

Microchip clinic this Sunday

There's no place like home for your cat or dog. But if your pet gets lost, proper identification will help ensure its safe return.

For this purpose, the Oakville and District Humane Society is holding its Microchip Clinic Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pine Room at Oakville Arena, 133 Rebecca St., just west of Kerr Street.

The cost per cat or dog is \$29.95, and service is provided on a first come, first served basis.

Every year, more than 5,000 animals find themselves at the Oakville and District Humane Society. With the help of proper identification — a licence, registration tags and a microchip — some animals can be returned to their

owners within 24 hours.

Without current identification, it's difficult to find a lost pet's owner.

A microchip is a small device implanted under the animal's skin through injection. A qualified veterinarian performs the quick procedure.

"Microchips with an owner's address, telephone number and emergency information help us to reconnect pets," said Johanne Golder, general manager of the Oakville and District Humane Society. "Microchips offer a permanent way of tracking owner information."

Each microchip is given a reference number that reconnects the chip to a database of information

about the owner. Animal shelter staff and vets scan lost animals to determine if they're microchipped.

The scanner provides the reference number allowing animal professionals to contact the microchip company and obtain valuable owner contact information.

"Thanks to time donated by local veterinarians, we are able to provide microchip service at the clinic for a great price," Ms Golder said. "Dog owners can also pick up their mandatory annual dog licence and cat owners can register their pet. It's an all-in-one stop shop for identification and a great opportunity to protect your pet."

For more information, call the Oakville and District Humane Society at (905) 845-1551.



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McMaster, Halton Region develop business partnership

Halton Region's Business Development Centre and McMaster University co-hosted the first of three learning sessions late last month designed to give Halton's business leaders an opportunity to hear from some of Canada's most respected business experts.

"The Halton Region/McMaster University luncheon series is the product of a shared vision," said Halton Regional Chair Joyce Savoline.

"It is a vision that encourages the development of a knowledge-based environment that will maximize opportunities and nurture innovation. If our goal to become a knowledge-based economy with high quality employment opportunities is to be realized, we need to encourage this type of partnership between business and education."

The first collaboration of its kind in the Halton community, the Region/McMaster luncheon series gives senior executives the opportunity to hear about best practices in developing and maintaining the ability to be competitive in the global marketplace.

"By bringing together educators and business leaders, we are creating a forum where ideas and information can be shared, and successful relationships are built," said Ms Savoline.

McMaster president Dr. Peter George is excited about the new partnership and recognizes the need to share new

knowledge with the wider community.

"It's no secret that McMaster is a research and knowledge powerhouse, but what's really important is that we share our knowledge with those who can put it to use best — in this case, the business community."

The Region/McMaster luncheon series features members of McMaster's prestigious DeGroote School of Business, all of whom are renowned authorities in their respective fields.

Dr. Chris Bart, professor of business strategy and governance, kicked off the series with his presentation 'The Forgotten Essentials of Leadership', where he demonstrated the keys to creating an enthusiastically-committed work force, focusing on key elements of respect and recognition.

Next event Thursday

The luncheon series will continue Thursday, featuring Dr. Min Basadur, professor of human resources and a world leader in applied creativity. He will talk about his award-winning Simplex System.

Space at the upcoming forum is limited and reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For reservation information, contact Halton's business development centre at (905) 825-6000 or visit www.halton-business.com.

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