

Dog was on the brink of death

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including a broken rib, cuts, a punctured lung, severe abdomen bleeding, a ruptured liver and spleen, bruising on the heart, abdomen and lung and was also suffering from hypothermia.

The couple then had to take her to the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph, accompanied by Dr. Croskery who sat in the back seat with Airlie and warmed her with hot water bottles.

"We didn't know if she was going to make it or not," Ms Marit said.

Airlie received three blood transfusions in Guelph and stayed at the clinic for four days. Since the transfusions took so well, she didn't need surgery, which was originally expected.

Ms Marit noted the staff at the clinic were wonderful and took the time to explain everything to them.

"The comfort level they created was just beyond expectations. Airlie was treated so unbelievably," she said.

While Airlie is still on heavy medication, Ms Marit said she's getting back to normal.

"We wouldn't have her if it wasn't for Monty," she said tearfully. "He forced his owner to take notice — had that not happened... our vet said she was on the brink of death. Monty is the whole reason she's here."

Over at the Adam household, Monty is also being hailed a hero.

"He was very determined, and I'm so glad that he was," Ms Adam said. "I'm proud of him. He really did do a good job."

She added that most importantly, she's glad Airlie is okay.

Ms Marit said she's especially thankful for everyone who helped Airlie, including Dr. Croskery and the Oakpark Pet Hospital staff, Dr. Teresa Cheng and her staff at the University of Guelph and, of course, Monty and Ms Adam.

Now, Ms Marit said she's going to give something back by enrolling Madden in a blood donor program for dogs at the clinic in Guelph as soon as he turns one.

"Madden's going to refill the bank for what Airlie took."

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Wine law comes under fire by MADD

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uations where there's a threat to public safety. The second doubles the minimum fines for offences related to liquor and underage drinkers and the third creates an offence of failing to leave a premise when required to by a police officer, or returning the same day after being asked to leave.

Mr. Gareau's sentiments, however, echo those of MADD Canada spokesperson Wanda Kristensen.

"We don't think the government has appropriately weighed the available empirical research," said Ms Kristensen, director of programs at MADD Canada's National Office. "(Consumer and Business Services Minister) Jim Watson hasn't adequately safeguarded the public against the new risks posed by his

BYOW law."

Ms Kristensen's son David, 16, was killed in Oakville in November, 1996 when the underage driver of a car in which he was a passenger lost control and struck a hydro pole.

MADD Canada's position, Ms Kristensen continued, is that the government failed to set a reasonable corkage fee "despite the evidence that this measure would significantly curb the availability of cheap wine on the restaurant table." Second, the Province failed to make it mandatory for licences who opt for BYOW to also have to provide the re-corking option so patrons can bring the rest home.

"As a mother who has lost a son in an alcohol-related crash, I don't want to see families suffer because of the introduc-

tion of new, ill-considered regulations," said Ms Kristensen. "In my mind, governments should err on the side of public safety when they make these types of changes that will, unquestionably, put more drinking drivers on our roads."

Mr. Gareau maintains that increased public awareness may lead to more people taking cabs, staying overnight, arranging rides ahead of time, or having sober designated drivers to drive drinkers home.

However, he said, until everyone who drinks outside the home practises responsible proactive measures to get home alive, he remains apprehensive about the new BYOW law. "The general public should be as well because an impaired driver can strike at any time of the day, affecting the lives of innocent people."

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Dr. Kenneth Bateman was interested in being a doctor since high school. While attending Queens University for Pre-Med & a Bachelor of Science Degree, he did volunteer work at a hospital where he realized he wanted to help people live better lives, not just 'fix their ailments.'

Dr. Bateman then attended the four year program at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. He liked how well the college prepared him for the licensing exams. "You also have to pass 14 exams in 4 days before you can practice."

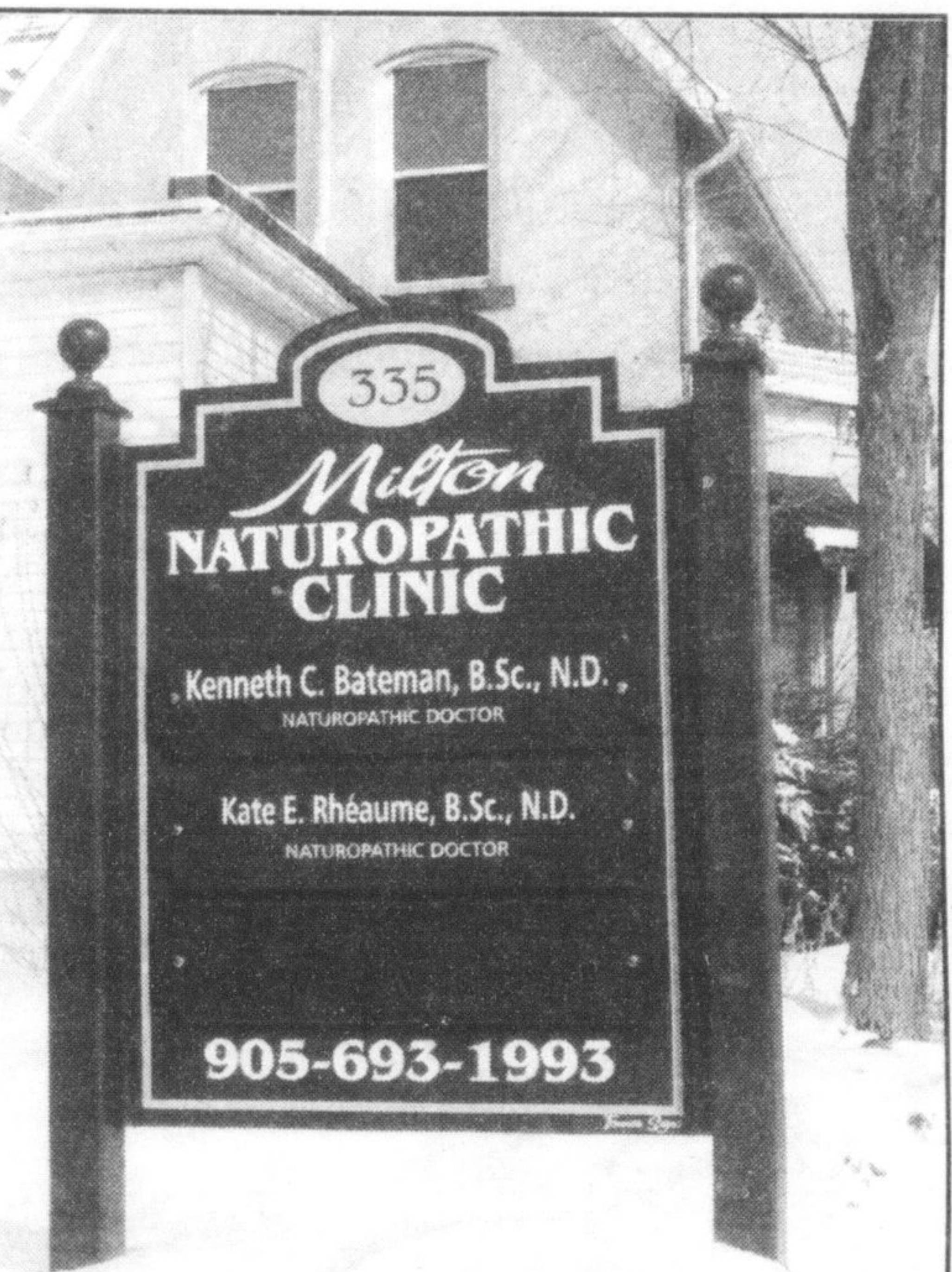
Dr. Kate Rheaume always wanted to be a doctor. There are medical doctors in her family and she decided at a young age that was the direction she wanted to go. After attending McMaster University she fully intended to continue on in their medical program but then changed her life course to practice a more 'holistic' kind of medicine.

She also received her four year degree at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and completed two years of residency at the college. Only three students out of one hundred and forty are selected for the residency program, so this was quite an honour. She has been practicing in Toronto for the last two years.

Both Kate and Ken felt that Milton would be a great town to set up their joint practice.

"It's a real growing community but still has that 'small town appeal'" states Ken, "People have been very welcoming."

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