



Betty Kaiser

Betty Kaiser's Chatter Box: Mother's Day Memories

You'll make her day.

And if your mom has gone to her heavenly reward, say a little prayer of gratitude.

How do I know all of these things? Because I'm a mother and it was the best job that I ever had. A mother's love and caring instincts kicked in quickly for me and knew no bounds.

I worked 24 hours a day for 20-plus years and was paid in hugs and kisses. Still, from the day a baby is born and brought home until they fly away on their own, it's work, work, work.

But I always thought that was why we had kids. Their wants and needs ordered my days — from dawn to dusk and often, all night. Some people complain about the teenage years but I thought they were a walk in the park compared to infancy, toddlers and elementary school.

Actually, looking back, I sometimes wonder how I survived. My husband worked long hours, six days a week, often until midnight. He was also in the US Army Reserve. We had been married one year when our daughter Kathy was born.

Jeff came two years later and John a mere 13 months after that. Money was scarce and so were creature comforts. No dishwashers or new-fangled clothes dryers. I spent most of my time feeding and burping babies, sterilizing bottles and formula, changing diapers,

doing laundry by hand, ironing, hanging diapers on the clothes line and folding clothes after everyone went to bed.

I was young and energetic enough to cope with chaos. Most of the time. There were days when I was sure that I was going crazy. When the kids were toddlers, I really looked forward to naptime. But they all slept in the same room. Kathy dozed right off.

Jeff was not so cooperative. One day he was very quiet. I looked in and he was gone! I found him outside in his underwear riding up and down the street on the neighbor kid's tricycle! John never slept at naptime. His favorite trick was to empty out all the dresser drawers — every day.

There was never a dull moment and lots of joy as their growing stages and harmless mischief kept me smiling.

In my childhood, Mother's Day celebrations were a big deal and very formal. Growing up, the day revolved around my mother and grandmother's wishes. Sunday was church day. Everyone dressed in their Sunday best — suits and hats — orchid corsages were mandatory! And dinner at the steak house with three well-behaved children was a must.

My Mother's Day morning as a mom of three kids under the age of four years old was a little wilder. I would coax the kids out of

bed and feed them cold cereal for breakfast.

Sticky hands and faces were washed before they were dressed in their Sunday best; hair was combed and kids were plopped down in front of TV cartoons while I got dressed.

Then, between the time I ironed my dress and put on my stylish hat, an argument would break out. "Mom, he hit me!" And inevitably, one of the boys would run outside, fall down and rip out the knees of his new Sunday suit. Kathy stayed in her room just to avoid the commotion.

Somehow all five of us got out the door and into the car. As my husband drove, I would pull out a bottle of nail polish and paint my nails—praying they would be dry by the time we got to church.

After church we all went out to supper (where the boys climbed under the table!) and then home for a nap!

Mother's Day always began with chaos but was rewarded with hugs and kisses.

Happy Mother's Day to moms of all eras! May all your memories be sweet.

And if you're a new, overwhelmed mom, remember that childhood is fleeting but love endures forever.

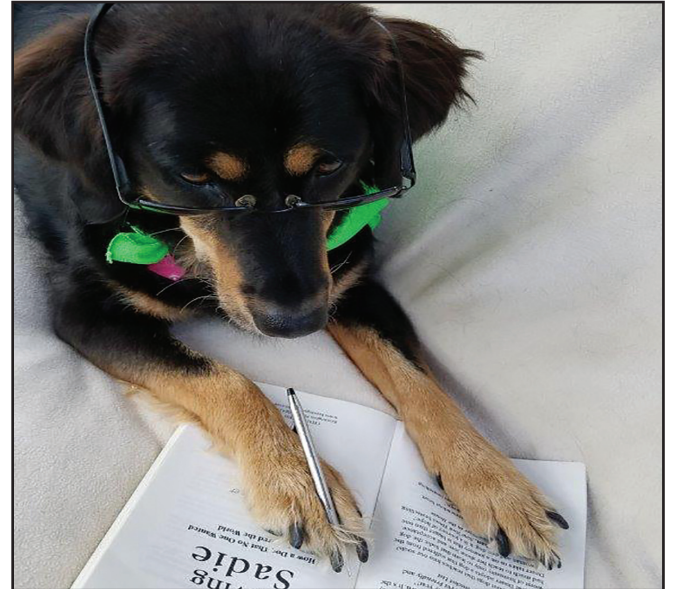
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Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Saving Sadie



Ms. Sadie is paw-dog-raphing her book, "Saving Sadie: How a Dog That No One Wanted Inspired the World."

Not many dogs are featured in two books, but not many have Sadie's unbelievable story. (In eight weeks, her newest book is in its third printing.) Her story describes her survival, rescue and life's work exposing bullies.

Years ago, right after Sadie had given birth to puppies, hikers were shocked to find her dying on a Kentucky mountain trail with a bullet hole between her eyes and in her back. The kind rescuers took her to a vet clinic, then she was transported to a Wisconsin shelter.

"While donating blankets to an animal shelter I saw a sad, injured dog," explained Joal. "I was told Sadie's heart-breaking tale and yet I saw her beauty. I had no intention of adopting her because I already had three dogs at home, but I volunteered to take Sadie to a doctor and pay for her appointment."

X-rays confirmed the bullets and shrapnel, so the veterinarian said she should use a doggy wheelchair cart. The second doctor told Joal that Sadie was urinary and fecally incontinent, that she couldn't walk and suggested "doing the kind thing."

"I saw something in Sadie's shining eyes that told me differently," said Joal. "So, I took her home and the next day we visited a holistic vet who said she should be given a chance."

The bullet was removed from Sadie's head, but the bullet and shrapnel in her back were too deeply embedded for removal. She was in diapers for a long time but, with manual help and homeopathic remedies, she can now do her own daily business.

At first, it was a rollercoaster ride, Joal said, but "after every modality of therapy known to man, the feeling returned to her back legs!"

Sadie is no longer fecally or urinary incontinent and they are working on strengthening her back legs to support her.

Sadie doesn't walk like a normal dog, so she and her children's book teach acceptance for people and animals with special needs. When children see Sadie is a living breathing creature, it makes them think twice about animal abuse. If their parents abuse animals, chances are they will too and then go on to abusing people; Sadie's book is aimed at preventing that from happening.

She and Joal travel to schools and libraries, teaching others the important message of acceptance of people and animals with special needs. She happily paw-toographs her second pup-ular book, "Sadie and the Superstars" (available in English and Spanish). Its message is to think about what we can do rather than what we can't — just like Sadie does.

Check out her Facebook page: Facebook/SavingSadie/

"Saving Sadie, How A Dog That No One Wanted Inspired the World" is Sadie's life story.

Eight-year-old Sadie is proof that we all have special abilities. She can do a high-10 over her head with her front paws, is a great watch dog, loves flying on airplanes with her nose pressed against a window, loves sledding and, of course, making snow angels.

From a dog tossed away like garbage, Sadie has risen to dreams even she could not have dreamt. Her accomplishments are that she's known in 44 countries and has had a presence at the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes. She has been on the cover of 12 major publications and was featured in "Modern Dog," "Fetch" and many other magazines and newspapers. She has appeared on many TV news shows including the Lifetime Network. She's also appeared in many U.S.A and Canadian calendars and she's the "spokes-dog" for IPAW. Sadie is big in the anti-bullying movement.

She has her logo on the back of a police car and her six minute movie is online at www.savingsadiemovie.com

Always thinking of others, Sadie is a Salvation Army Christmas bell ringer.

"She raised more money than I could on my own," laughed Joal.

TIPS:

When you can no longer care for a pet, relinquish it to an animal shelter. There is so much joy, love and paw-tential in each pet's life.

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Lorane News

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- If you missed Kindergarten Roundup at Applegate Elementary, call the office for information.
- Booster Club meets in the CHS Cafeteria tomorrow, May 9, beginning at 6 pm.
- Come out for a fun evening on Saturday, May 10, in the Applegate Elementary gym for a breakfast dinner and bingo. Enjoy delicious

baked French toast or biscuits and gravy beginning at 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 a plate. Bingo also starts at 5 p.m. and will play 10 games — each with a \$10 cash prize. The jackpot bingo game is \$100 within the first 56 numbers. Consolation prize if the jackpot isn't won is \$25.

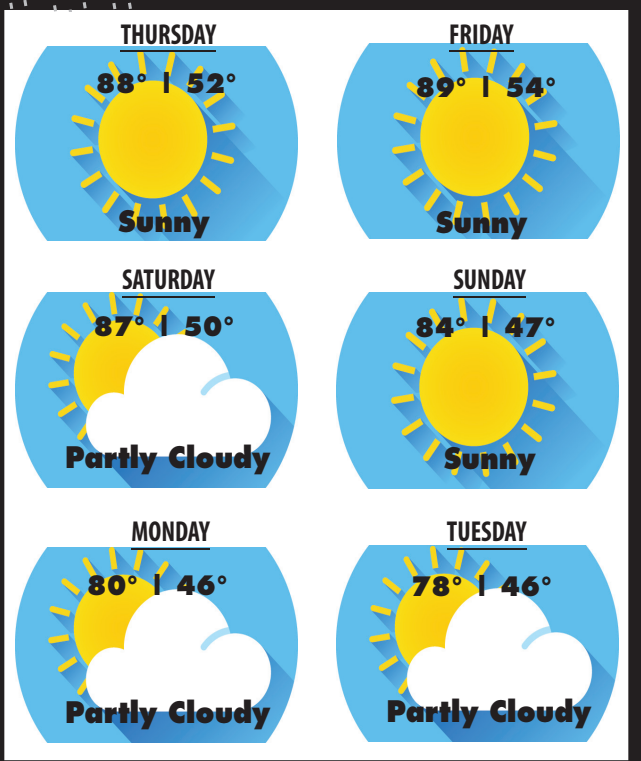
- CAL School Board meets at Lorane Grange next Thursday, May 16, beginning at 7 p.m.
- Lorane Grangers will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, for a workday in the Lorane Grange Cemetery. Then on Tuesday, May 21, they will have a workday at the Grange. Lots

to do. Bring gloves and other tools to work.

- Information for all Loraneans: There is a planned meeting at Lorane Grange on June 20 with the Territorial Highway Project committee from 6 to 8 p.m. This especially affects those from Gillespie Corners to the Lorane Family Store, so mark your calendars.

- Other important upcoming dates: Wednesday, May 29 is Senior Recognition night; Sunday, June 2 is Baccalaureate at Crow Nazarene Church; Friday, June 7 is Crow High School graduation; and Tuesday, June 18 is Eighth-Grade Recognition Night.

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