

Just Like Humans' Hospital Animal Clinic Has Its Accident Victims, Chronics



Genie sits patiently beside owner Mrs. V. Darcie

"It's kinder to keep a dog tied up or in your own yard than to let him run at large," is the opinion of Dr. R. B. Gaskin, of the Georgetown Animal Clinic.

After seeing as many dogs injured by cars as he has, Dr. Gaskin feels strongly about this "Use common sense, restraint, and vaccination," are his basic rules for a healthy dog.

While dogs and cats are the most common patients in the clinic there is an increasing number of caged birds brought in for treatment.

How do you know a bird is sick? If he's a singer, when he doesn't sing, or if he sits listless and shows no sign of activity.

Despite a lot of old wives' tales about dogs not needing distemper shots until six months he stresses that six weeks for dogs, and three months for cats, is the ideal time. Nowadays dogs are vaccinated against distemper, rabies, and hepatitis, as a matter of routine. Each dog vaccinated against rabies is tagged and listed.

At this time of the year danger lurks in the melting snow. Many dogs are accidentally poisoned when the disappearing snow uncovers toxic agents, such as cleaning fluids, old battery acid, or discarded paint.

Drivers who hit dogs with no identification tags, are as a rule very considerate of the animal. Frequently they not only bring him to the clinic, but also pay

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for the treatment. If they don't pay Dr. Gaskin treats them anyway. If unclaimed, they are turned over to the dog control officer.

Formerly the "lab" work had to be done in Guelph but now the diagnostic work is done here. This includes blood counts, culture growth, and testing for parasites. Recently an X-ray machine was installed.

While he does some clipping and grooming, the veterinarian insists it is for health and comfort purposes only. "I'm not running a dog's beauty shop," he insists.

With the limited space available, he boards only a few animals, but points out there are good boarding kennels in the area, with which he is in close contact.

"So you want to be a 'vet.' It's a long hard six year course," advises Dr. Gaskin, "so hit the books."

KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown from Queen's Park



Some very interesting facts and figures were revealed by the Honourable Stanley Randell during the Department of Economics and Development estimates this past week in legislature.

Mr. Randell began with a brief review of the progress this Province is making in achieving its long term goals. The target set for the economy for the period 1963 to 1970 was established as follows:—

- (a) Average annual growth rate in gross provincial product of 5.5%.
- (b) Increase of 75,000 new jobs per year.
- (c) Reduction of unemployment to a rate of 2% or less by 1970.
- (d) Average productivity increase of 2.5% per year.
- (e) Annual increase in exports of manufactured goods greater than 10% per year, with overall increase of exports averaging 5% per year.

These targets were set as necessary goals if this Province was to progress as in the past and maintain its lead as the largest and most productive Province in Canada.

The results to date are very encouraging and are as follows:

- (a) Ontario's gross provincial product increased by 20.4% since 1963, compared with a target figure of 16.5%.
- (b) Total employment has risen 268 thousand since 1963, i.e. 43 thousand jobs in excess of the target in 1966 alone the number of those employed increased by 102 thousand.
- (c) In 1964 the unemployment rate was 3.2%. In 1965 2.5%. In 1966 it was maintained at 2.5% — A considerable accomplishment in a year of very high immigration and a very large increase in the labour force.
- (d) Ontario has achieved a productivity gain of 2.7% on average over the last three years. The productivity rise in 1966 however, was below the target figure, and considerably less than 3% advance recorded in the previous two years. An important factor there was the reduced rate on growth in such high productivity industries as automobiles.
- (e) Canadian exports fully manufactured goods rose by 42% in 1964 and 17% in 1965 compared to the target figure of 10% per year. In 1966 the increase was 63%.

Total immigration in Ontario for 1966 was 107,621 which was 84% of Canada's total. Immigration from Britain is now up 52% over the same period last year.

Mr. Randell expressed confidence that further substantial advances would be achieved this year, and he indicated his intention to intensify efforts to encourage research and small industry innovation. The new

Ontario Research Foundation facilities at Sheridan Park near Oakville will be substantially completed during April. This year the Province will provide the O.R.F. with \$775 thousand dollars for research. There will also be additional funds for certain industrial research services provided free to Ontario's manufacturing industries that provide field engineering and technical information. This is of particular value to small companies.

Further efforts will be made to increase exports through Trade and Industry Branch programs. One innovation this year will be the Ontario International Task Force — a special group of trade experts whose duties and responsibilities will be to find development capital, seek new industries and promote technological advance through the association of joint industrial ventures and licensing arrangements at home and abroad.

The Activities of the Ontario Development Corporation will assist Ontario firms in becoming more efficient and competitive and will aid slow growth areas of the Province.

Mr. Randell stated that the Government is prepared to meet problems directly and to cut a path through the impediments to economic progress. That he will continue to seek positive means to mature the purposeful development of our resources the improvement of the quality of the life of our people and the creation of an atmosphere congenial to economic development.

Ontario Scout Jamboree Planned For Kelso Park

A year and a half of planning will climax in August 1968 when a whole new "community" of over 3,000 Boy Scouts and their leaders is set up at the Kelso Conservation Area.

The week-long event will be the first Ontario Boy Scout Jamboree and the "Community" will be complete with hospital, transportation, food, fire, police and water services.

Ontario has been the scene of Canadian and World Jamborees before, but officials are billing this event as the first Ontario Jamboree. A planning committee headed by D. Deacon chose the Kelso site after visiting a number of alternative locations.

The Jamboree is scheduled for August 17 to 24, 1968 and among the 3,000 boys who will attend 80 per cent will be from Ontario, 10 per cent from other countries and 10 per cent from other parts of Canada.

Special days and events at the "tented community" will be open to the visitors who will flock to the site from various parts of the province.

A detailed organization has been developed and from the major steering committee, groups are being formed to handle the necessary services from the provisioning of water and fire service necessary for the population of 3,000.

Site at Kelso for the Jamboree will be on the eastern section

of the Authority's land north of Kelso area. Within a 30 day period the camp will be set up, operated and struck and the grounds re-stored to their former condition with the public's access to the land.

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NATURAL ENEMIES seem to forget their traditional feuds when they come together in the clinic office. Nevertheless, Mac the Cat is keeping a wary eye on Genie the German Shepherd and probably finds some security in the presence of Dr. Bob Gaskin. Watring is Bob's son Patrick.



Sandy, with owner Mrs. L. Pyfe, waits his turn

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