prefers to cuddle beside people rather than in a lap and if invited she sleeps on the bed snuggled up close. Her "lion look" causes some people to hesitate but she is friendly and enjoys attention from strangers.

A friendly older dog was not a problem for her but Popsicle needs to be the only cat in her new home. She is adaptable to either a quiet or busy household.

Popsicle will be at Pet Valu on Mountainview Rd. in Georgetown South as the store cat for adoption during store hours. Info: www.nhkr.ca or call me (Barb) 905-873-8547 or more information on how to adopt Popsicle. No Saturday or Sunday showing at either Pet Valu location May 3-4.



Rescuing the abandoned

Barb Johnson from North Halton Kitten Rescue feeds one of the five four-week-old kittens found abandoned in a boat. They will be available for adoption in a few weeks. The kittens were on display at Georgetown Market Place Saturday.

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