

Humane Society is not sacrosanct

To the Editor:

Maggie Petrushevsky, in her Sept. 24 column on cat trapping, asks why people get excited about it. I think I can answer that question from a cat owner's point of view and as an Acton resident.

It is a good idea to keep cats indoors, and some cats are contented enough to be confined. Other, especially those that have been adopted as adult strays, get very agitated when not allowed their daily walkabouts. We know the usual dangers. What we didn't know and didn't expect was an additional dan-

ger from traps - for heaven's sake - in a community which does not have a cat restraint bylaw. It gives one the kind of feeling he might get if his car were ticketed in a legal parking zone.

Some of the excitement (perturbation might be a better word) could be due not so much to the actual trapping as to the attitude of the trappers toward public curiosity. A few questions, even a difference of opinion normally doesn't elicit an acerbic reaction. One could easily get the impression that what the Humane Society does is con-

sidered to be sacrosanct and not to be questioned by mere mortals. Hellooooo! Anybody who read the news should know that nobody these days is above scrutiny.

Over the past month, numerous animal care organizations around the country have welcomed my interest and answered all sorts of

questions openly and courteously. They willingly discussed policy. Not one took offense. All provided an address where they could be reached other than by telephone. They allow access to their shelters/foster homes to anyone looking for a lost animal.

Humane Societies say that

they trap animals, including cats, only when necessary to enforce municipal bylaw or when there is a threat to public health and safety. Threat to the public is determined by municipal or provincial authorities. They indicate that they have enough trouble dealing with the numbers of unwanted animals surren-

dered to them without looking for more.

Animal Rights groups were generally unaware that carts are ever trapped, anywhere, for any reason. They are now.

Thank you, Tanner, for keeping the townspeople informed.

Eileen Hutcheson

Organizers thank Terry Fox run supporters

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Sept. 20, the 18th Terry Fox Run was held at the Acton High School track, where participants, volunteers and supporters joined together to continue their commitment and dedication to Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. The weather was perfect, with many new people arriving throughout the day to join our loyal group of long-time participants. Total pledges and donations for the day exceeded \$24,000, maintaining our run site as one of the most successful in Ontario in the categories of funds raised per capita and per participant.

We would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the following:

-To Acton High School for the use of their facilities.

-To Mike Mattocks representing Acton's Citizens of the Year, newly crowned Miss Acton Tanya Tonkovich along with the first runner-up Steph McKay and second runner-up Kelly

Soutiere, and Mayor Marilyn Sergeantson for cutting the ribbon to officially open the day.

-The following businesses and individuals who were kind enough to donate supplies for the food booth, raising over \$400 for our cause: Acton IGA, MacMillan's Frozen Foods, Mr. Muggs, Acton Town Milk, Acton Discount Variety, Village Variety, Super Submarine, Becker's, Royal Jug City, Leathertown Lumber, Maple Leaf Foods, Peggy Height, Jean McPhail, Brenda Barratt and the Rogers family.

-To Acton Pharmacy, Ross Ballantine and Leathertown Feed for displaying signs, and to all residents who showed their support with lawn signs.

-To all businesses who provided space for pledge sheets and posters, to all banks for processing pledge forms, to Eagle Ottawa Canada for office supplies and postage, and to Speyside Welding for the use of their motor home.

-To all volunteers who helped throughout the day, to all who sponsored participants or donated directly to the run and to all participants who collected pledges and participated in the run.

-To the New Tanner for your exceptional coverage of our event, and for printing our submitted columns which were intended to inform your readers about the life of Terry, the Terry Fox Foundation, the allocation of funds and research initiatives.

On Monday, Oct. 12 at 9 p.m. CBC television will be airing a one hour documentary entitled "The Life and Times of Terry Fox," which will take us back to Terry's incredible Marathon of Hope, and his legacy of hope, courage and determination.

Again, thanks to everyone for your efforts in our ongoing battle against cancer. We are also thankful for the memory of Terry Fox, and the example he set for us all, that people should follow their dreams, and that together we can make a difference.

The Acton Terry Fox Run Committee

George McPhail, Nan Hurst, Wally Ella, Marlene Bogart, Jennifer Murr, Janice Morrow, Jon Hurst.



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Annual
Commencement Exercises
will be held on
Friday December 18, 1998
at 7:00 p.m.



148TH ERIN FALL FAIR - OCT 9-10-11-12

ADMISSION

(GST INCLUDED)

FRIDAY EVENING \$6.00

DAILY ADMISSION

13 & OVER \$6.00

5-12 \$2.00

4 YEARS OF AGE

AND UNDER

FREE

PARKING

(FOR SENIORS & DISABLED)...\$3.00

WEEKEND PASS.....\$20.00



BEEF RAFFLE

1st Prize:

Side of Beef or \$400 cash

2nd Prize:

Hind Quarter of Beef or \$250 cash

3rd Prize:

Front Quarter of Beef or \$150 cash

Tickets \$2.00 EACH

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FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 9, 1998

EXHIBITS HALL

7:00 pm • Hall Exhibits Open
• Ambassador of the Fair Competition

TRACK

7:00pm •truck pull

RAFFLES WILL BE HELD OVER THE WEEKEND TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEW BUILDING

EXHIBITS AND MIDWAY ALL WEEKEND

GET YOUR ADVANCE MIDWAY RIDE TICKETS \$20 FOR 50 COUPONS

Tickets include an entry form for a Bicycle Draw to be deposited in a drum in the Midway area. (Sponsored by Robertson's Amusements)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 1998

EXHIBITS HALL

9:00am Hall Exhibits Open, Silent Auction, General Store
12:45 pm Chip Off The Ole Block Contest

2:00 Gentle Ben's pet show

PUBLIC SCHOOL

9:30am Children's Fair

TRACK

9:00am Mounted Games
1:00pm Horse Draw
4:00 OPP Golden Helmets
7:00pm Tractor Pull

TENT-LIVESTOCK

10:00am Wellington 4-H Goat Show
11:00am Open Goat Show

SHOW BARN

10:00am Jersey Show
11:00am Erin 4-H Dairy Calf Club
1:00pm 4-Her's Little Royal

NEW HORSE RING

9:30am Saddle and Hunter Show

OTHER

12:00noon Horse Shoe Pitch

CHAINSAW SCULPTURING

By Peter Turrell, sponsored by Stihl & Ed Stewarts Equipment, from 10am-5pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 1998

EXHIBITS HALL

10:00 am Hall Exhibits Open
Silent Auction, General Store

ENTERTAINMENT

2:00pm River Road Cloggers
Sponsored by Chris Butchard
Financial Planner
"Voices" Gospel Sing
Country Music by "Kickback"
Michelle Brodie

TENT-LIVESTOCK

10:00am Open Sheep Show

TRACK

10:30am Heavy Horse Show

11:00am Mounted Games

SHOW BARN

12:30pm All beef Breeds

NEW HORSE RING

10:30am Western Horse Show

OTHER

1:00pm Kids Pedal Pull
Kids Farmers Field Day

PAWZIE TRACTION
Flyball Demonstrations
All Weekend

MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 1998

EXHIBITS HALL

10:00am Hall exhibits Open
Silent Auction, General Store

ENTERTAINMENT

1:00pm Terry Sumsion
The Grace Liners

4:00pm HALL CLOSED FOR HALF HOUR

TRACK

10:30am Ponies-Shetland, Welsh
12:00pm Light Horse Show

SHOW BARN

9:30am Jr. Beef Heifer Selection;
followed by: Erin 4-H Beef Calf Club,
Companion Calf Show & Sale
4-H Interclub Show
Market Cattle jack pot show

NEW HORSE RING

9:00am 4-H & Gymkhana Show

OTHER

9:00am Poultry Show
1:00 Farmers Olympics
3:00 Market Hog Carcass Auction
Companion Calf Sale

