

Existing Members Sign In	Win a Home Theater CLICK HERE!	Chances to win \$10,000 CLICK HERE!	Chances to win 100 x \$1,000 CLICK HERE!	Chances to win \$25,000,000 CLICK HERE!	iWon Cash Pts ---
----------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------

5 > [iWon](#) 5 > [My iWon](#) 7 > [Email](#) 9 > [Shopping](#) 9 > [Cash Points](#) 5 > [Prizes](#) 5 > [Casino](#) 5 > [Today's Survey](#) 5 > [iWon Today](#)

Student Loan Consolidation - If you have \$10,000 or more in student loan debt, you may qualify for the Federal Student Consolidation Loan. You can save 52% a month and lower your interest rate to 2.25%. [Click here for more information](#) >



7 >

[Web](#) [Stock Quote](#) [Shopping](#) [Domains](#)

5 > [iWon](#) : 5 > [News home](#) : 5 > [Oddly enough](#) : Nation
Shocked by Case of Boy Who Lived with Dogs

Provided by **REUTERS**

Nation Shocked by Case of Boy Who Lived with Dogs

June 20, 2001 9:19 am EST

By Alistair Bell

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuters) - An abandoned 10-year-old boy found living in a cave and scavenging for food with a pack of dogs became so thirsty that he forced himself to drink a bitch's milk, child-care workers say.

Authorities took the boy, named Axel, into care last weekend after he spent two years roaming a southern town with the dog pack.

The case has shocked Chile, a conservative South American nation that prides itself on strong family ties.

Axel began running with 15 strays in the port town of Talcahuano after escaping from a children's home. On cold nights, they would share a cave on the outskirts of town, workers of Chile's National Child-care Service said Tuesday.

In television footage, Axel was aggressive, swore at care workers and spoke in short, surly phrases.

Asked whether he had drunk dog's milk as reported by police, he said, "Yes." He stuck his tongue out and screwed up his face up in disgust.

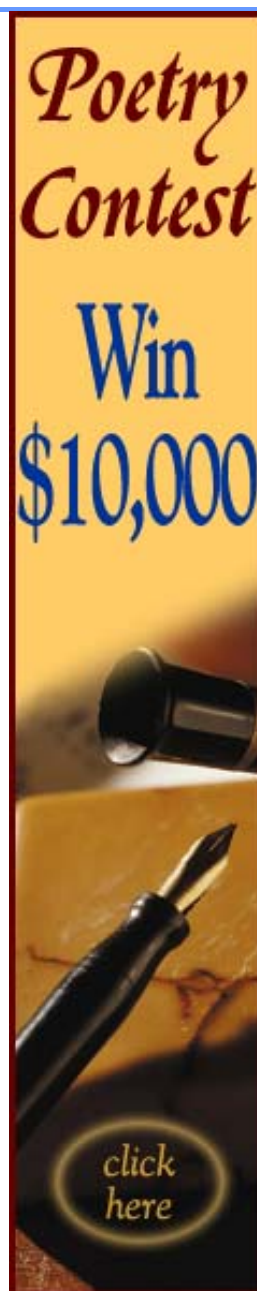
"You still drank it even though you didn't like it?" a journalist asked the boy, now living in a children's center in the city of Concepcion.

"Yes, because I was thirsty. It was my breakfast," Axel replied.

MOTHER DOG "LYLA"

Wearing a smart red, white and gray top, he scribbled on pieces of paper and cut out pictures with scissors. One of his drawings was of eight dogs of different colors and sizes.

The most prominent figure was a large blue dog that resembled a poodle. Underneath, was written the name "Lyla." A care worker said this was the dog that suckled Axel.



"That dog was pregnant," the boy said.

Axel, who appeared healthy but had two front teeth missing, at times swore at the woman care worker and threatened to throw scissors across the room. But he also showed touches of tenderness.

He cut out a picture from a sheet of paper and tried to pin it to the lapel of a television journalist.

Axel has had a tough life, child-care workers said.

"He was abandoned at the age of five by his parents, who were very abusive. He was effectively thrown onto the streets," Delia Delgatto of the child-care service told Reuters.

He was taken into a care center but escaped two years ago and teamed up with street dogs in Talcahuano.

The boy and the pack foraged for food together, police said. "He would eat out of garbage cans and find leftovers," Delgatto said.

City workers reported his case to the police who tried to seize him last Saturday. But Axel threw himself into the wintry cold waters of the southern Pacific Ocean to try to escape.

"A police officer dived into the water and saved him," a police spokesman said.

Care workers said Axel would need long periods of counseling and would stay in care for the foreseeable future. Delgatto said it was unlikely he would be reunited with his parents.

AMAZON.COM TOP SELLING BOOKS

- 5 > 1. [Prayer Of Jabez](#)
by Bruce H. Wilkinson
- 5 > 2. [John Adams](#)
by David McCullough
- 5 > 3. [P is for Peril](#)
by Sue Grafton
- 5 > 4. [Ghost Soldiers](#)
by Hampton Sides
- 5 > 5. [Dance upon the Air](#)
by Nora Roberts

3 > [Click here](#) to email this page to a friend 



[Take iWon with you on the Web. Get the Copilot!](#)

iwon 100 816 1.156 Search iwon Email Money Shop Games

7 >

Check out these iWon features:

5 > [Casino](#) 5 > [Computers](#) 4 > [\\$8.95 Domain Names](#)

- 5 > [Auctions](#)
- 6 > [Autos](#)
- 6 > [Careers](#)
- 5 > [Celebrity Gossip](#)
- 4 > [Communicate](#)
- 5 > [Computers](#)
- 5 > [Co-Pilot](#)
- 5 > [Entertainment](#)
- 5 > [Fashion](#)
- 4 > [Food & Drink](#)
- 5 > [Games/Casino](#)
- 5 > [Greeting Cards](#)
- 5 > [Health](#)
- 6 > [Home & Garden](#)
- 5 > [Horoscopes](#)
- 5 > [Lottery](#)
- 5 > [Love & Advice](#)
- 7 > [Money](#)
- 5 > [Movies/TV](#)
- 5 > [Music/Radio](#)
- 5 > [News](#)
- 4 > [Parenting](#)
- 5 > [Prizes](#)
- 6 > [Real Estate](#)
- 3 > [Search/Tools](#)
- 5 > [Sports](#)
- 6 > [Travel](#)
- 5 > [Weather](#)
- 4 > [Winners](#)
- 5 > [Site Map](#)

3 > [How iWon works](#) 4 > [Make iWon my home page](#) 1 > [My entries](#) 1 > [My profile](#) 1 > [Sign out](#) 1 > [Help & Feedback](#) 

1 > [Advertise on iWon](#) 4 > [Affiliate Network](#) 1 > [Sweepstakes Rules](#) 3 > [Prize Payout](#) 1 > [Terms of Service](#) 1 > [Privacy Policy](#)

5 > [Voted #1 Portal - Again!](#) 1 > [About iWon](#) 1 > [Lost Password](#) 5 > [Site Overview](#) 1 > [iWon Quick Tour](#) 4 > [Submit a Site](#)

3 > [Earn Entries with iWon VISA](#)

1 > [Copyright © 1999, 2000, 2001](#) iWon, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

"iWon", "iWon.com", the iWon logo, "why wouldn't you?", "Best Search on the Web" and the "iGuy" logo are trademarks of iWon, Inc. Patent pending.