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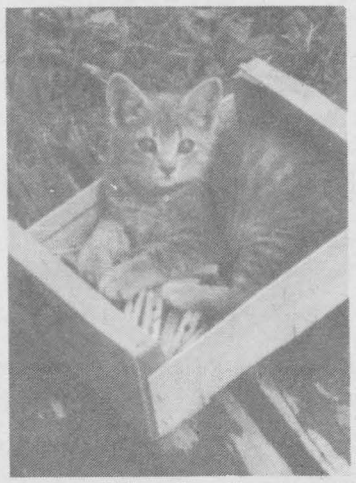
YOUR PET 2000



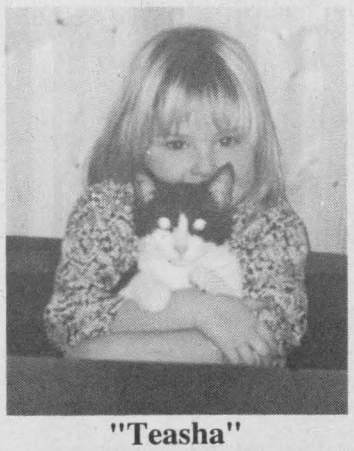
Contest WINNERS Were Drawn AUGUST 10/00



"Molly"
1st place
Spencer Disheau



"Smokey"
1st place
Erin Fawcett



"Teasha"
3rd place
Breanne Froats

"Out of Whack" carries the unique as well as the everyday pet in Iroquois

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Were you aware that if you were as strong as an ant you could probably lift a cow?

Do weird creatures fascinate you?

Is it one of your dreams to own a pet that is so very different from any your friends have or even knew about?

Well, the answer to your dreams may well be located at the west end of the Iroquois Plaza, in the former home of Little Rikkis. The pizzas moved east and the creatures have moved in.

Travis Kelly is an avid fan of pets with a difference and although he enjoys his dog and is adamant when he mentions that cats and dogs, rabbits and other pets that people are perhaps more familiar with are available as well at the shop on the corner.

"Out of Whack" is open Wednesday through Sunday noon til 4pm each day. Closed on Monday and Tuesday, Travis and Cindy both agree that the shopper will seldom see the same creatures twice when they drop in to check out the pet list, from lizards to guinea pigs, from frogs to mice, from fish to birds...you'll find them right here, and for sale. "The roster is continually changing, as various creatures come and go week to week."

"We have more animals on the way to our shop and are ready to order whatever it is that you might want to have for a pet," says Travis. He tells us that orders take about 7 working days to arrive in downtown Iroquois. "We are just like any other pet store only we tend to lean to the rather unique pets a little more than some."

He continues as he strokes a "Bearded dragon" which he was unsure would like to be held let alone pose for a picture. He was actually very co-operative. A unique pet, the bearded dragon is quite a conversation piece for sure.

A list on the wall suggests there is no pet this shop cannot obtain for their customers. They also feature accessories that pets need to survive and be happy once they are bought and taken home. Certain of the more unique creatures require lighting\heating due to temperature variations each needs to live. Heat lamps help maintain certain temperatures as well as under tank heaters that ensure a stable temperature for the animals. Tank-bottom liners like sphagnum moss and bark chips are sold here as well. Feeding these creatures can be taken care of right here as well as the shop carried feeders; including meal worms, regular at 5 cents and jumbo at a quarter a piece. Crickets are big sellers at a dime each as well. Specialty items like coral life dome reflectors are also available.

The sale listing offers such exotic creatures as Gecko, Red-Sided Skink, Hermit Crabs, Tiger Agama, Emerald Swift, Western fence, Fire Belly Newts, Rainbow Skink, Coneheads, Side Blotches, Texas Scorpions, Albino Pacman, and such mundane animals a Gerbils, rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Jumbo Rats and Fuzzy Mice, Guppies, Neon Tetras and Tiger Barbs (Fish)...the choices are limitless.

As we browse through the store we notice mice, rats, two rabbits, two budgie birds, several small lizards (Anoles), fish, a tree frog and of course the bearded dragon.

The Tree Frog caught this reporters attention. All frogs

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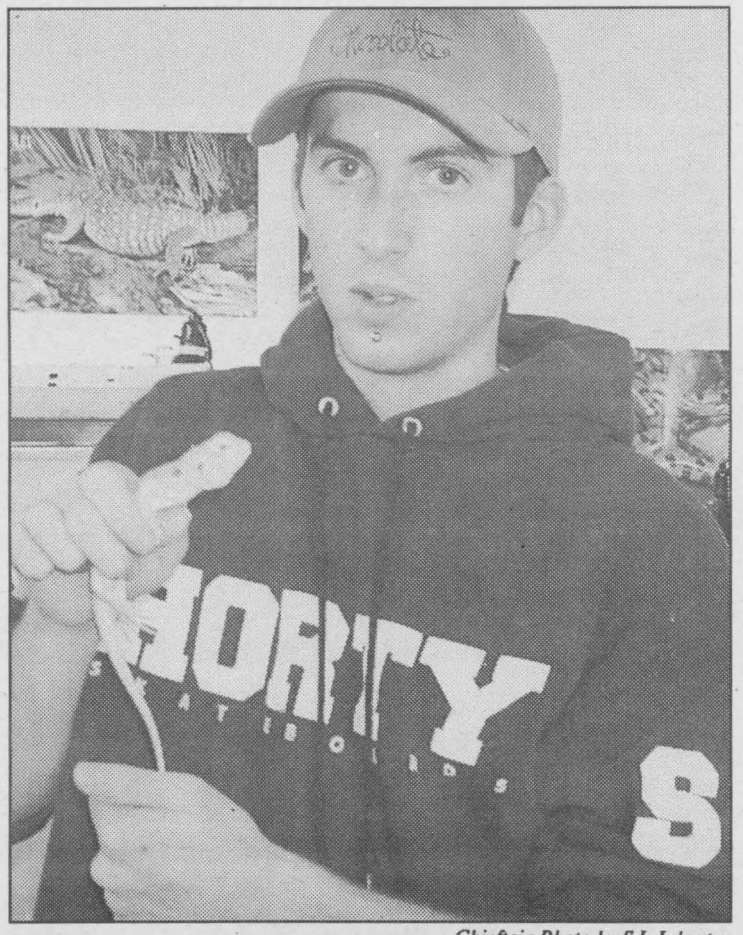
SD & G Dog Show coming to Woodlawns

Eastern Ontario's biggest Dog Show will be taking place for four days, August 25 through August 28 at Woodlands Campsite. Organized by the SD&G Dog Association, all profits from the event will go to animal welfare projects.

Over 150 dog breeds will compete in this event, with 700 dogs participating each day. The Show will run from 8:30 am until 6pm daily with 2 to 4 rings operating at any given time.

Confirmation Competitions will occur on all four days with additional Obedience Competitions on Saturday and Sunday.

The competitor travelling the furthest is coming from Florida and two of the judges will arrive from New Zealand. There will be food concessions on site as well as vendors where you can pick up the latest in canine items.
See your there for a barking good time!



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Riley-A Unique Pet

Travis Kelly poses with a pet Bearded Dragon, "Riley" by name. This little fellow seems quite at home being handled and likes getting his picture taken. A unique pet, he is quite attractive and a conversation piece for sure. Check out the creatures at "Out of Whack."..it IS an experience!

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Out of whack

spend part of their lives in water, it is a known fact that many prefer to live in trees whenever possible. There are many different types of tree frogs. Some change colour from green to grey when frightened. Some can "fly" gliding up to 13 metres through the air due to extra webs of skin between their toes. The red-eyed tree frog of Central America has small suction sups on its feet to help it hang in the trees. Most frogs try to blend in with the scenery, as this one which we have to scrutinize carefully before actually seeing. The small poison-arrow frog of the Amazon is brightly striped with bands of orange or yellow and black. It does not need to depend on camouflage for protection. in fact its bright colouring may be a warning to birds to look-but don't taste. Glands in its skin produce a poison which tastes terrible and can make anything eating it quite sick.

In another tank are two Gecko, these are the smallest members of the lizard family. Some are only about 5 centimetres long and these two are pretty small, and difficult to locate on the greenery. They scurry about in search of insects in the most unexpected places when in the wild...for they can run straight up walls and across ceilings looking for a bite to eat. They can do this because pads on their feet are covered with thousands of tiny hooks that look like brush bristles. These hooks grip rough edges on a surface that to us looks and feels smooth. Gecko can even zoom up a patio door or a glass window.

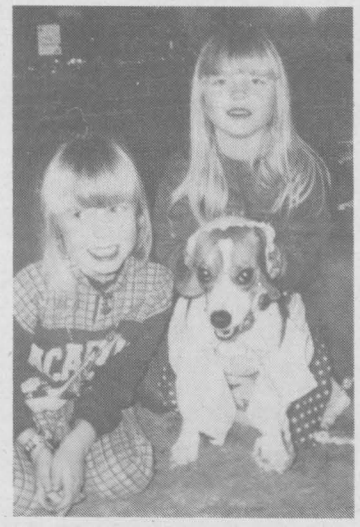
For those of you a bit shy about choosing a reptile for a pet, you should know they are usually quiet creatures, slithering or slinking around silently. The male of the species, a Gecko is on the other hand very noisy. An Asian Gecko makes barking noises that are loud enough to wake people up! African Gecko begin chirping in chorus in late afternoon and their squeaking and barking can drown out most other sunset sounds.

Whatever you wish as far as a pet is concerned, learn about it from Travis or Cindy, place your order and enjoy a great adventure in the world of exotic and strange pets, or go the regular route and take home a fluffy bunny, a budgie or a gold fish, a new puppy or kitten may be just what you need to keep a smile on your face...ever think of a Scorpion? No matter what you choose, check out what Out of Whack has to offer. They can help you whether you have only $6.30, enough to purchase a Bahamian Anole or the $126 needed for a Leucistic Leopard Gecko.

Welcome to the plaza!!



"Copper"
3rd place
Billy Jo Lewis



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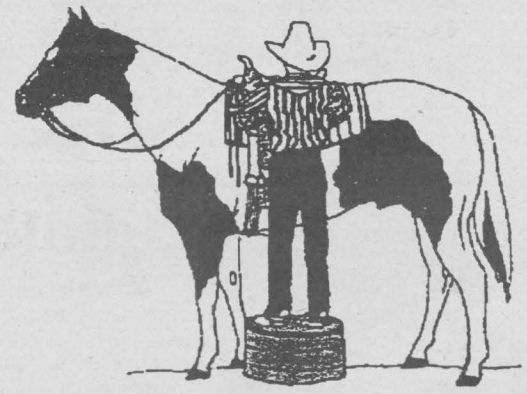

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We would like to thank everyone who entered our Pet Contest for 2000 and congratulations to the winners who were drawn by our volunteer judges. In this special section you will find the pictures of our winners as well as some of our runners-up. Unfortunately there wasn't room to run all the entries but try again next year... maybe you'll be featured here with your entry.



"Frosty"
Luc Taillefer



"Fluffy" - Nathan Bygott



"Buster"
Morgan Franics

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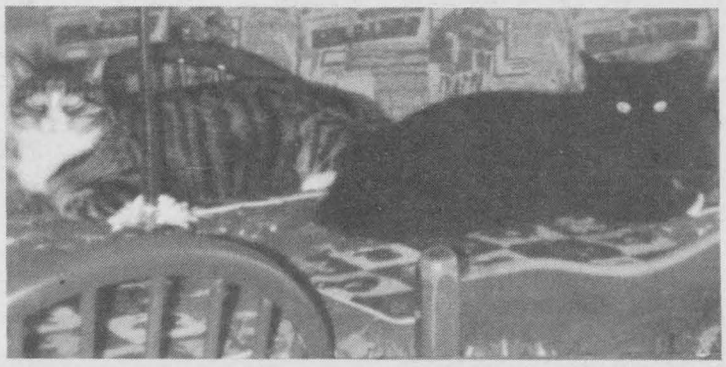
"Zoe" - Joshua Martineau



"Thunder"
Mackenzie Arsenault



"Shell &
Fluffy"
Caitlin Vandodewaard

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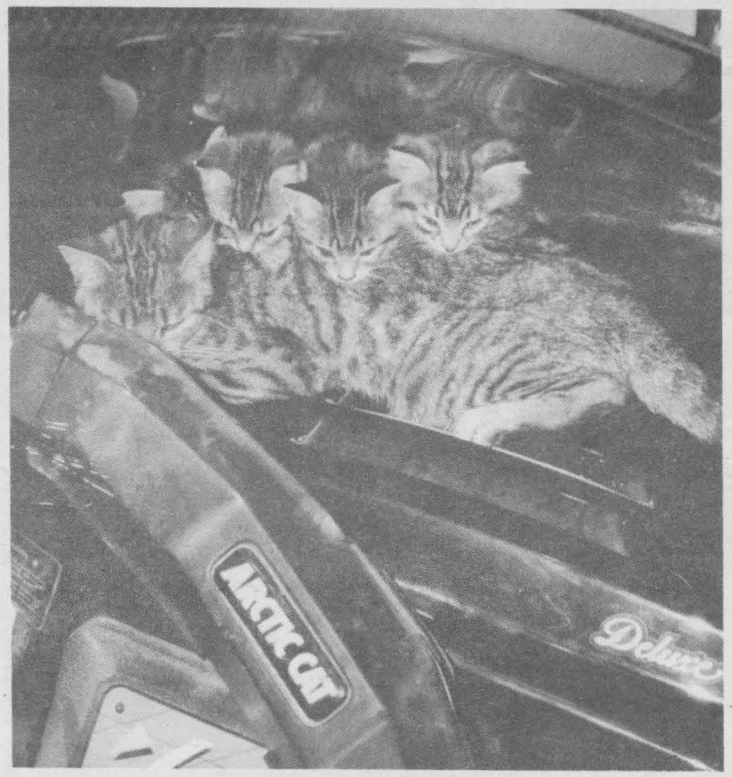

"Boo Boo" with 4 kittens
Connor Gifford

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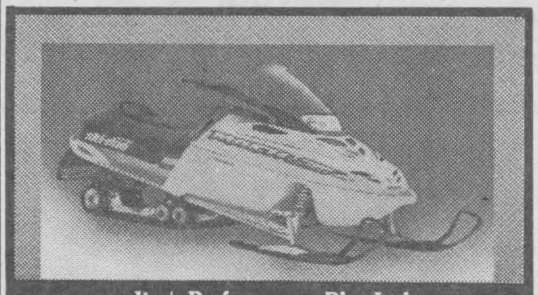

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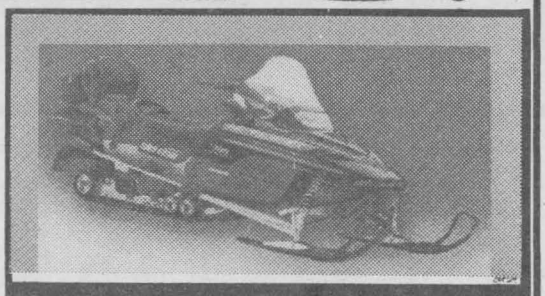

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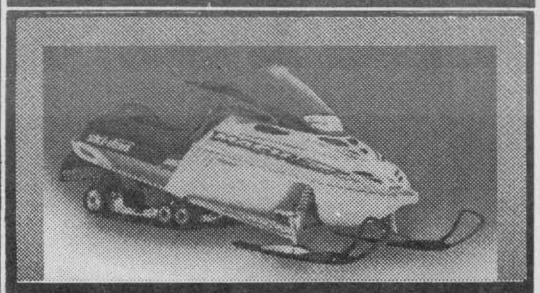

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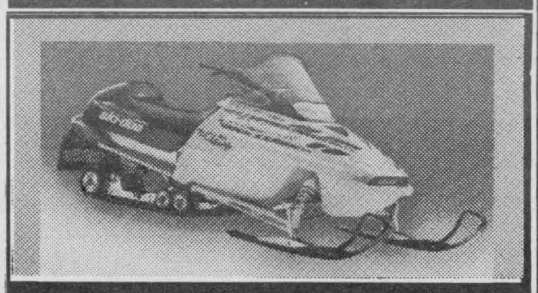

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The signs of heatstroke are initially not specific. All dogs will pant and salivate when hot. If this progresses to difficulty in breathing, weakness, vomiting/diarrhea or in extreme cases seizuring and coma we are probably dealing with heatstroke and this is an emergency.

Prevention through common sense:

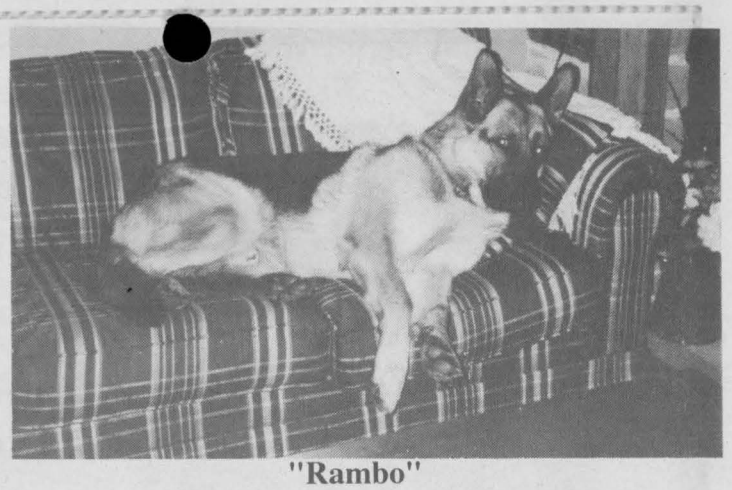
Avoid overexertion on hot days and ensure easy access to water and shade, never leave your dog unattended in a parked car. If you are concerned that your dog may be experiencing heatstroke, cool him with a cool water spray and electric fan and call your veterinarian immediately.

Travel:

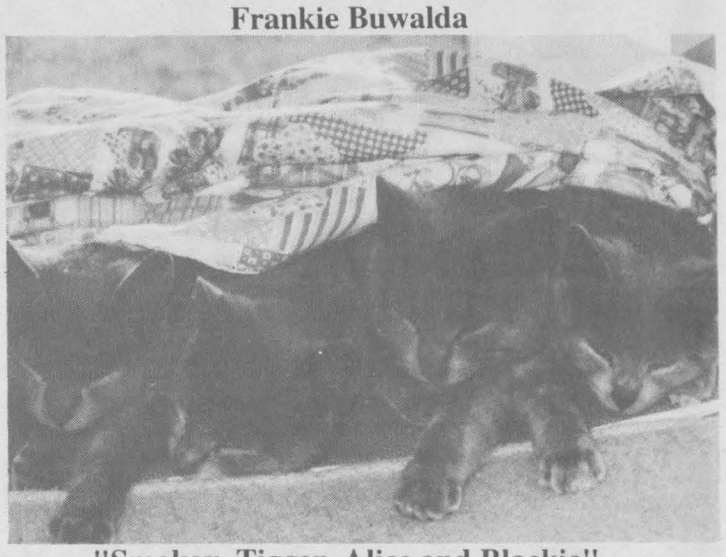
Let your pet get used to car rides. Call ahead, or check with Automobile Clubs and Tourist Guides, to make sure motels and campgrounds welcome pets. For your pet's comfort, bring along familiar things such as their water dish, favourite toy, and bed or blanket. If travelling with your pet is not part of your plan, look for a clean, well-run boarding facility. This could be your pet's idea of a great vacation! In either case, be sure your pet is identified by a collar or microchip, and that vaccinations and health certificates are up to date.

Parasites and Pesticides:

Pets can be bothered by both internal and external parasites. Take your pet for a thorough checkup by a qualified veterinarian. Treat any existing parasite problems and consider a preventative treatment to avoid trouble later in the season. Heartworm testing and preventative medication are essential for dogs. Read the labels on lawn chemicals carefully. Make sure your pet is kept out of treated areas.



"Rambo"
Frankie Buwalda



"Smokey, Tigger, Alice and Blackie"
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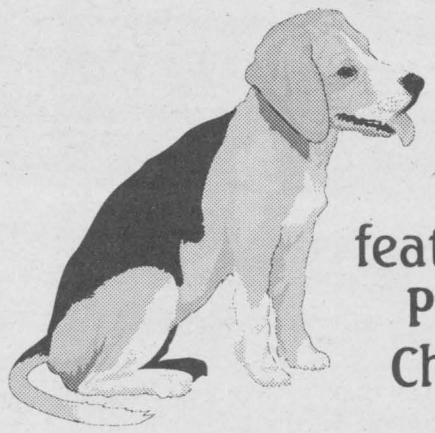

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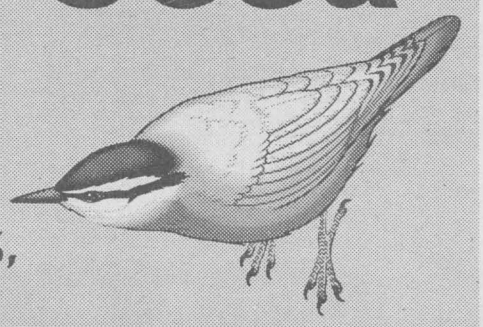

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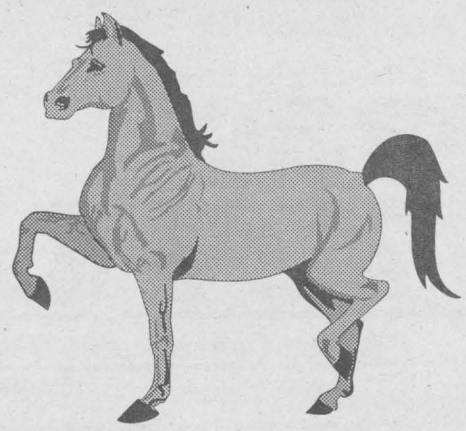

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