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Oregon Governor Kate Brown holds a press conference to announce her executive order limiting restaurants and bars to take-out and pick-up service only, and limits of gatherings to 25 people or fewer.

**Brown** from A1

tial items like hand sanitizer and toilet paper to prevent price gouging during this public health crisis.

There will also be two command groups, one to manage the health-care system's resources and the other to manage state resources.

This included activating a COVID-19 health-care system response joint task force.

"It's building off of an effort by the metro area hospitals, the Oregon Health Authority, and local public health officials who've been meeting in an effort to address capacity issues," Brown said. "I am pleased to announce today that metro hospitals will act as one, large, unified hospital system for the treatment of COVID-19. There will be a centralized, coordinated center for managing hospital bed inventory. We will expand bed capacity by adding

beds in non-hospital settings."

She added that personal protective equipment will be treated as a community resource to preserve for healthcare workers and those who need it the most.

Part of that will be utilizing a standardized screening protocol, which will serve as a model for how the crisis plan will be implemented statewide.

Brown also activated the state's unified command emergency response organizational structure, similar to what would be activated during a major Cascadia earthquake.

"This will fully integrate the Oregon Health Authority's public response efforts with the Office of Emergency Management efforts to minimize any disruption to critical services in Oregon," she said.

As the conference drew to a close, Brown

gave some words of encouragement.

"I know Oregonians are some of the most resourceful people in the country, and in times of crisis we come together and support each other. I'm asking you to do that now," she said. Isolation from our friends and neighbors is the only way to flatten the curve of transmission and get Oregon through to the other side. Closing schools and the places we gather are incredibly difficult decisions for me. Because we all know that as a community, we hold each other in time of need.

"Working together, we are stronger together, even if it's in ways we never thought possible," she concluded.

People can view the conference on The Oregonian's Facebook page.

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**Pet Tips 'n' Tales**

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

**Buddy's Back Home...again!**



Don't let his innocent face fool you; Buddy has been rescued three times by his loving Alice

It has been said, "The third time's the charm!" But, are you kidding? How does one dog get rescued three times — in one year — by the same person?

Last year, we ran the article entitled, 'Rescuing a 'Buddy' how Alice, an 83-year-young house/pet sitter, sat on the frozen ground in her yellow winter coat, twice a day for three weeks, in order to earn the trust of a stray dog named Buddy.

He had been roaming the streets for over a year.

She'd toss him pieces of hot dogs coaxing him closer, but she was tired of being cold. One day she prayed for help before sitting down to once more toss the skittish dog pieces of hot dog. Her prayer was answered when he walked over and lay down next to her.

From that moment on, Buddy and Alice had a deep bond. Sadly, with his large size and her retirement income, she made the heart-wrenching decision to surrender him to a Border Collie Rescue group in another state.

Three weeks later, heartbroken and missing her "Buddy," Alice phoned the rescue group and asked for him back. Then she phoned her daughter, Starr, who said, "I was waiting for your phone call. You and Buddy belong together."

So they drove seven hours, one way, to rescue Buddy for the second time!

Then this year, when Alice came down with pneumonia her friend, Nancy, volunteered to care for Buddy. On Valentine's day Nancy and Buddy went on a car ride to a neighboring farming town. Nancy lowered the vehicle's window when she ran a quick errand and returned to find Buddy was no where in sight!

Nancy did not want to upset her ill friend, so she did not phone Alice thinking and hoping that she could soon get Buddy back. But, that did not happen. Six days later, she had to tell Alice the truth. Alice responded, "Buddy will come to me if he hears my voice." So she climbed out of bed and armed herself with a hot dog for hopefully the next and last Buddy rescue mission. She and Nancy drove 40 minutes to a location based on a Facebook sighting of Buddy.

Alice got out of the car and called for her dog. On the second call, hidden in the woods, out of sight, Buddy burst out of the trees and came running across a field to Alice.

How on earth does a dog get rescued three times by the same person — in one year? Their strong bond of love seems created by a force more powerful than we can see!

"Even though no one told me Buddy was missing, I felt that something was deeply wrong from Valentine's Day until the day I spoke with Nancy," said Alice. "As soon as Buddy came running to me, I knew that he had been speaking to my heart. He had been sending me messages, 'Help! I need you Momma Alice, please come and find me.' This, friends, is how real love connects two hearts whether they are pets or humans."

**TIPS:**

- So you want your kitten or puppy to have babies? Don't buy into the myth that one litter is good for them. Your pet, you and society does not need anymore unwanted babies. The reality is that spaying/neutering pets improves their behavior, health and longevity: Spaying females prior to their first heat cycle reduces their chances of uterine cancer and infections, plus breast cancer. Neutering males prevents testicular cancer and enlargement of their prostate gland.
- "By spaying and neutering your pet you are not only making a positive impact by helping decrease the number of homeless animals in your community, but you are also improving the health of your own pet," says Megan Brezovar, Community Engagement Manager at Greenhill. "Last year our medical team performed over 2,800 surgeries and cared for 3,600 plus animals. These statistics prove that we need everyone's help in stopping pet overpopulation."

**LORANE NEWS**

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Grange Taco Dinner and bingo evening, scheduled for March 21, has also been canceled.

It will depend on the coronavirus whether it will be planned later.

- The annual RAC/Lorane Grange Talent Show scheduled for April 5 has

been canceled.

- Everyone is following the guidelines for keeping us all safe by staying out of large groups and keeping safe distances at least until the end of March. This protects everyone, especially the elderly and those with immune diseases.

- Now, let's us this time to enjoy our homes and families. Get out your board games, organize those projects you have put off because you never have time,

enjoy a backyard barbecue, and count your blessings.

If like me, you are lucky enough to live in the country, enjoy the sunshine when it's out, look at everything budding and blooming, or just take a walk and be happy.

Take time to enjoy all you have and just breathe and relax. Hopefully, by the end of March, things will look better.

If not, we will persevere.

**6-day weather forecast**

<b>FRIDAY</b> 58°   33° Mostly Sunny	<b>SATURDAY</b> 58°   33° Sunny
<b>SUNDAY</b> 55°   35° Partly Cloudy	<b>MONDAY</b> 47°   33° Showers
<b>TUESDAY</b> 44°   31° Rain	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 48°   31° Rain

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