

Learning to communicate with your animals

Continued from page 29 said, "animals are much more receptive to healing than human beings."

Since 1995 she estimates she has worked with 1,000 animals ranging from dogs, cats and horses, to a flock of birds, ferrets and an iguana. While she would think twice about working with insects, she thinks that communication could be tapped into.

Communication begins the moment she meets an

animal, and continues while she scans the body with energy work techniques (working with energy fields around the body). At this point she may discover a problem area and perhaps apply one of her other therapy techniques. She emphasizes that her work finds problem areas, but does not make a diagnosis.

She is often called when a pet is ill and its owner doesn't know where else to

turn. Owners of terminally ill pets wonder whether the animal is ready to be put out of its misery or should live out its life naturally, and Ms. Razgaitis considers this a critical communication matter for both animal and owner.

On one occasion a client called because her ridge-back dog cried each time it tried to get up and was unable to use its hind legs. Ms. Razgaitis said that she "connected with the dog,

and using the other energy works scanned the animal's body and found where the injury was, recommending acupuncture as a treatment." The client took the dog to a veterinarian the following day and an x-ray found the same problem area.

Sessions can be conducted in person or over the telephone. Quite often a lot can be accomplished in as little as 15 minutes. However, in some cases

she finds that like humans, there are some animals that have no interest in communicating and there is nothing she can do to force dialogue.

This reporter's golden retriever, Winnie, sat in on the interview and confided a few things she wanted relayed to me. In her own innocent-eyed way she really was a bit demanding, claiming that I promised

her a swim in the lake, requesting another dog in the house to play with, and the change to a raw food diet.

To those who may be skeptical Ms. Razgaitis noted, "When you have a need to find out something you need to know about your animal - try it." For more information call 905-642-0540.

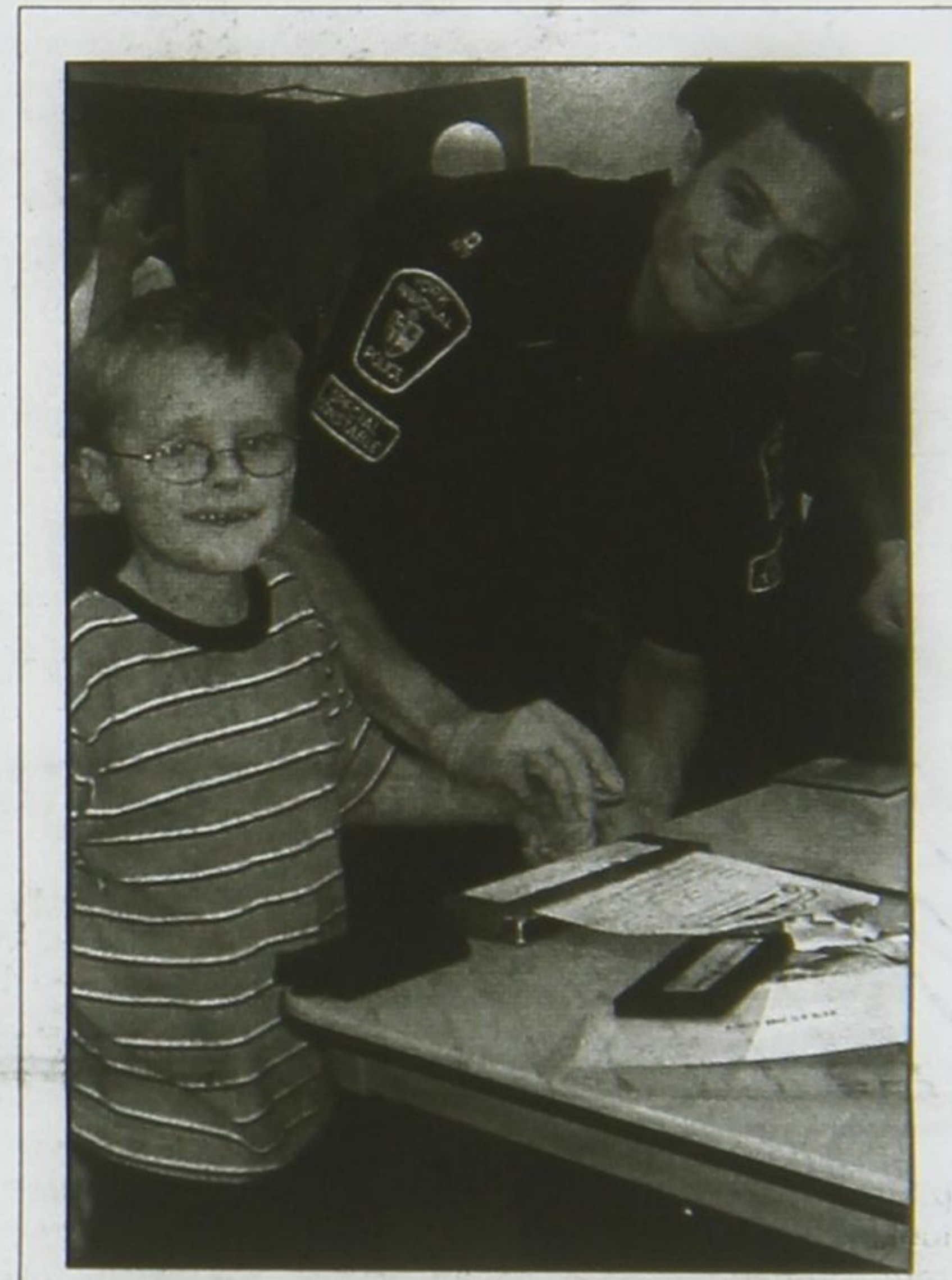
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Neil Kelly, 6, has his fingerprints taken by Special Constable Bill Pyle during the Stouffville Community Policing Centre's Safety Open House at the Lebovic Leisure Centre Sept. 10. A large crowd turned out to learn more about topics related to community safety, including child street proofing, drug control and safe driving.

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