

# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Strawberry festival ripe for funds

Dear Editor:

The Springridge Strawberry Festival for the United Way of Milton was a terrific success. Not only was it great family fun, but we raised \$3,500.

Many thanks to our wonderful staff, who truly are 'people professionals', to CFRB Radio for promotion, to Walt Elliot and the many willing volunteers from the United Way, to Mayor Gord Krantz and councillors (all great barbecue chefs), to the Knights of Columbus along with the men from Halton Recovery House who did a super job with all of the parking.

Thanks also to Bill Rayner and his beautiful horses, to Annelise Noronha for her musical entertainment, to our dear neighbour Phyl Walker for letting us park in her field. For helping us with the flyer thanks to Lorna Turner of Page One Services, to Antero from Milton Graphics, to *The Champion* and to Wray Lamont.

Milton is a special community.

Laura and John Hughes  
Springridge Farm, Milton

## Some plants and pets don't mix

Dear Editor:

Did you know that philodendrons, buttercups and rhododendrons are three common plants that are poisonous to pets? They are.

There are several hundred plants that have been identified as producing physiologically active or toxic substances that can be harmful to animals.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Ontario Humane Society) has produced a pamphlet entitled *Pets and Poisons* that lists several of the poisonous plants (and the plants' toxic parts) that can harm your pet. The pamphlet also lists other harmful substances commonly found around the home that are harmful to animals.

Because there is virtually an unlimited number of potentially toxic substances, there can be any number of symptoms present in an affected animal. An animal that has ingested, absorbed through the skin, or inhaled a toxic material, may show one or more of the following common symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, staggering, loss of coordination, breathing difficulties, convulsions, collapse or death.

If your pet has been poisoned it is important to act quickly and responsibly. Have the phone numbers of your veterinarian and poison control centre nearby. If the animal is behaving abnormally or appears ill, contact a veterinarian immediately for instructions.

For the free pamphlet *Pets and Poisons* that lists some of the common poisons pets are exposed to, as well as information concerning the common symptoms a poisoned pet shows, emergency procedures which can be taken to assist a poisoned pet and how cases of poisonings can be avoided, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Ontario S.P.C.A., Publications Department,

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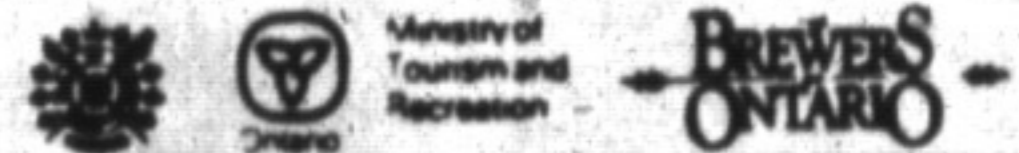
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