



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Time share kitty

"I run my tax accounting business out of my home," said Kent, "and clients were not the only ones who came in the door!"

One year, a beautiful black and white cat strolled in and made herself welcome. Not knowing her real name he called her Paperweight after she unceremoniously plopped herself down onto the papers he was working on. Paperweight visited each morning, for five years, until a neighbor at the end of his street moved out, and apparently so did his co-worker kitty.

Almost immediately, another black and white cat showed up. She was younger, but just as purrs-istant. Once again, Kent did not know the new arrival's name, so the newbie's 'office' name became Apprentice. It was obvious that Paperweight had shared the office's hours, about the snacks to be had, and the comfy cat napping locations. So, when Apprentice applied for the 'job', she was hired along with all the fringe benefits.

Ms. Apprentice, as Kent did not know if she was married or not, arrived purr-emptly and paw-unctually as he opens the doors at 5 a.m for her day of steady cat napping and treats. She

takes her paw-sition seriously and is a great well groomed employee who takes no holidays or days off. Just like her purr-edecessor, she wanders in and plops down precisely on the papers that he is working on. In order to reclaim his work area, he 'bribes' her with cat treats, and eventually had to 'present' her with a designated employee cloth cat bed.

"At first Apprentice refused the bed," said Kent, "still purr-furr-ing the papers or my chair. So as an accountant, I calculatingly put two and two together and sat on her bed so it would remind her of me. Then I built a special back for the chair, so she and her bed would not slide out."

But one day, all was well, she was sleeping, and suddenly, unceremoniously she and the bed slid out from under the back of the chair. Stunned, sitting on the floor, she gave Kent "that blackmailing 'look' as a hint threatening a quick return to snoozing on tax papers! Before she could it report him to F.U.G. (Feline Union Group) he quickly remedied the situation.

Kent has a full-service office, if you are his nondeductible feline office staff. Ms. Apprentice arrives with an

appetite demanding a treat, a drink of water, and attention before greeting clients. In the summer, she changes things up by sleeping just outside the door, either in the shade or the sun. After her shift ends, she continues her day, wandering off checking out the rest of her "trap line".

"Having a visiting cat has all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of owning a cat," admits Kent. "She is a TIME SHARE cat who does Day-cations at my home. When I go on holidays, I know that she is fed and groomed by her loving pet parents. I don't have to pay for a cat sitter, or incur vet bills on her behalf. All she costs me is a cat bed and treats.

I tried training Apprentice to answer the phone, take messages, and shred paper. She walks over the phone dialing wildly, stands on the answering machine deleting messages, and even the 'tools' (her claws) she brings into the office have not shredded one piece of paper - just the side of my desk. Apprentice plainly feels that manual work is for others. She reminds me that dogs have owners and are trainable, but cats have servants and do their own thing as they please - when they please."

OFFICE DUTIES
(According to Ms. Apprentice.)
1. Look cute.

2. Demand clients' attention.
3. Purr when given attention.
4. Protect the flower bed from offending bugs.
5. Eat treats.
6. Command 'subjects' when to let her in/out of the office.
7. Loudly voice disapproval from having disrupted the office and snack routine when Kent returns from vacation.



Tax Accountant Kent with his nondeductible office staff, Apprentice, who must belong to a secret cat Union. When she learned she was not going to be paid for this photo, she immediately began a wiggle-protest.

TIPS

In case of a natural disaster have assembled accessible cat and dog pet carriers, for each pet, with harnesses and leashes inside. Store food/water, food/water bowls, and kitty litter and a pan beside the carriers. During floods, bungee cord small pet cages to floatation devices (swimming kick board). Purr-chase harnesses for your cats, so they won't run off. They can't be caged for days, they need exercise and you can't hold them forever.

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LORANE NEWS

Well back to school for the 2017-2018 school year. CAL School District started yesterday, Tuesday. Again, welcome to all staff and students. For any further information, please call the office, 541-935-2100 and talk to Lee Ann. Check with the school or website for the sports schedules.

Lorane Grange will meet this Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. with pot-luck snacks. Their next bingo evening will be a dessert and bingo evening on Friday, September 15.

Dessert at 6 p.m. and bingo at 6:30 p.m.. Lots of fun for all. Welcome back to fall!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BMD forgot some thank yous

Several weeks ago, The Sentinel published a half-page Post-Festival Thank You Ad. As with a list that long, there were a few we unintentionally overlooked and want to publicly recognize them as well.

Festival sponsors: Bohemia Sunrisers Club, George & Teri Devine & Timberline Dental.

Grand Miners Parade: Wayne & Michael Northern donated the use of their antique cars for our BMD Officials to ride in the parade. Local pilot Shawn Kelley provided an impressive flyover in his very fast experimental aircraft just before the parade began.

Recycling: For several years, we have not had the volunteer help to collect recyclable waste during the festival. This year we are grateful to the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council volunteers and the Cottage Grove High School Volleyball Team for taking on this important (but often yucky) job.

Planning is now underway for the 59th Annual Bohemia Mining Days, July 19-22. We invite you to call the office at 541-942-5064 or visit our website www.bohemiaminingdays.org to give us your feedback on this year's festival and to share your ideas for next year.

Cindy Weeldreyer
BMD Festival Coordinator

Homelessness

Thanks to the Sentinel for last week's spotlight on the homeless crisis facing Oregon.

Grovers should know that for the last two years, a dedicated group of Cottage Grove residents have been working to solve this crisis the Grover way -- with ingenuity and hard work.

The goal is to create a Village of small, well constructed, permanent homes that could house up to 30 of our neighbors in affordable tiny houses, so that people do not fall into homelessness.

Based on the statistics cited in the Sentinel article, Cottage Village could single-handedly reduce homelessness by nearly 2% in Lane County, and by nearly 25% in Cottage Grove based on recent counts. It is only a start, but that's how a problem gets solved.

If you want to keep up with the progress on this exciting project, check out the webpage at www.squareonevillages.org/cvc.

Allan Katz, on behalf of the Cottage Village Coalition

Marijuana worries

How much pot is needed in Potlandia? There is plenty of pot available, so if Creswell chooses to be pot free -- why not?

Why does there need to be a pot 'empire'? Isn't there enough out there to do plenty of damage?

And many questions still need answered.

Two different people, each living in a different area, have homes, and wells, below pot operations. Both are seeing changes in their wells.

Many pesticides and residues have been found in some of the retail pot. If it is found in the retail product, it will obviously be in the grow area. What happens to all the marijuana debris -- is it composted? Does composting destroy the pesticides? Rain and irrigation runoff goes into the ground, and into ground water and rivers and streams. What happens to the fish in the streams -- are they impacted by the marijuana? What about animals eating the fish? What about humans who eat the fish that have lived in water polluted by marijuana production runoff?

A study in 2013 for the Journal of Toxicology, examined how much pesticide residue is transferred to a cannabis consumer through inhalation. He found that pesticides are easily transformed into a vapor and inhaled with marijuana smoke.

Poisons put out to kill vermin also kill other animals. The article "Growing Marijuana is doing More Damage Than You Think" by Abby Hutmacher, 2016, she includes this paragraph: "Many growers use toxic pesticides to protect crops from curious critters. Unfortunately, when small rodents die from ingesting pesticides, their natural predators will also ingest the poison when they eat the rodent. In other words, rat poisons do not just kill rats; they kill other wildlife like bobcats, owls, foxes, coyotes, hawks, and even our beloved pets."

If a doctor prescribes aspirin, he does not send the patient to the nearest willow tree to get some bark and make a tea. Nor does he send the patient down the street to the willow dispensary. He prescribes a known quality, such as a baby aspirin, or a regular aspirin, a product that has some FDA oversight, so the doctor KNOWS what the patient is getting.

The American Psychological Association featured an article by Kristen Weir in November 2015 re; Marijuana and the Developing Brain. "There are a lot of open questions' about the long-term effects of marijuana, says Susan Weiss, PHD, director of the division of extramural research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). "But there's a growing literature, and it's all pointing in the same direction. Starting young and using frequently may disrupt brain development."

So the question is: Are a few dollars in the coffers worth the risks and the hazards?

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