



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



Lisa's Lily is an eight-year-old Golden Doodle/Border Collie who resembles a Portuguese Water dog.

When Lisa's daughter saw a "Puppies for Sale" sign she pleaded for her mother to "Just go and look".

Lisa innocently walked into the "We are just looking" trap and fell in love with bouncy-baby Lily. She was the only black-curly haired pup in the litter, whereas, all the others had short black and white Border Collie coats.

The name that the family initially chose for their puppy was trumped by their neighbor's cat, Bella. To avoid pet-calling confusion, the pup was christened Lily after a character on the Hannah Montana show.

Two years later, on a dark and rainy eve-

ning, Lisa let her happy dog run and play in a fenced park. Lily wandered into the bushes so no one saw her wiggle under the fence and get hit by a vehicle.

Devastated, the family ran to their dog. "We thought she was dead," said Lisa, "but she wasn't so we rushed her to the vet clinic. She recovered except for her front paw which remained paralyzed. After researching paralysis, we decided to wait and see if her paw regained mobility and motion, so we had it splinted.

It was obvious that she was depressed and unhappy with the splint. After eight months of her splinted, injured leg we decided, for her comfort, it should be surgically removed.

After the amputation, Lily was 'Reborn'.

Her lust for life reemerged. She was no longer depressed and was joyful again. It was stunning how fast she adapted to three legs! In no time, she was back to running, jumping, hiking, fetching and swimming - just a bit slower.

People stopped staring with 'pity' and asked us 'Lily questions'. We realized that educating how successful a three-legged dog leads their life is all part of owning a unique dog! Everyone wanted to share how inspiring and amazing our dog is, and we couldn't agree more. We love her, are proud of her, and we are glad to share her story. Over the years, we have seen many three-legged dogs. There is even a support group called 'The Tripod Club'.

Lily used to pride herself with her "shake a paw", but now she'd be off balance and tip over. So, she cleverly shakes her stump instead. It is sooo cute because she smiles knowing it makes us laugh.

While hiking, we have encountered bears and coyotes. Lily is fearless and instantly becomes 'Ready-For-Battle!' We have to restrain her; but if she hears a bumble bee buzzing, she runs and hides, shivering under a chair.

Lily is such a joy, she eagerly does her best and our wonder dog's favorite thing after a hike is a cool down swim in a lake, mine too! My mother loves to joke, 'Lily and I are the handi-capped couple. I have a walker and Lily has a limp. Lily's per-

severance inspires me!' And she does everyone, me included."

TIPS

To make Lily's life easier, the family gives her a "clear runway" when she approaches them, and especially on the stairs. They never rush her and her doggie bed rests beside her human parents because the "real bed" is too high for her to negotiate.

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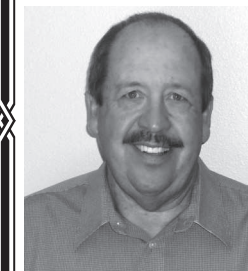
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LORANE NEWS

It is time to make music. Bring your Ukels, friends, and join Rural Art Center for ukulele lessons with Pat Dixon on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at Crow Middle/ High School music room. Classes star this Thursday afternoon, October 12. Special thanks go to the Oregon Country Fair for underwriting the Ukulele Group this fall.

No school this Friday, October 13 for State-wide In-service.

Home game at Crow High School includes Homecoming this Friday, October 13.

Two big events this Saturday, October 14. First, the Booster Club Auction and Carnival. Carnival is 3-5 p.m. in the high school gym, dinner and silent auction from 4:30 - 6 p.m., and live auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Then at 6 pm, the Rural Art Movie nights resume at Lorane Grange with delicious soup and bread and wonderful desserts. After the pre- show of sharing your Halloween costumes or pumpkins in a contest with small prizes; the show begins at 7 p.m. It is family night and a delightful film, "Willow" will be shown. Come enjoy a fun evening in Lorane.

CAL School Board meets on October 19 at Lorane Grange starting at 7 p.m. right after executive session.

Lorane Grange Baked potato bar and bingo evening is Friday, October 27. Plan on this exciting evening.

Mark your calendars for the Annual FREE Fall Harvest on October 28 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the Applegate Elementary School. They would love some help setting up, tearing down, and with some decorations, please call or text 541-517-8556. Candy donations are GREATLY appreciated.

Remember the Canning, Preservation, and Sharing Clinic on October 20 through 22 with dinner on Friday, October 20 at Lorane Grange.



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