

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many mobilized to help rescue dog at KLM on Halloween

As executive director of Hinsdale Humane Society, and witness to an emergency involving a lost pet on Halloween morning, I had to share a story with you about what a wonderful community we live in.

The Hinsdale Police Department and the departments of public services in Hinsdale and Burr Ridge, are all to be commended for their quick-thinking and team work when confronted with a difficult situation.

A 115-pound Bernese mountain dog named Sammie was swept away by

a rainwater stream at Katherine Legge Memorial Park last Thursday. The dog was carried into a drainage pipe and traveled about 1,000 feet underground, headed toward Burr Ridge to an area near the Hinsdale Oasis.

The police officers and public works officials sprang into action to search the areas where the pipe would discharge. The dog was located just east of the park shortly thereafter by officers, with only minor injuries to her paws.

At moments like this, you really see what people are

made of. All of the responding officers, crew members, and caring dog owners present at the park that morning illustrated the genuine kindness and compassionate nature of people.

It was a frightening Halloween morning that came to a quick and positive resolution for both Sammie and her family. We are very blessed to live where we do and be surrounded by such good people and strong community ties. — **Lori Halligan, executive director, Hinsdale Humane Society**