

Pet Tips Tales by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



ivine 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 commanded 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 Lynda and Silky and exclaimed, arrives, the neighbors bring "They are my neighbors! Precious and I drove over to visit them and the other artists, but is an ugly, indescribable, orange they've been relocated to the and brown animal. With a big next street today!"

her story, "My son's recent passing left a big hole in my heart. I needed to fill it with love. So I different shelter's photos and adoption, and left a message. I distance to the shelter only to home. That evening I received a call to 'visit' Precious.

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."

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 fur-

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

over their dog's castoff toys and supplies. Precious's favorite toy smile on her face, she wildly On the way, Phillipa shared squeaks it, then takes off running as if she's stolen the crown

"Precious is great company purr-used Internet rescue sights, and an amazing cuddler," said visited a few, then I checked a Phillipa. "Just what I needed. She loves sleeping under my there was MY DOG! I called blankets, and laying her head hoping that the dog was still for next to mine. Her cuteness makes my heart sing. She's could not wait, so I drove the brought fun, joy, and laughter back into my life. She loves learn the dog was in a foster toys, grabs one, and then runs, wanting me to chase her for it. It is great exercise for us both! Apparently the wee dog was I am so blessed to have her. It transferred from a shelter 1,000 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 Phillipa's neighbor's cat's love to give, Precious proves name is Precious. She thought it that, and she came trained! It is a win, win, win situation!"

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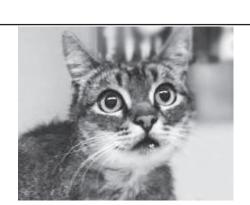


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