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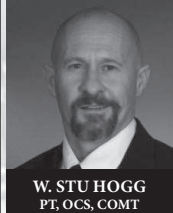

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Pet Tips 'n' Tales
 by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Rufus never ruffles feathers

"When I told my daughter that I rescued a stray dog," said Rosemary, "and found his owner, she declared, 'If you are saving strays, it is time for you to get a dog!'"

She was serious and started sending me Internet photos of dogs who needing rehoming.

Rocko's photo arrived and it changed his and my life.

Originally, Rocko was shipped from West Virginia to the West Coast, but his family had to rehome him, so they were interviewing new purrs-pective owners.

During 'my' interview I began calling him Rufus, and soon so was his family! I left without him, thinking he would be too much work.

Upon arriving home, I realized I missed him and drove right back! Today, I don't know what I would do without him. He is such a dear heart.

At first, I was concerned about Rufus' lack of tail. But instead of wagging a tail, he shakes his entire rear end! He overdoes joy, if that is even possible, by wagging his entire back end from tip to tail - well, if he had one. There is no doubt when this dog is happy - he greets people, with a stuffed toy in his mouth, wagging his rear excitedly back and forth!

He was soon dubbed 'Rufus Sprinkles' because during potty-training, he tinkled in big fancy-pee-swirls all over the tile floor, wiggling that happy-fluffy butt!

My three daughters are grown, and I would be alone without Rufus. He fills a huge void. He is a handsome and wonderful companion with lots of dog cousins. When my animal loving daughters and their dogs visit, it is puppy mayhem with our four rambunctious rescues playing. When their dad arrives, his dog makes number five.

Rufus is cuddly like a living-fluffy teddy bear, but he is too big and hot to sleep with,

so his bed is on the floor. Every morning, I join him for 'morning cuddles' before heading to work.

Besides our good looks, another thing Rufus and I have in common is clumsiness! We are always running into things. When Rufus was a baby he broke his back by falling 20 feet off our cabin's slippery-wet steps.

The first vet said he was 'OK', but Rufus was not swimming in the lake like he loved.

I had a bad feeling, so after we arrived home I had a second vet X-ray his back.

His back was broken! It is a good thing I followed my instinct.

I also had noticed that on our four hour drive home from the lake, that he could not get comfortable. No wonder! He was in pain!

It is important to pay attention to our pets' body language and not dismiss it. Rufus had NO other symptoms.

Spending money on a second opinion was worth it! It saved him from potential paralysis. His healing took three months and I had to keep him from running.

I double-checked with our vet to make sure Rufus was safe because he loves the hot tub! He is a social butterfly who prefers joining us when we go in. He does a few doggy paddles from one side to the other, then he comically stands with his front paws on one side of the hot tub's seats, with his back ones on the other side.

Rufus has this cute at first, but then obnoxious habit of pawing the air, in a waving motion, for attention. He won't stop until he receives the attention he craves. Whether I am sitting on the bed, sofa, or a chair, he is always resting his heavy head on my lap... or anything else that is his head height - then his eyes follow me with a 'look' - yup - adorable.

He has a gentle giving spirit and when I look into his face I 'hear' his 'voice' in a slow Southern accent: kind of low-goofy-gravely sound brimming with kindness slowly saying, 'I've heard that I make people smile.



Good! That is my job!"
 Photo by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

You've heard about pets that resemble or act like their owners. In the case of Rosemary and Rufus, a two-year-old Sheepadoodle, it really is true!

TIPS

"Rufus' fur is actually hair, so he is hypo allergenic," adds Rosemary, "and does not shed. Just like our hair, it grows and tangles when not groomed."

I comb him every second night for 15 minutes to prevent matting. Matting would take an expensive trip to the grooming salon or me having to comb him for hours at a time. At first he thought grooming was a game, and he was all wiggly-squiggly, wanting to play with the brush. But I patiently kept at it, stroking him massage-like, and he soon understood that this was the best kind of attention. This diligent method prevents matting and the subsequent shaving off of his beautiful hair."

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and repeat the process until the rocks on both sides of the trestle were solidly mounded up into a secure, wave-proof man-made peninsula of sorts. Once this was all done, the rails would be taken up and the top of the jetty flattened and regularized so that people and vehicles could easily get out on it for any repairs or modifications that might be needed in the future.

It took almost a decade, from planning to completion, to finish the job. In 1894, it was done.

By the time it was done, the South Jetty had already changed the flow of the river. In place of the old fan-like network of treacherous channels through the sand, the current of the river had now scoured a single channel 30 feet deep along the jetty and out to the sea. It had cost just over \$2 million to do - well under the budget estimates of \$3.8 million, but still one of the biggest U.S. government projects of the 19th century.



An early-1900s postcard image of the Cape Disappointment Light on the north side of the Columbia Bar, the first lighthouse built in the Northwest. Ironically, it was delayed several years after the bark Oriole, carrying building supplies for the project, sank on the bar.

It still wasn't quite enough, though, for the bigger steamships of the new century. So in 1914, the government started construction of the (much shorter) North Jetty, running it right over the top of Peacock Spit.

This did the trick. The channel entrance narrowed to 2,000

feet and now deepened itself even more. Ten years later, in 1925, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made a bar survey and found the channel had deepened to about 40 feet - shy of the 50 that engineers had hoped for, but enough.

The engineers then happily proclaimed the Columbia River Bar to now be "eminently safe and easy of navigation." This might have been overselling it a bit - hundreds of mariners who heard those words would be drowning on that bar over the subsequent half-century or so.

But today, the bar - the deadly central feature of the famous "graveyard of the Pacific" - has been, if not tamed, at least pacified enough that a careful skipper can cross it more than twice a week and still qualify to buy a life insurance policy.

(Sources: Gibbs, James A. Pacific Graveyard. Portland: Binford, 1950; Marshall, Don. Oregon Shipwrecks. Portland: Binford, 1984)

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