

Stolen puppy returned to owner

By Jeff Doner

A local dog breeder was reunited with her stolen puppy last week, due to the diligence of Caledon OPP.

Liz Jubb arrived at home on Highway 9 April 18 and noticed it had been broken into while she was gone and her tiny long hair chihuahua April was missing.

She immediately called police, who started an investigation.

Jubb, who frequently has people visit her home to look at her puppies, had a visitor from Brighton earlier that day who said she was interested in buying a dog.

'She was as quiet as a mouse,' Jubb said of the prospective buyer. 'She raised kind of one red flag that I thought was kind of weird. She said two days later that she was getting a divorce, she moved into a new house that doesn't accept dogs.'

The police then looked into the Brighton resident who visited and had cause to believe that she in fact had the dog in her possession. Three weeks later (May 13), officers from the Street Crime Unit of Caledon OPP, along with Northumberland OPP, obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence in Brighton and found the 12-week old puppy.

Subsequently, a 38-year-old woman was arrested and charged with break and enter, theft under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime and breach of an undertaking.

One day later, April was returned to Jubb at her home, healthy and happy.

'In the beginning when they handed her over to me, she was kind of calm and quiet and then all of a sudden she was licking me and just going crazy,' she said.

'I was overjoyed, but you know what? When they (the police) phoned and said they got the puppy, I was like, 'oh sure.' I really didn't jump for joy because I was in shock. It hardly ever happens that you get a puppy back. Especially those little teacups . . . I was just so thrilled when they told me.'

Jubb has April in her care and she is now up for sale to a new home.



Twelve-week-old April got a very warm greeting from Liz Jubb when she was returned home last week. Photo by Jeff Doner