

Good animals killed 'needlessly'

Humane society officials smuggling out young, healthy dogs



Judy Loscombe

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Staff of the Peel humane society are smuggling young, healthy dogs out of the animal shelter on Mavis Road to prevent them from being killed, The Times has learned.

The smuggling has been going on for several months. Evelyn Fryer, a member of the society's Peel board of directors for the past five years, has with the help of a staff member, found homes for five dogs which were slated to be killed.

"I know dogs have to be killed," said Fryer. "They get old, they get sick. But I've smuggled a purebred

spaniel puppy out of there that was to be killed."

Two former staff members and a source closely involved with the animal shelter say the killing of dogs and cats at the shelter is not always necessary.

Dogs are killed by injection or electrocution. Cats are gassed.

Carol Catlin, a former staffer who worked at the shelter for six years, said more dogs were killed after Judy Loscombe became supervisor July 31, than at any other comparable period she had worked there, except once when there was an epidemic affecting the animals.

Loscombe fired Catlin in October after the employee summoned the shelter veterinarian to examine a pregnant dog. The vet did not examine the dog and only three of the eight puppies born lived.

The dog and puppies were later taken by Fryer to her own veterinarian. Two more puppies died. Just before Christmas, Fryer found homes for the dog and the surviving puppy.

"We're not a lot of bleeding hearts," said Catlin. "Some animals have to die. But Judy makes way for no alternatives."

Catlin said she was given 10

minutes notice of her firing and told by Loscombe the reason for her dismissal was because "things aren't working out."

Another former shelter employee, Marie Riley, was fired after giving three doomed dogs to Etobicoke resident Wayne Millard for adoption.

Shelter manager James Hueston and Loscombe deny this was the reason for Riley's dismissal.

However, Loscombe said Riley had been forbidden to give dogs to Millard, who had adopted several doomed dogs previously, because head office had been questioning

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Swinger Michibata takes N.Y. tourney

Glenn Michibata of Cobblestone Courts started off 1979 on the right track, winning the Rolex International junior tennis championship at Port Washington, New York on New Year's Day.

Michibata, the most successful Canadian in international tennis, beat Romanian Davis Cup player Florin Segarceanu 6-1, 6-7, 6-1 to win the under-18 men's title. Last year Michibata won the under-16 title.

Seeded seventh, Michibata upset second seed Marcel Freeman of Port Washington 6-2, 6-2 to advance into the semi-finals. Freeman is the fifth-ranked American junior.

Michibata gunned down another American, John Mangan of Rye, New York, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the finals.

Michibata, 16, returned to California to prepare for the Pepsi Cola junior international circuit this summer. He will also attempt to win the Canadian mens championship.

"A good measure of his progress would be to win the Canadian senior nationals this summer," says his coach, Don Steele.

Michibata won the junior under-18 title and reached the quarter-finals of the senior men's championships last summer.

Karen Barbiero of Ontario Racquet Club reached the quarter-finals of the under-14 draw before losing 6-0, 6-1 to fifth seed Kathy Federici of Westfield, New Mexico.

In first round under-18 play, Ari Novack of ORC won by default and Simon Lavery of ORC reached the second round of the under-16 draw by defeating American Gary Jacobs 7-5, 6-4.

Denise Barbiero of ORC was defeated in the second round of the under-16 draw by Diane McCormick of Northbrook Illinois 6-3, 7-5.

Peter Pristach of ORC was eliminated in the first round of under-16 action.



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THAT'S a barbershop quartet!

That's the City Lights quartet, a new group affiliated with Mississauga's Sweet Adelines, dropping in at John's barbershop in Port Credit on a tour of the city. They delighted Charlie Bolton, an unsuspecting customer who was serenaded, and confused hairstylist

John Fotinni, who told them, "In Italy it's the barbers who do the singing." The four ladies are, clockwise from front left, Jackie Bowles, Angie Agden, Lorna Gage and Marilyn Johnston.

Plan brings objection

A taxpayer has filed objections to the city's Official Plan and the absence of development controls in it Page 3.

It's a snap

City reporter Frank Bean and Times councillor Debbie Irvine handled each other's jobs effortlessly when they traded offices Page 9.

We won, we think

Residents of Benedet Drive got their speed limit signs. But are the slower speeds attributable to the signs or to icy driving conditions? Page 16.

Old new year

The Scottish clung to old-world customs when they welcomed the New Year, with first-footers somewhat reluctantly substituting shortbread and rye for the traditional coal, cake and a dram of whiskey Page 17.

Bike blowout

Canada's largest motorcycle show is this weekend at the International Centre, featuring everything from dragsters to Playmates Page 19.

Games sad and happy

Mississauga athletes took home their share of the medals from the Ontario Winter Games, but there was also disappointment Page 21.

How Swede it is

A pair of hockey teams from Sweden have taken Mississauga by storm, attracting over 3,000 fans in two days. They also won three of four games Page 24.

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