

Milton Success Stories

Halton Veterinary House Call Services: Pet Care in the Privacy of Your Home

Heartworm & Flea Season is approaching: Is your pet protected?

A new resident of the Milton community, Dr. Goldie Laurignano is a veterinarian who brings with her a new service, Halton Veterinary House Call Services. She has recently become accredited by the College of Veterinarians of Ontario to provide veterinary mobile service in the comfort of your home. Over more than 8 years, Dr. Laurignano has gained experience working in a variety of companion animal hospitals in southern Ontario since graduating from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1998 and believes that in-home vet services provide a unique value proposition for animal lovers.

Spring is the ideal time to protect your pets against heartworm, fleas and intestinal parasites. In the coming months, when there is exposure to mosquitoes, the risk of heartworm disease exists. Now is the time to protect your animals against pests that thrive in the warmer weather. Heartworm poses a serious threat to your animals' health. Due to the large number of mosquitoes in this area, it is major reason for concern. Infected mosquitoes ingest heartworm larvae from infectious untreated pets and animals, passing along a potentially deadly disease to healthy unprotected pets. Dr. Laurignano conducts heartworm testing in the comfort of your home. The process starts with a quick, simple blood test to confirm that your pet does not currently have heartworm disease and ends with the dispensing of a preventative medicine administered monthly.

Fleas are the most common parasite affecting dogs and cats and can cause extreme discomfort to your pet. Flea problems with your pet may potentially lead to home infestations that are costly and difficult to eradicate. In addition, fleas may cause discomfort for pet owners including children in the home. Again, prevention is the best measure.

Intestinal worms are an invisible threat to your pet and your family. An infected animal can transmit these parasites to

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**Dr. Goldie Laurignano
with one of her many
patients, Scarlet O'Hara**



humans and pose a threat to your family's health. Most puppies and kittens are born with intestinal parasites. Outdoor cats, being natural predators, may contract the parasites via contact with rodents or birds.

Dr. Laurignano uses a product that combines flea, heartworm and the most common intestinal parasites prevention in one, easy-to-administer dose form. One single monthly application to the skin on your pet's back for 6 months is all that is required to successfully prevent heartworm, fleas and intestinal parasites.

In addition, Dr. Laurignano is accredited to provide the following services – Vaccinations, physical examinations including new puppy and kitten exams, collection of blood, urine or feces for diagnostic analysis, micro-chipping, appropriate medications and dispensations, fluid therapy, emergency stabilization, euthanasia and after-care treatment for the out-

patient.

Halton Veterinary House Call Services offers flexibility in the scheduling of appointments. This can be appreciated by all of us who manage multiple priorities. The elderly, who sometimes have difficulty transporting their pets, may also appreciate Dr. Laurignano's service. Owners of multiple pets will also benefit from having just one in-home visit. Other potential benefits of the service include working with animals that may be nervous when visiting a clinic or being transported. This service allows pets to be in the comfort of their usual surroundings while being treated. The Halton Veterinary House Call Services area includes Milton, Oakville, and the Halton region.

Dr. Laurignano believes in building a strong relationship with both the animal and its owner. The importance of this relationship is crucial when dealing with difficult decisions like euthanasia. This is a very painful choice for the pet lover. Home euthanasia is a service option available with the mobile practice. Dr. Laurignano makes herself available to provide emergency euthanasia at any hour of the day or night in order to minimize animal suffering.

Dr. Laurignano and her family moved to the Halton area in the summer of 2004. "We are very happy here. Before we moved here, it seemed that we were always visiting the area, so when we decided to look for another place to live, the choice was obvious", says Dr. Laurignano. She adds, "I've thought about starting a Mobile Practice for a long time because I could see the potential value to a pet owner: quality, convenient services in the comfort of ones own home. So, once we settled, I thought, now is the time to give it a try!" And so she has with enthusiasm.

New patients always welcome, call 905-693-4-VET (838).

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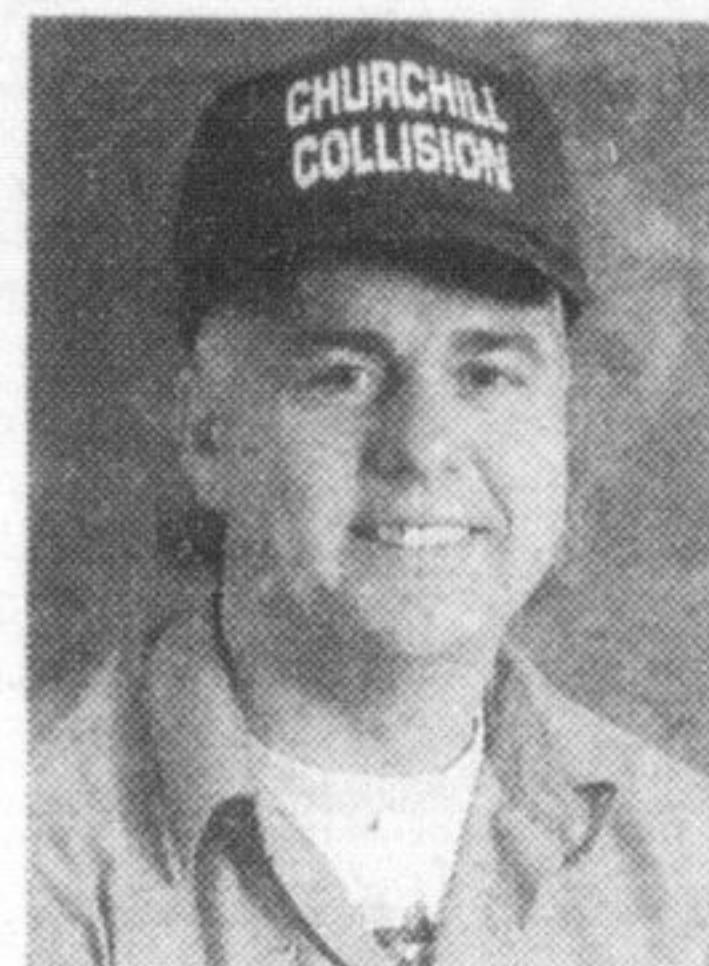
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