



Rena Ross (left) is presented by Jayne Santerre with a gift for the highest game average in bowling. Photo by Angie Saunders

Pet Talk...Teaching the command "down"

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Obedience classes will be starting on May 7th, if interested call Alice Scott at 824-2052.

Before I begin the lesson for the command "down", I'd like to tell you about a case of animal abuse.

On Monday evening, a friend of mine was coming out of the CP Station in Schreiber, when she noticed a young boy, around 10 years of age, picking up a puppy by its front legs and kicking it in the ribs.

She immediately told the child to stop being so cruel. He told her, in language I cannot repeat, to mind her own business.

It is up to the parents to teach

their children how to care for animals. Many children who are abused will abuse their pets. We have to change attitudes toward wife, husband, child, and animal abuse. No person or animal should be subjected to physical or verbal abuse.

To teach your dog the command "down", you should first realize that it is a command that you may find difficult to teach.

Down is the most submissive position for any animal. When wolves are in the lower social structure of their packs, they approach the "Alpha Wolf" in the down position.

When you reprimand your pet, he will slink down and stay until your anger has left.

For the down position, have your dog on your left side, kneel to be in a closer position to him.

Place left hand on the collar with hand pointing toward the dog's nose, forearm on the dog's shoulders. The dog should be in the sitting position. Using your right hand, slide the front feet forward as the left hand moves with the collar toward the floor and with the forearm applying "slight" pressure on the shoulders. At the same time give the command "down". Once the dog is in position, give your "stay" command. Do not let the dog up until you have released him. Use this position for only a few seconds and then release your pet with the words "OK."

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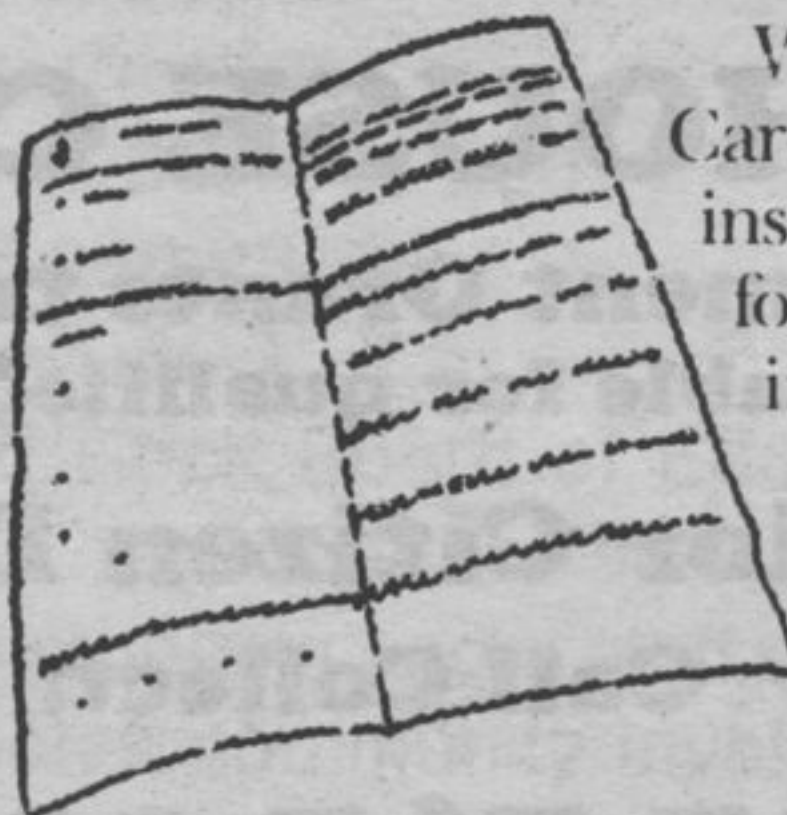
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What is the new Ontario Health Card?

It's a plastic card with your name and new, personal health number printed on it. It gives you the same benefits you received under OHIP.



How do I get my new Health Card?



Watch your mail for the Health Card Information Kit. Read the instructions carefully, then fill in the form, and return it to us right away in the postage-paid envelope provided. The sooner we get your form, the sooner you get your new Health Card.

Why do I need a new Health Card?

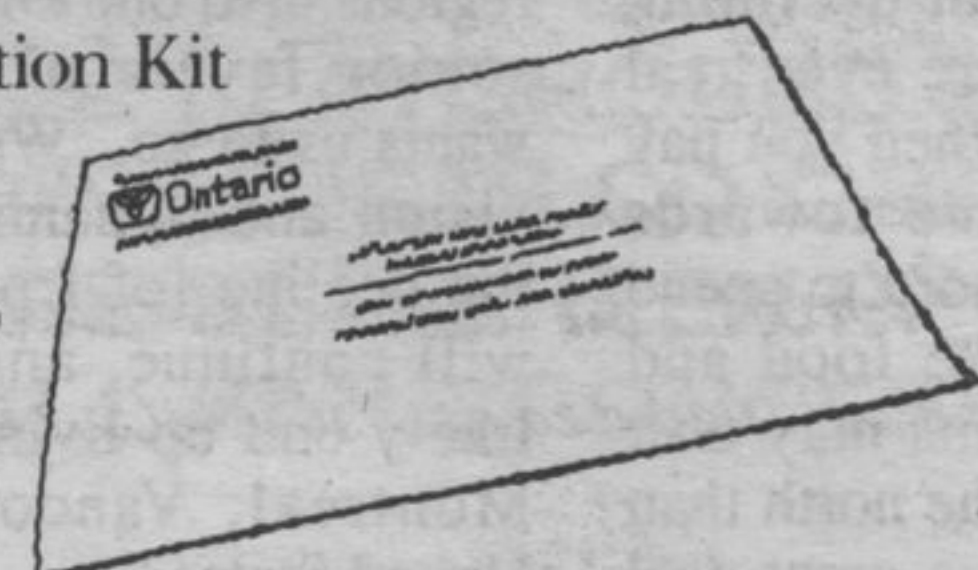
It replaces your OHIP card and ensures your continuous coverage for medical services. Your new Health Card is printed with your personal number.

No one else can use it.
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How will I get a Health Card Information Kit?

A Health Card Information Kit will be delivered to each Ontario household. Additional kits can be picked up at Canada Post Offices and local Ministry of Health offices.



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Why is the system changing?

The Ontario Ministry of Health is changing to a new system that serves you better.

The new card will make possible the gathering of reliable data on services used which, by indicating health trends, will enable the Ministry to plan efficiently to meet future health care needs. This personal number will ensure a high level of confidentiality.

If you need more information, contact the Ministry of Health office nearest you, or call the toll-free Health Card Information Line: 1-800-268-1154.

Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD): 1-800-387-5559.