



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Residents of Halton Centennial Manor and children from Family Place meet Peaches, a golden retriever who visits the senior citizens and the day-care centre twice a week. The canine and her owner, John Dixon, are part of a Toronto Humane Society program which provides animal visitation.

## Man's best friend is a friend of the Manor

By KAREN SMITH

Man's best friend has become just that to residents of Halton Centennial Manor.

Peaches, a golden retriever, and her Hornby owner John Dixon make regular visits to the Ontario Street senior citizens' home.

The good-natured canine brings smiles to the faces of residents at the Manor as well as children in the nearby daycare centre, Family Place.

"About 80 per cent of the residents respond well," said Mr. Dixon. "They really make a fuss over her."

The pair's twice-weekly visits, which began this month, are enjoyed by everyone involved, including Peaches, he added.

Mr. Dixon and the 90-pound animal began visiting the ill and elderly through a Toronto Humane Society animal visitation program. For two years, they have made trips to the Toronto East General Hospital.

"I figured it was about time she started doing something instead of laying on the bed all day," joked Mr. Dixon.

Peaches has gone through a number of response tests with humans to make sure she is appropriate for the job. The dog must be accustomed to crowds of people and lots of attention.

Sheila Hoogland, volunteer co-ordinator at the manor, met Mr. Dixon and requested his visits. In many cases, animals have been proven to provide psychological therapy to people.

"There's a lot of positive reaction," said Ms. Hoogland. "They really like Peaches."

Halton Centennial Manor houses up to 342 senior citizens. Recreational programs, crafts, a chapel and a gymnasium are all part of the facility.

Day programs for seniors living in the community provide individual and group activities five days a week.

## Special children's concert will benefit abuse victims

A special concert for children will be held in Burlington next month to raise money for the Halton Child Abuse Council.

The Sing-A-Long Trio, featuring Peter Jarvis as Computerman, will perform at Assumption Roman Catholic High School Sunday, Oct. 15, which is the first day of the Week of the Child.

The group, as well as McGruff, will entertain the audience with familiar songs encouraging everyone to participate.

Children in the audience will have a chance to guess the number of jelly beans in a glass container, and the winner will receive a teddy bear.

The council is also selling raffle tickets and the winners' names will be announced at the performance. Donated prizes include a weekend for two at the

Burlington Venture Inn, dinner for two at Mother Tuckers in Burlington and a Gourmet Food Gift Basket. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

Concert tickets are \$5 and are available at the Village Toy Shoppe, 418 Pearl St., in Burlington and at Pick of the Crop Toys, 245 Lakeshore Rd., in Oakville.

A non-profit organization, the Halton Child Abuse Council is made up of representatives from a large number of community groups concerned about child abuse. Its goals are to spread public awareness and understanding of the problem and to promote the development of more effective responses to the needs of child abuse victims.

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## Residents furious . . .

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The citizens' committee also asked for volunteers to form a small permanent group which would speak for everyone. The committee will be created over the next few weeks, said Dennis Nelson, who chaired the meeting.

Murray Harris, a resident of Kilbride for 41 years, called for a moratorium on development. He said any provisions put in place are going to benefit new residents. Mr. Harris suggested that water requirements be escalated dramatically on all future building permits, thus stopping development.

"We're facing a catastrophe here,"

said resident Paul Allison. "We're going back to the time when we had clubs on our shoulders," he added. "Don't ask me to be civil."

"It's very difficult to prove why your well ran dry. You people have my sympathy," said Milton councillor Bill Johnson. "I'm against any further development until extensive water studies are done."

Numerous other people complained about water problems, including quality, abuse of automatic sprinkler systems and hoarding.

"We wouldn't be approving anything if we thought there was a major problem," said Mr. McLaughlin.

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