



# Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

## Cat's amazing journey

Last March, Karen, her husband, and rescue kitty, Sunny, moved downsizing their home and yard. Sunny missed roaming the mountain's river exploring and then happily returning home to eat and sleep in her favorite spot.

To acclimate 16 year old Sunny to her new home, they let her explore inside the home and garage. But one day, she wiggled under the garage door and vanished.

Karen's heart was broken and she wondered, "Honestly, this can't be this cat's destiny! How can a deaf and blind kitty survive who is not familiar with its new location. "I cried harder over her disappearance than when I lost relatives," admitted Karen. "It is amazing how deeply we care for our 'family' of pets."

"I intuitively felt that Sunny was alive," said Karen, "but as the days, weeks, and months rolled by my husband said to 'give up on her'. He reasoned that, 'She is a country girl, a wild kitty and probably happier on her own.' I just knew she was alive, and wanted to come 'home', so I asked that if it was God's will she would find her way home." After two and a half months, even Karen's friends suggested that Sunny wasn't coming home.

"I couldn't give up on her," said Karen. "She's been a good friend. So I kept searching and asking neighbors if they'd seen her. I thought I saw her by the river, so I took her favorite soft food and flicked little drops of it, like Hansel and Gretel in the nursery rhyme, making my way home." Then, the evening of July 12th a miracle took place. Sunny walked back under their garage door and strolled into the house "like nothing was wrong." But the poor kitty was skin and bones!

Karen visited the Humane Society's "This 'n That Shop", on 8th Street, and asked them "What do you do for your rescued starving kitties." They gave her wonderful suggestions and she started in on them right away.

Today, Sunny is more content than before her "adventure. She

lays in Karen's lap absorbing every drop of love and appreciates having water and food at her beck and call. The kitty has regained her muscle tone and Karen and Greg are hoping that Sunny finished off her life with no more drama. And after 16 years, their once quiet kitty, has found her voice and everyone's best guess is that Sunny is saying "Thank you. Thank you for writing about our cat's journey," said Karen, "I can't wait to read it to her!"

### TIPS

"The ladies at the Humane Society," said Karen, "suggested the following tips:

- Beef bone broth soup administer with an eye dropper for nourishment.
- "No flavor" children's Pedialyte and warm water in the side of their mouth for hydration.
- Rescue Remedy.
- Warm food.
- A warmed flax seed bag/hot water bottle to improve their body's temperature.
- Keep pet quiet.
- Take them to a vet.
- Check on internet for reviving a dehydrated/starved pet.

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Karen and her rescue cat, "Sunny."

## Cycle Oregon headed for Cottage Grove

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Between 1,500 and 2,400 cyclists will be headed towards Cottage Grove this September as part of Cycle Oregon's 30th anniversary, 2017 route.

The current plan has cyclists camping at Schwarz Park rather than Bohemia Park but according to local officials, Cottage Grove will still feel the impact of the event.

"This isn't going to be 1,000 tents in Cottage Grove," said Travis Palmer, executive director of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce. However, Palmer noted that the ride leading to Cottage Grove was mostly slated to be down-hill; a fact he hopes contributes to the group's ability to engage in local tourism.

"We're hoping they have the energy to go out and do some shopping," he said.

Cycle Oregon routinely includes a "day stop" that allows riders off-time. This year, they'll be spending that day at Diamond Lake, giving riders the opportunity to experience Crater Lake.

However, local efforts are being made to bring the group into town.

According to Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers, the city is looking into arranging a shuttle service.

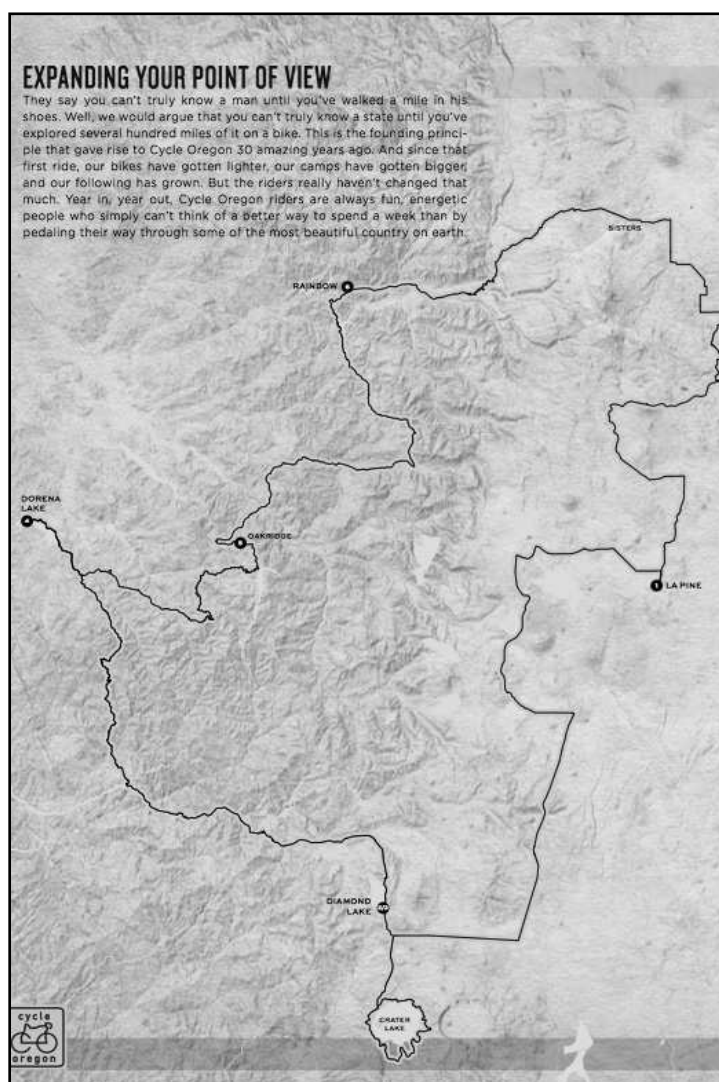
"We will feel the impact," he said. "We'll see the hotel room stays increase because some of these cyclists, when they have the opportunity for a real bed and a real shower rather than showering in the semi shower, they're going to take it."

The group is expected to come to town with three to four semi-trucks which will have their luggage unloaded by local clubs and volunteers. While those groups are expected to benefit, local businesses will be at the mercy of riders coming into town.

"It's actually better that they're out there," Meyers said of the Schwarz location. In the past, the event utilized the area the city is currently using to construct the new Harrison Middle School, leaving little room for campers. Meyers also said he was confident that the shuttles would aid in bringing cyclists in.

This year's trip will mark the third time the event has come to Cottage Grove. The first was in 2008 and the second in 2011.

Meyers and Palmer are expected to meet with Cycle Oregon in mid-February to hash out final details.



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