

Pet Tips'n' Tales: Cat Feeds 1,000 Children



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

way. These hairless cats are special, but so is their Earth Angel Hooman. Jo's life mission is making a paws-itive difference in pets and peoples' lives by helping them out and making them smile. In this vein, she uses her social media skills creating humorous talking cat videos and posts them Facebook.

"One mother texted that she and her son love watching Bambam's videos because it helps them get through their day," said Jo. "When I learned the child had leukemia and his wish was meeting Bambam, we made it come true at the Children's Hospital. Their meeting is posted online."

When Jo learned a cat sanctuary's 400 cats needed food and litter she geared up for the challenge.

"I posted fun videos, ran contests and painted fans' cats as winning prizes," said Jo. "I gave away incentive Bambam pens, bookmarks and mouse pads. Most fans 'just wanted to help' and didn't want anything in exchange. I posted the incoming money goals, filmed



Earth Angels Jo and her jester-hat-wearing kitty, Bambam

Bambam shopping for the litter and cat food and me stacking and storing two pallets of items for the sanctuary. Bambam was the only hairless cat at the sanctuary when we made the happy delivery."

In 2017, Jo planned for a year for her family to deliver 1,000 meals to a village of hungry Philippine children. She held contests, offered her Photoshop skills to create fun images of fans' pets, and people rose to the challenge and donated 'Fur the Cause.'

"An overseas friend coordinated the charitable location and another gathered volunteers from a neigh-

boring village to cook the meals," Jo said. "The grateful children rarely see apples, so their fruit dessert was a hit!"

Jo and Bambam are celebrities. A very spoiled Bambam was featured on TV lying on her back, with her toes in the air for a paw-dure. Strangers-Fans walk up to Jo and say, "Hello Hooman," which is her online purrs-ona when they see her walking Bambam in a stroller, a front sling or on a leash.

"The funniest thing someone asked was, 'Is that a monkey?' when they saw their first hairless cat," laughed Jo. "Furless cats are warm to the

touch, but they get cold easily, so my cats wear clothes. They have their own closet and more clothes than I do! Fans make their clothes. The happy hand knit Jester hats arrived from a New Zealand fan. One friend sells Sphynx clothes, and my cats model them. Also, my cats go kayaking with us. They wear a life vest and sit on the kayak enjoying the view. They are so used to car rides and traveling with us that they never show signs of anxiety. They consider this their 'normal' life.

"It's been said that pets often look like their Hoomans," said Jo. "Bambam's person-

ality is much like mine, and she has a little tummy like mine. But now, I'm starting worry because she is getting wrinkles!"

TIPS:

Don't walk a hairless pet when the weather or sidewalks are hot or cold. They do not have fur's natural protection from the elements or pavement.

View Bambam's humorous talking videos at www.facebook.com/bambamthehairlessmunchkin/videos/

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This is the latest update on the Stoney Point, Territorial Rd project from the Lane County planners. The travel route will be a gravel surface for a while from Hamm Road to over the top, anticipated to begin this week.

While the traveling public is encouraged to use alternative routes, everyone driving this section needs to proceed with extreme caution: Slow Down. Bicycles and motorcycles need to use even more caution. Again, please everyone: Drive slowly and with caution. Our patience and support is greatly appreciated and we will all be reg-

ularly updated.

Crow High School is planning on a fairly normal prom that will be held in the courtyard with only Crow students attending and faculty as chaperones.

Graduation at Crow High School will look like last year's, with a drive-in style at the football field on June 11. It's time to order the school yearbook for only \$40. You can mail a check, send a check with you with your student or stop by the office.

On May 21, the Crow HS FFA is planning a Community Career and Opportunities Event. Local employers and enthusiasts will share their work and hobbies.



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