

Dog ownership and responsibility

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Those of you who are reading this article and 'own' or 'possess' a pet, particularly a dog, where is she/he right now? If this animal is a family pet, who is responsible for its well-being? When did it last receive any kind of human companionship? Does the dog regularly receive words of praise and encouragement from its master? Who feeds it? How often is the dog groomed or bathed? When were the eyes and ears last groomed and bathed? Has the dog adequate sleeping quarters? When was the last time the dog's sleeping area cleaned and/or disinfected? When was the dog last taken to the "Vet" for a general check-up? When did you last inspect the dog's anal glands? What condition are the dog's teeth in? Does the dog get regular and adequate exercise, under control, accompanied by its master?

Every "RESPONSIBLE" dog owner should be very much aware of the above questions. They form the basis of "RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP". This applies not only to dogs, but to all animals that have been placed in the care of a human being.

If you have 'found' your pet, he/she is near you, go down on the floor to its level and look the animal in the eye. Be honest, do you LOVE the dog? Do you really WANT him/her?

If you are honest and sincere in answering these questions and situations and the results are positive, then all the questions that I have posed above do not concern you. But if the answers are negative, then you should not have a dog, or any animal, included and considered as a member of your family and household.

Over the last ten thousand years, MAN has caused the dog to become the most domesticated of all 'animals'. In this period of time, and

probably far beyond, the 'dog' has been man's constant companion. The dog is a very socialized animal and therefore, when being taken into a 'human' home, or to the dog, a 'pack', he/she very soon tries to find its social level within the new environment. It is the first encounter with its new 'pack' that eventually decides the temperament of the dog. By 'temperament', I mean that the dog is accepted into his new home with positive responses to the questions that I have posed above. In a future article, I will go deeper into a question of temperament.



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ONTARIO NON-NUCLEAR MEETING

A meeting of the Ontario Non-Nuclear Network will be held in Mallorytown Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 3., at 10 am.

The meeting will bring together representatives of community-based environmental and anti-nuclear organizations as well as private individuals from across Ontario.

If you are interested in Ontario's energy future, if you see an alternative to Ontario Hydro's plan for energy development, and if you feel that citizen input can be a valuable asset in influencing provincial energy policy, then you are urged to attend.

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The Appropriate Technology Group will hold a Steering Committee meeting on December 6, at 8 pm at Dave Alguire's home in Soperton. (Opposite the Soperton sign on Hwy. 42 at the east entrance)

All are welcome to come and help plan future events. For further info. call 928-2850.

SHOULD AULD'S ACQUAINTANCE

BE FORGOT?

On Wed., Nov. 22, a delegation of former project leaders from the now defunct Community Conservation Centre Program assembled in Toronto for a scheduled meeting with James Auld, MPP for Leeds and Min. of Energy and Natural Resources for Ontario. The delegates from across the province were there on behalf of the thousands of people who, over the duration of the CCC Program had indicated their dissatisfaction with the lack of provincial government initiative in the area of research and development of renewable energy resources.

A growing number of people in Ontario feel that the Province is effectively committing itself to a nuclear future by neglecting the "soft" energy technologies such as solar, wind and small-scale hydro-electric, and is making no real effort in the area of energy conservation.

People are distressed that the Province of Prince Edward Island, the smallest in Canada, with an estimated population of 125,000, spends more money on renewable energy research than Ontario, the largest and richest province in the country with a population of 8 million!

The delegates felt that by communicating to Mr. Auld our concern after spending 7 months listening to ideas and complaints, we would put him in touch with what people want, rather than what the government and Ontario Hydro, in their rather questionable wisdom, have decreed as the energy future for Ontario.

Well folks, Mr. Auld failed to show! Our MPP and Minister of Energy failed to appear at a meeting which had been scheduled for TWO MONTHS.

Mr. Auld's executive assistant excused him by saying that he was in a cabinet meeting. This cabinet meeting had been in progress for many hours, yet Mr. Auld was unable to excuse himself for even a few minutes to pay us the courtesy of a personal apology.

None of the delegates really accepted the excuse, but we realized that we were powerless to do anything. We ended up wasting more of our time in a meaningless discussion with two departmental officials.

I wonder if Mr. Auld might have found time to see us had we been a delegation of senior executives of Ontario Hydro or Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.?

I wonder if he realizes or cares that a number of those present went to considerable expense and sacrifice in terms of time off their jobs to make our way to Toronto to see him. Should Auld's acquaintance be forgot?

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