



Betty Kaiser's Chatter Box: An update in her own words

asking about her condition and for an update following a dog attack on March 30.)

Betty Kaiser

(Editor's note: Many readers of our long-running columnist Betty Kaiser, who contributes "Chatterbox" and "Cook's Corner," have been

"I had surgery to cleanse and wrap a wound on March 31. It is very large, so I am now facing skin graft surgery (after the wound settles down).

In the meantime, I carry

around a wound cleansing machine that weighs a ton and I have to go into the hospital every other day to have the wound cleaned and dressings changed.

Ugh and ouch!

Many thanks for an outpouring of care and concern from so many people. I am humbled and most grateful."

Like all of us at *The Sentinel*, please keep your prayers, best thoughts and wishes with Betty in the weeks and months ahead.

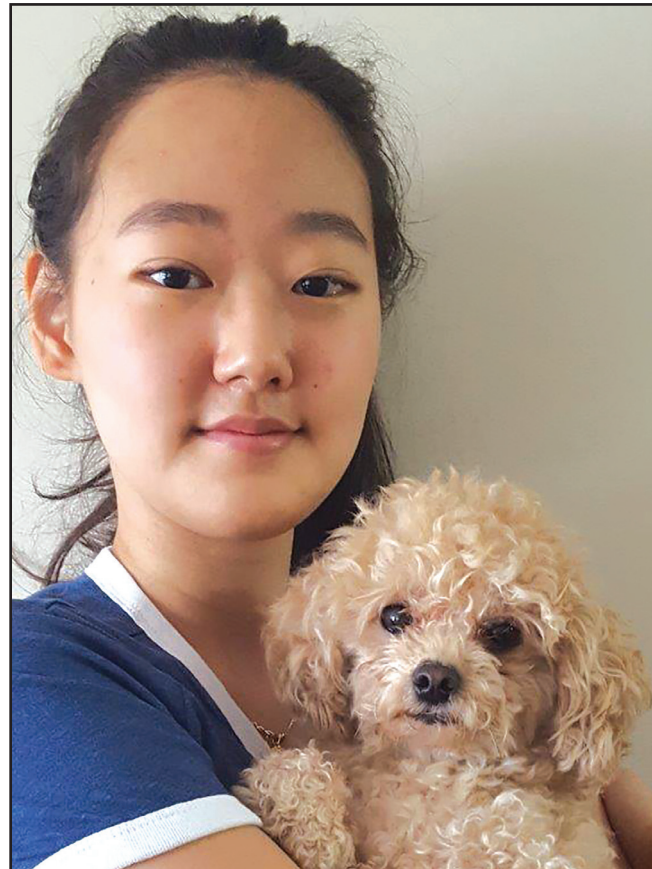
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Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

I Love My Dog, I Want a Cat!



Lexie and her Korean three-year-old toy poodle are both "bilingual!"

Lexie is a busy 17-year-old teenager with a heart of gold. She loves all animals, domestic and wild. She was born in South Korea where she volunteered as a dog walker at a pet shelter.

She has the gift of tenacity and purr-severance. "Having a dog or a cat was always a dream of mine. So, every Christmas and birthday, I gave my parents a long letter listing good reasons why we should adopt a cat or a dog," said Lexie.

While in Korea, Lexie found someone on a pet rescue website trying to find homes for four puppies. Her family went over "just to take a look." The smallest of the bark-babies approached her.

"He was so soft, little, light and delicate, and it was love at first sight for us both," said Lexie. "We named him Dana (Dan-Ah) which is usually a female name; but in Korean it means 'delicate, elegant and graceful' and he is so smart. He knows each family member. When I ask, 'Where's mom?' he looks at mom and runs towards her. When my mom asks him, 'Where's big sister?' he looks at me and comes to me. He is curious too. When I'm changing, he comes to check whether I'm changing for a walk and gives me 'the look' as if to say, 'So are we going out or what?'"

Dana doesn't care what country he lives in, he loves everyone, said Lexie. When strangers approach him and his family out walking and they say, "How cute" he is, Dana dances in happy circles of joy.

On the "bilingual" aspect of training a dog a new language, Lexie admits, "Whenever we ask him to do tricks, he sometimes gets too excited and does extra tricks not requested or sits down, lies down or goes to his house," she said. "He brings us so much joy and laughter. When he asks with his little bark and pleading eyes for me to lift him up on my bed, he melts my heart. He then curls up next to me for a nap."

Lexie said that whenever she's stressed from high school, exams, anxious or mad, she knows that Dana will always be there for her.

"He calms me down by curling up next to me and lets me pet him. He makes my family happy, and for that reason, I love him so much," said Lexie.

When Lexie and her family moved to the North American continent, she ventured into new territory and began volunteering as a cat companion at a shelter near her home. This involves petting and socializing with cats, not a tough job at all!

"Pet shelters are amazing places where dogs, cats and many animals can find a new life," said Lexie. "Even though I have a dog, I still love the idea of caring for animals who don't have a home. I love cats and, as a cat companion at the humane shelter, I am trying to convince my mom that we need a cat. There are so many homeless-beautiful-sweet cats that melt my heart. I'm trying to educate her to this fact by also having her volunteer as a cat companion."

This way, Lexie's mom can "meet" the cats in purrs-on and understand their need to find homes. Who knows? Maybe she will fall in love with one. Keep your paws crossed that one day soon Dana will have a sibling.

TIPS:

"We give Dana vegetables and fruits for his treats," said Lexie. "We feel they are healthier for him than store bought treats. And he loves apples, potatoes, pumpkins and sweet potatoes, which are all healthy for dogs and us!"

You can begin volunteering at most pet shelters at any age. The animals love seeing you, children learn compassion, and the elderly are taking the "lonesome" out of someone's day — and theirs!

Share your fur-avorite pet memory or adventure at angelscribe@msn.com. Visit Pet Tips 'n' Tales on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PetTipsandTales Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program. 541-942-2789

Desserts for Dinner event to benefit local homeless families

Catholic Community Services has served Eugene and Springfield for over 66 years as a partner with Food for Lane County and has been serving over 30,000 people a year with a variety of essential services.

To fill the specific need of supporting homeless families, G Street Oasis was established as a collaborative area project providing

homeless families with children priority access to a coordinated set of services.

Dessert for Dinner will benefit the G Street Oasis Program, providing vital funds for the provision of wrap-around services designed to guide client families on a path toward shelter, stability and independence.

This fun-filled evening

will feature a dessert competition among seven local bakeries vying for the first-ever "Mayor's Cup" to be presented by Mayor Christine Lundberg of Springfield.

Additional food, beverages, prizes, and entertainment will also be available.

The benefit will take place Friday, April 26, from 5:30

to 7:30 p.m. at the Bob Keef-er Center, 250 S. 32nd St. in Springfield.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and can be purchased at www.ccscl.org under "Events."

Tables can be sponsored for \$400.

For more information, visit www.dessertfordinnerspringfield.com

LORANE NEWS

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Lorane Grange decided, after much discussion, not to have dinner and bingo in April. Unfortunately, not enough members were going to be available to work. The Grange will resume in the fall. For all those bingo fans, Applegate Elementary Boosters is having a bingo evening on Friday, April 26, in the school gym. There will be another bingo night in May. Come have fun and

support the students.

- This Sunday, April 14, Lorane Christian Church is hosting the Living Last Supper at 11 a.m. All are welcome to come. Prepare to be emotionally moved and inspired.

- The Eugene Emeralds will visit Applegate Elementary on Wednesday, April 17. They will help kick off the Home Run Reading Challenge. In addition, Smokey Bear will visit the first grade to discuss fire safety on April 22.

- Mark your calendars for

the annual Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 7, beginning at 3:15 p.m. Come meet the teacher and visit the classroom. Kindergarten is a full-day program, five days a week. Call 541-935-3100 for more information.

- The high school office revamping project is almost completed. Come by and see the new look and updated safety and security for the front of the school.

- It was another great Talent Show and Grange Open House at Lorane Grange Sunday afternoon. Thirty-three audience members enjoyed four talented entertainers: Long-time Lorane entertainers Kyle and Jim; six-year-old banjo freestyle dance;

amazing nearly-six-year-old Jillian McGladrey singing, with her dad accompanying her on guitar; and fantastic Crow High School junior Cooper Morris. Little Banjo had her artwork displayed in the kitchen. A special thank you to Barbara Dare as emcee. Outstanding Community Service Awards were presented by the Grange to several very deserving people: Jim and Pat Edwards, Tara Wigle, Larry and Donna Moore, Heidi Langstraat, and Josie Skeers. All have given so much to our community. Pat and Jim have decades of giving to our community and schools in the district. Thank you to all who came. See everyone next year — bring your talent!

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