

Country Heritage Park CEO wins award

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Jamie Reaume, chief executive officer of Country Heritage Park in Milton, was one of three Champion Award recipients honoured at the annual Farm & Food Care conference in Guelph last week.

Reaume's two decades of experience as an agriculture advocate, both in the field and at the policy level, make him an ideal choice for the Champion Award, according to nominators.

As the founder and former executive director of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association, Reaume was determined to demonstrate to Ontarians what the marsh and those who farm in it have to offer. He is also responsible for dubbing the region as Canada's "salad bowl."

Under his leadership, the group was awarded the Premier Agriculture Innovation Regional Award and released the award-winning documentary *The Marsh*



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Jamie Reaume, centre, was the recipient of the Farm and Food Care Ontario Champion Award.

Mucker's Tale.

Reaume is currently the CEO at Country Heritage Park in Milton, where he has revitalized the 80-acre park into a farming- and food-education and appreciation centre. Reaume has restored the park to a revenue-generating operation with growth in public and corporate interest, facility rental and education programs.

Over 12,000 students in grades 1 to 10 participate in programs that include food literacy, history, outdoor education, sustainability, environmental awareness and the arts. The park now features community gardens,

bees, livestock and a community kitchen.

The other two winners included Durham Farm Connections and dairy farmer Tim May, a social media personality (Farmer Tim).

Since 1999 the Champion Award has been presented annually to worthy agricultural advocates.

Farm & Food Care Ontario is a coalition of farmers, agriculture and food partners working to ensure public trust and confidence in food and farming.

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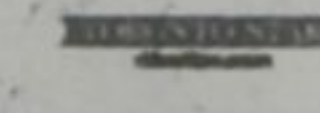


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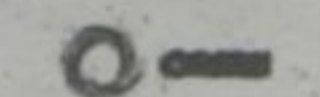
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JACK, GERMAN SHEPARD/SIBERIAN HUSKY CROSS, 2 YEARS OLD, MALE NEUTERED

I'm Jack! Why don't you stop and say hello to me? I'm a kind-hearted, excitable German Shepherd mix looking for my forever home. I'm big, strong, and very active! I love going out on long walks, but am still learning to control my urge to run ahead and sniff every tree I see! I'm a very sweet boy that loves to be around people. If you live a fun, adventurous lifestyle, why not consider adding me to your family?



WILLOW, AUSTRALIAN CATTLED OG, 1 YEAR OLD, FEMALE SPAYED

Let me introduce myself...my name is Willow! I am a true sweetheart that loves attention. I like to run, play and have a great time outdoors. You may notice I sometimes favour my front right leg. This is because of an old injury that has healed. It definitely hasn't slowed me down! I can be a little overwhelmed meeting new people but once I know you... I want to have all your attention! Are you looking for an active dog to keep up with you? I may be the right fit for you!



HAZELNUT, ORIENTAL, 4 YEARS; FEMALE SPAYED

MEOW! I'm Hazelnut and I'm looking for a home of my very own! I have a unique soft meow and will use it to get your attention some times. I can't wait to curl up with my new family and for a good snuggle! My ideal family would be one with out dogs or other cats. I prefer to get all the attention myself! If you are interested in adopting me, please come visit me during the shelter viewing hours today!



MILLIE, DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR, 4 YEARS OLD, FEMALE SPAYED

Hello, I'm Millie! I am a very sweet girl that loves attention and affection. I like to be around people and will seek out pets with head butts. I'm not the biggest fan of my back end or tail being touched but absolutely love neck rubs and scratches behind the ears! I'm an active cat looking for a home where I can run around to play and curl up at the end of the day to cuddle! Do I sound like the right match for you? Come visit me at the shelter today!



ELSA, ADULT FEMALE BUDGIE

Tweet Tweet! I'm Elsa! I came to the Oakville and Milton Humane Society as a stray. I'm a sweet bird that loves to look about at the goings on around my cage. I have a soft chirp and love to play with toys! Are you looking to add a budgie to your home? I may be the perfect fit for you!

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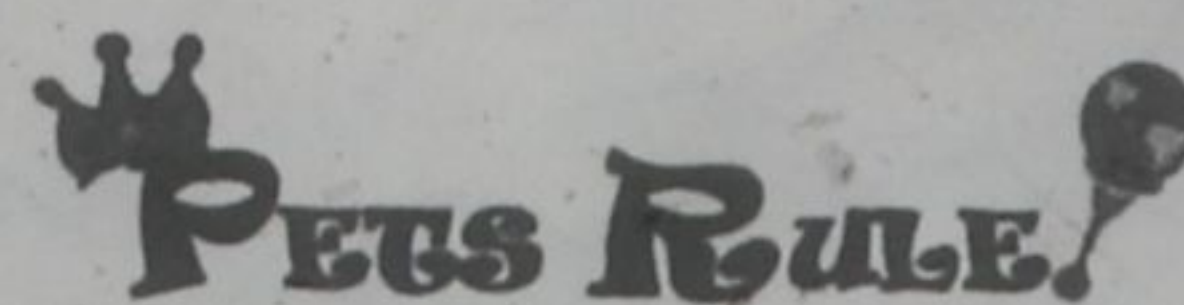
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