

ADOPT A PET



ADOPTABLE PETS OF THE WEEK...

Pretty intelligent Hope is looking for a patient female owner.

A family in Acton were feeding a stray cat unaware that she was nursing kittens. When she was unintentionally disturbed and had relocated her kittens to under shrubs on a neighboring lawn, NHKR was contacted. With help from neighbors the mom and kittens were corralled and taken into foster care. Her kittens were adopted and now momma would also like a home.

Her foster mom named her Hope, recognizing that Hope had been traumatized and would require a tremendous amount of socializing to rekindle her confidence and redevelop her trust towards people.

Previous to being a stray cat, Hope was a house cat as she is familiar with household sounds and she does not wish to return outdoors. It is equally obvious that she was mistreated. Sadly, Hope remains fearful of men and children. During her year in foster care she has become affectionate and interactive with her foster mom. Hope would enjoy a new home with a quiet patient woman and perhaps an older friendly cat - she is passive with other cats.

When introduced to something new, Hope carefully observes her surroundings before she ventures out of a secure space. But when she feels safe she comes for attention. Hope is a young cat about 3 years old, so she is playful and enjoys physical interaction when she is playing. She is especially fond of head scratches and belly rubs. Hope will allow being picked up and held for short durations - the duration increasing as she develops more trust. When she is feeling safe her purring is non-stop and she has started to make quiet happy sounds. Hope enjoys being close to her foster mom and will allow herself to be relocated on to her lap to



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receive attention and sometimes for short naps.

Hope is tidy with her food and litter box areas. Surprisingly she allows her nails to be trimmed with no protesting. She loves her cat climber, always using it to scratch and the cubby hole is one of her safe places.

When pushed too far or startled, Hope communicates with a gently swat or nip that causes no harm. She is a passive girl and fear triggers these reactions. Hope has made incredible progress from when she arrive in foster care as a protective frightened mom and she needs someone to continue her progress, towards ultimately becoming a happy confident cat.



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Students Jack Kukolic and Emma Knynenburg have been critical of recent decisions by the Halton Catholic District School Board.

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schools. That decision was criticized by many local students and resulted in an official statement by the board's student council presidents that claimed the vote did not represent the stated values of the board. Jack Kukolic, student president of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School said that the Pride flag decision seems to dismiss the student voice.

"The events of the weeks preceding this delegation would be one example, of many, where student dignity and inclusion has been disregarded when certain decisions have been made by members of this Board," said Kukolic.

The student delegates were asked a number of followup questions from trustees. Some questioned

whether the issue was a bureaucratic one that could be resolved with better communication.

Trustee Peter DeRosa questioned whether this criticism was about students being disappointed by a board decision they didn't like.

"Are you cognizant of the fact that sometimes decisions don't always go necessarily the way you'd like them to go? And I don't want to debate the reason they don't," said DeRosa. "Is the disappointment I'm hearing in the students voice tonight a direct result of not getting the result they wanted from the votes?"

Multiple trustees thanked the students for their presentation and complimented them for coming forward with their thoughts.

Patrick Murphy, chair of

the board, said he will make changes going forward.

"I'm always impressed when our students come before us even when they're criticizing me. We need to reflect and be uncomfortable to grow. My takeaway personally, the one small thing I can enact right away, is to meet directly with student trustees on a regular basis," said Murphy.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY: The board of trustees has faced a number of issues recently that put it in opposition to a significant and vocal group of its students. This has directly led to accusations from student government members that the trustees don't take them seriously. We wanted to find out more about these claims and why this is important to them.