



HEAT ALERT

Halton Region has issued a heat alert that will likely last for days

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The Ontario Jr. B. Lacrosse League playoffs continues tonight

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Dog is Acton man's 'best hero'

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If not for a five-year-old cock-a-poo named Jorji, an Acton man doesn't think he would be here today.

Dale Levere credits the dog who lives next door with saving his life after he suffered an obstruction in his windpipe due to Wegener's granulomatosis, a rare disorder that causes blood vessels mainly in the lungs, ears, sinuses and kidneys to become inflamed. Levere was diagnosed with the disease in 2005.

On Wednesday June 13 about 9:20 a.m. Levere, 57, was home alone when he coughed and suffered the blockage. He began to choke and couldn't breathe.

"I couldn't get it loose," said Levere. "I tried coughing, everything, I tried to do the Heimlich manoeuvre on myself."

But he could not free the blockage and was choking to death.

Sitting on the end of his bed Levere, who works at Dufferin Aggregates as a pit loader operator/lead hand and part-time as a Halton Hills firefighter, said he could see out the window that his neigh-



Dale Levere of Acton gives Jorji, the cock-a-poo, a huge hug, crediting the dog with saving his life last month.
Photo by Ted Brown

bour Wendy Behling's car was home. He decided his best chance for help was to get outside and over to Wendy's.

He made it outside to the patio and started to yell, but unknown to him little sound came out.

But luckily for him Jorji, who knows Levere well, was outside.

"Jorji could hear me and (he realized) that something's not right.

He just kept barking, barking and barking," said Levere.

Jorji's owner Behling heard the barking and went to investigate because she said the only person that usually sets the dog off really barking is the mailman, and it wasn't that time of day.

"It was a really insistent bark," said Behling.

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Duo charged with trafficking

Halton Police executed a search warrant at a Delrex Blvd. home on Friday, charging two with a number of charges

On Friday, June 29, investigators from District 1 Criminal Investigations Bureau, with the assistance of the Guns and Gangs Unit, secured a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Search Warrant. Police seized a quantity of illicit drugs including marijuana, hashish, cocaine, MDMA and methamphetamine. The street value of the seized drugs is estimated at approximately \$16,000.

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The Acton Fire Fighters Association fireworks display was spectacular as usual. Look for more Canada Day photos on page 11.
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