

# You and Your Pet

## Diesel decides to plead his case

Hello everyone, I am Diesel, and I am a resident at the Upper Credit Humane Society and I want OUT!

I arrived here about five months ago with a cocker spaniel buddy, who needed (in my opinion) keeping in check—I am after all a German Shepherd type dog and herding and intelligence is second nature to us. Why some of us get passed over while others go to their new homes quickly is one of the mysteries that cause me so much heartache.

I have lived a few years, and anticipate living many more, I am in good health and would certainly enjoy more freedom and exercise. I really don't want to be here anymore, a "king" like me deserves a "kingdom" to reign over, in which I, and only I, look after my family.

Simply put, forget other canines, cats, and other sundry animal life, I am mostly interested in the "uprights". I love people; I am extremely affectionate and will sit for long periods enjoying the soft hands on my fur, and the words of encouragement and love. I try to please by being very clean in my outdoor kennel and shelter room....and then, I get to play soccer. Oh how I worry that ball. I run. I pounce. I throw. I am an athlete. I also demonstrate how well I leash walk, which also seems to please them immensely.

But all too soon, the "human time" has passed and I am left with my



### Pet of the Month



own thoughts of meadows and brooks, sky and delicious smells and my eyes mist over because sometimes I feel no one wants me and if I sink into depression, I will become a Star in the Sky.

Maybe this is my last chance to seek out an experienced German Shepherd enthusiast, who will be patient with me because they understand that shelter life is hard and even

harder on an intelligent, athletic dog like me that has been overlooked for months.

The new family would be willing to help me learn to trust and love again, to enjoy again that feeling of security when I know, and they know, I have found my final home at last. I would especially love a home in the country with adults, or, secondly, adults and older children. I don't think the little uprights are right for me....

Meanwhile, as days go into weeks, weeks into months, I wait, my heart struggling to remember what a true home felt like, so please come soon, I will do my very best to make you so proud that you took a chance on me!

You can contact Diesel by calling 519-833-2287 and making an appointment to meet him.

—By Judith-Anne Kolu  
UCHS volunteer

## Meow! It's kitten time

Come out to Wal-Mart, Georgetown on Sept. 14, Sept. 15 and/or Sept. 16 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to view some of the kittens who are so ready to find that new home. Some can be previewed at [www.uppercredit.com](http://www.uppercredit.com).



For those interested in young adult/adult cats the Upper Credit Humane Society Shelter (519-833-2287) is bursting with many gorgeous felines all wanting you!

## Dog Guides Open House

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides will be hosting a Fall Open House at their Oakville facility on Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tours, demonstrations, and a pizza lunch provided by Pizza Delight will be topped off by a silent auction. This family-oriented, fun-filled day provides visitors a great opportunity to see dog guides at work and a chance to meet future dog guide puppies. The open house runs at the Sir James Dunn Dog Guide Training Centre at 152 Wilson St. (corner of Kerr and Rebecca Sts.). Info: 905-842-2891.

## Amazing Dog Race

The Upper Credit Humane Society is hosting its First Amazing Dog Race at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown on Sunday, Sept. 18.

"Racers" along with their dogs perform simple tasks to complete the race. The race begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by a dog picnic at 12 p.m.

Participants may pick up pledge sheets from either Global Pet Foods at Georgetown Market Place or the Humane Society. For more information, call Cheryl at 519-833-2287 or visit [www.uppercredit.com](http://www.uppercredit.com). All proceeds raised help the animals at the shelter.

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