

# Dog owner finds more rat poison while other owner mourns pet

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Velda Webb of Georgetown is mourning the loss of her beloved year-and-a-half old Shih Tzu Tucker who died last month after eating what is believed to be rat poison.

Tucker's death is the second incident reported to *The Independent & Free Press* over the past couple of weeks of dogs ingesting rat poison.

Webb contacted the newspaper after reading about another Georgetown dog owner Nicky Snook's agility champion

Australian red kelpie Roper who ate rat poison found in their backyard July 24.

Fortunately, Snook saw the rat poison immediately after Roper ate it and rushed him to the vet who induced vomiting.

He's on daily doses of Vitamin K and Snook is hoping he'll be okay.

But Snook said on Saturday more rat poison was found in her back yard. This time, however, none of her dogs ate the poison.

"I'm just sickened by this," said Snook. The second batch of poison was found in roughly the same area as the first. She has contacted police to investigate.

"It's very disturbing," said Snook. Webb, of south Georgetown, said Tucker died July 7, and the autopsy came back with rodenticide toxicity as the suspected cause.

He was "happy and running around"



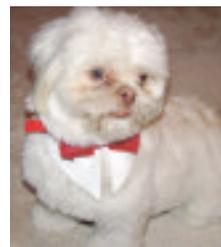
For the second time in two weeks, Nicky Snook of Georgetown has found rat poison in her yard. Her prized agility dog Roper was treated for ingesting poison last month and was still recovering when this piece was found last weekend. Another local woman says her dog Tucker (left) died after eating poison last month.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

on July 6 Webb said, who had company over when one of her friends offered to take Tucker for a walk. About five houses away from her home she said Tucker went onto the grass and let out a loud yelp.

"He laid down and he was paralyzed," said Webb. A neighbour came and got Webb, and when she picked Tucker up urine was leaking out, she said.

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**TUCKER**

## Charity barbecue will run from noon to 4 p.m.

A story in the Tuesday, August 7 edition incorrectly reported a time for a charity barbecue to benefit the Georgetown woman injured when an SUV crashed through the front window of Atlantis Athletics Fitness Centre July 31.

The barbecue will be held from 12 to 4 p.m., at Atlantis Fitness, 232 Guelph St., Saturday, Aug. 18. All proceeds will go to Sheri Paré, 36, who is the club's receptionist.

*The Independent & Free Press* regrets the error.

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