



Pet Tips'n'Tales

by Mary Ellen “Angel Scribe”



Divine timing creates magic and miracles. They happen when you least suspect them and leave your mouth hanging open in awe, and your mind exclaiming, "How on earth did that just happen!"

I stopped at my walking buddy Jim's, for a walk on West Vancouver's seawall; crowded with tourists, residents and dogs.

Instead of leaving right away we chatted for 45 minutes, until I felt a tug at my heart to go for the walk. We left, then he returned to get his hat, and I popped back

home for my sunglasses. As I was leaving I picked up the newspaper, with artist Lynda and Silky's pet article, that had forgotten on our last four walks.

This delay in timing led Jim and me straight to a jaw dropping moment! As we crossed the train tracks, representing the past and future crossroads of lives, we were disappointed to see that the artists were not at the park.

Just then a woman, Phillipa, and her dog, Precious, walked passed us. The cute, confident, five pound, eight-year-old, dog com-

manded attention! I mentioned how adorable the dog was and Phillipa exploded with pride, "I picked her up at the shelter three months ago. She is the best dog I ever had! I wanted a senior dog and she is trained, lovable, fun and has turned my house into a home."

Remembering that I was carrying the "not delivered" newspaper, I opened it to the pet column, and asked her if she wanted Precious featured.

Phillipa, in Canada, pointed to the Oregon newspaper article's photograph of Lyn-

da and Silky and exclaimed, "They are my neighbors! Precious and I drove over to visit them and the other artists, but they've been relocated to the next street today!"

On the way, Phillipa shared her story, "My son's recent passing left a big hole in my heart. I needed to fill it with love. So I purr-used Internet rescue sights, visited a few, then I checked a different shelter's photos and there was MY DOG! I called hoping that the dog was still for adoption, and left a message. I could not wait, so I drove the distance to the shelter only to learn the dog was in a foster home. That evening I received a call to 'visit' Precious.

Apparently the wee dog was transferred from a shelter 1,000 miles away, where she had been placed, bailed out, escaped, caught, and tossed back into doggy prison - terrorized.

And the rest is history. I took one look at Precious and came home with her. I felt she was searching for me."

Phillipa's neighbor's cat's name is Precious. She thought it was a ridiculous name. But not for her dog, who is "Precious" inside and out!

The tiny canine was deemed as part Chinese Crested because she had areas without fur. But after a few weeks, of healthy people meats and vegies, the dog transformed into a cute furry creature!

Phillipa's neighbors love dogs, so when a new adoption

arrives, the neighbors bring over their dog's castoff toys and supplies. Precious's favorite toy is an ugly, indescribable, orange and brown animal. With a big smile on her face, she wildly squeaks it, then takes off running as if she's stolen the crown jewels.

"Precious is great company and an amazing cuddler," said Phillipa. "Just what I needed. She loves sleeping under my blankets, and laying her head next to mine. Her cuteness makes my heart sing. She's brought fun, joy, and laughter back into my life. She loves toys, grabs one, and then runs, wanting me to chase her for it. It is great exercise for us both! I am so blessed to have her. It is a miracle, destiny, that a little bit of a dog made it 1,000 miles for me to rescue her and her to sooth and heal my heart."

TIPS

"I wanted to adopt an older dog because they are harder to place than puppies," said Phillipa. "Senior pets have so much love to give, Precious proves that, and she came trained! It is a win, win, win situation!"

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