



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Teeny-Tiny Tony

"Twenty years ago," said Nancy. "I was out for lunch with a friend when we saw a small Pekingese mix dog tied up to an iron stake with a heavy trailer chain. The entire scene looked like a ridiculous cartoon with that poor little dog's neck encircled by a chain big enough to tie up an elephant. The dog looked all but five pounds. You know how you think, 'Someone ought to do something about that' and never does — that was us. Well, nine months later, my friend and I were back in that area and darned if that poor little tattered dog was not still chained up in that wasteland of a backyard.

This time I thought, "When God puts something in your path, and if he/she could not show up today, what would you do?" I was obviously the one elected to 'do something'!

So we stopped, I banged on the front door and this disheveled woman appeared. When I asked 'why' her dog was chained up for months on end, through the entire winter, she stupidly responded like a spoiled, irresponsible child, 'I don't like that dog. I want a big dog'. Maddier than when I walked up to her door I blurted out, "I will give you \$35 for the dog."

She took the money and unhooked the enormous chain from the little dog's tiny neck. I took him and drove straight to the groomer's, as he was a mass of mats, dirt and pinecones. That was 20 years ago, and I still have him!

Based on the description of the dog, she would not know him today if she fell over him, and obviously she did not know him well then either. He is the sweetest, cuddliest dog. Because he was starved, he tried to consume everything. My grandchildren were over and at dinner the dog gobbled up the spaghetti that they sneaked



Photo by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Nancy with her teeny-tiny rescue dog, Tony. "It is a miracle that from Tony's previous history of abuse," said Nancy, "that he is a "Mr. Lovebug".

him under the table. Upon their great discovery of the dog's love for Italian food, they christened him 'Tony'.

Tony's throat was damaged from pulling on the heavy chain. I have no idea how long he was chained up — paws-ibly since he was a puppy. His previous owner said that he was two years old. He is now 22 years old and weighs 11 pounds. Tony is not much bigger than our cats, but he sure is the boss out here on our ranch. He sleeps in his bed, and for that matter, any one of our other pets' beds that he chooses! This pint-size alpha dog gives them no choice.

Tony's brother, Major, is a 90 pound Royal Standard Poodle, who arrived as a puppy. Can you imagine Tony's shock as Major grew and grew, and grew! Tony must have thought that the puppy was eating a specialized dog fertilizer and would never stop growing! But, Tony still refused relinquishing his alpha status to Major, who weighs nine times more than him! If Tony doesn't want Major in the TV room, Major knows that there is

no way he can enter — and he doesn't even try.

Tony's health is amazing for all his earlier struggles. We've had him to the vet only twice in two decades! Once for his neutering, the second time for an allergy shot. When we removed our house plants his allergies mysteriously 'healed'. Tony appreciates a warm lap and loves living indoors. It is easy to figure out why!

Tony's 'adoption' into our home has gifted him nothing but happy. He must think he won the doggy-lottery. Now that he is older, we honor his age and cut up his baked-organic chicken and Gerber's wieners into teeny-tiny bite size pieces for him to chew.

Our grandson, Aaron, was a youngster for the fateful naming dinner. Now he is all grown up and in the US Army. This summer he was home on leave and recalled being in the fifth grade when he taught Tony how to use the doggy door. Just like then, Aaron proudly still calls himself, 'Tony's dog trainer'.

TIPS

"It is a myth that surgically altering your pets makes them fat and lazy," said Nancy. "I have run a neuter/spay non-profit organization for 30 years, People United for Animals. Neutering and spaying is paws-itive for many reasons: pets become more loving, healthier; they live longer; are more playful; most dog bites are from unaltered dogs; make better family guard dogs because they are not focused on wandering for pleasure and most likely getting lost or torn up in a dog fight, which is the reason that neutered pets' owners pay fewer vet bills.

One of Tony's testicles had not dropped, so it was a good thing he was neutered, as the condition leads to cancer. Most advocates for not neutering their pets have no idea that unaltered pets have a higher risk of cancer due to their hormones building and stagnating in their bodies."

Dr. Lisa Poquette confirms, "The first heat cycle in females increases their chance of mammary gland cancer by more than 50 percent. Unneutered males are more likely to have prostate problems including cancer than neutered males."

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Fall term honor roll announced at UCC

The Umpqua Community College Director of Enrollment Services and Registrar David Farrington announced that 261 full-time students (12 credits or more) are listed on the President's Honor Roll and 135 students are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall term of 2014. A 3.75 grade point average or higher is required to be placed on the President's Honor Roll and a GPA between 3.74-3.50 is required to be placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Area students appearing on each list included:

President's Honor Roll:
Elysha Lang of Cottage Grove, Shanna Abraham, Candi Clark, Abby Dooley, Kimberly Holcomb, Jake LaCrosse, Kaitlyn Osborne and Austin Potter of Drain; Sherry Cooley, Allyse Doudna, Heather Monroe and Dan Shepherd of Elkton; Shelby Gilpin of Yoncalla.

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6-day weather forecast

<p>THURSDAY Jan. 22</p> <p>39° 55°</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p>	<p>FRIDAY Jan. 23</p> <p>41° 58°</p>  <p>Afternoon sun</p>
<p>SATURDAY Jan. 24</p> <p>42° 58°</p>  <p>Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>SUNDAY Jan. 25</p> <p>42° 59°</p>  <p>Mostly Sunny</p>
<p>MONDAY Jan. 26</p> <p>39° 59°</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p>	<p>TUESDAY Jan. 27</p> <p>41° 57°</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p>

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Shred Event

The City of Cottage Grove's Shred Event for 2015 will be on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cottage Grove City Hall. For the price of a donation of a non-perishable food item for Community Sharing, members of the community can have their personal or confidential documents shredded and disposed of safely and securely. Those interested are asked to gather those old checks, medical records, credit card or bank statements and bring them in to have them shredded.

Cheer bingo night

Cottage Grove High School Cheerleaders will be hosting a bingo and dinner night on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for this event can be purchased from any of the high school cheerleaders or at the door. Those who buy three admission tickets get one free. Admission is \$20 per person, which purchases five bingo cards and a spaghetti dinner. There will be prize baskets to raffle off and a chance to win the "Million Dollar" prize basket. For more information or to

purchase tickets call Christine Harper at 541-556-5317.

Tax Aide

The Tax-Aide Program is offering to assist low and moderate-income taxpayers of all ages prepare their Federal and State income tax returns.

Tax-Aide is sponsored by AARP, in conjunction with the IRS, and is in its 45th year. Taxpayers do not have to be members of AARP to use this program. Last year, over 6000 tax returns were completed by the 100 Lane County Tax-Aide

volunteers. All volunteers are IRS trained and certified.

This service is free and offered at 12 locations in the greater Eugene-Springfield area. Free electronic filing is available at all of the sites. Tax-Aide will be available from the first of February through April 15.

Clients need to bring a picture I.D. and their Social Security Card, along with their W2's, 1099's and all other pertinent information for completing their taxes.

In Cottage Grove, Tax Aide can be accessed at the Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

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Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
Youth Group Bible Study:
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. "T")

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Sunday Service: 10:30am

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1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 8:30am, 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
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AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

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www.cg4.tv
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33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
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