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NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

From May 13 to October 31, 2019, the Halton Region Health Department will be conducting a mosquito larviciding program under the direction of Dr. Hamidah Meghani, Medical Officer of Health, to reduce the incidence of West Nile virus (WNV) in the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville.

Larviciding in standing water

Where monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present, the biological larvicide VectoBac 200G (PCP# 18158, granular) or VectoBac 1200L (PCP# 21062, liquid) will be applied to affected standing water on public lands in urban areas. Signs will be posted at each location indicating when and where the larvicide is applied.

Larviciding in catch basins

Where monitoring indicates that mosquito larvae are present, the larvicide Altosid Pellets (PCP# 21809, pellet), Altosid XR Briquets (PCP# 27694, ingot) or Mosquiron 0.12 CRD (PCP# 31079, ingot) will be placed by hand into catch basins. All larvicides will be applied by Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks licensed applicators or technicians.

For the locations and dates of treatment, and additional information about West Nile virus, visit halton.ca or call 311.

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Be prepared for emergencies

We all have a role to play in preparing for emergencies. With Emergency Preparedness Week starting May 5, I encourage you to take three simple steps now that can help you stay safe in an emergency:

- Know the risks close to home.
- Make a plan for how your household would evacuate and communicate to stay safe.
- Get or make a kit with 72 hours' worth of essential supplies.

During an emergency, you can keep informed by monitoring local media, checking government websites and Twitter feeds, and listening for alerts. Protect yourself and your family—to find helpful tips and resources, visit halton.ca.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Meetings at Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, L6M 3L1
Visit halton.ca for full schedule.

May 22 9:30 a.m. Regional Council

COMMUNITY

COLLIE 'AMAZING' DESPITE COMING HOME EMPTY-HANDED

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Georgetown might not be home to the world's most amazing dog, but Rev is still verifiably one of the best.

The five-year-old border collie impressed at least one of the judges, George Lopez, on the Facebook Watch series World's Most Amazing Dog, with his ability to play Connect Four against his owner and trainer, Maddisen Phelan.

After Rev was eliminated from the contest, Lopez used his one and only "save" to bring Rev and Phelan back into the competition for the semifinals.

The pair flew to California for an appearance on the final episode, with the winner receiving a \$100,000 prize determined by a fan vote.

But the duo didn't go home with an oversized cheque, but Mexico's Jesus Felix and his eight-year-old chihuahua, Toshiro Flores, did.

Phelan and Rev are still performing tricks across Ontario with the Canadian Pet Expo.

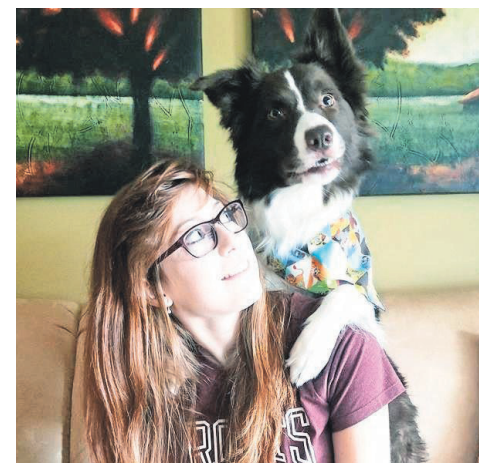
"I think the most important thing about training a dog is that you have to have fun or else there's no bond there," Phelan said.

Phelan started her training career with the family dog, a miniature schnauzer.

"He was nine-years-old when I started training him. He was overweight and wasn't the type of dog you would think to put in training," Phelan said.

But Phelan had ambitions toward competing in dog agility competitions.

When she adopted Rev as a 10-week-old puppy, he was too young to start high-impact activity like dog agility, so she started teach-



Maddisen Phelan Facebook

Maddisen Phelan and Rev have reached the final of World's Most Amazing Dog, a Facebook Watch show where the winner will be determined by a fan vote. The final episode will be online Thursday at 8 p.m. and voting will remain open for 24 hours.

ing him tricks. Now, his repertoire exceeds 300 tricks.

"I use positive reinforcement methods," Phelan said. "They work because the dogs want to work for us, it's fun for them."

With a diploma from Sheridan College's animal care program, and certification from the Karen Pryor Academy of Dog Trainers, Phelan's skills extend beyond her own canine companions.

In April, she opened Wizard of Paws, offering a variety of services from groom to daycare to trick training.

Currently offering one-on-one sessions, Phelan said she plans to offer group classes in the near future.

For daycare, dog attendees enjoy more than just playtime.

"A lot of daycares are 'run, run, run' and there's no off-switch," Phelan said. "We're training and playing with them all day. It's basic obedience: We teach them to lay on the beds all-together so they learn to relax around other dogs."

Dogs can attend week after week for a structured daycare environment.

More information about Wizard of Paws (7 James St.) is available at wizardpaws.com.

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