

We've often written about those "rattlesnakes" in our backyards. Now comes a presentation at the Jamestown library, tonight at 7 p.m., that all islanders should see. With the herds of deer that share our island being a constant danger to everyone, we urge all to see the 24-minute "Hidden in the Leaves," a documentary exposing the hidden dangers that ticks present and spotlights strategies to avoid the insects and their diseases. Many on the island continually suffer the effects of tick bites.

The film will be presented by Dr. Thomas Mather from the Uni-

versity of Rhode Island's Tick Encounter Resource Center and tells of the entomologist and his team's efforts to help people see the risks for serious tick-transmitted disease lurking in an increasing number of rural, suburban and even semi-urban landscapes.

"One infected tick can change your life, and we're trying to get people to think about ticks and to take appropriate action. The first step in deciding to take action against ticks is to help people see all the places in their yards where ticks are likely to be in abundance," Dr. Mather said.



By Jim Munro

"Hidden in the Leaves" is directed by award-winning filmmaker Mary Healy Jamiel. It includes interviews with Polly Murray, the first person to bring Lyme disease to the attention of public health authorities and others who have been affected by the disease.

On Halloween when you and the kids are having a lot of fun there's another member of your family that might be confused and unhappy. Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic provides some suggestions on helping get your pet through the frightful night.

"Our goals for our pets on Halloween should be to avoid all tricks and all treats and to stay as safe and healthy as possible. Make sure that all candy and wrappers, even empty wrappers, are kept well away from your pets. Some motivated dogs will go to extremes to get those delicious candies even if we think they are safely out of reach. Also, be very careful with candles and jack-o'-lanterns and using glow-sticks. Battery-oper-

ated lights are much safer than any open flame. It is best to keep your pets indoors during trick-or-treating hours because you never know how your pet will react to all those strange costumes and sounds, and a scared or territorial pet is not a treat for neighborhood kids. Finally, if you and your pet will be outdoors, make sure you both have reflective clothing, lights, and leashes or collars so that you are both easily visible to passing motorists. Have a safe and festive All Hallows Eve!"

WOOF!

Welcome to the island Smokee and Sceolan who come to us via the Potter League for Animals in Middletown. Smokee is a 3-year-old tiger cat that was obtained by Jessie Dutra as a birthday gift for her 6-year-old son Joey. Also sharing the house with Smokee is another cat, Halloween, 4. In the barn on the Dutra Farm are three barn cats, two without names, and Boss, who is the one in charge of overseeing the home of the 60 Holsteins.

Sceolan is a 6-year-old black Lab that has joined the Ted Rodgers family. The name comes from an Irish folklore story entitled "Finn McCool" who had two dogs, Bran and Sceolan. Ted's late mother had a dog named Bran, hence Ted named the new addition Sceolan. In the household, the Lab shares

space with a gecko named Tanya and a fish, Zerwenthulum, named by Ted's daughter Leigh Ann, 10. "Sceolan is a great addition to the family," Ted said.

The Book Ends were two very attractive ladies who stood on both sides of the Ray Anthony Band.

No takers on last week's poser. The lyrics are from the song, "Over There." How about this one, also to be sung at "Song Man. Dance Man" the Jamestown Community Theatre's presentation next month. "Oh, who can take tomorrow, dip it in a dream

Separate the sorrow and collect up all the cream....."

What was Hellzapoppin?

Don't forget the "Ghouls Rules Halloween Bash" Saturday night from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Recreation Center. You don't have to wear a costume. Go and enjoy!

A Snapple cap moment: Hawaii is the only U.S. state never to report a temperature of zero degrees F or below.

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