

Dog's death believed to be caused by rat poison

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As her vet's office was closed, she rushed him to the emergency vet clinic in Brampton. A vet there thought the paralysis was due to his spine, so he was rushed to the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph for surgery.

"He started to code, he was shaking," on the way to Guelph, Webb said.

The vet there determined "he was bleeding out", said Webb. She said he had high blood pressure, low glucose, a heart murmur and water on his lungs.

"The more they worked on him the more he bled," she said.

"Tucker was the sweetest, gentlest, prettiest dog," said his regular Georgetown vet Dr. Evan Freeman of Georgetown Animal Clinic.

Freeman said they don't know for sure what caused Tucker's death but indications are very suggestive of rat poison.

He said there were micro-bleeds everywhere—the brain stem, spinal cord and adrenal glands.

When an animal ingests rat poison it interrupts the liver's ability to make the proteins for clotting the blood, resulting in death from internal hemorrhaging.

"There is no way to confirm it was rodenticide, but there are only a few things that could do that," said Freeman.

He said fortunately he doesn't see a lot of pets coming to the clinic who

have ingested rat poison.

"People just have to be careful when putting rat bait down," said Freeman.

"I personally would never use any sort of rat bait having three cats of my own."

Webb has no idea how Tucker got into rat poison; she doesn't have any in her home.

She said Tucker was always on a leash.

"The odd time he would get out and run around in the back yard," she said.

She doesn't believe anyone intentionally poisoned her dog.

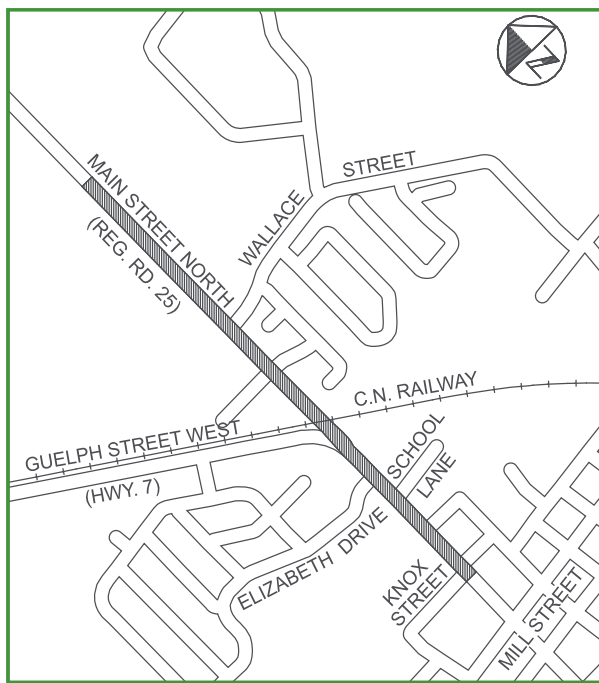
"It seemed everyone in the neighbourhood loved Tucker."

She's worried that if people are using rat poison in the area another dog, or even a child, could ingest it. She urges anyone who uses it to "get rid of it."

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