



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Transporting pets across state lines — Volunteers save lives

Miranda and her husband, Bob, have rescued dogs for 30 years. They currently volunteer as pet transporters, driving animals from kill shelters to animal rescue organizations, or for the lucky ones, to their forever homes. The couple has purr-formed over 100 transports, saving untold furry lives. Most transports involve 1-20 pets, take five hours and cover 150 miles — the couple pays for their gas. Disaster area transports involve upwards of 80 dogs. It takes a legion of volunteers to transport these suddenly homeless pets over state lines to available rescue shelters, until their owners can claim them.

"Bob enjoys volunteering," said Miranda, "but he teases me, 'YOU got us into this!' Yes, I was the one who discovered the need for transporting rescued animals on the Internet. I signed us up for IN and OUT-of-state transports.

It started out slowly, but soon other transport coordinators contacted us, so now I spend hours networking people via phone/emails to move homeless animals. Complex transports start in one state, then they are met by other volunteer teams who drive some of the animals north, south, east, or west to shelters with open space. Retired volunteers drive weekdays, and those who



Courtesy photo

Miranda cuddles her rescued dog, Rusty, fondly nicknamed Schmoopy. He was a puppy mill dog for nine years, then was discarded into a "kill" shelter before happily ending up in Miranda's arms.

work, like Bob, drive weekends.

The cooperation of many rescue organizations and a legion of volunteers are necessary to save pets destined for euthanasia. For the very long distant transports, some volunteers overnight the animals and their drivers in their homes.

In the beginning, I rode with Bob but soon relinquished my seat because it was needed for animals. Just before we became involved, we traded our van in for an SUV. Now, we wish we had that roomy van back!

We overnight dogs in our 'posh' carpeted and heated garage that has never housed a vehicle, just dogs! The garage-dog dorm has a comfy bed for Bob and his traveling guest-dogs. Some of our dogs join him, and the 'visitors' making for a very crowded bed. It's a canine sleepover or Pup Party! Then at 7 a.m. Bob is on the road again to meet the next transporters, who drive the rescues onto their final destinations."

The couple's love for their 'pet' children extends to their fenced backyard 'dog park', so they can observe the rescued dogs' behaviors.

Some animals need obedience, leash training, or have food, toy, and space aggression. The couple patiently trains these difficult rescues. Some otherwise good-natured animals have developed aggressive tendencies, making them unattractive to adopters. These dogs growl as their only form of communication. Miranda and Bob reap the rewards of helping and adopting rescued dogs: "Each dog is interesting, challenging, and loveable," said Bob. "We have learned how loving older, sick, and disabled pets are — they extend their love and appreciation to us. We no longer adopt cute puppies who eat our shoes and fur-niture!"

The couple also enjoys their less complicated dogs — the ones who live

to eat, play, sleep, and lick a hand.

"We 'found' Rusty at a rescue. I was talking to his foster mother about business, and behind my back, Rusty cozied up to Bob on the couch. When it was time to leave, Rusty tried following us out the door. Look how smart that dog is! We ended up adopting him, and he 'did' follow us out the door!"

Always a team, Miranda authored and Bob took the photographs for "I Never Met a Dog I Didn't Like". The book shares their many cat and dog adventures like Lizzie, the Cocker Spaniel, who loved dressing up as a witch and handing out Halloween treats. The featured animals are rescues from kill shelters who lived to tell their tale.

Their book also addresses the ridiculous prejudice towards adopting black dogs and cats. Just like people, the color of skin, or fur, is nothing - but, well, color! Both have loving purrs-onalities. "Black animals are often overlooked or even avoided by adopters," said Bob, "Yet, they are the most loving pets."

Read about Lizzie's funny trip to the "I Want a Biscuit" bakery. Lizzie knows exactly where they are and why. She marches in barking - demanding a cookie. "The owner tosses her her favorite peanut butter treat," said author Miranda, "she has him trained, while I pay." (Apparently she has Miranda trained too!)

One day the bakery featured an animal communicator (pet psychic). Before the woman could begin reading for Miranda's other two dogs, Lizzie demanded to know from the communica-

tor, "Am I going to get more cookies?"

Some dogs' minds are easy to read, even if you are not an animal communicator!

Enjoy more of their animal adventures in "I Never Met a Dog I Didn't Like". Proceeds go towards their animals' medical bills. www.mmcadams-books.com

TIPS

"Never abandon a pet," advises Miranda. "Please take them to a no-kill shelter. One of our rescued dogs was tied to a tree in coyote country. The dog's food and water were beside him. His previous parents 'thought' they were doing the right thing, but their pet was 'easy bait' and could have been helplessly killed by a wild or aggressive domestic animal!"

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Live presentation to commemorate 'Nam vets' 'Welcome home Day'

Five years ago, the Oregon legislature declared March 30 Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day.

To mark the occasion Inner View Productions is bringing its live presentation of "Viet Nam: An Inner View" to Roseburg's VFW Post 2468 on March 29.

Post Commander Kirkland Conner reports that the Roseburg VFW is pleased to have the opportunity to welcome visitors (both veterans and civilians) to the Post, which is also the site of

the brand-new Oregon Veterans Memorial Wall.

The multimedia documentary project is entirely focused on detailing one three-tour Marine's experiences during and after the war. Marc Waszkiewicz, is 100 percent PTSD disabled, and Waszkiewicz this week became a resident of Cottage Grove.

The presentation will begin with an open house at 1 p.m. followed by the love presentation at 3 p.m.

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