

You and Your Pet

Dogs show their stuff at Canines at the Cataract

Canines at the Cataract, a festival celebrating dogs, will be held Sept. 14, noon to 5 p.m. to benefit the Upper Credit Humane Society.

Dogs playing musical chairs, agility teams, canine athletes, rescue dogs and a doggie beauty contest are all part of the activities planned for on the grounds of the Cataract Inn, located on Cataract Rd.,

south of Hwy. 24.

The event is free, but a donation to Upper Credit Humane Society is requested. Visitors are asked to bring their own lawn chairs, leash their pets and keep children well attended. No picnicking and don't forget a poop 'n scoop bag.

The afternoon's events will include four separate shows by canines in agility, flyball, obedience, detection and canine athletics, mounted by the professional teams of Dog-On-It and MegaMutts.

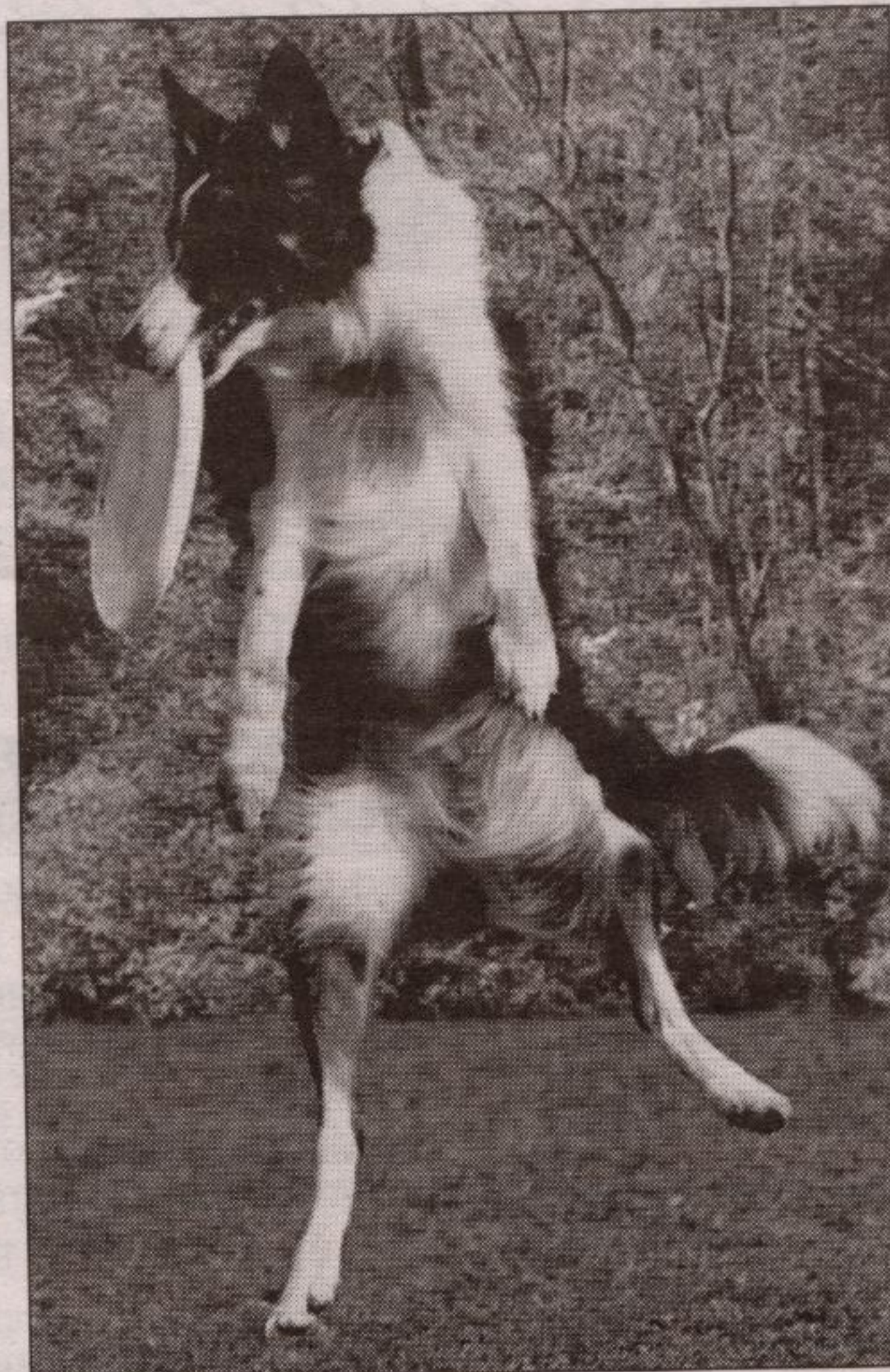
Officers and their animals from the Ontario Provincial Police will take to the field to show how effective a role the canine unit plays in searching for suspects and substances, and in apprehending criminals.

Radio personality Don Daynard will act as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, and conduct the People's Choice beauty contest which will see the winning dogs awarded gourmet treats, handmade by Cataract Inn Executive Chef Graham Black. Daynard was the longtime morning man and best-known personality at CHFI radio, and is a resident of Belfountain.

For hungry and thirsty humans, Canines at the Cataract will feature a special outdoor barbecue and beer tent during the afternoon, featuring locally-brewed lager on tap.

The afternoon also features professional demonstrations by MegaMutts and Dog-On-It, who routinely wow crowds at events such as the CNE, Royal Winter Fair and All About Pets show.

The whole family will enjoy a watching The Genesis MegaMutts perform their intricate precision drills as well as Musical Mats and Musical Chairs—wonderfully funny variations of two old party



Dogs will be showing off their skills at Canines at the Cataract, Sunday.

games. Their repertoire also includes agility demonstrations, flyball competitions, head to head obstacle races, an obedience circus, and the unique MegaMutts Round the Clock Challenge.

The star of the MegaMutts show team is Tilly. At only five years old, Tilly is the national Jack Russell Terrier Trial and Agility Champion. In 2000 and 2001, Tilly was ranked by the Agility Association of Canada as the # 1 Jack Russell in Canada. Her amazing speed, athleticism, and overall

cuteness enthrall audiences wherever she goes. Tilly's owner and trainer, Shannon Teahen, is, at 19 years of age, the youngest AAC-approved Agility Judge in Canada.

The Dog-On-It Flyball & Agility Team was formed in the 1994 by dog owners in Orangeville and surrounding area. By 1995 they were competing in Flyball tournaments and Agility trials, plus performing at fairs and special events. These dogs are family pets, some of which have been adopted from Humane Societies.

They train their dogs with a patient, positive approach, thus giving a "happy well trained pet." Mixbreeds and purebreds of all sizes have learned to have fun with their owners. They are always proud to show off their agility and talent. The dogs have titles in Obedience, Flyball, Agility, Canine Good Citizen, Carting and some are also St. John Ambulance Pet Therapy Dogs that visit in nursing homes.

The Upper Credit Humane Society will be present with dogs that are candidates for adoption; while Ride4Pets organizers will showcase some of the rescue animals they have been instrumental in helping. Watch for a Siberian Husky arriving in the motorcycle sidecar!

As well, noted artist and animal portrait painter Linda Jenetti will have her work on exhibit, and be accepting commissions for special canines.

The Credit River Company is the corporate sponsor of Canines at the Cataract. The Credit River Company owns and operates the Cataract Inn and the 1888 Belfountain Village Store and Ice Cream Parlour, as well as operates the Airport Road Rotisserie, near Caledon East.

Dog guide training centre opens doors to the public

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is hosting its semi-annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 152 Wilson St., Oakville (corner of Rebecca and Kerr Sts.)

Learn firsthand how dog guides enhance the lives of Canadians with visual, hearing and other medical/physical disabilities like muscular dystrophy or cerebral palsy. The Foundation will provide live demonstrations in each of the three programs: Canine Vision Canada, Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada and Special Skills Dogs of Canada. In addition, there are many future dog guides at the open house available for petting.

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