

Rabid bat found in Halton Hills second in region

Halton has recorded its second case of bat rabies this year.

Test results, received Thursday, confirm that a bat found in Halton Hills has tested positive for rabies.

A young child, whom the Region won't identify, will receive rabies shots after the bat was found in a backyard.

The first rabid bat was reported in Burlington in July.

There were three cases of bat rabies last year.

In response to the finding, the Halton Region Health Department warns citizens to never handle bats and exercise caution if near one.

The bite of a bat is small and often painless so the recipient may not feel the bite or see any visible marks.

Therefore, according to the health department, when people have slept unat-

tended in a room where a bat was found, treatment to prevent rabies should be started. Each incident of possible exposure should be reported to the health department for investigation.

To prevent the spread of rabies:

- Make sure your pet is vaccinated against rabies
- Warn your children to stay away from wild, stray, or aggressive animals to protect themselves

themselves

• Seek immediate medical attention if you come in contact with a potentially rabid animal

If you have any questions about rabies or need to report a suspected rabid animal or exposure, call the Region at (905) 825-6000, ext. 7503 or visit the Web site, www.region.halton.on.ca/health.

Rabies is a virus that is fatal if a person

is infected and not treated. Although bats are natural pest controllers, they can also carry rabies.

Infected animals carry the virus in their saliva and pass it to other animals or people through bites and contaminated wounds.

The rabies virus can infect any mammal. Those most commonly infected are bats, skunks, foxes and raccoons.

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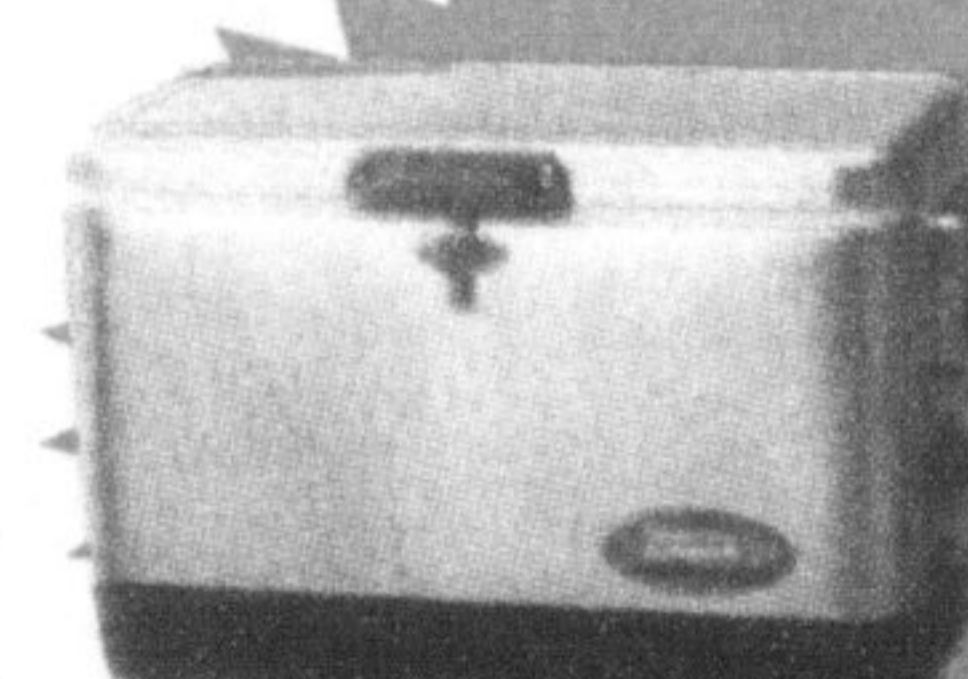
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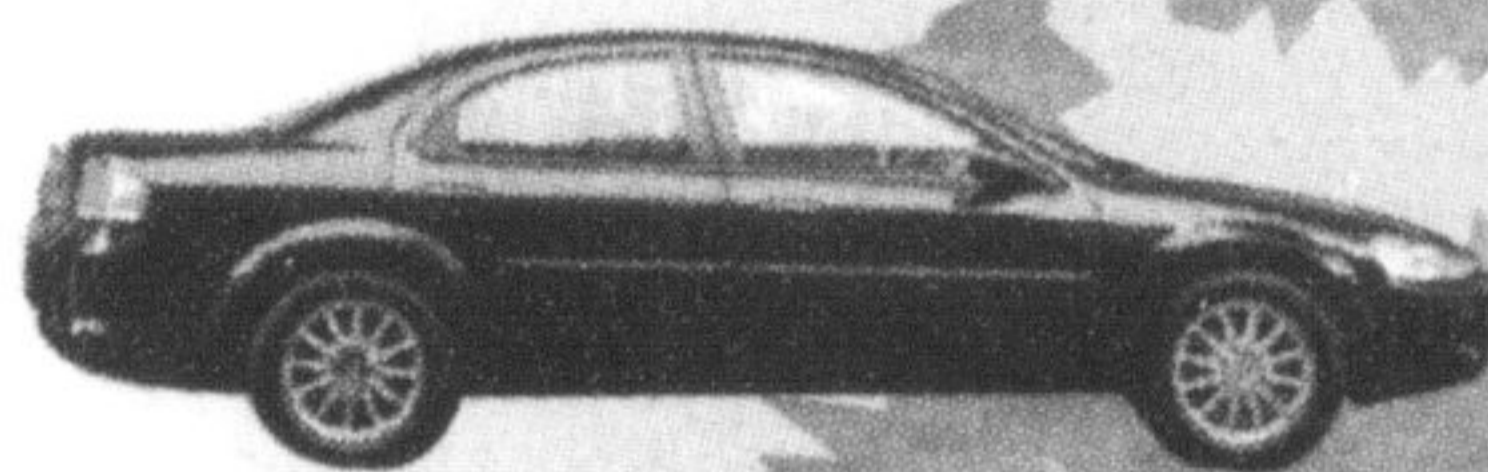
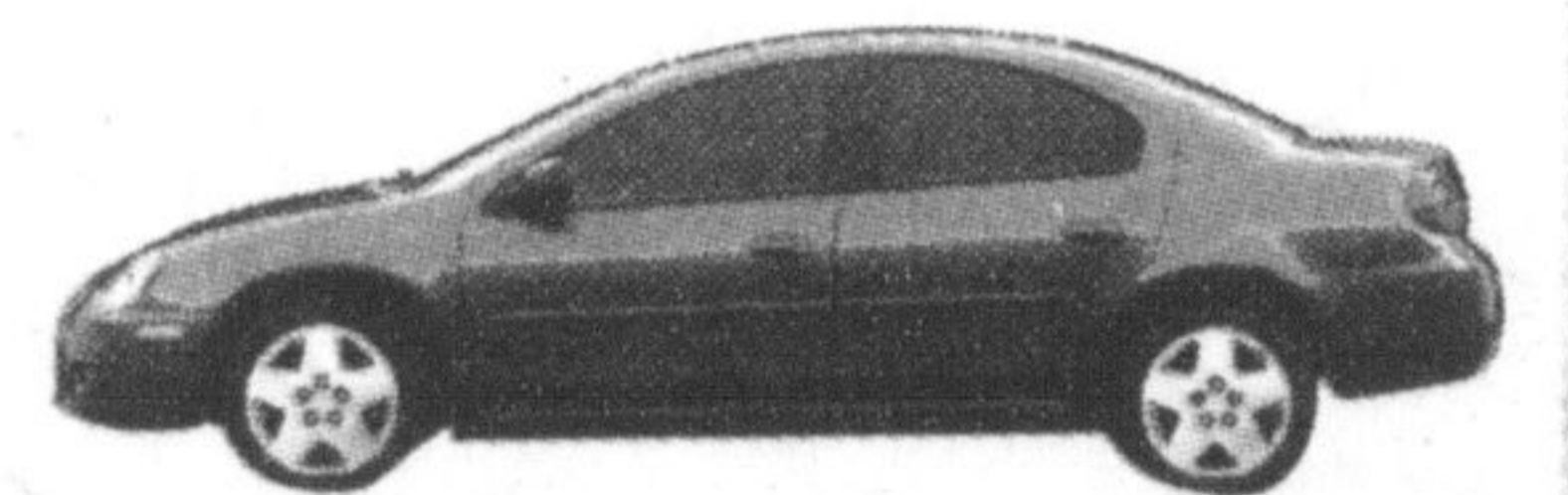
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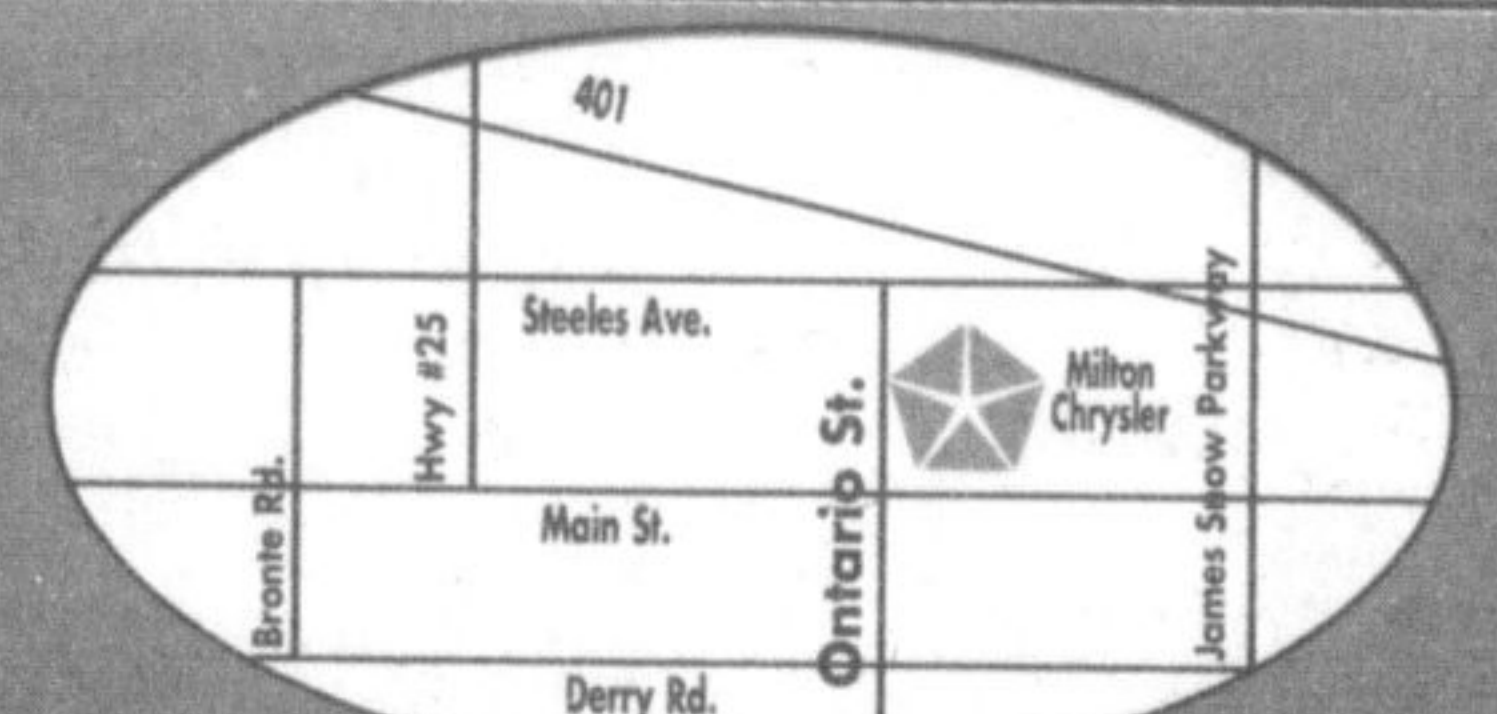
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