# Pigs'n Poodles

By Dr. Geoff Cochrane

#### Cat scratching

Cats groom or condition (not sharpen) their claws by scratching which is an inherited, natural, healthy type of behavior. Trees, furniture and draperies are quite often used.

By scratching, the outer claw which has become worn is removed or pulled off. This exposes a new, sharp claw beneath. These outer claws may also be removed with their teeth. The claws of the back feet are usually removed in this way.

Cats need some kind of object to condition their claws. Outside, a tree or wooden post may be used. Indoors, a scratching post or board should be available.

Correction of this inherited trait if it becomes a problem for the owner can be accomplished general anesthesia.

by a behavioral approach or a surgical procedure known as de-clawing.

The behavioral method involves taking advantage of the animal's natural behavior and preferences. For example, cats form a strong attachment to a particular object such as a favourite tree or piece of furni-

Kittens should be trained to use a scratching post or board at a young age. Also, cats develop the scratching habit towards objects near their sleeping area because they often scratch after awakening. The scratching post should be placed near this area.

De-clawing is considered orthopedic surgery carried out under

## Meditorial

by Rev. James Paul Selfless Loyalty

Several years ago in Alaska, an unseasonable late spring snowstorm came to a breeding ground of the Canada goose. The snow continued falling to a depth of three feet. Days later as the snow melted away, an amazing picture of selfless loyalty was revealed. Scores of dead geese were still on their nests. They had chosen to suffocate rather than leave the eggs they were protecting.

This kind of determined and selfless loyalty in the animal kingdom is not readily found in the Kingdom of God. Unlike the Canada goose, many Canadian Christians are more committed to their own self-interests, than to Christ and His Church. Extended holidays, leisure activities and late nights dictate a sporatic church attendance. Many claim they can worship God in their own way, in their own time, and in their own home, and yet all the while, they are worshiping themselves.

Christian loyalty is a precious commodity. To this end Jesus Christ demands, that "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). It's quite possible that loyalty is the acid test, as to whether one has invited the Savior to reign within, or not. Test your own heart. Do you possess selfless loyalty, which comes through the indwelling Christ.?

#### Rabies clinics

An anti-rabies clinic will be held at the Russell Arena on Tuesday, Sept. 26, and at the Embrun Township garage on the same day. Anti-rabies vaccine will be administered at the Russell Arena from 2 — 5 p.m., and in Embrun from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, a clinic Library News

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October is Library Month there will be no charge on overdue books.

#### Russell Horticultural Society Supper

The Russell Horticultural Society Pot Luck Supper will be held in the F. Kinnaird Arena Hall on Sept. 18 at 7:30.

Come and bring a casserole or dessert. Prior to supper, at 7:15 a special dedication service will be held in connection with the foundation on planting at the arena. A plaque will be unvieled by Mrs. Thyra Hudson in memory of her father - R. Morgan Warner.

The Horticultural Queen will also be crowned on this occasion. Everyone Welcome.

will be conducted at the Limoges fire hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Owners are urged to bring their dogs and cats, with the reminder that dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by an adult while cats must be properly restrained.



# Scrapbook

By Suzanne Schroeter

#### My Midsummer Night's Dream

visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare and attend a performance of one of his plays at the "original" Shakespearean Theatre in England.

Since the time my grade twelve English class visited Ontario's Avon Theatre to see Julius Ceasar, and through subsequent studies of Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and Hamlet, the bard has occupied a special was determined to see where it entire repertoire. all began back in 1564.

Avon.

age to honor the legacy which Canadian-like disturbance. visit the National Trust site.

Shottery, the reward is the working order."

It has long been my wish to magnificiently preserved thatched-cottage of Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife. And lastly, one can enter Stratford's Holy Trinity Church on the banks of the Avon, to see Shakespeare's grave.

Ontario's Avon Theatre was still fresh in mind as we approached the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Both theatres are dedicated to spot among my favourite win- the representation of the plays of ters. After a second visit last William Shakespeare and both summer to Stratford, Ontario, I companies have performed the

Latecomers get a break in This August my dream came some British theatres it seems. true. One of the highlights of our As the actors took their places three week holiday in Britain and action commenced for the was a stop in Stratford-Upon- evening performance of "Love's Labor's Lost", many patrons Every year thousands of were still allowed to stumble to tourists make the same pilgrim- their seats, creating an Un-

Shakespeare has left us. Canad- Our trip to Britain answered ians are the third highest in many of my questions (yes they number (behind the United do have tea time - all day), but Kingdom and United States) to some went unanswered. While watching the Military Tattoo in And there is much to see. Edinburgh I was unable to ask a Adjacent to Shakespears's half- highland piper what he wore timbered birthplace is the Sha- under his kilt. The opportunity kespeare Library. One can view just didn't present itself. Howthe location, foundations and ever, after our return the August gardens of "New Place", the issue of "In Britain" set my home in which Shakespeare mind at rest. Apparently the spent the last years of his life. joke goes this way: "Is there For those energetic enough to anything worn under the kilt?" walk across the fields to "No madame, it's all in perfect

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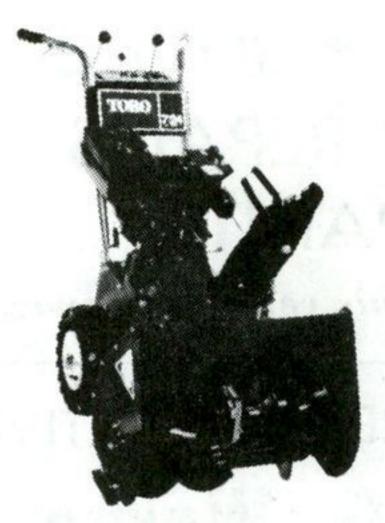
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