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Avenue and Ontario Street — has been calling every vet in town every second day, along with area shelters.

Teddy is two-and-a-half years old and all white. She has lived with the Tingleys since she was six weeks old 2:30 p.m. and the family — which includes two two-year-old grandkids — is heartbroken.



905-847-1512 South of Lakeshore Road

shopping around noon and when she returned a few hours later, Teddy was gone:

The witness said the man took the dog at about

Tingley said he assumed Teddy had gotten out and run away until he spoke with the resident about what

"When I heard that, I was kind of heart-broken, because when (someone has taken) her, you're not getting her back."

He suspects the man either wanted Teddy for his own family or stole the dog in order to sell it.

Det. Sgt. Murray Drinkwalter of Halton police said cases like this are extremely rare.

"If anyone knows anyone who recently came into possession of a dog like this, please contact us," he

The man is described as a young, black male.

Call police at (905) 825-4747, ext. 2415, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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side that afternoon without her noticing. She went shopping around noon and when she returned a few when she returned a few

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ment, learning to put their lives your misery back," Nichol says. back together, and work on forgiv- She points out there's no "typiing others and themselves. Since cal" client. most of the women are mothers, dren, Nichol explains.

Downstairs there's a board plas- families. tered with photographs of babies ers after they've left Hope Place.

mommy save her life so she could give me mine," is written across one.

Once women leave, they're con- she says. nected with follow-up care and are

encouraged to continue with their with others. Some begin their stay in 12-step programs.

a detox facility. "We say take a year to try this They engage in intensive treat- and if it doesn't work, you can have

While she was raised in a housethere's a particular shame about how hold where she simply followed in their actions have affected their chil- her mother's footsteps, other women come ·from very "proper"

In the case of a 78-year-old board and kids — all photos sent by moth- member who wishes to remain anonymous, it wasn't until her fifties "Thank you for helping my that she started drinking too much.

"I don't know why I was angry, but I was angry and booze helped,"

After retiring, she had more time on her hands to drink.

"I lived in my bedroom with my bottle," she says, adding although she and her husband didn't talk about it, he must have known. "Every day I would wake up and say wasn't going to drink like that again and every day I'd fall into bed senseless."

Someone recommended Hope Place and 15 years ago at the age of 63, despite her misgivings — "I was a properly brought-up English lady. What was I doing in detox? What would my mother think?" - she checked herself in and successfully completed the program.

Hope Place Centres Executive Director Jacqie Shartier says she looks at what she does more as a calling than a job.

"I really believe we're doing God's work here. So many lives are transformed."

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