

Police investigating after dog given rat poison

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A Georgetown man believes someone poisoned his son's dog—and he's hoping anyone with information about the incident will contact Halton Police or Crime Stoppers.

Alex Soler of Pomeroy Court thinks someone fed their schnoodle Oreo rat poison or put it in their backyard where the dog ate it.

The family learned the dog had ingested rat poison from their vet last Tuesday when they took him in to be checked because they found red rings on his stomach and sides. Soler said the vet immediately knew the dog had eaten rat poison and put him on Vitamin K—an anticoagulant. When a rodent ingests rat poison it interrupts the liver's ability to make the proteins for clotting the blood, resulting in death from internal hemorrhaging.

"He's doing perfectly fine," said Soler. "He's a sweet dog."

It's "pretty cruel" to poison his dog, Soler said. "Someone like this shouldn't be walking around."

Halton Police are investigating the incident.

Soler said their three dogs bark when people walk behind their home, which backs onto vacant land near Maple



Alex Soler of Pomeroy Court poses with a fully recuperated Oreo after someone fed the schnoodle rat poison or put it in their backyard where the dog ate it.

Creek Park.

"People use it as a walkway," said Soler.

On the night of Thursday, May 16 Soler said someone tried to reach over their fence and hit Oreo with a stick. He said the dogs often bark when someone walks behind their fence.

The person couldn't be seen and Sol-

er's wife called out to the person who said the dogs were "annoying." Soler also said the person said they could have him arrested for trespassing.

Soler believes the poisoning incident occurred the following Monday or Tuesday.

After learning the dog had eaten poison the Solers checked their backyard,

but didn't find any evidence of rat poison. Soler said there had been a heavy downpour the following day and "I assume it would have all been washed away."

On Sunday night Soler said their other dog Lennon, a Pomeranian, found a bone in the backyard he said someone had tossed over the fence. Fearful there might be poison on it they fed the dogs hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting. They all appear to be fine.

They are watching the dogs more closely now when they're in the yard.

"We would appreciate someone doing the right thing and calling, and helping to solve this," said Soler. "Some poor animal is going to end up dead."

This is not the first incident of a dog ingesting rat poison in Georgetown. Last July Nicky Snook's dog Roper ate rat poison he found in their backyard. Fortunately he was treated quickly and survived, but another dog, a Shih Tzu named Tucker owned by Velda Webb, was not so fortunate and died from ingesting what was believed to be rat poison.

Anyone with information about the Soler incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or Halton Police Acting Detective Sgt. Crystal Kelly at 905-878-5511 ext. 2415

Police blotter: Trailer stolen from local business

Halton Police are investigating the theft of a 12 ft. trailer from outside an Armstrong Ave. business that occurred sometime between May 20 and 23.

The covered trailer, valued at \$6,000 contained a generator, scaffolding, a compactor and copper wire.

The total value of items taken is approximately \$15,000.

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A Dundas man is charged in con-

nection with an incident at Nashville North Saturday.

Police say a man who was removed from the bar for being intoxicated and belligerent attempted to get back in by climbing on a vehicle and attempting to go over a fence. Damage was caused to the vehicle.

Charged with mischief under \$5,000 and being intoxicated in a public place is Calum Coleman, 22.

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A Georgetown woman was charged

after \$150 worth of items was taken from the Real Canadian Superstore Monday afternoon. Police report between 11:45 a.m. and 12:19 p.m. a woman was seen ripping tags off items and stashing them in a baby carriage.

The woman then left the store without paying for the items and was apprehended by store security and then police responded.

Charged with theft under \$5,000 is Crystal Webster, 26.

Assault charge was withdrawn

An assault causing bodily harm charge laid against a Brampton man last May was withdrawn in Provincial Court.

Orrin Gooden, 30, faced the charge after an incident at Nashville North early May 25, 2012.

The charge was withdrawn in Milton court Oct. 19, 2012. The court information was provided to *The Independent & Free Press* Monday.

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