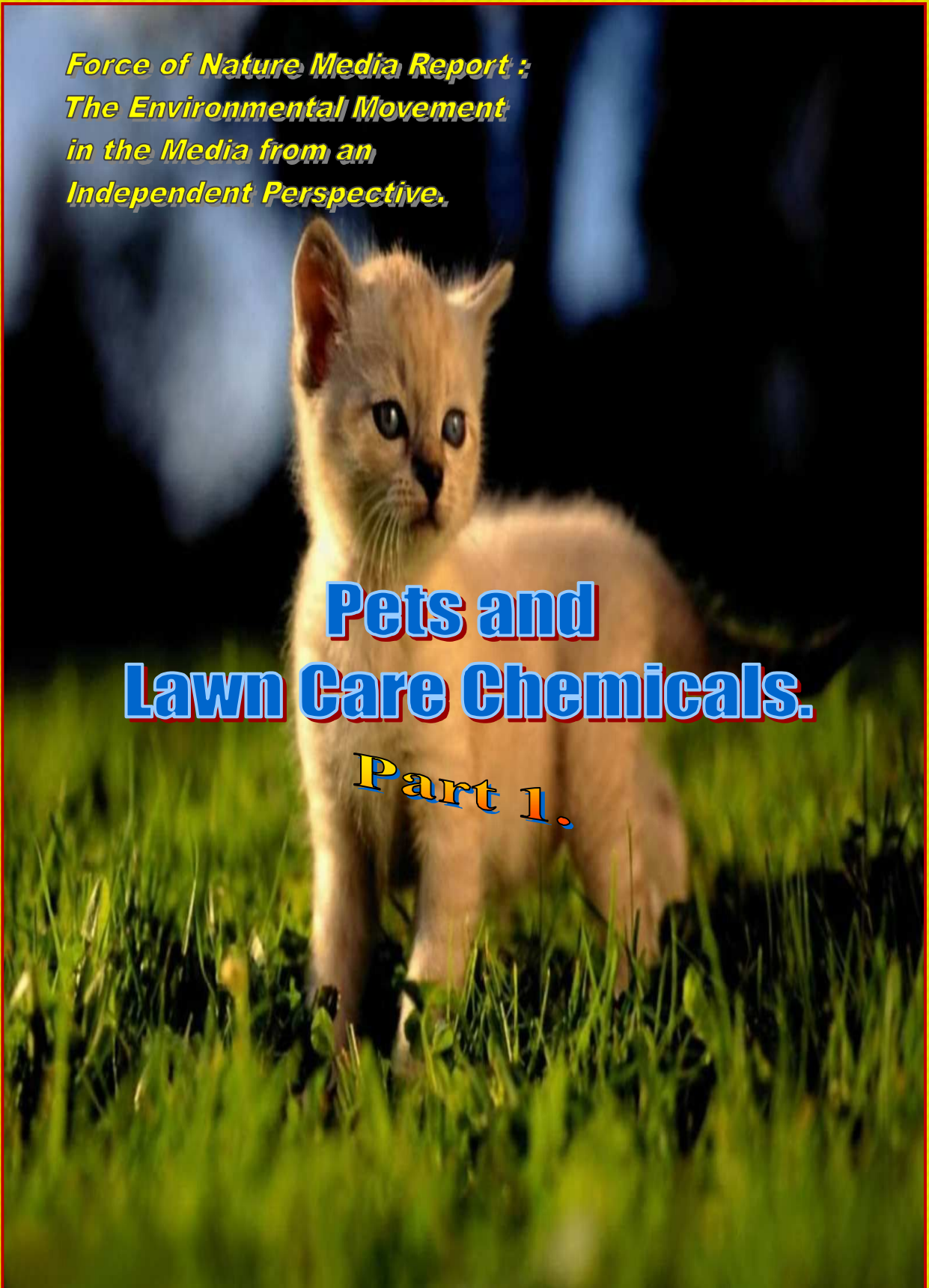


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The Environmental Movement
in the Media from an
Independent Perspective.*

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If we can deceive everyone about pets, then we can terrorize politicians and public into believing that that prohibiting safe pest control products is necessary.

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PET OWNER PURSUES ENFORCEMENT AGAINST CHEMLAWN

July 11th, 2008

The Truth About Cats and Dogs

Web Site

Retrieved in April 2009

<http://www.catsdogslawns.org/>

Robin Olson sought enforcement by the **state of Maryland** after her dog came into direct contact with herbicides during a application. After the death of her dog, Robin started researching how **Moose**'s symptoms related to the herbicide's ingredients. Here is a fascinating [Fascinating to whom ?!?!] timeline of her tragic experience, research, and fight for justice.

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1. " On Oct. 3, 2006, Chemlawn fails to notify me by phone of impending herbicide application, breaks State law." [It is doubtful that this is true !]

2. Applicator arrives. Sprays Chlorophenoxy herbicides towards 12 open windows [The applicator CANNOT spray directly into open windows !] and wide open front door AND my dog Moose in the yard. Right away, applicator admits to me and later to **MDA (Maryland Department of Agriculture)**, that **Moose** had full contact with freshly sprayed pesticides, BEFORE I had even the knowledge he was on my property. [It is improbable that the dog would have remained in the yard while an application was being performed !] Applicator informs me that **Moose** will **NOT** get sick from exposure. [True !]

3. Three hours later, **Moose**, starts presenting signs of being sick. Refuses to eat, is lethargic, vomits. [It is improbable that something like this would occur so quickly. It is MORE probable that the dog was ALREADY ill from some other cause !]

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4. Oct. 5th, 2006, 48 hours after pesticide exposure, dog breaks down into convulsions, unconscious. Take to Vet, Dr. Marcie Engel, **ASAP**. Vet states authoritatively : “ **There is no testing or treatment for pesticide exposure** ”. [Wrong !] She tests for Lyme and other dog diseases. Vet agrees that dog is very ill. I thought he was going to die that day.

5. Start giving 10 pills a day to keep alive everyday until death. For **Moose**, a long, slow painful descent into liver, kidney and neurological failure. Everyday from spray application to death, I state out loud : “ **Chemlawn did this to Moose** ”. [Wrong ! The owner could have said this **TWICE** per day, and still be wrong !] If he'd survived one year from incident, the cost from **PILLS ALONE** would have been **\$4,380.00**. [The fact is : the pet owner **DID NOT** pay this amount of money !]

6. October 17th, 2006 — **Chemlawn** finally told me pesticide they used, after many phone calls to them. I called **EPA** for first time to report incident, referred to **MDA**. Mike Maines from **Chemlawn** called me and accused me of “ **not putting my dog inside when he was spraying** ”. **Chemlawn** possibly audiotaped this conversation.

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7. October 19, 2006, My only contact ever with Corporate **Chemlawn** : A young girl quickly tells me they will not charge me for application and then she hangs up. [The pet owner would have **NEVER** paid the bill anyhow !]

8. Met with Phil Davidson, **Dec. 5th, 2006** at my house, he took my verbal report. **Moose** already 50% degraded from original health status. Huge change between **November 15** and **December 15th, 2006**. By Christmas I realized he was going to die from his pesticide injuries.

9. Jan. 16, 2007, Vet recommends Euthanasia for multiple organ failure. We declined. [The pet owner clearly preferred allowing the animal to suffer a slow, painful, and lingering death ! This is typical of the depraved indifference of the environmental movement ! Maniacal attitudes about chemicals are paramount !]

10. Feb. 24, 2007, **Moose** dies at home. We take his remains to Dr. Engel for cremation, she refuses to do a Necropsy. [The doctor refused to get involved with the dog owner !]

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11. After **Feb. 24, 2007**, I actively start investigating the chemicals. I start collecting hundreds of pages of epidemiological studies. No doubt whatsoever in my mind what caused **Moose's** death. [This person already decided on the cause even before investigating the product safety !] The studies and reports corroborate **Moose's CBC's** perfectly. [Surprise !]

12. **Feb. 26, 2007**, I inform **MDA** that **Moose** has died from his pesticide injuries.

13. **March 12, 2007** — **MDA** gives **Chemlawn** two lame slaps on the wrist with a wet noodle for not calling me and not filling out the application forms properly. I'm incensed at 2 page letter from **MDA**, regarding inaccurate descriptions of what happened, downgrading the **TGC** negligence factor. [The fact of the matter is ChemLawn DID NOTHING WRONG !]

14. **April 19, 2007**, I request the working file for my case from Rob Hofstetter. After reviewing file sent to me, I realize my statements had been changed. I call Phil Davidson at **MDA**. Davidson admits intentionally altering my official statement. I complain to his boss, Rob Hofstetter and leave msg for Chief.

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15. **May 30th, 2007**, Receive email from Dennis Howard, Chief, Pesticide Regulation Section, agreeing to re-open my case. Dennis Howard told me that the **MDA** does care about the truth and that their job is to be impartial. [What else can he say !? : « I'm NOT interested in the truth ! »]

16. **February 29, 2008**. **Chemlawn** and the applicator were fined by the **State of Maryland** for, among other things, applying chemicals in a faulty, careless, or negligent manner, and failing to observe all precautions. [The fine is neither officially confirmed by the state nor the company ! This means nothing !]

Finally, after all of Robin's efforts, **Chemlawn** was fined by the **state of Maryland**. You can read more about **Moose** and **Robin** on **Flabbylabby.com**. Robin Olson is also featured in our film "**The Truth About Cats, Dogs, and Lawn Chemicals.**" [Another example of spreading terror and paranoia about issues that these people know absolutely nothing about !]

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*The ever-resourceful
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*... likes to use pets
as weapons of
mass destruction
against the
Green Space
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