



# Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

When Rossi worked at a pet store, she purr-posedly broke the rules.

"It hurt seeing caged puppies," said Rossi, "who had never walked on grass. So after our boss left, the staff took the pups outside for a walk. The pups' happiness was contagious and it sped adoptions."

Rossi, witnessing the horrors of the pet industry through the pet store, encouraged her to enroll in film school and to gear projects towards dog rescue and not buying from stores.

For her second dog, she searched for one with emotional scars. She did not care about the size, age or breed, she wanted one who had lived a hard life, to heal its heart and teach it that life can be beautiful. Rossi found Peanut, a nine-year-old, Dachshund mix with sad eyes reflecting years of hardships.

The small dog was rescued from "death row" as she had yet another huge belly full of puppies. Peanut had been tied to a fence for eight years, where any roving dog could

impregnate her. She had birthed eight large litters. When Peanut was expecting again, her family drove her to a shelter. Once the puppies were weaned, Rossi and her other dog, Teeger, a 10-year-old Chihuahua, adopted an exhausted Peanut.

"When Peanut arrived," said Rossi, "she was scared and confused. She did not realize she was finally home'. She kept trying to run away to nowhere', so I never let her off leash. On car rides, Peanut's eyes reflected fear, and she'd shake from head to toe thinking that I was driving her back to the shelter."

Thankfully, after a month of love and routine, Rossi's magic began working! The dog realized that Rossi was her "mother" and that Teeger was her brother. Peanut relaxed for the first time in her life.

Teeger loves Peanut and understands that she needs him to teach her how to be a dog. He takes his brother role seriously and shows his sister the ropes by teaching her how to play.

walks but NOT on rainy days! After having so many puppies, her hips give out, so we often use a pet stroller. She loves the freedom to explore the world rolling along, a few feet higher, safe and in comfort."

When they bought Peanut her first squeaky toy, she didn't know what to do with it! She watched Teeger attack and run around the house with the toy. Then several months later, everything changed. She is happy, her eyes no longer reflect sadness, her tale wags, she is protective of Teeger, shares her bed with him, and washes him like one of her babies. She plays with toys and when a new one is bought Peanut claims it! She carries a toy everywhere, squeaking it the entire time, and insists on bringing it on walks.

"When my niece and nephew come over," said Rossi, "we play Hide and Seek. I always get caught because Peanut follows me, exposing my hiding spot! The children quickly learned to look for Peanut to find me!"

Rossi has friends who purchased high-priced puppies from breeders/pet stores. Their dogs are so ill-behaved that they are banned from doggy daycares. Her friends



cannot believe how well-mannered and loving Peanut is, learning that a rescued pet knows where it has been verses where it is now, and they try to please their rescuer. Adopt, don't shop! It is rewarding on so many levels.

**TIPS**  
"Cesar Milan's TV show," suggests Rossi, "teaches wonderful dog tips. Dogs need daily exercise and if their bodies are not able, then an animal stroller is a blessing. We found so many benefits using a stroller. It is easier to use on excursions, because all dogs are like us,

even when old we still want to see and smell nature! All minds need stimulation; and after a walk, the dogs are happy, energized, and so am I."

Teeger and Peanut's Instagram account - TotallyTeeger

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## Axe and Fiddle welcomes artist Portuguese Music Award winner, Ramana Vieira

Three time nominated artist with IPMA- (International Portuguese Music Awards), Ramana Vieira will perform traditional, ballad-style fados that pay homage to the "Queen of Fado," Amália Rodrigues, along with up-tempo compositions from her Internationally acclaimed 2015 album, Fado Da Vida. Her new work, sung in both English and Portuguese, captures influences from all the countries of Portuguese language and cultural heritage.

Ramana will be joined by three talented Oregonian Musicians: The versatile violinist Rory Holbrook, Portland Native Classically trained Bernardo Gomez on bass and the Latin American Guitar Virtuoso Ricardo Cardenas residing in Eugene, Oregon.

"Fado" literally means "fate" or "destiny" and is the most widely recognized genre of Portuguese music, dating back to the early 19th century. Vieira infuses her performance with innovative instrumentation, creative layers and soaring vocals.

The *New York Times* has recognized Ramana Vieira as an American at the forefront of the "Fado" resurgence. Born of Portuguese immigrants, Vieira grew up in the Bay Area listening to American pop, alongside traditional Portuguese music. She studied music at the The American Conser-

vatory Theatre and it was during a trip to Portugal that she shifted

her professional vision and began a deep exploration of "Fado." She found that the native music ignited her spirit and provided her with an authentic professional path. She has since become recognized as one of the new voices of Portuguese World Music. Vieira's brilliant musicality and colorful heritage offers her audience a rare opportunity to enjoy the traditional "Fado" as well as her multifaceted fusion of what is essential to Portuguese and American classics.

Ramana Vieira has been described by *Mundo Portugues* newspaper as the, "New Voice of Portuguese World Music." She has headlined the world's largest Portuguese festival, the New Bedford Portuguese Feast in Massachusetts, and has performed at the 2010 Encontro Festival in Macau. One of her original songs, "Unido Para Amar," was played for the 2006 Winter Olympics opening ceremony, and she was chosen to sing for the 50th Grammy Awards special MusiCares benefit honoring Aretha Franklin. Fado, the most widely recognized music of Portugal, is a passionate, soul-stirring music with soaring vocals and dramatic tales of love, loss and redemption. Legendary fadista Amália Rodrigues popularized fado in the 20th century, and today, platinum-selling Portuguese singers Ana Moura and Mariza are selling out concert halls in the U.S. *The New York Times* has recognized Ramana Vieira as an American at the forefront of the fado resurgence.

According to Ramana, "nobody else is doing what we are doing with fado." Part of her innovative approach to the music is in the instrumentation. Traditionally, fado was music for voice and the guitarra Portuguesa, a 12-string guitar. But as Larry Rohter of *The New York Times* has noted, "Conservatory-trained singer Ramana Vieira adds a New Age sensibility and instrumentation to the music with cello and drums."

Ramana's personal relationship to fado music lies deep in her family history, as her grandfather was a well-known musician and composer from Madeira Island, Portugal. Ramana was born in San Leandro, California, to Portuguese immigrants, and was exposed to the voices of Portugal's past at a young age. "During my childhood, I sang with my mother to Amália Rodrigues and other fabulous fadistas that were part of her special record collection," said Ramana. Her passion for music continued as she matured and eventually she attended the American Conservatory Theatre where she did her vocal training with Faith Winthrop, San Francisco's grande dame of song and one of the most respected singers and vocal coaches on the scene today. Although she had dreams of a Broadway career, her direction shifted abruptly when a famous music producer inspired her to embrace her Portuguese roots. Shortly after that she found herself on an unexpected journey to Portugal where she had the opportunity to perform with the local fado singers and musicians, bringing the house to its feet with her authentic, yet individual style.

Friday's performance at the Axe & Fiddle in Cottage Grove are \$10 in advance, \$15 available at the door

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