



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Tiny dog, big miracle

My friend and author, Randy Peysler, seen above with her friend's beloved duck, Ms Deva Duckie, is known for her miracles and love of animals; her funny book, "Crappy to Happy," that was featured in a bookstore scene in Julia Roberts' movie, "Eat, Pray, Love"; and her inspiring book, "The Power of Miracle Thinking". Randy often contributes helpful pet tips to this column such as: "It is not safe for dogs to chew on human stuffed toys because they are sprayed with toxic fire retardants."

Besides being an author, Randy helps clients edit their books and then gets them book deals with publishers. She pitches her authors' books each May at the annual publishing industry's popular "feeding frenzy," called Book Expo America. One year, I assisted her on the show floor, and I walked five miles over three days as we pitched books to agents and publishers.

A few years ago, Randy lived in a tiny Californian town about the size of Mayberry R.F.D. that is a 20 minute drive off the freeway. One afternoon, she saw a picture of a lost dog on the community's bulletin board. Believing in miracles, and being a woman of prayer, she said, "My heart went out to the sweet little fluff ball. It couldn't have been more than eight pounds, and being lost in our isolated area meant it was most likely in danger, because we have mountain lions

purr-owling for their next meal." Standing there, in front of her small post office, she closed her eyes and said a prayer for the dog's safety and asked that it be found and returned to its elderly companion.

Randy has mostly national clients through her AuthorOneStop.com book business, so it was a rarity for anyone to come to her home. But as miracles would have it, later that week, a man phoned who lived a half hour's drive away. He asked if he could meet with Randy in person about his book project.

"We had a great meeting, and after he left my house he suddenly felt very thirsty," said Randy. "When he stopped at our only stop sign in my postage stamp-sized "center" of town, he debated whether or not to wait until he got home to get something to drink. But his thirst won over, so he pulled into the parking lot of our little mom and pop store. There, tacked on the wall outside the store was another poster featuring the lost dog.

He gasped...! He knew the dog! Not only that, but, three days ago, this same dog had chased his car down the road he lived on! How had he gotten there? Being kindhearted, he had stopped his car and picked up the little collarless dog. Since his wife was allergic to dogs he had driven the dog to his neighbor's home for safekeeping.

Needless to say, the dog and his rightful owner were joyfully reunited later that day! We're all still completely stymied as to how this magnificent event filled with synchronicities unfolded."

It appears that Randy and I now have another doggy-miracle story for our next books! The more you believe in miracles, the more they manifest in your life. Good luck to all of the wonderful pet and non-pet authors (and fiction and non-fiction authors) at this year's Book Expo!

TIPS

"I once had a pet slug!" said Randy. "Sluggo's little mouth was fascinating to watch as he vacuumed the algae off the inside of the fish tank he shared with my goldfish.

One time, I was cleaning the fish tank and dumped the tank's dirty water down the sink. Shocked, I realized I'd accidentally washed Sluggo down the sink drain. Boy, was I relieved when he crawled out of the pipe and back into the sink! As I wrote in, Crappy to Happy, "If Sluggo could crawl out of a deep, dark, crappy mess, so can you!" www.CrappytoHappy.com



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Bowlers honored by council



BOWLING- The Cottage Grove boys and girls bowling team was honored at the city council meeting on Monday, March 12 for their outstanding season. The teams came in second and third respectively in the high school bowling tournament.

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•CORRECTION•

In the March 7 edition of *The Sentinel*, Opal Center's latest play was incorrectly identified as "The King Who Wanted a Boat." The title of the play is "The King Who Wanted a Whale."

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Welcome to The Relay Corner! This will be a monthly section, dedicated to everything Relay! Any events, fundraisers, and news related to Relay for Life of South Lane County will be found here! You can also follow us on Facebook- www.facebook.com/SouthLaneRelay.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Relay Kickoff Rally this year! It was another fun event which resulted in lots of new people registered for our 2018 Relay. Thank you to the City of Cottage Grove and the City Relay Team for securing the Armory for our event.

Team meetings started this month. They will be held the first Monday of every month at 6pm inside the Community Center at the Library. You can get information about our 2018 Relay, the mission of the American Cancer Society, and great fundraising ideas. Get your team registered today!

Speaking of teams, we currently have seven teams registered. Welcome to the Sparkinators, Community of Christ, and Team Believe, our newest teams. We would love to see the team count hit 25 teams this year, so that we can fill Bohemia Park with the power of Purple!

Join us April 7th at 6pm for a "Spaghetti Western" Relay Fundraiser. It will be held at the Elks Lodge. We will be offering a Spaghetti dinner along with some great Relay Information. Then stick around for some country dance music. Tickets will be \$8 dollars in advance for adults, \$10 at the door, and \$5 for kids 3-12. You can find more information, as well as purchase tickets by going to our Facebook page, and looking under events.

Business Leaders- We are looking for sponsors for our 2018 season! Thank you to Boyce & Sons, ALSCO, and The Sentinel for their on-going in-kind donations. A big thank you to Starfire Lumber for their increased donation. Finally welcome back Weyerhaeuser as our Survivor Sponsors. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please email SouthLaneRFL@gmail.com, and we will get right back to you!

Details are coming together for our 2018 Relay for Life- "The Sound of Hope"! We are excited to announce that local rock sensations, Code Red, will be our evening headliner this year! You don't want to miss their dynamic performance. More details to come next month!

Interested in being a part of our Event Leadership team, or maybe just want to learn new ways to help? Join us at our Monthly Meeting the first Thursday of every month at El Tapatio! We meet in the back room at 6pm. The next meeting is April 5th!