

PeaceHealth expands options with ZOOM+Care acquisition

PeaceHealth and ZOOM+Care* (“Zoom”) announced that they have signed a definitive agreement for PeaceHealth to acquire ZOOM+Care.

PeaceHealth and Zoom will provide access to a continuum of care that offers consumers more choice and convenience in how they receive healthcare services, ranging from mobile app-driven services and neighborhood clinics to sophisticated specialty and hospital services.

PeaceHealth is a leading health system serving communities throughout the Pacific Northwest and Zoom provides an innovative, on-demand neighborhood health platform and is based in Portland, Oregon.

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of today’s consumer,” said Liz Dunne, PeaceHealth President and Chief Executive Officer. “What is so exciting about this relationship is the complementary nature of our organizations and our shared passion for being the stewards of our communities’ health and well-being.”

Founded in 2006, ZOOM+Care has led the on-demand healthcare movement, building one of the country’s leading plat-

forms for the innovative delivery of retail and digital healthcare.

In just over 10 years, Zoom has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of people annually in 37 neighborhood clinics in Oregon and Washington, providing a full range of healthcare services, as well as innovative telemedicine services.

“Over the past decade, we imagined a future with our customer (we call her Sarah) at the center, managing her care using our mobile app and having easy access to neighborhood locations for her care,” said Dave Sanders, MD, Zoom’s Co-Founder and CEO.

“We found in PeaceHealth a shared vision and recognition that healthcare is continually evolving with increasing preferences for on-demand care. Peace-

Health and ZOOM+Care both aim to create a magnetic consumer experience, provide superb clinical results and help make healthcare more accessible and affordable.

“I’m also delighted for our hundreds of thousands of loyal patients who’ve come to rely on Zoom, because they can be confident that Zoom and its dedicated healthcare professionals and associates will continue to be there for them,” added Sanders.

Under the terms of the agreement, ZOOM+Care and PeaceHealth will continue to operate independently with separate leadership.

ZOOM+Care will further its focus on innovation, consumer experience and expanding access.

PeaceHealth’s acquisition of ZOOM+Care is expected to close Dec. 31.



Pet tips ‘N’ tales

By Mary Ellen “Angel Scribe”

Holy Cat

Tips ‘n’ Tales fur-tured Elaine and Ed’s cat, Terry, who was rescued from a camping site in a previous story. Fur your reading paw-leasure, the article was about his purr-vious miraculous event. He’s now purr-formed another im-paws-ible miracle! No matter how purr-pared you are for his story, you will be purr-plexed at its unbelievable paws-ibilities!

In 2014, Pope Francis quoted apostle Paul to console a child at the loss of his pet, “One day we will see our animals again in eternity of Christ. Paradise is open to all God’s creatures.”

Knowing that the Pope is an animal lover might explain what happened next!

“Christmas morning, Ed was watching Pope Francis’ Christmas Mass on TV. Terry was napping on the back of the couch,” said Elaine. “When the Pope began reciting the Consecration Prayer, Terry sat up, faced the TV, ‘watched’ the Pope, and unbelievably raised his left paw high in the air, staring at the Pope. He held his paw up for the entire prayer! Ed, in awe, stopped watching the Pope and focused on our cat.

“At the end of the prayer, Terry lowered his paw. We had never seen him hold up either paw for more than a few seconds. It was a Christmas miracle like none other! It was like witnessing a scene at Christ’s birth when all the animals gathered around the baby. A funny friend of ours began calling him, ‘Cat-echism.’

“Before this miraculous event took place, Terry was having serious intestinal issues. Since his ‘visit’ with the Pope, he’s been healed without any medical intervention. On his next health exam, he was given a clean slate of health.”

One weekend, Elaine’s left ear and eye were in pain from a wax build up.



Elaine and her cat, Terry

“My ear was squeaking like a door that needs oiling!” laughed Elaine. “So, I asked Terry Cat, the Holy Cat, to kiss it as I rubbed him on my ear. The next day my ear and eye were normal! Purr-viously I have ALWAYS had to go to the ear doctor for treatment. There is something spiritual about our cat. I believe he has holy powers.

“I did an internet search on Healing Powers of Cats and learned that their purr can lower the risk of human heart attack and our stress level. But, the most amazing thing is that cats’ purr vibrations range from 20 to 140 Hz known as medically therapeutic for humans and the cats!”

When Elaine asks their special kitty for a “hug” he places his front arms around their necks and starts a roaring purr. “None of our previous cats would hug us,” said Elaine. “He is always so gentle. In bed, he won’t jump on us. Instead, he politely jumps up next to us. It’s obvious that he doesn’t want to hurt us. We love him so much!”

His favorite cat nip toy has a Santa Claus picture (of course!) on it, and it is in his full toy basket. When asked for that one toy, “He walks over, selects it and brings it to me like a dog,” said Elaine. “When Ed goes out for the newspaper, Terry walks beside him to the front door and then waits until Ed comes back inside. Ed has a limp and he walks slowly, so, maybe that’s why Terry believes in guiding him. He is such a special kitty!”

When their kitty hears, “Terry cat, come see me,” he runs and jumps on his pet parents’ laps whether they are sitting or lying, and snuggles with them.

At meal time Elaine calls out “Mangi? Mangi?” It is an Italian for “You eat?”

“Hey, I figured that if our cat knows the Pope, maybe he knows Italian too!” laughs Elaine.

TIPS:

- Elaine purr-chased a cell phone selfie stick and dangled something off it so Terry would look directly into the camera.

- Is your pet fascinated with closets, dryers, drawers and bathrooms? If so, double check before closing, purr-venting pets from being locked in!

Share your fun, amazing or crazing pet tips and tales at angelscribe@msn.com or Follow Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PetTipsandTales. Adopt loving pets online at www.PetFinder.com. For spay or neutering, call the Humane Society at 541-942-2789.

Annual ‘First Day Hikes’ return to state parks Jan. 1

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) invites Oregonians outdoors on New Year’s Day for the annual First Day Hikes event.

Visitors can choose from 32 hikes in 31 parks across the state. All hikes will be guided by a park ranger or volunteer who will share stories about the park’s history, geology, wildlife and plants.

All hikes are free; day-use parking fees will be waived at all participating parks on Tuesday, Jan. 1, only.

Hikers can register for specific hikes online at the Oregon State Parks Store: bit.ly/ParkStoreEvents.

While online registration isn’t required for participation, visitors are encouraged to register. It helps park staff plan the hike and provides them with participant contact information should hike details change.

OPRD advises visitors to plan for inclement weather, dress in layers, wear sturdy

shoes, bring water and remember to carry binoculars for viewing wildlife.

OPRD has sponsored First Day Hikes annually since 2012, part of a larger national event organized by America’s State Parks. Participating parks and meeting areas are below. Full details for each hike are also on bit.ly/ParkStoreEvents.

COAST:

- Bullards Beach State Park: 1 p.m., meet at the meeting hall.
- Cape Lookout State Park: noon, meet in the Lookout Trailhead parking lot.
- Fort Stevens State Park: 10 a.m., meet at parking lot A.
- Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park: 10 a.m., meet at Cleawox Lodge.
- Oswald West State Park: 8 a.m., meet at Elk Flats Trail parking lot. Parking is limited; please arrive early, carpool or use another nearby lot.
- Port Orford Heads State

Park: 1 p.m., meet at Port Orford Heads lifeboat.

- South Beach State Park: 10 a.m., meet at the park day-use area.
- Umpqua Lighthouse State Park: 10 a.m., meet at Lake Marie swim area.
- Whale Watch Center at Depoe Bay: 10 a.m., meet at the Whale Watch Center.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY/ CASCADES

- Champoege State Heritage Area: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., meet at the visitor center.
- Dexter State Recreation Site: 11 a.m., meet at the information kiosk for disc golf.
- Elijah Bristow State Park: noon, meet at the equestrian parking area for horse riding (bring your own horse.)
- Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area: 11 a.m., meet at the main parking lot.
- Silver Falls State Park: 10 a.m., meet at South Falls Lodge porch.

SOUTHERN OREGON

- Collier Memorial State Park: 9 a.m., meet at Logging Museum parking lot.
- Joseph H. Stewart State Recreation Area: 11 a.m.,

meet at the group camp.

- OC & E Woods State Line Trail: 9 a.m., meet at Switchbacks trailhead.
- TouVelle State Park: 1 p.m., meet at TouVelle area F parking lot.
- Valley of the Rogue State Park: 1 p.m., meet at Valley of the Rogue program area.

EASTERN/CENTRAL OREGON

- Cottonwood Canyon State Park: 10 a.m., meet at the experience center.
- Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area: 11 a.m., meet at the day-use parking lot (right of park entrance.)
- LaPine State Park: 11 a.m., meet at south loop.
- Smith Rock State Park: 10 a.m., meet at the welcome center.
- Tumalo State Park: 11 a.m., meet at Deschutes River Trail trailhead, near the day-use parking lot.
- Wallowa Lake State Park: 10:30 a.m., meet at the parking area across from the south entrance of Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site.

More information about participating parks, including maps and directions, is available at oregonstateparks.org.

THURSDAY 46° 33° Rain	FRIDAY 45° 35° Partly Cloudy
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MONDAY 46° 33° Rain	TUESDAY 48° 35° Rain

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