# 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 danger 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-

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sidered to be sacrosanct and not be to 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, forkeeping 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

-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 fam-

-To Acton Pharmacy, 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.

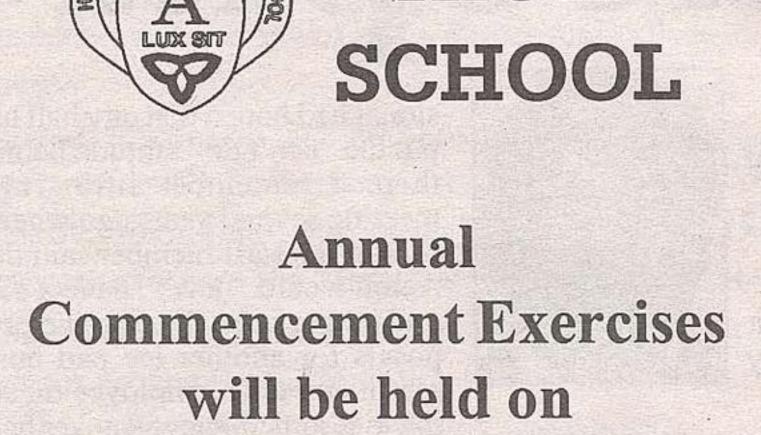
-To the New Tanner for your exceptional coverage of our event, and for printing our submitted columns which were intended to inform your readers about the life of Terry, the Terry Fox Foundation, the allocation of funds and research initiatives.

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.



Friday December 18, 1998

at 7:00 p.m.

# FALL FAIR - OCT 9-10-11-12

#### **ADMISSION**

(GST INCLUDED)

FRIDAY EVENING \$6.00 DAILY ADMISSION

13 & OVER 5-12

\$6.00 \$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

Front Quarter of Beef or \$150 cash Tickets \$2.00 EACH Licence #416548

3rd Prize:



# 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 Bycicle Draw to be deposited in a drum in the Midway area. (Sponsored by Robertson's Amusements)

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 1998

#### **EXHIBITS HALL**

Hall Exhibits Open, 9:00am Silent Auction, General Store

Chip Off The Ole Block

**OPP Golden Helmets** 

12:45 pm Contest

Gentle Ben's pet show

2:00

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Children's Fair 9:30am

TRACK 9:00am

4:00

Mounted Games Horse Draw 1:00pm

Tractor Pull 7:00pm

TENT-LIVESTOCK

Wellington 4-H Goat Show 10:00am

Open Goat Show 11:00am SHOW BARN

Jersey Show 10:00am Erin 4-H Dailry Calf Club 11:00am

1:00pm

4-Her's Little Royal **NEW HORSE RING** 

9:30am OTHER

Saddle and Hunter Show

12:00noon Horse Shoe Pitch CHAINSAW SCULPTURING By Peter Turrell, sponsored by Stihl & Ed

Stewarts Equipment, from 10am-5pm SATURNDAY & SUNDAY

# SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 1998

### **EXHIBITS HALL**

Hall Exhibits Open 10:00 am

Silent Auction, General Store

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

2:00pm

River Road Cloggers Sponsord by Chris Butchard Financial Planner

Michelle Brodie

Open Sheep Show

"Voices" Gospel Sing Country Music by "Kickback" & 12 Year old singer

TENT-LIVESTOCK

10:00am TRACK

Heavy Horse Show 10:30am

Mounted Games 11:00am

SHOW BARN

All beef Breeds 12:30pm

**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**

Hall exhibits Open 10:00am

Silent Auction, General Store ENTERTAINMENT

Terry Sumsion 1:00pm The Grace Liners

HALL CLOSED FOR 4:00pm HALF HOUR

TRACK 10:30am

Ponies-Shetland, Welsh Light Horse Show 12:00pm SHOW BARN

Jr. Beef Heifer Selection; 9:30am followed by: Erin 4-H Beef Calf Club,

Companion Calf Show & Sale

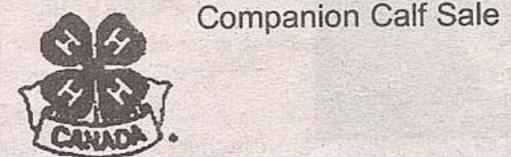
4-H Interclub Show Market Cattle jack pot show

Market Hog Carcass Auction

**NEW HORSE RING** 

4-H & Gymkhana Show 9:00am OTHER

Poultry Show 9:00am Farmers Olympics 1:00



3:00