

COMING UP: 80 pets last year

# 'Blessed' animals getting their day

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## ST. FRANCIS TALES

It doesn't matter if you have a bad hair day, burn dinner or are just plain cranky, your pet won't care because they provide us with unconditional love, "that kind of love God has for all of us," said Rev. Jason Prisley, from Christ Church Anglican Stouffville.

In celebration of that special human/animal relationship, the third annual ecumenical animal blessing, hosted by Christ Church Anglican, will take place next Saturday in the former Orchard Park Public School field on Sunset Boulevard.

Officials with Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services as well as the Autism Society will be present.

"We bless the relationship," Rev. Prisley said.

The blessing almost coincides with the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, which takes place Oct. 4.

"He got a lot of comfort and peace from animals," Rev. Prisley said.

Last year, about 80 animals, double the first-year turnout, were blessed during the service, which also raised around \$400 for

In one famous story, St. Francis of Assisi preached to hundreds of birds about being thankful to God for their wonderful clothes, for their independence and for God's care. The story tells us the birds stood still as he walked among them, only flying off when he said they could leave.

Another famous story involves a wolf that had been eating human beings. St. Francis intervened when the town wanted to kill the wolf and talked the wolf into never killing again. The wolf became a pet of the townspeople who made sure he always had plenty to eat.

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local charities.

Following this year's service, which will take place rain or shine, there will be coffee and treats available by donation. Funds raised will go to a yet-to-be named animal charity.

All animals must be leashed.

Rev. Jason Prisley will have more animals to bless Sept. 24 at Orchard Park school site.

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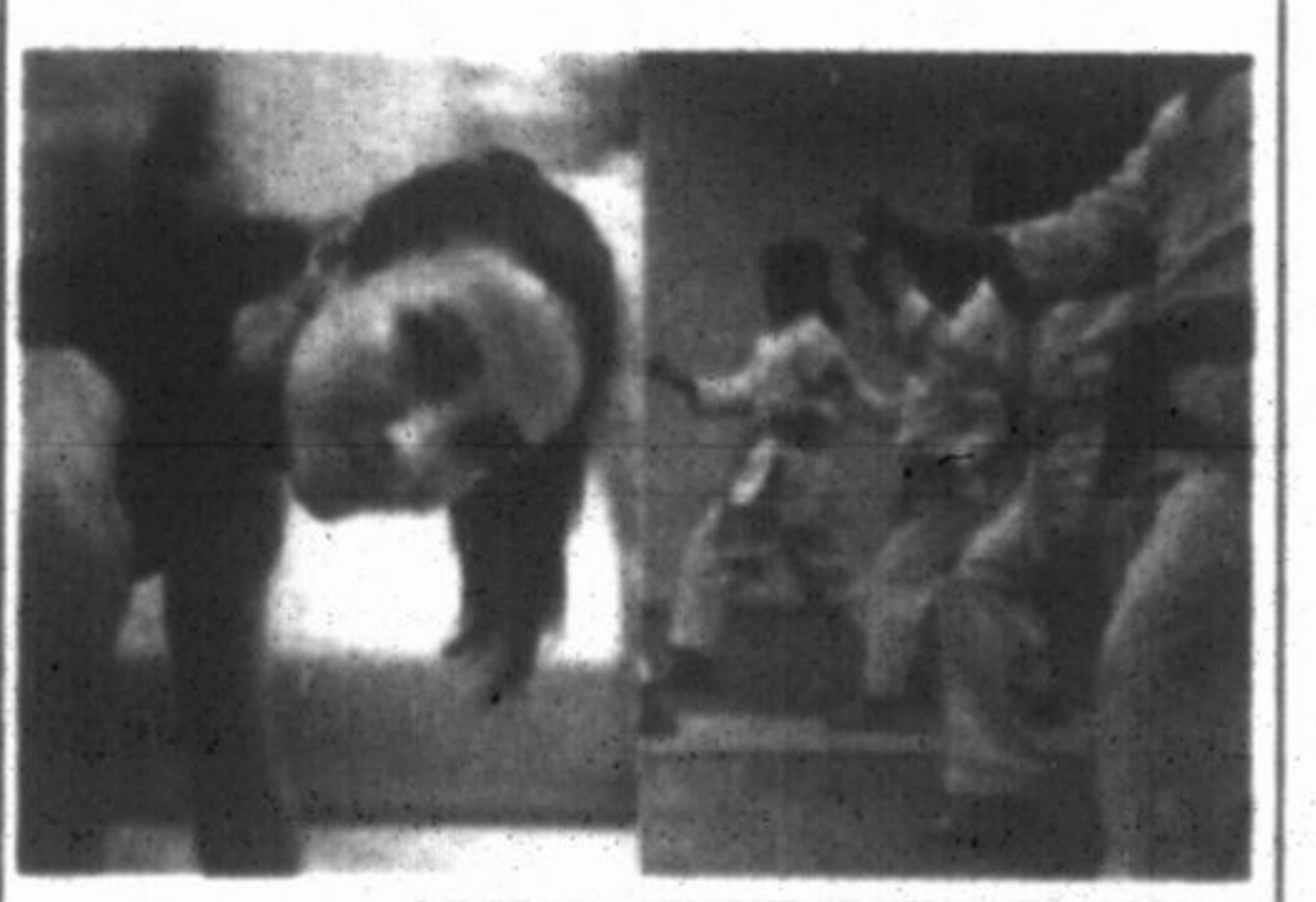
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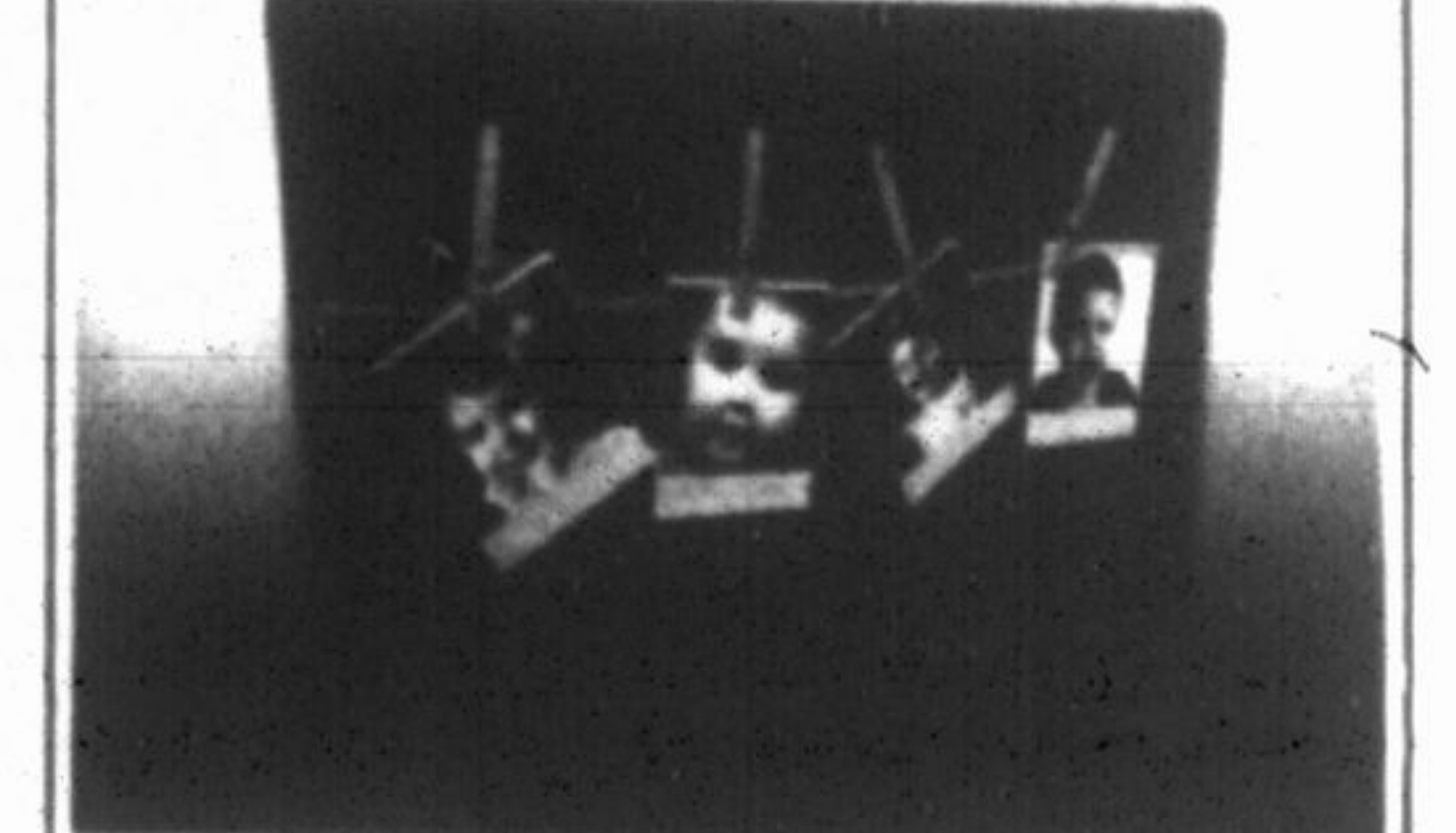
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