



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### Cat Condo Comforts

It was a brilliant idea. Selling their large family home, leaving all that house and yard work behind and moving into a two-story townhouse with its many benefits — even for the household's Siamese siblings, Kit and Kaboodle.

"We adopted Kit Kat first," said Kari's mother Tracy, "and named her after our favorite chocolate bar because of her chocolate-brown markings. A year later her parents had another litter, and we brought home her brother, Kaboodle. They are full brother and sister; they just don't know it because they were not littermates. They are nine and 10 years old now and they did very well with the move. They actually appear much happier.

Our condo has a southern exposure, so sun pours through the windows for their napping pleasure. They exercise by running up and down our 32 steps, and there are two porches to enjoy fresh air. And they purr-fur the condo's carpets over the house's hardware floors. Their favorite two spots, to perch like furry birds high in a tree, are at the top of each level of stairs staring down at us below. In the move, our cats also scored a living quarters upgrade. In the house they slept in our big laundry room, but here they have taken over the master bedroom. Their favorite place to scratch is still our bamboo laundry basket.

For safety we attached a tracking device to their collars in case they got out. It is like a cat GPS device that beeps on their collars so they know we are looking for them, and I have a clicker that indicates which direction they are in. It is like a walkie-talkie of sorts and it also lights up so we can spot them at night.

It came in handy one day when I could not find the cats. With three busy teens and husband, the cats can sneak out the door. So before I headed to work, I beeped their collars but could only locate Kaboodle. When I pressed it again and followed the clicker's screen, it indicated that Kit was next to the wall, but there was no cat there. She had not only snuck out our door, she had snuck into the neighbors condo and was sitting on the other side of the



Photo by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

**Kari and her Apple-Head Siamese condo cats, Kit and Kaboodle, teach the comforts of life in the modern world!**

wall, on their stairs, awaiting her rescue. Modern technology again. I phoned my neighbor and she unlocked her door with her cell phone and I rescued the cat.

We chose these two cats because their parents are dog-like and enjoy following their owners on walks. So, when we moved here, we started taking our kitties out for walks. They love it! We walk a loop around our quiet block with them trotting along beside us — without leashes. Because they have the tracking collars we don't worry about losing them. They like to investigate under bushes, which they could not do so easily on leashes. We whistle, encouraging them to rejoin us, and we walk about a mile together.

Having a dog with our busy schedule would be a difficult commitment. Cats are purr-fect for us; they don't bark which would bother neighbors, they enjoy the peaceful life of sitting on laps, and they are independent and affectionate."

"I love my cats," adds Kari, "because they are adorable, great company, and easy to care for, but the main reason is because they are such loving creatures."

### TIPS

"We installed a small door into our sliding-glass porch door. The little door has a cat door

at the bottom for the cats. We keep their litter on the porch in the summer, and in the bathroom for the winter. They also have a tall cat scratching post outside to climb and enjoy the view.

Indoor cats need grass like outdoor cats. It is filled with healing chlorophyll. We planted some on the porch for them.

In our old family home Kaboodle was unnerved when neighborhood cats stared in the window at him. He was neutered, but he responded by 'spraying' inside our home. When we moved here, our vet recommended plugging in a pheromone spray, over putting Kaboodle in cat diapers. AND — it really worked! I plugged in the pheromone vaporizer and it makes Kaboodle think he's rubbed and claimed every corner of our home with his salivary glands. He's a different cat, so relaxed. The pheromone is an added expense, but our home will always have one.

During his spraying time I discovered pet products for removing urine and its odor off walls, furniture, duvets - seriously miracle products! We are all happy with our townhouse move, not having to keep up with so much house and yard work allows us more time together and to be involved in sports."

View amazingly/beautiful indoor cat walks. [www.catchannel.com/cat-news/2014/09/minnesota-man-builds-cat-maze.aspx](http://www.catchannel.com/cat-news/2014/09/minnesota-man-builds-cat-maze.aspx)

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## Historic Preservation workshop features collaboration between several groups

A historic preservation workshop series scheduled this spring will bring the agencies responsible for preserving Cottage Grove's history together, and organizers hope representatives from historical entities in other communities stop by as well.

Lane Community College, the City of Cottage Grove Historic Landmarks Commission, Cottage Grove Partners in History, Cottage Grove Historical Society, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, Bohemia Gold Mining Museum and Cottage Grove Museum will team up to offer a series of five weekly workshops aimed at exposing participants to best practices in the field of Heritage Preservation. The workshops will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30- 8:30 p.m., from April 14-Aug. 11 at the Lane Community College Cottage Grove Campus, 1275 River Rd. in Cottage Grove.

Sessions are aimed at anyone involved in heritage preservation activities regardless of experience or skill level. Participants that complete at least four of the five workshops in the series will earn a program completion award from Lane Community College.

Topics covered at the workshops will include care of historic documents, newspapers, textiles and photographs as well as basic training in Past Perfect, a software program widely used in the field.

City Planner Amanda Ferguson said two Cottage Grove entities — the Genealogical Society and Cottage Grove Museum — have already received grants related to newspaper and fabric preservation, respectively.

"Since we had those two already, we thought, 'Why not expand it to four or five topics and get everybody involved?'" Ferguson said.

Workshop instructors will be drawn from the Oregon State Office of Historic Preservation's MentorCorps program. MentorCorps consists of professionals working in the field of Heritage Preservation and trained to provide instruction in their area of expertise. Workshops will cost \$10 each. Proceeds will benefit the sponsoring organizations. Participants will register through Lane Community College.

Those seeking more information contact Holli Turpin, who manages the non-credit program at LCC in Cottage Grove, at 541-463-4221; email: [turpin@lan-ecc.edu](mailto:turpin@lan-ecc.edu) or Ferguson at 541-942-3340; email [planner@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planner@cottagegrove.org) or check the description in the Lane Community College Spring Session Course Schedule.



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Worship: 11:00am  
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