



Star was the “dog of honor,” Roxie and Maria were Kathy’s “dogmaids.”

The dogs also were also instrumental in Nathan’s marriage proposal.

Nathan and Kathy were spending a lazy day on Jan. 1, 2017 when Roxie, with a note attached to the collar, came up to Kathy, who was in another room down the hall from Nathan. At first, Kathy thought it was Nathan’s ploy to go somewhere.

She read the note: “Dad wants....”

Kathy was adamant: They weren’t going anywhere, she said.

Then Maria appeared with another note attached to her collar.

It said, “...to know if....”

Finally, Star appeared with a third note: “you’ll marry him.”

But before she would reply, Kathy had a request of her own of Nathan. “I said that now that they’ve asked me, you need to get on one knee.”

The wedding day was balmy, with a temperature of 80 degrees. “It was perfect,” Kathy said.

With her hair done by the Beauty and the Beach salon, Kathy wore a casual sheath wedding dress and went barefoot. Nathan wore a loose-fitting shirt and dress pants.

Local wedding officiant Patricia Durkin performed the ceremony on the beach near Chapman Point, and the couple wrote their own vows. Photographer Julie Adams took the photos, and the Basketcase in Cannon Beach provided the flowers, including boutonnieres for the dogs’ collars.

They had their wedding dinner at the Wayfarer Restaurant, and others dining at the restaurant bought them champagne to celebrate. “They were total strangers, and they were very sweet,” Kathy said.

She called Cannon Beach a “perfect place” for a wedding.

“Cannon Beach is so laid back and casual. People there are so friendly,” she said.

Although it was a little difficult to plan a long-distance wedding, Kathy said those she worked with recommended other experienced vendors to help her.

Her advice to couples considering a beach wedding away from their home: “Do your research on the Internet, but also speak to people and get recommendations,” Kathy said. “Ask vendors who they work with. It makes it a lot more comfortable for the bride and the bridal party.” ♥

