



**Giving a haircut**

These workers are pruning Main Street Raeford trees to keep the branches from interfering with power lines. The work is being done in anticipation of winter ice storms which could cause limbs to break and disrupt the power.

**Home doctoring of pets could be fatal mistake**

Diagnosing your pets medical problems may be ok for some but you are playing with your pets life.

Many times certain diseases can mimic each other.

Only by proper medical diagnosis can your veterinarian separate them and accurately treat them.

We all seem to enjoy treating ourself and family.

We collect unused medications and use them when we get something like we had before.

Not only that, but we give unused medication to friend and neighbors to treat their sick pets.

Lots of times we feel our pets are children and we attempt home remedies that worked before. We feel that if we can just help them through the tough times that they will feel better.

Many pet owners give aspirin. What harm can aspirin do? It can overdose and kill your cat. It can make your dog have a very upset stomach.

Then if aspirin is so bad then use tylenol it has a safe tract record. Once again a fatal mistake if given to your cat.

Medication if properly used can alleviate much suffering and pain. Many feel that if a little is good then more is better.

Never, never overdose. Read the

**You And Your Pet**

label and follow instructions. Always check with your local veterinarian before giving any medication to your pet.

Remember that each species react differently and just because your sister is a nurse or doctor don't do something because they feel it works well for him.

Your local veterinarian is the professional whose has the training and knowledge to ensure your pets health.

**WHAT IS HIP DYSPLASIA?**

ANSWER Hip dysplasia is an abnormal development of the hip joints. It is an inherited condition seen commonly in large breed dogs.

**WHY DOES MY DOG SCOOT ON ITS REAR END?**

ANSWER Usually this is caused by the anal gland being enlarged causing it to be uncomfortable. Your local veterinarian can help alleviate this condition.

Editor's Note: This column is provided as a public service by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association. If you have a question about your pet's health, send it to Ralph H. Lee, Executive Director, NCVMA, P.O. Box 1335, Kinston, N.C. 28501.

**Energy aid applications being taken by LRDA Oct. 7**

Applications will be taken from October 7 to November 27 for fuel assistance through North Carolina's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

Low-income households that need help in paying heating bills may apply for assistance at designated offices and centers of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA).

Eligible households will receive a check through the mail in February, 1986. Persons who think they are eligible and wish to apply are urged to contact the L.R.D.A. office or center near their home.

Social Services recipients should bring the following items when they apply: Food Stamp I.D. Card and Social Security numbers and household members.

Non-Social Services recipients should bring these items:

- Information about your household's income. If anyone works, wage stubs for the month of October should be included.
- Information about your household's property, stocks, bank statements, bonds and other assets.

- Social Security numbers for household members.

household members. •Verification of S.S.I., Social Security, V.A., Unemployment, Retirement Check. (Bring copies or statements of checks if possible).

All applications will be taken from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays, unless stated differently above.

For more information about the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, contact Shirley Locklear at LRDA or call CareLine toll free at 1-800-662-7030.

Magpie birds follow one of the more unusual displays of bird behavior. After the death of a fellow magpie, the flock assembles, then one by one, or in groups of two or three, the magpies swoop down to peck at the dead companion.

According to an Idaho State University researcher they conduct these elaborate funeral "rites" to find out what killed the magpie and to see which of them died, so they will know how the death will affect the pecking order.

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