

# Keeping your pet safe during hunting season

By Alice Scott

Summer is over and the first signs of fall are upon us. The change of seasons also brings a change in our forest - hunting season has opened.

This is the time of year that a few precautions should be taken to protect your pet or hunting dog.

Many dogs can be mistaken

for game. A large black lab crashing through the bush could easily be mistaken for a bear or small moose calf.

Even a small dog may give the illusion of being a fox or wolf.

Hunting dogs and pets should not have a choke chain on, since it can become entangled in the brush and choke the animal. You

can put a leather or nylon collar on, with an identification tag.

Hunting dogs or pets can become lost, especially in dense bush or when they are excited from the chase of game.

It may be difficult to find fluorescent orange covering for your pet so you'll have to improvise.

Buy a large red, orange or bright yellow scarf to put around your dog's neck.

A bell tied to the collar lets you know what direction your dog has taken.

Train your dog to respond to a whistle since it can carry farther than your voice. Whenever you are planning an extended hike bring extra rations for your dog and yourself.

Dogs use a lot of energy in the bush. Bring a small package of honey or a few sugar cubes just in case your dog suffers an attack of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar).

Protect your dog as you would any other companion. If you are uncertain that your dog will "come" when you call then keep him on a lead.

Enjoy your hunting and hiking season.

# Train travel a necessity, not a luxury - Belair

Reg Belair has responded to proposed cutbacks in VIA Rail by outlining suggestions to keep the passenger service going.

His comments have been forwarded to Benoit Bouchard, minister of transport, in a letter dated Sept. 8.

In it, Belair says, "the massive cutbacks in subsidies that you have proposed for VIA Rail passenger service will have a crucial effect on many small Northern towns in the VIA Rail network."

Belair notes rail service provides an environmentally clean mode of transportation and reduces traffic on highways.

"Students, senior citizens and disabled persons are aptly accommodated with convenient, easily accessible rail service. Many Northerners, who must travel south for medical attention, find this mode of transportation roomy and comfortable. If you are ill, a cramped seat on a bus is not very appealing. Rail travel suits the needs of so many," said Belair.

Although Belair agrees some cutbacks are necessary, he feels the eliminations of service to iso-

lated communities is not the answer. Some alternatives he has proposed are:

- \* reduction in the frequency of passenger service

- \* cutback in areas where other means of travel provide viable alternatives

- \* improve the quality of the service (luggage handling, meal availability, modernize cars reducing maintenance costs and equipment breakdowns) and thus increase ridership

Belair says, "the government appears to be gradually building a case for the dismantling of our rail passenger transportation system in Canada. Changes must be made. However, the Canadian government should give all Canadians, especially those living in isolated and northern areas, an opportunity to express their concerns. Train travel is not a luxury for these people. It is a necessity."

In closing, Belair asks Bouchard to consider the alternatives and to use his power to slow down cuts to VIA Rail passenger service.

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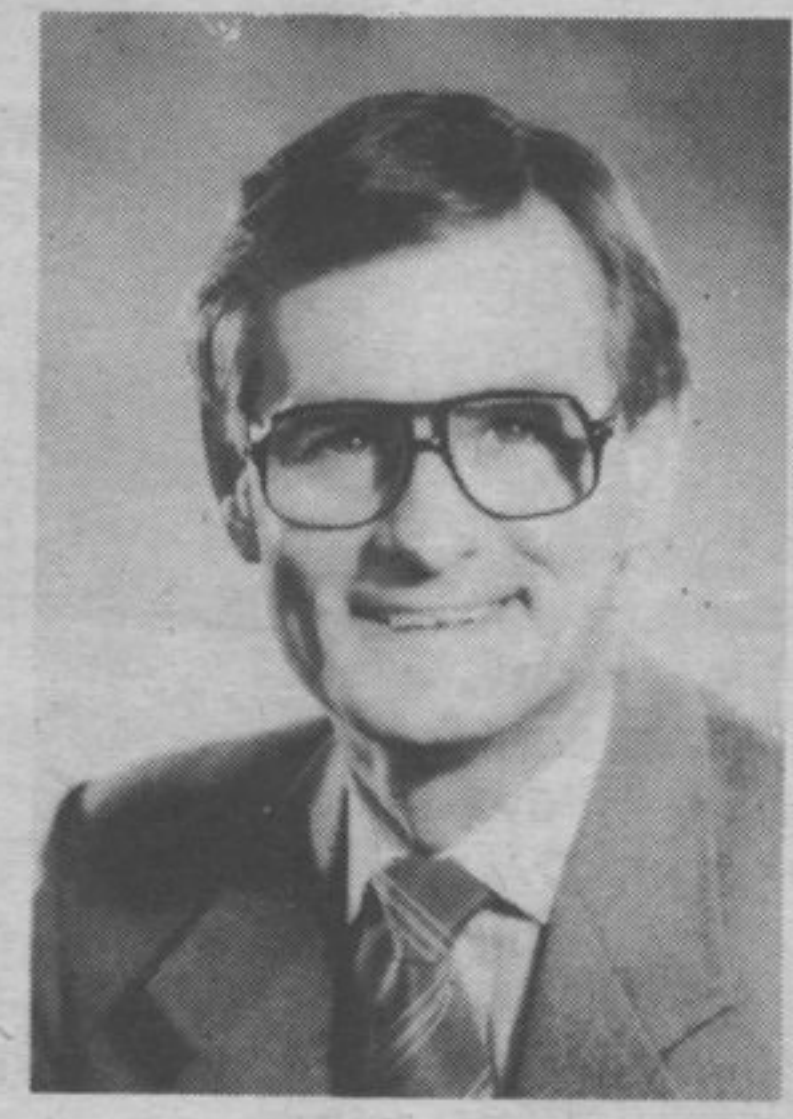
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