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Upper Credit Humane Society general manager Robert Burr introduces Susan Mundy of Georgetown to Sophie, an eight-month-old Labrador pointer cross, Thursday. Sophie was one of nine dogs removed from a Halton Hills home by the Humane Society. The other dogs were happy to run around Burr and kennel staffer Corrine Anderson (inset). Photos by Ted Brown

Homes needed for 9 dogs rescued from Halton Hills property

Homes for nine dogs rescued from deplorable conditions at a rural Halton Hills property are being sought by the Upper Credit Humane Society.

Robert Burr, the humane society's general manager, said the dogs—lab/pointer/hound crosses—were rescued last Wednesday and Friday from a 10' by 10' metal structure. The walls of the building were solid and the dogs could only peer out through a small opening elevated from the ground. The only access they had to the outside was a 10'x10' outdoor area attached to the structure.

"It was absolutely covered with dog feces, as were the dogs," said Burr.

Halton Police alerted the humane society to the fact the dogs were being kept in filthy conditions, said Burr.

He added the owner of the dogs was co-operative with the humane society and is not facing any charges as it was a case of animal hoarding due to psychological problems. The owner was providing food and water to the dogs.

Burr said they will check on the man three or four times a year to make sure he's not hoarding animals again.

In all, the humane society rescued 11 dogs from the property and took them to the vet to be examined and vaccinated.

"Overall they were in pretty good shape," said Burr, however, a couple needed medication for minor problems.

He also said two of the older dogs had to be euthanized because they were vicious, but the other nine "are showing no signs of being vicious at all."

"They're all really people friendly," he said. "They are happy and loving dogs."

He said it was obvious the dogs, ranging in age from eight months to four years, have never been walked on a leash and they had to end up carrying them out of the building to the humane society vehicles. Initially they were all very shy, he said.



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