

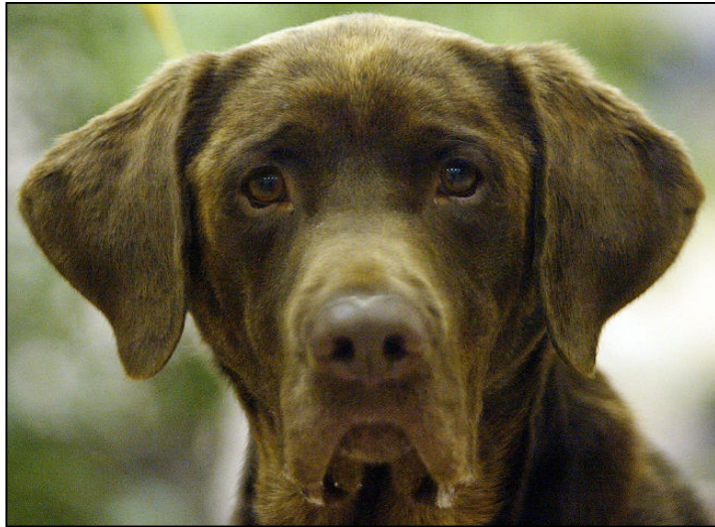
Grisly discovery of dead dogs probed—By Victoria Gray, The Tribune, Tuesday, March 12,

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Welland and District Humane Society

continues to investigate the gruesome discovery of seven dead dogs in a wooded area on the outskirts of Dunnville.

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, a pedestrian cut through trees at the Hald-Dunn Townline just south of Haldimand Rd. 20 between, South Cayuga and Dunnville, and found an older dog wedged into a fork in a tree with five two-week-old and one three-month-old pups placed at the base of the tree.



John Greer, executive director of the Welland humane society, said the dogs didn't have any signs of visible trauma.

"I don't want to panic people, we don't know what happened and it could be a variety of things," he said this week.

At this point humane society employees and Ontario Provincial Police, who are also investigating, don't know when the dogs were dumped.

Greer said the dogs appeared to be Chocolate labs and they may be from the same family.

"It could be a litter," he said. "It concerns us that they are not all the same age, but the parvo virus is going around — they may have all gotten sick and died."

The dogs were sent to University of Guelph for a necropsy to determine the cause of death. Greer asked that veterinarians give special attention to the dog's necks in case they were strangled or hung.

Green expects to have more information when reports come in at the end of the week.

Although nothing has been confirmed Greer believes the dogs were dumped by an owner who may not have known what to do with the bodies.

The humane society and OPP have appealed to the public for more information, but have yet to get any useful tips. If anyone does have information about the incident call the humane society at 905-735-1552.