



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



marriage, she was alone. We watched her sink into depression and encouraged her to get an older cat companion. Shortly after Betty appeared on scene, Mom experienced a comfort that she had never known. That angel cat transformed her life! Mom's loneliness and depression lifted because she had someone to take care of and entertain her, and Betty made for wonderful conversation on our phone calls and visits.

Mother's motto was, "If one is good, two is better," said Scott, "so she adopted Bob.

When Mom entered the care center, we called shelters to re-home the now eight-year-old kitties. After hearing how overwhelmed and full the shelters were, my wife, Anika, and I mailed them a donation before calling another.

We have heard the horror stories of 'Free' pets ending

up as dog fighting bait, alligator or snake food, or experimental pets at labs. The cats current situation caught us off guard, because of

this we have our lives on hold until we find a good home for them.

Caretakers feed the cats and I make an hour's drive to play with them three times a week. Their home won't be sold until they are re-homed.

Betty and Bob are gentle, affectionate, lap kitties, playful, quiet, trained, and never a problem. Bob loves chasing toys. They respect FUR-niture, use their scratching post and love sleeping 'with their people'. They are not shy and are friendly with strangers. As wonderful, calm, mature, inside cats, they never mess the house and they have a long healthy life ahead of them.

These days, Mum has Alzheimer's and rarely responds. She can't remember her marriage or her grandchildren. But when we mention her cats she

lights up with emotion and interest remembering the angel cats who changed her life.

My wife and I make a lifetime commitment to the pets we adopt, because they are family. Anika was sharing our 'kitty dilemma' with a friend and her friend said, 'But this is not your responsibility or problem.'

Anika responded, "We inherited this commitment and won't give up on these cats. And we won't! This inseparable cat-couple must be adopted together as one would be heartbroken without the other."

If interested in the love birds, send your purr-sonal references and vet's approval to Scott. It does not matter where you live. The cats can travel.

NOTE: After posting this article on Facebook, readers forwarded it like wildfire! As a result, Sandy read about Betty and Bob and adopted the two kitties! Read their rare happy ending in the next Pet Tips 'n' Tales!

TIPS

"Shelters have older loving animals," said Janetta Overholser, president of the Humane

Society of Cottage Grove, "who need homes. They arrive with love, cuddles and manners. Check out these purr-fect pets!"

How to set up a pet trust account. <http://animalwellness-magazine.com/setting-up-pet-trust/>

Angel Scribe Confession!

Our family was a kitten only adopter until we fostered elderly Persians for the Humane Society. Now, we purr-fur older cats. Their purrs-onalities are developed, they love laps and are appreciative that you rescued them. They demonstrate this with a deep love for you. It is rewarding adopting a "not so cute" but "full of love" pet!

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Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program. (541) 942-2789

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Caregiver meeting

The October meeting of the Cottage Grove Caregiver Network is meeting Monday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Bible Church located at 1200 E. Quincy Ave. Along with a potluck, the guest speaker will be Cascade Health Solutions talking about the new hospice home they are involved in. For more information, call Shirley at 541-232-0966

New series at the library

Cottage Grove Public Library and Friends of the Library present: Cottage Grove Community Center, Shepherd Room. Monday, Oct. 2 6pm What it is like to be a Muslim in Oregon. Speakers: Ibrahim Hamide of Cafe Soriah and Dr. Hana Elsherif, Arabic Studies, University of Oregon.

Monday, Oct. 9 6pm Film: "Mohammad: Legacy of a Prophet"

Monday, Oct. 16 6pm Film: "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Think"

Tuesday, Oct. 24 6pm Live Conversation with Mansoor Shams, Muslim Marine

VFW scholarship opportunities

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veteran's of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program.

This program provides high school students, from 9th grade to 12th grade, the opportunity to write and record a broadcast script on a patriotic theme selected by the VFW each year. Competition begins at the Post level. A winner goes to the District level to compete with students selected by other posts. Those winners advance to the State level and on to the National level. State winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Top National scholarship prize is \$30,000. The 2017-18 theme is "American History: Our

Hope for the Future"

Please have your entry to the VFW Post at 3160 Hillside Dr. by October 31, 2017.

You may call 541-942-7099 with questions.

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. This VFW sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. All entries are at Post level with students advancing through Regional, then State levels to National level. First place award at National level is currently \$5,000 plus an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for the winner and a parent or guardian.

The 2017-18 theme is "America's Gift to My Generation"

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Community Sharing PSA

Community Sharing is experiencing a shortage of food at this time. This is a time of the year when our inventory would normally be low but this year we are experiencing an extreme shortage of food.

We are requesting assistance from the community to help fill our shelves to meet the current demand at our agency. Any help is greatly appreciated - from one can to large donations or cash donations.

We would like to thank the Cottage Grove community for all of the assistance we receive - we couldn't do the work we do without you!



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