

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### Senior Pets 'r' a JOY

"I was not planning on having a pet," said Eleanor. "Then a friend called with a sad tale about an eight-year-old Maltese/Poodle, Cleo, whose parent was admitted into an Alzheimer's care home. Voila — instant dog! Cleo is cute, affectionate and loves everyone. She looks more puppy-like than a senior dog. Her soft-white fur resembles downy feathers when blowing in the wind."

Cleo is entertaining as she hops around on her hind legs like a professional circus dog. She is adorable when she spontaneously sits up on her hind end holding her paws up. She has amazing communication skills making it easy to tell what she wants. When her water dish is empty she bangs on it. When she wants to go outside, she scratches on the door. She has no idea what to do with a ball, and even though she steals and 'kills' my socks, I love her to pieces.

Cleo's car bed sits on the passenger floor and she goes everywhere with me. She never jumps up on the seat. In the summer, I adjusted my shopping hours to the evening, so she can safely go and not overheat in the car.

Three years before Cleo's arrival, at Christmas, I was watching a holiday program when I heard a haunting yowl on my back porch. I looked out through the glow of the Christmas lights and saw a skittish, soaking-wet, skin and bones cat. He ran into the bushes when I opened the door. I placed a cushion into a basket and put some tuna in a dish outside for him. He watched from a safe distance. As soon as I closed the door, he carefully came back on the porch, devoured the tuna, and then curled up in the dry bed.

My "visitor" was gone in the morning, but the next night, I heard him cry again. This kept up for the entire winter.

He was painfully skittish, but by the end of the winter, he would let me watch him eat.

I never saw him during the day. When the weather turned warm, he returned to the woods.

The following winter, on the first cold night, Visitor was back! This time, when I opened the door, he did not run away, so I gave him 'his' cushion back and he moved in for the winter.

By the end of the second year I could pat



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**The wind whips Eleanor's hair and Cleo's soft-feathery fur as they enjoy their daily walk without "that pesky cat!"**

him, after the third year he was fat, happy, and affectionate — then he went missing.

My neighbor, George, found Visitor nearly dead in his yard after a coyote attack. He gently picked up the maimed cat and rushed him to the vet.

The feral cat did not have the energy to protest, and by the time George nursed him back to health, Visitor, now named "Buddy", had been domesticated, neutered, and adopted after becoming best friends with George's other cat. Now, Visitor is devoted to George and follows him around his yard snoopervising.

Every day, Visitor still comes by my home for treats. Cleo goes mad with excitement when she sees Visitor, because she is also "gifted" a treat.

Cleo won't allow Visitor in our home any more after he came in and curled up in her bed! She still resents the incident, because she couldn't roust the Maine Coon cat out of the bed. Visitor outweighs Cleo by 10 pounds!

Visitor knows our morning routine, so after his treat, he trails along behind Cleo and me on our walks. Sometimes, he runs in front of us waiting for us to catch up to him.

Popeye would be proud of Cleo. She loves her greens (green beans, broccoli, and sprouts) added into her food. Little pieces of apple are one of her treats. Veggies help keep her stools normal. She's a sweet-happy dog and we are a blessing to each other's lives."

### TIPS

Dan and Trish in Sisters, Oregon emailed, "We are experimenting with a dog potty. We put a children's green-plastic-turtle sandbox, with a lid, outside on the deck for our old dogs". Moose, an ancient-mini Dachs-hund, uses the box and so does Vanna, our old-black Labrador.

We experimented with several litters: Cat litter works...but it makes a mess once tracked outside the litter pan.

Wood shavings are blown out of the box by the wind...making a mess. Also, many dogs are allergic to cedar shavings so we tried pine shavings. (A shaving allergy/irritation shows up on their chest and eyes.)

We purr-fur wood burning stove pellets. We purr-chased a 40 pound bag 'made without waxes or oils'. The pellets quickly break down when urinated on and convert into sawdust. The pellets are cheaper than cat litter, are effective in absorbing urine, and do not blow around or create a mess. Pellets smell like wood and are easy to store.

Use the box's lid to protected the pellets from rain and visiting kitties - pellets spilled outside the box break down in the rain."

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### Firewood permits

The Cottage Grove Ranger District announces that it will start its issuance of firewood permits on Wednesday, Sept. 23. One non-transferable permit per household will be issued for two cords of firewood at a total cost of \$20. For those households who have already purchased their Cottage Grove firewood permit this year, additional permits may be available for purchase at other Umpqua National Forest offices.

Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Firewood cutting areas are typically on narrow single-lane gravel roads with an average distance of 35 miles from the city of Cottage Grove. More information on specific areas for firewood cutting will be provided with the permit.

Cottage Grove Ranger District issues permits Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except holidays). Those interested can contact the office at 541-767-5000, or email [cgrdinfo@fs.fed.us](mailto:cgrdinfo@fs.fed.us) with any questions. The Ranger District office is located at 78405 Cedar Park Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

### Campfires allowed in most parks

Last week's cooler weather and late summer rains have helped ease the wildfire danger. Campfires in designated fire rings are now allowed in all but a few Oregon State Park campgrounds and day-use areas. Recreational beach fires are also allowed south of Coos Bay.

Visitors are cautioned to be extremely careful with any fire in areas where the ban has been removed.

### Window restoration workshop

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the public is invited to join historic preservation professionals for a hands-on experiential workshop to learn about wood windows and how to fix their common problems. The class will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Museum and is open to anyone interested in knowing how to repair historic windows.

Chris Gustafson, the window restoration contractor responsible for the ongoing restoration of the Cottage Grove Armory windows, and contractor/historic preservation specialist Brian McBeth will offer instruction in safety, materials and methods

to repair and maintain the wood windows in the home.

This workshop is presented by the City of Cottage Grove Community Development Department with the assistance of the Cottage Grove Museum staff and volunteers. The workshop will be held at the Cottage Grove Museum at 207 N. H Street, and include hands-on repair of the windows on the front façade of the historic Vealy House.

Advanced registration is required. Cash or checks can be made out to the City of Cottage Grove at \$25 per person. Please contact the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340 or Amanda Ferguson, City Planner, at [planner@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planner@cottagegrove.org) for more information.

### Book club forming

A new book club is forming at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The first gathering is Monday, Sept. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m.

### Run Boy Run

The Axe and Fiddle Pub will present the music of Run Boy Run on Thursday, Sept. 24 beginning at 8:30 p.m. for an \$8 show.

Existing comfortably in the tension between tradition and the musical frontier, Tucson five piece Run Boy Run blends bluegrass, folk and the old-timey American vernacular with touches of classical and turn of the century details.

### Allen completes basic training

Air Force Airman Bodey T. Allen graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Allen is the son of Carolyn and Jay Allen of Cottage Grove, Ore. He is also the husband of Parker J. Allen.

The airman graduated in 2014 from Cottage Grove High School.

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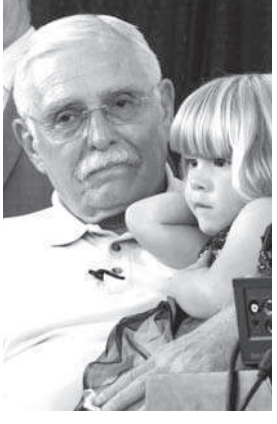
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