

Veterinarian Sandy Rice is hoping someone knows Amnesia, an injured brown tabby that was brought in to the Georgetown Animal Clinic last week. Photo by Herb Garbutt

## Veterinarian hopes to reunite cat with owner

A local veterinarian is hoping to find the owners of a cat struck by a car so that the feline can be returned home. Sandy Rice of the Georgetown Animal Clinic said a brown tabby cat was brought in about 2 a.m. last Saturday after it was found on McDonald Blvd. in Acton. The cat, which has been named Amnesia by the vet staff, has a fractured jaw and a fractured tooth. Amnesia was comatose for two days but is now able to walk on its own, although it is a bit wobbly.

The cat is thought to be three to five years old. Its front paws have been declawed, which Rice said is an indication that it was a pet.

Rice said if a pet is lost, the owners should contact animal control, local vets and the Humane Society. But the best way to ensure pets are returned home is microchipping. The procedure implants a microchip about the size of a grain of rice into the loose skin between the pet's shoulder blades. The chip can be read by a scanner found in almost all vet clinics and animal shelters and it provides information that can be checked with a nation-wide data base to locate the owners.

Rice hopes that if Amnesia's owner can't be found that someone will adopt the cat.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

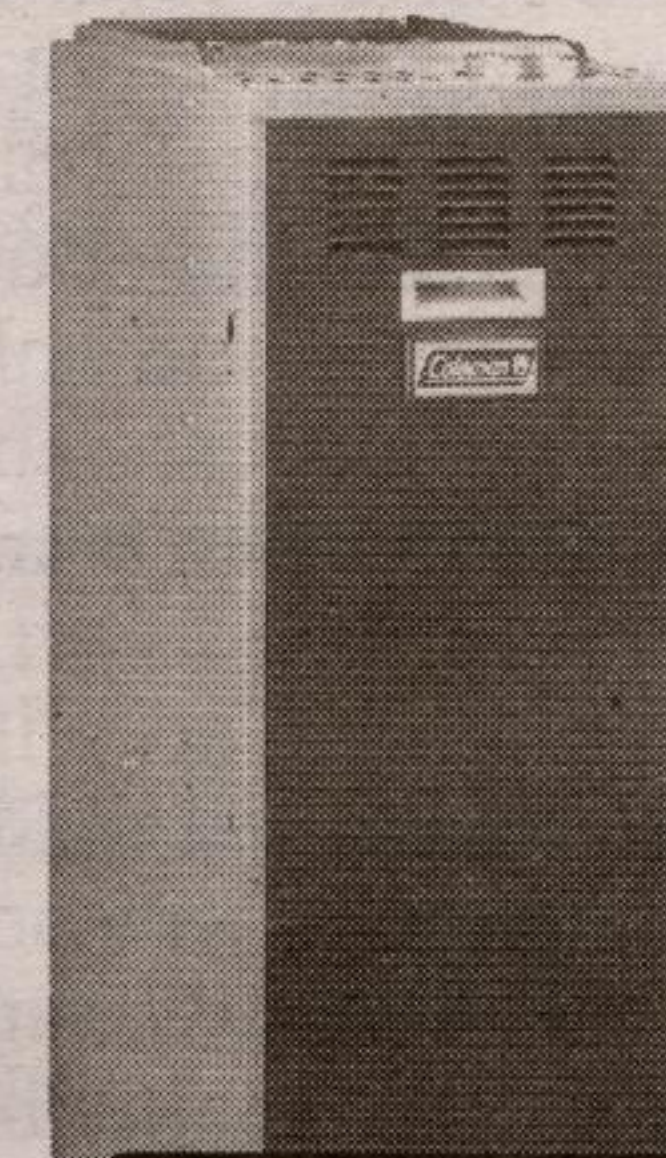
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## Proposed Pesticide By-law Public Meeting

The Town of Caledon is considering a by-law to limit the use of pesticides on private property. In this context the Town of Caledon invites members of the public to attend a public meeting on **September 24, 2001** to provide comments.

Pesticides are defined as "any substance, matter, or micro-organism intended to destroy, reduce, attract or repel, directly, an organism which is noxious, harmful or annoying for a human being, fauna vegetation crops or other goods or intended to regulate the growth of vegetation excluding medicine or vaccine."

The proposed by-law is looking at a phased-in approach to eliminating the use of non-essential pesticides on private property, for example, the spraying of pesticides on private lawns. Exemptions have been suggested for agriculture use, for public/private swimming pools, for water purification, for pest control in buildings, to control/destruction of dangerous plants and animals (health and safety reasons) and as a wood preservative. Consideration is also being given on how to address certain specialized uses such as golf courses.

Focus group sessions with the industry, commercial users and retailers, and environmental groups have taken place with the results to be presented at the meeting.

Anyone wishing to make submissions at the public meeting is asked to call the Property Standards Division of the Planning and Developmental Department at **905-584-2272**

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**From: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Caledon Community Complex**

**6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East**