

Pets get new help in emergencies from clinic

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services is now equipped to deal with family pets rescued from a fire and in need of oxygen.

"The specialized pet masks assist pets by providing an efficient stream of oxygen during a time of need," Dr. Jason Steinman of Thicketwood Veterinary Hospital said.

Dr. Steinman recently provided the special masks to the department.

The animal hospital is on Main Street in downtown Stouffville.

The set contains three masks of varying sizes — small, medium, large — to accommodate varying sizes of animals and has been placed on fire trucks in the Ballantrae and Stouffville fire stations.

Earlier this year, Central York Fire Services in Newmarket and Aurora became the first fire department in York Region to have these masks on their fire trucks.

— Sandra Bolan



WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES PHOTO

Dr. Jason Steinman, Hayden Steinman and dog Bentley present Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Chief Chris Powers with new pet masks.

Stylist hopes to make TV cut

Marc Galati of Stouffville's Headlines Salon and Spa is one of 20 contestants vying for a shot at national stardom, but he needs your support.

Mr. Galati is vying to be one of the W Network's top six finalists in the network's Expert Search contest. Mr. Galati's category is beauty and style expert.

In order to make it into the top six and receive national exposure via a one-hour programming special on W Network, contestants require viewer support. His W Network page is <http://experts.wnetwork.com/FinalistBio.aspx?ID=6>. His challenge video will be posted Dec. 15.

Earlier this year, Mr. Galati won the Allied Beauty Association Ordinary to Extraordinary Makeover competition, which landed him a spot on Citytv's City-Line program.

In 2007, Mr. Galati was an Ontario stylist of the year finalist.

Dancers win in Catskills

Forty area dancers, including some from Stouffville, won first place in the precision line dance competition recently held in New York's Catskills area. This was the second year a bus load of area dancers headed to the Catskills for a

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week of dance classes and competition. They were led by teachers Bunny and Bruce Burton, Jill Baker and Dianne Bishop.

Their hostess was Jackie Horner, whose diary inspired the movie *Dirty Dancing*.

New look for CWL

A new Catholic Women's League executive has been installed at St. Mark's Church in Stouffville.

The first mandate is to change the impression of

the league from being a group of mature women who like to bake to an organization within the parish that reaches out to young mothers, working women and empty nesters in an effort to bring God's love into their lives.

Members include Donna Busato, Nati Gandoza, Peg Kirby, Damiana McQuigge, Coreen Brown, Josie Schwarzli, Jeanette Woodley, Jo-Anne Ransome, Irma Pescador and Michele Jago.

The league also works to develop a community that reaches out to people who are hurting in an effort to bring God's love into their lives.

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You might need another needle to be protected.

York Region Community and Health Services is providing free catch-up immunizations of the MMR vaccine which protects against measles, mumps and rubella. Free immunizations are available until the end of March 2009.

Where can you go to get the shot?

You can attend a free community immunization clinic at one of the following locations:

Monday, December 15th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Kin Centre, 3 Fairpark Lane, Sutton
Town of Georgina

Tuesday, December 16th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Newmarket Legion, 707 Srigley Street
Town of Newmarket

Wednesday, December 17th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
York Region South Services Centre, 2nd Floor
50 High Tech Road, Town of Richmond Hill



For more information on mumps and how to access the MMR vaccine, please call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, or visit www.york.ca.