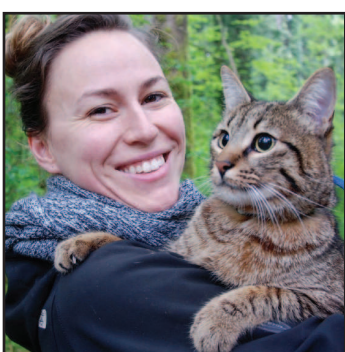




Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



Coon cat.

They had "issues" when they flew back home. The kitten was not allowed to fly in the passengers' cabin, so intelligent Qelsey registered Einstein as an Emotional Support Animal and soon they were homeward bound.

The only other "slight" issue with her was quickly overcome when it came time to spay their exotic looking cat. The vet advised them to have it "neutered", instead of spayed, because "she" was apparently a "he"!

Their now year-old cat is already 15 pounds and still growing into, "the biggest cuddly cat," said Qelsey. "He is also muscular from exercising on his home gym, but the only weights he lifts are his catnip toys. Today, he is ten times the size he was when Lucas found him. Whenever we return home, Einstein runs and greets us at the door. He is more dog than cat!"

The outdoors is the cat's jogging track, so paws-ibly that is why I met them on a hiking trail! Einstein is leash trained. He loves exploring the forest. It was unusual, but fun, seeing a cat on a dog-and-horse trail!

Einstein has walked on a leash since he was a feline toddler. He used to follow his human parents on their strolls around the neighborhood, so

adding a leash to the walk added to his safety.

As dog owners spot the striped cat, they respectfully attach leashes; and everyone goes happily on their way without any bark, hiss or fuss.

At home, imagine this cat entertaining his family when he releases his wild side spontaneously jumping like a kangaroo and pouncing on flowers! Or, out of the blue, he begins his version of "crazy cat play" sporadically leaping up and racing around the house.

"In contrast to his powerful athletic abilities, after his stretches, Einstein lays on top of his tall climbing post and illustrates his lazy side," said Qelsey. "He can lie there without lifting his head or a whisker and can see what is going on around him!"

Animals' great-full hearts are amazing. Not only is Einstein happy to be the couple's "only child" he is connected to them as if they are his biological parents. "I've always treated him like a baby" said Qelsey, "so he thinks he is human! He melts my heart. He thinks that we helped him by rescuing him from a life of starvation and danger, but he's done more to improve our lives and bring us pure joy!"

TIPS

"Begin regular trimming of your kitten's nails when they're young," said Qelsey. "Einstein is used to it now so there is no fussing! Also, his diet contains raw cat food for his nutritional needs which ensures his shiny coat."

Angel Scribe's cats wear a lightweight H- harness that resembles a T-shirt. It supports their chests and doesn't put any pressure on their necks. Cats can't wiggle out of this easily adjustable harness that accommodates Persian's summer/winter coat thickness.

- Avoid an initial rejection of the harness by changing its scent to match yours! Place the harness under your shirt or wrap in your sleepwear.

More cat walking tips:

http://www.angelscribe.com/tnt_cat-walking-on-leash.html

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The Cottage Grove Museum will transition to its fall hours of Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Great Rotary Raffle

Tickets are on sale for the Great Rotary Raffle for the Friday, October 13 drawings at Shepperd Motors. Tickets are available from Rotary members and the Cottage Grove Dari-Mart.

Meals on Wheels

Drivers for Meals on Wheels are needed. Please call (541) 463-6263 for more information.

Financial literacy

Tuesday in October from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Lane Community College in Cottage Grove will be hosting financial literacy classes. For more information, contact Rose Miller at (541) 513-7349.

Genealogy

The genealogy society board will meet Wednesday, October 4 at 10 a.m. in the library.

CVC meeting

The Cottage Village Coalition is meeting on Thursday, October 5 at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove.

Shred event

Payne West is hosting a shred event on Friday, October 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1645 E. Main St. Sensitive documents can be shredded for free, a limit of three boxes per vehicle. First come, first served basis.

Jekyll and Hyde

The Cottage Theatre's latest production, Jekyll and Hyde will begin showing October 5. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Contains mature content. Runs through October 29. Visit cottage theatre.org for more information.

Gold mining museum benefit

On Friday, October 6, local singer Ron Lex O'Keefe will be showcasing his CD, "Cottage Grove, Oregon Reflections" at the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum from 6p.m. to 7:30 p.m. \$2 suggested donation, all proceeds to the museum.

Habitat for Humanity

Open mic benefit for Habitat for Humanity October 10, Axe and Fiddle 6:30 p.m. Free.

Community sing-a-long

Thursday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m., Reception Hall, CG Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

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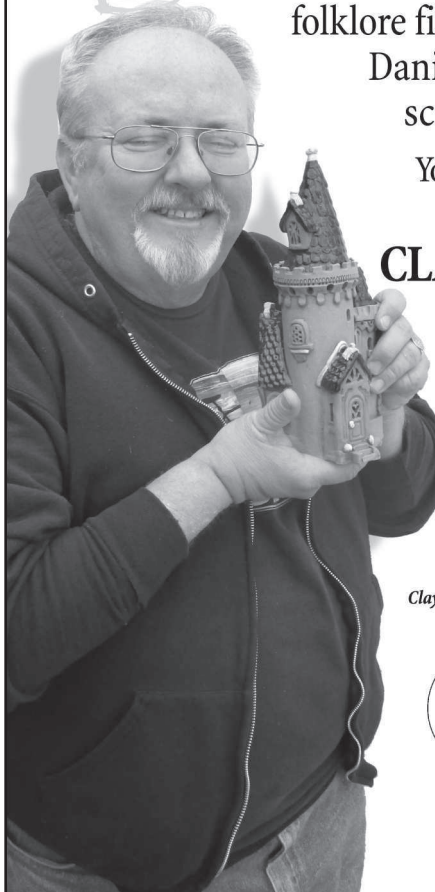
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