

# LETTERS to the Editor

## Disaster narrowly averted as puppy ingests cannabis in Comox

**Dear editor,**

Last week on a beautiful day, a friend and dog dear to me went for a pleasant walk along Goose Spit.

They stopped to savour the spectacular view, fresh air and glorious waterways while resting on a log not far from the stairs leading up the Goose Grind. The curious dog had freedom to roam and explore the area permitted by his 16-foot leash.

Unbeknownst to them, another person had earlier sat on a nearby log and enjoyed

their tranquil moment enhanced by some marijuana. Perhaps thinking it organic, harmless, natural material, the partaker had discarded loose remnants of their joint or stash, which my friend's four-month-old puppy accidentally ate.

Long story short, the veterinarian they managed to consult when the dog progressed from being wobbly and unresponsive to eventually totally limp and immobile, said that the amount ingested had the capacity to kill him had he been younger or smaller

in size. Fortunately, the dog vomited three times and managed to recover by the next day, to the enormous relief of his distraught owner who tended to him throughout the night with great concern.

The vet stated they see two to three cases every week of marijuana poisoning ... and theirs is but one clinic in the Valley. If you or anyone you know is unaware of the dangerous effects of even small amounts of marijuana on wild or domestic animals including birds, please take extreme caution when dis-

posing of any cannabis in the public, natural areas all creatures deserve to enjoy safely.

Equally, consider an innocent human baby accidentally ingesting the same amount of dog feces: what disastrous effects might there be on such a delicate body? Thank you, dog owners and cannabis users, for taking time and care to keep beaches and parks clean and safe.

**Janet Haigh,**  
**Comox**

## How much more evidence do we need to accept that the climate emergency is upon us?

**Dear editor,**

A high-pressure heat dome hovering over BC; catastrophic, scorching wildfires; unprecedented floods washing away European villages; and, Arctic surface temperatures peaking

at 48C — what more evidence do we need to know that the climate emergency is upon us, it's brutal and we must act now?

Millions of us must connect the dots between the extreme

climate impacts we and our natural environment are experiencing and the decades of governmental inaction on the climate crisis. It's such a huge threat, it has been suggested that we need to mo-

bilize as we did for World War II.

In a video, "Four Hopeful Lessons from World War II to Confront Climate Change" (climateemergencyunit.ca), the following imperatives are detailed: The

government must

1. Spend what it takes to win
2. Create new economic institutions to get the job done
3. Shift from voluntary policies to mandatory measures
3. Tell the truth

about the severity of the crisis and the measures to combat

it Our response needs to be big and our response needs to be

**Patti Willis,**  
**Denman Island**

## Liberal Party part of the problem when it comes to climate change

**Dear editor,**

Forest fires and extreme high temperatures rage across Western Canada and our seniors are dying from heat-related complications and yet the federal government's response is to build the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion paid for with taxpayers' money.

the entire world.

You can and must do better!

As a concerned Canadian, I will do everything possible


to ensure that a climate-responsible federal government gets

elected.

**Don Campbell,**  
**Comox**

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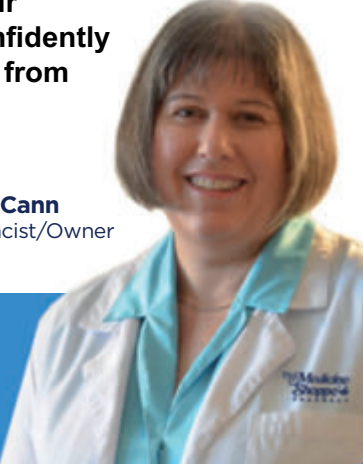
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