

You and Your Pet

Dog Day in the Park on Saturday

Dog Day in the Park, at Prospect Park, Acton, is being held by HH-DOG (Halton Hills Dog Owners Group) on Saturday, May 15, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

The zone, which has been open since last fall, has been a popular place for dog owners where they can legally allow their dogs to run off-leash within a fenced area between the tennis courts and Black Creek. The current bylaw requires all dogs to be on a leash when in a public place.

There will be an official leash cutting ceremony with Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, demonstrations and information from dog charities, and a hot dog barbecue. Other highlights include the Guide Dogs of Canada, retired racing greyhounds, St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs, the Upper Credit Humane Society, and Barlee's Angels. There will be a best trick contest, and an owner/dog look-alike contest. This event is to celebrate the opening of the first Halton Hills leash free dog exercise area.

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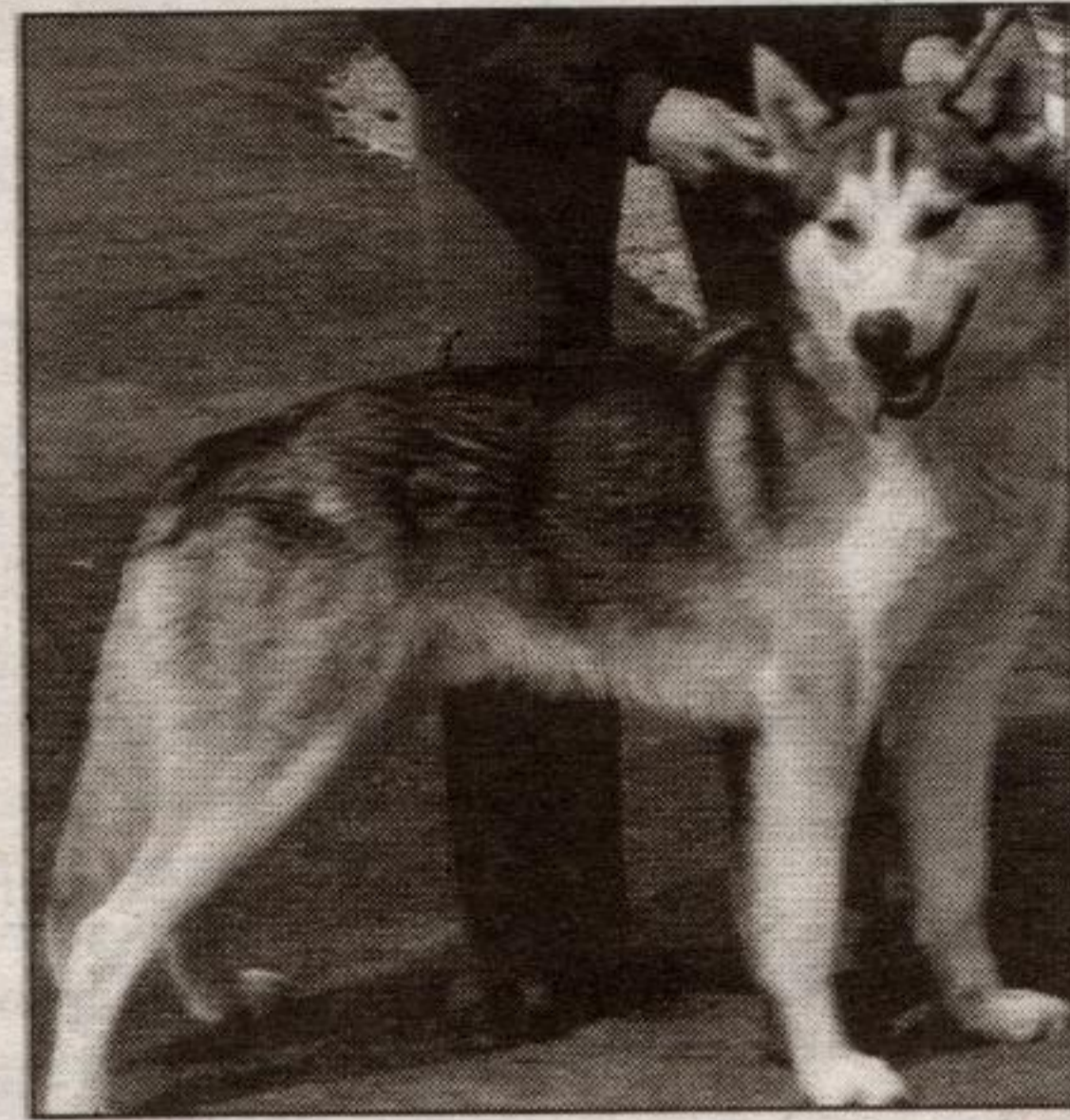
Bishop is hoping for a new home

My name is Bishop and I am a neutered male Husky, approximately one year old. I am very handsome and so full of energy—I am after all a Husky; remember we are used for outdoor activities, pulling sleighs and all that "mushing" ... so, of course, being true to my breed I am energetic.

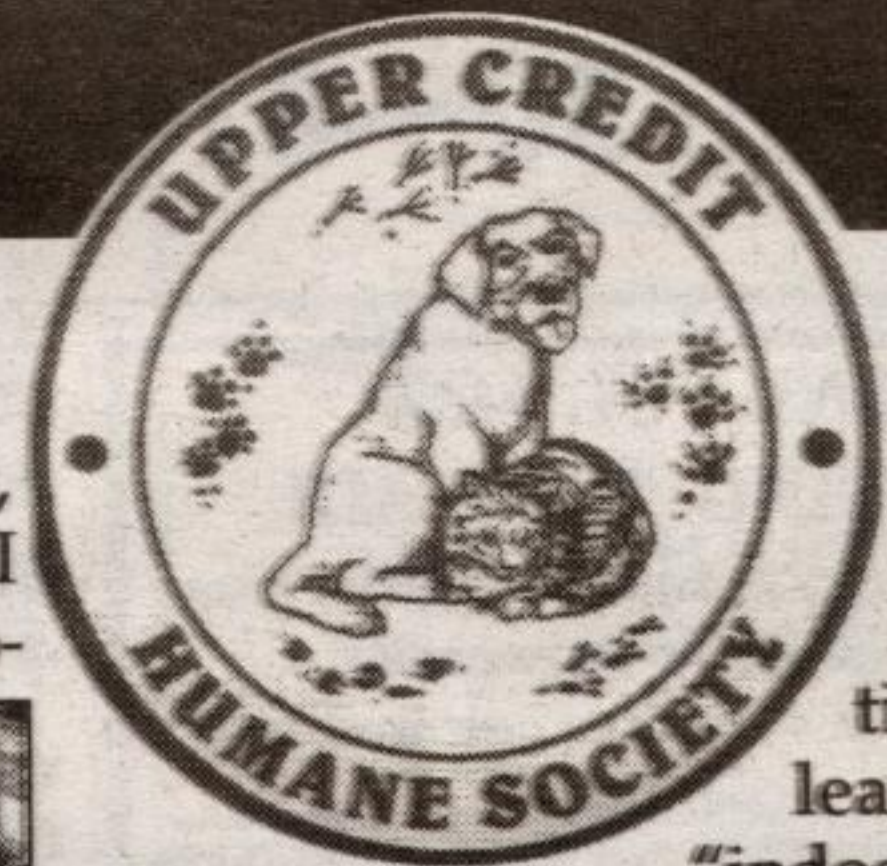
The staff at the Shelter give me the opportunity to play with other dogs, and I love this time outdoors running and playing and interacting. Unfortunately, in my previous home, no one had any time to spend with me and I was left alone on the end of a chain. No one took me to training classes but the Shelter trainer has been working with me and I am making progress.

I would like a home where I can spend time in the house with my

family, and as I am a great climber, much to the chagrin of some people, I would need a fenced kennel enclosure,



sure, preferably with a top to keep me safe. I was not given the opportunity of being indoors until I came to the Shelter and will need a patient family



to help me while I am continuing to learn good "indoor" behaviour,

because I still make mistakes sometimes. I have been told I am very smart and I will really try to learn quickly.

It might sound as though I am a nuisance, but no ... I am only young, high-spirited, longing to be loved, to feel special, to learn to become a well-behaved dog and to spend my life with people who love the Husky spirit and sense of adventure.

If you would like to meet Bishop, call the UCHS, 519-833-2287. He is looking for you every day... check out our other animals at www.uppercredit.com

—Judith Anne Kolu, UCHS

Nominations wanted for animal service awards

If you know someone who has done something outstanding for animals, they may be eligible for an Animal Action Award from the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).

The IFAW is looking for individuals and organizations across Canada whose dedication to animals is worthy of recognition. Perhaps you know someone who has rescued an abandoned kitten, or

who campaigns tirelessly for animal welfare. Maybe you know of a company who has established a fund for the protection of an endangered species.

The IFAW wants to recognize the work of these exceptional people and organizations.

Please write to IFAW and tell us about your nominee's work with animals along with addresses and daytime contact numbers for both of

you. Mail your nomination letter to IFAW Canada, Animal Action Awards, at 1 Nicholas St., Suite 612, Ottawa, ON, K1N7B7, fax it to 613-241-0641, or click on Animal Action Week at www.ifaw.org. The nomination deadline is July 1, 2004. For more information, call 1-888-500-IFAW.

The Animal Action Awards will be held during Animal Action Week, October 3-9, 2004.

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