



Reaching out to the Community!

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Dreams die with puppy

Ashley Webster was ready for a new puppy. It had been about a year since her beloved dog died from cancer and her daughter Rozalia Milheirao, 4, was constantly asking for a new best friend.

As she flipped through the newspaper, Webster spotted a classified ad. "Pure Yorkies," it said. "Dewormed, shots, guaranteed." She drove out to the home of the Dunnville breeder and returned with the surprise for her daughter. It was like a dream come true. But a day later, the dream — and the puppy — were dead.

"I saw this little guy and he was beautiful," Webster said. "We brought home the puppy. By the next morning, I took him to the vet and he had to be put down."

Webster said she was told the puppy they had named Nugget had parvovirus. The virus is highly contagious and is spread from dog to dog by direct or indirect contact with their feces.

Webster returned to the breeder and got her money back.

The breeder, Georgette Landuyt, said the SPCA had a look through her kennel and checked her dogs Tuesday. Landuyt said as far as she knows, her dogs are healthy, including the siblings of the dog that died.



Owner says dog bought from breeder had highly contagious parovirus

"They said everything is good," Landuyt said. "There were five puppies in the litter."

While many breeders take their puppies to a veterinarian for their shots, including one for parvovirus, Landuyt administers the shots herself. Common practice is for a puppy to have its first shot at six to eight weeks. Webster said Nugget was about seven weeks, and her vet said if the shot was given too early, it wouldn't have helped the dog.

Landuyt, who is 86, has about 60 dogs on her property and takes care of them on her own.

"I love my dogs," Landuyt said. "I've been doing this for 30 years. I'm not that hard to get along with."

John Greer, executive director of the Welland and District SPCA, said an investigator from his office has yet to complete his investigation.

"An officer is on the case, but I don't know if we've actually confirmed anything," he said.

An investigation could take up to two or three weeks, he added.

"If it is parvo, that's a deadly disease," Greer added. "We would put the entire area in quarantine."

If you have any information please contact dchurchill@thespec.com or 905-526-2460.

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Buying a puppy? Tips to follow

- If anything about the breeder, the facility or the dogs makes you uncomfortable or uneasy, walk away.
- Call the breeder. Are they a member of the Canadian Kennel Club? Are they a member of their national and/or provincial breed organizations? How long have they been breeding? How many litters do they typically breed per year? Can they give you names of people who have purchased puppies from them?
- What is the condition of the kennel? Does it appear to be clean? How do the dogs look? Clean? Well-cared for? Happy? You should meet the parents of the puppies but if that is not possible, you should at least see the mother. A good breeder will be proud and happy to show you their facilities.
- Ask about the dogs' socialization. The first eight to 12 weeks of your new puppy's life will be spent with the breeder. Find out how the breeder plans to socialize the new puppy and what early training is planned.
- Ask what vaccinations the puppy will receive before you pick it up and make sure you have a copy of the documentation. Within 24 to 48 hours of picking up your puppy, you should see your veterinarian and have the animal thoroughly examined.
- Ask about the sales contract. Everything should be in writing. The refund/return policy should be clearly laid out. Under what conditions would you be eligible for a refund? There should be a health guarantee against genetic health problems.
- You should always visit several kennels before making a choice. This should not be an impulse buy or a whim.



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Beamsville 4Paw Rescue has designed a Pet Therapy Foster Program that provides the seniors not only with a pet but the food and supplies for the animal.

Pet owners often feel needed and responsible, which may stimulate the survival incentive. They feel they need to survive to take care of their pets. (Many cancer patients with pets have lived longer because they felt that their pets need them!) Stroking a dog, watching a kitten tumble, or observing the hypnotic explorations of fish can be an antidote to a foul mood or a frazzling day.

Research has shown that heart attack, cancer and illness victims, who have pets live longer

Pets such as dogs and cats provide unconditional, nonjudgmental love and affection. And pets can shift our narrow focus beyond ourselves, helping us to feel connected to a larger world.

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Pet of the Month!



Candy

Calico / Female/ Spayed
Born: Dec-2011

Candy is a very gently little girl who loves to be on you lap when watching TV or lying in Bed. Candy was rescued from our "Clean up the Feral Program" when her family moved away and left her behind. Candy is great with children, other cats and dogs.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Adoption Days at PetValu in Grimsby!

(March 17th - St. Patrick's Day)

Come on out and meet all the beautiful cats and kittens, dogs that is available for adoption!

Sign up for our email list, make a financial donation or help us fill up our food and supplies donations box. It is kitten season and we need your help to feed and take care of all our new additions.

If you are interested in fostering some kittens please just let us know.

We supply everything you'll need to care for them. You just add the Love!

