



Pet Tips n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

After Connie's beloved dog, Abby, died, she felt that it was impossible to find another dog as amazing. Luckily, she was wrong.

One afternoon, as she was sewing a Halloween dog costume for a friend's Saint Bernard, a second friend arrived with their Saint Bernard, Kade, as a model to fit the costume.

"It was love at first sight for both Kade and myself," said Connie.

And the next thing she heard was unbelievable, "Would you consider adopting Kade?" asked her friend. "With my husband's illness, we can no longer keep him."

The friend suggested that Connie keep the dog overnight, so she could finish fitting the costume and get to know him better. It worked, by bedtime, her family had fallen in love with their overnight guest.

Everyone was vying for the dog's attention and asking to sleep with him, so they left their bedroom doors open so he could choose who to sleep with.

Then at 5 a.m. Kade insistently tried waking Connie's husband, Mike, by pawing at him. Mike responded by pushing Kade away commenting on "slobbering Saint Bernards."

"After failing to awaken my husband," said Connie. "the Saint' came around to my side of the bed, jumped up, and laid down on top of my body where he continued scratching Mike trying to arouse him."

Mike gave in, rolled over, and saw that Connie, a diabetic, was unconscious and in shock from a deadly insulin reaction. Her body temperature was below 90. She was freezing to death. Their alarm clock wasn't set to go off for another two hours. She would not have survived.

"Kade was trying to alert and wake Mike to take care of me," said Connie. "My husband rushed off to bring me juice to raise my blood sugar, and Kade did just what Saints' are trained to do. He laid his body over the top of mine, wrapped his head around me, and let his warm breath warm my body."

"Without any doubt, I know God worked a miracle that night by sending Kade to save my life," said Connie, "What an incredible dog to alert my husband."

As I lay unconscious, I knew I was dying and pictured Abby. Since that day, I have felt Abby's presence every time I look into Kade's eyes. After that night, there was never any question of where Kade would live."

Kade was never medically trained. Without fail, when he sensed that Connie was about to have an insulin problem, long before she knew it, he went over to an open pack of Pepsi, and took her a can. He dropped it in her hand insistently making her drink it. Every time, when she tested her blood sugar, it proved that Kade was always right.

Kade was sent by God," said Connie, "I am thankful to my Saint' for giving me more time with my children and husband. He was the best dog we ever had!"



NOTE:

Dearest Readers,

What makes Kade's story extra amazing is that it and my six-month-old kitten, Myster E., also saved MY life.

My husband's hobby is tearing a house apart and fixing it up again. At the time, we were unaware of NO VOC paints. My husband would hum away painting walls, cabinets, ceilings, staining wood trim, and send wallboard dust etc., fumes wafting through the house. Eventually, the construction particles/fumes took a toll on my lungs.

The night after writing Kade's article, I went to bed feeling fine. At 3 a.m., I woke up with labored breathing, and lay there for an hour trying to stay calm and breath evenly.

Myster E. jumped on the bed, came up to my head and insistently/annoyingly started to breath INTO my nose. His whiskers continually tickled my face arousing me more.

I pushed him away gasping, "Please don't. I am having enough trouble breathing on my own."

Then a light bulb went off reminding me of Kade helping Connie, so I tried standing up. This attack was dangerous. I could not stand.

My family drove me to the emergency room. I will never forget what Myster E., a mere kitten, brilliantly did by alerting me and trying to breathe life into me! There is no doubt that Kade's story and Myster E.'s actions saved my life. Thank you, Connie, and Kade. It was a miracle we met and wrote the article when we did.

Tips

"Animals sixth sense is amazing," said Brenda in Kentucky's tornado belt. "I've learned from watching horses that when a storm is forecast, and they remain calm not to worry. When they run to the barn I pay attention. Horses do not mind getting wet so we know it is not just' rain that is on its way!"

Also, my Great Pyrenees, Belle, was sleeping with me when I had night terrors. She awoke me by gathering me up in her giant paws, holding me tight. I was doubly grateful."

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