



# Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



Emma, a 50-pound, sort of German Shepherd look-alike, Mexican-mutt street dog was adopted by Janice and her spouse, Helen. As a result of Emma's earlier life, she suffers from doggy PTSD (Puppy Traumatized or Stressed Dog). She easily startles - at anything!

When Janice and Helen went on vacation, Emma stayed with her best doggy friend, Lottie, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, and her humans Corrine, Sandra and Kayleigh.

The day before the couple's return home, Emma slipped out

of her harness and ran for the highway. Vehicles slowed down and several drivers exited their cars trying to catch her. Emma, in her PTSD panic, raced up the mountainside into coyote country. Immediately, Emma's journey was noted on Facebook. Fortunately, her caretakers knew she had creek water for survival.

The couple returned home, posted LOST flyers on the hiking trails, and their posters paid off. After seven days, cell phones came to the rescue as a flurry of calls arrived pinpointing Emma's location. "Hikers told us that Emma had just run by them," said Janice, "and that they'd tried to catch her."

"Helen and I hiked higher and higher after her. We called and called. It was exhausting." The ladies said their worry for

Emma was a "stressful, emotional and physically challenging time".

They were not alone in their search. Friends and strangers joined the hunt. The next sighting came late one afternoon. Three of their friends saw Emma, so they knew that they were getting close. By evening, however, they had to descend the trails without their dog.

The next day, another sighting came in. The exhausted ladies headed out and met the woman who Emma had run by mere minutes earlier.

Again, many of their friends arrived for the search, but with all the sightings, it felt like they were just following the dog, not gaining any ground.

"We met Lottie and her humans on the trail," said Janice. "We split up. But after another exhausting fruitless search we went home. About 4 PM, a woman phoned saying she'd '...just seen Emma on the trail' where we were earlier.

It was getting dark when Sandra and Kayleigh hiked up past the parking lot while Corrine and I looked in the area Emma had last been seen. Then Sandra phoned whispering, 'We have Emma!'

Helen, Corrine, and I, and

Lottie hurried to their location where all three of them were lying on the ground. Sandra and Kayleigh had watched a YouTube video about a lost dog who wouldn't come to their owners. The video advised to get on the ground and act like you are eating with loud crunching noises. Sandra and Kayleigh did just that. Emma relaxed but would not come close. When Emma saw us with Lottie she recognized her best four pawed buddy, and ran towards us all excited.

Emma was crying with relief, exhaustion, and excitement. She had lost weight but was in excellent shape given what she had gone through for two weeks.

The team of rescuers hugged and laughed, tearfully proving that there are heroes and happy endings.

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## Marijuana

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for the same purpose. The remaining 80 percent is split between mental health programs, drug and alcohol treatment, the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State Police and education.

Cottage Grove will stash the money in its General Fund where it can be used for law enforcement purposes.

"We didn't budget for it. We thought it would be easier not to budget for it and then change it if we got the money than to budget for it and then not get it," Meyers said. The city did budget for the local tax funds—predicting \$15,000, a number that

could be reached by the time the money from the three percent local tax from May on rolls in.

The state of Oregon approved the sale of recreational marijuana imposing a 17 percent tax that would be shared with municipalities around the state. However, payments were delayed until the Oregon Liquor Control Commission—the entity charged with setting up the administration structure for the newly legal market—was paid back for initial costs associated with the legal sale of the drug.

## Armory

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concrete stairs with lead paint can be responsible for tracking," said Perry Cabot, a senior program specialist with the Multnomah County Health Department who is responsible for providing resources and education on lead poisoning prevention within the county. It would be a sensible explanation, he said, but without knowledge of the remediation process he said it's impossible to know if it's the sole culprit behind the elevated test. "There's no way to

say it's only from tracking." The city spent \$30,000 to have the stairs cleaned and the paint removed, utilizing a dry ice process.

The subsequent testing has showed the area now tests under 10.

In total, five locations were tested including three areas in the drill hall which is used for public events, the foyer and center of the gym. The basement, which houses the old shooting range was not tested.

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