

New animal hospital opens in Campbellville

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

Dr. Randy Rubenstein, owner of Nassagaweya Equine Services of Campbellville, is expanding his business to offer more services in the community. This month, the 42-year-old veterinarian will be diversifying his practice so that he and his staff can provide services not just to clients of horses, but to pet owners with dogs, cats, and other small companion animals.

The local veterinarian, who received his training at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, will be opening his second clinic on October 7. The new Nassagaweya Animal Hospital, will be located at 35 Crawford Crescent in the same plaza as Nassagaweya Equine Services.

Dr. Rubenstein, has lived in the Halton area since the early 1990s, and thinks Campbellville needs a small animal hospital. "It will benefit the community."

Staff at the animal hospital will include an office manager, a certified groomer, a registered veterinary technician (RVT), and Drs. Oren Levstein and Steve Donnelly. The hospital will offer a variety of services including preventative health care, puppy and kitten programs, vaccination programs, medical and surgical services, orthopaedic surgery, dentistry and dental surgery, digital radiography, in-house laboratory services, and all breed grooming.

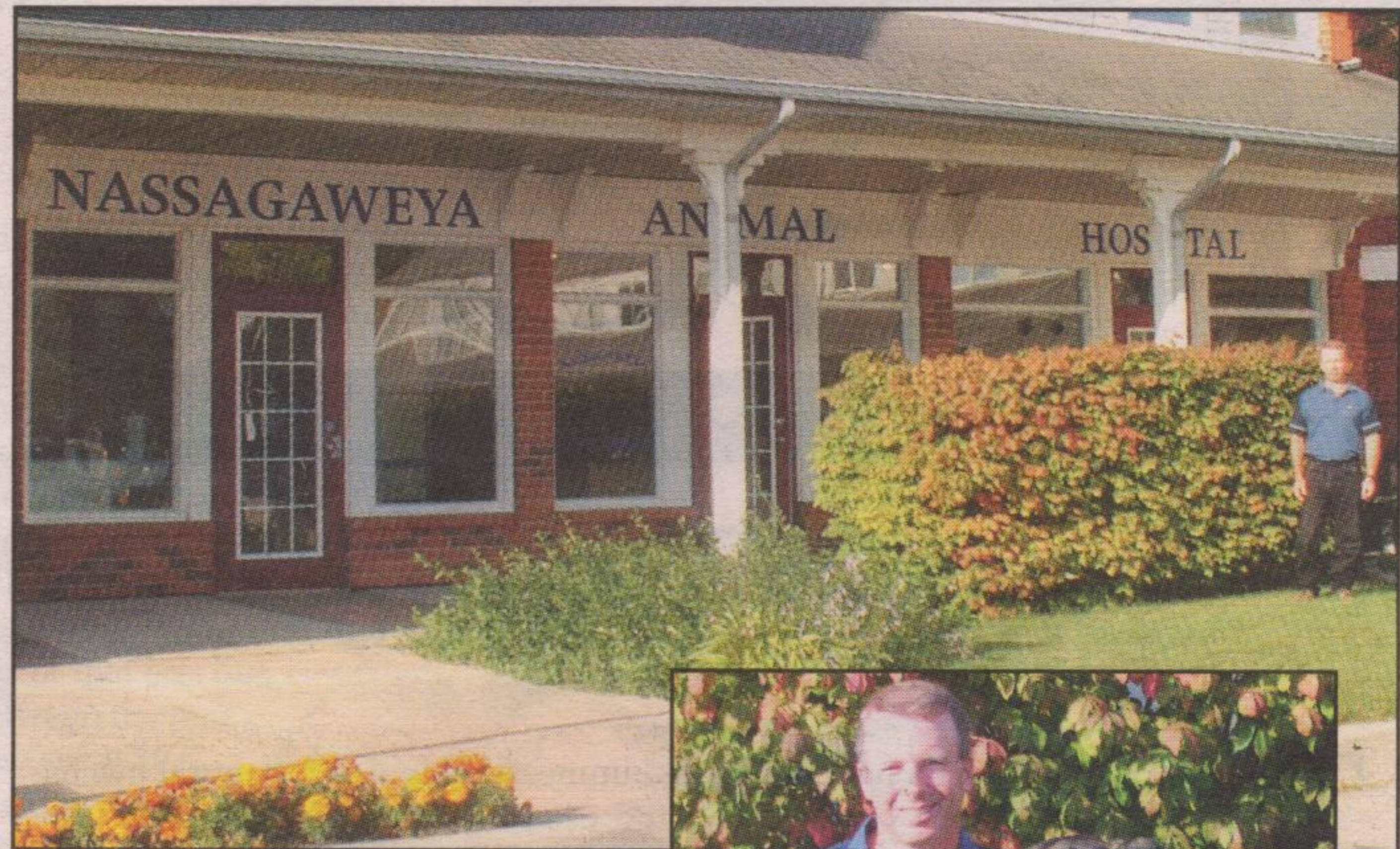
The new practice will give Dr. Rubenstein the opportunity to interface with the pet owners in the community. As part of his current practice, Dr. Rubenstein says that he deals almost exclusively with members of the racing community, essentially work-

ing at "fine tuning the mechanics of the horse as opposed to treating sick animals." The Toronto born veterinarian describes himself as a "sports doctor for horses."

Dr. Rubenstein, who lives on a farm in Moffat with his wife and their three children, has worked for 16 years as an equine veterinarian. Both he and his wife, who is a rider and a coach, have a passion for horses. Their family has five horses including a miniature, a pony, a standardbred, as well as two thoroughbreds.

Dr. Rubenstein says that he and his staff will strive to provide the best possible care to patients and clients.

The phone number for Nassagaweya Equine Services is 905-854-5070. To reach Nassagaweya Animal Hospital, when it opens, call 905-854-PETS (7387).



Dr. Randy Rubenstein, who owns Nassagaweya Equine Services in Campbellville, is opening another clinic in mid-October, the Nassagaweya Animal Hospital. Here he is pictured with one of his canine friends, Lucifer.



What a cup of coffee will buy

The price of a coffee is all that United Way needs to meet target

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

If every citizen of Halton Hills contributed an extra \$2 to the United Way of Halton Hills – or what amounts to the price of a large café latte at Tim Hortons – then Brian Clark would be delighted. Mr. Clark, who is the president of the local non-profit agency, figures that's all that it will require to ensure the United Way raises \$350,000.

The agency, which recently began its annual campaign, has tried unsuccessfully in recent years to reach a target of \$300,000. But Mr. Clark believes that a total of \$350,000 will be necessary if the United Way hopes to fund other agencies in the community in addition to the 16 agencies that it now supports. "We have many other fine agencies that are looking to us for support that we cannot fund because we cannot increase our campaign goal."

Mr. Clark says his agency, in the last three years, has "hit a wall at \$250,000," even though the United Way of Halton Hills has tried to increase awareness by hosting events such as its annual Christmas house tour and advertising on community television and in the local papers.

Once again, the campaign goal is \$300,000, but Mr. Clark would like people to consider that a little extra money – or the price of a café latte at Tim Hortons – could help bring that amount to the \$350,000 he desires. "The ability for us to make a positive difference in this community comes down to asking each citizen of Halton Hills to increase his or her donation."

This year there will be no one coming to your door asking for funds. Instead, the United Way is asking residents to take part in a mail-in campaign or to consider a payroll deduction. Cheques can be sent to The United Way of Halton Hills, 115 Main Street South, P.O. Box 286, Halton Hills, Ontario, L7G 4Y5. For payroll deductions, residents can fill out a form provided on the United Way's brochure.

For more information on the campaign, you can contact 905-877-3066.

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Dogs walk with lions

Lions Club to hold walk-a-thons in support of Guide Dogs

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

If you're a dog lover and would love to raise money while you walk your dog then this is your opportunity. The Lions Foundation of Canada, a charitable non-profit organization, will be holding two events in Halton on October 3 to raise money to provide guide dogs to people across Canada and to support various programs that provide guide dog training.

The proceeds from the events will help support three national programs run by the Lions Foundation: Canine Vision Canada which provides guide dog training for people that are blind or visually impaired; Special Skills Dogs of Canada which assists physically or medically impaired people; and Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada which benefits people who are hard of hearing.

Joanna Sharp, coordinator of marketing and communications for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, says experienced handlers and their dogs will be at each event. But that doesn't prevent people from the public coming with their own special animal friends. "People are welcome to bring their family pet and walk with their own dog."

The events, known as the Purina Walk for Guide Dogs, will take place in Georgetown and in Oakville. The walk in Georgetown begins at the Georgetown Lions Hall at 1 p.m. while the walk in Oakville starts at 11 a.m. In Oakville, people should go to the Lions Foundation of Canada, located at 152 Wilson Street, prior to the walk.

Joanna says her organization is hoping to raise \$600,000 from walks that the Lions Foundation is holding across Canada to support its guide dog programs.

Any pledge over \$15 is tax deductible. For more information on the events, contact the Lions Foundation at 905-842-2891 or at the toll free number 1-800-768-3030. The website is www.dogguides.com.