



Simcoe Veterinary Hospital News

"Exceptional People, Exceptional Service, For Exceptional Pets"

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Angel's Story



Angel, a 9 month old Collie Cross, had Angels watching over her during the last excruciating month. **Angel escaped from her warm and comfortable home over a month ago and the worried owners felt they had lost her for good.** After many long days and endless nights of agony she didn't return and the family slowly lost hope that she would arrive back home.

That was until the day a **good Samaritan showed up at the Huronia Veterinary Emergency Clinic with a very emaciated and wounded Collie Cross.** Angel arrived at the clinic after being picked up along the 400 series highway with an incredibly ghastly open wound on her shoulder. The tissue was swollen and the shoulder bone exposed. Once admitted Angel was placed on **intravenous fluids, narcotics and anti-inflammatories for the management of pain as well as antibiotics to treat infection.** Her wounds were carefully cleaned and treated with frequent bandage changes. The team at the Emergency clinic took excellent care of Angel during her treatment and week long stay.

The Emergency clinic had contacted the SPCA to report this lost little girl after scanning her and not detecting a microchip. As fate would have it **her owners had called in a description of her when she went missing and were contacted immediately.** Angel's family were thrilled to have her back and visited her on a regular basis during her hospital stay. Once she was able to go home Angel continued her treatments at Simcoe Veterinary Hospital. Her shoulder was

still very painful and swollen, requiring regular bandage changes and wound flushes, for a few weeks after returning home. **With the great care and time the staff and Angel's family spent with her she has made a fabulous recovery.** Angel's weight has increased, her personality has flourished and her wound is on the mend.

Thanks to everyone who helped Angel and her family during their time in need!

The Doctors & staff at **Simcoe Veterinary Hospital** wish both you and your furry friends a safe and happy holiday

We Offer:

- Examinations, Vaccines, Referral Services
- "Start Right" Puppy and Kitten Programs
- Wellness and Senior Programs
- Oral Fresh Start Dental Program
- Convenient Drop-off and Pick-up Hours
- Surgical, Dental, X-ray, Pharmacy and Laboratory Facilities on Site
- Grooming & Pet Insurance
- Special Diets and Retail Products, place orders food@simcoevet.com
- Microchipping
- Member of the Huronia Veterinary Emergency Clinic

What are microchips and how do they work?



What is a microchip?

A microchip is a small, durable transponder with a smooth, inert, glass coating. Approximately the size of a grain of rice the microchip carries a unique ID code which identifies the pet and contact information of their owner.

How is the microchip implanted?

The microchip is implanted by one of our veterinary nurses under the skin of the pet between the shoulder blades.

How does a microchip work?

When a pet is lost and has his collar on, the finder usually looks at the telephone number on the stainless steel tag and calls the database. If the pet is lost without its collar and ends up at a pet control anywhere in Canada, the pet control officer scans the pet for a microchip. S/he then calls the database and they will call the owner telling them where to pick up the pet.

What else?

A variety of pets, of all ages may receive a microchip, no anesthesia is required.

If your pet is does not currently have a microchip, or if you have not updated your contact information please contact us or visit the AVID website at www.avidmicrochip.com

Breed Feature

GOLDEN RETRIEVER

The golden is actually of Scottish descent and was bred for the shooting field and retrieval. In many ways the Golden is the ideal family pet, a solid companion, easy to train, affection driven, rarely snaps or bites and is patient and kind with children.

Today's uses for the Golden include gundog, companion, field trials and assistance dog.

Golden info

Colours: Cream or gold

Life Expectancy: 13-15 years

Weight Range: 60-80 lbs

Height range: 20-24 inch.

Common conditions:

Separation Anxiety

Elbow & Hip Dysplasia

Epilepsy

Hypothyroidism

Skin & Ear Infections



Pets: An Integral Part of the Family

- More than 50% of Canadian households own pets of some kind.
- Dogs, cats, birds and other companion animals are living in more than five million homes.
- For their owners, these animals are more than pets-they are part of the family.
- A recent survey of pet owners revealed that nearly 80% of respondents gave their pets holiday or birthday presents
- More than 60% signed their pets' names on cards or letters. A slight majority (51%) gave their pets human names.



GROOMER'S CORNER

JUST IN CASE YOU DID NOT KNOW...

Here at Simcoe we offer full grooming services for your furry friend,



by Jaycee, our professional trained pet stylist. Booking Tuesday through Friday by appointment.

For all your grooming needs, why go anywhere else!!!

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Winter Hazards and Christmas



Cautions



As winter approaches we find ourselves getting winter clothing out, weatherproofing our homes and preparing for the holidays. We must also remember to prepare our pets for the winter. Christmas brings its own set of hazards as well! The following is a list of potential hazards during the holidays for our pets:

- CHOCOLATE
- Alcohol
- Poinsettias
- Mistletoe
- Amaryllis
- Christmas Berries
- Christmas Rose
- Christmas Cactus
- Crown of Thorns
- Cyclamen
- Holly
- American Bittersweet
- Amaryllis
- Chrysanthemums
- Easter Lilies
- Turkey Bones
- Tinsel and Ribbon
- Grapes
- Onions
- Potpourri
- Electrical Cords
- Water Preservatives
- Salt and Ice Melt
- Antifreeze

Protect Your Dog in Winter

- Avoid spilling antifreeze
- Put booties on your dog's feet if you are walking on ice melt chemicals
- Keep your dog warm, especially on those cold wind-chill factor days

Product Feature-Hypoallergenic Treats

At last, a real treat for your cat or dog with food allergies and skin conditions. *New Hill's Prescription Diet Hypoallergenic Treats are tasty, rewarding and specifically formulated to avoid allergic reactions.*

Finally a treat everyone can feel good about! Not allergic? Don't worry, these tasty treats may also be fed to healthy pets, or in conjunction with any Hill's® Prescription Diet® pet food. Hill Hypoallergenic treats are also compatible with z/d, d/d, and l/d diets.



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