

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: The Christmas Secret



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Christmas morning 2006, after 11-year-old Marc and his younger sister opened presents, their mother mysteriously announced, "I have one more present for you to share."

She left the room and returned with two confusing red towels covered with black-paw prints.

She smiled and said, "Santa can't deliver a dog, but your grandma and I can." Then to the children's joy she added the magical words that all children want to hear on Christmas morning, "You have a dog, a Yorkie."

"For years, our family had talked about getting a small dog, but nothing was set in stone," said Marc. "This news was thrilling."

Their grandmother lived on Vancouver Island, an hour and a half ferry trip from them. She and their mother had been holding secret conversations about gifting the children with a dog. Their granny was in charge of checking out dog breeds and availability. She and their mother settled on a Yorkie.

Apparently, their grandmother had taken "the secret puppy mission" seriously to heart.

"Our mother laughed and said, 'There probably isn't a breeder on Vancouver Island that didn't know your grandma was looking for a dog,'" said Marc. "She chose this puppy because it was the only one that came and sat on her lap. She had been hiding her 'little' secret in her home for three weeks.

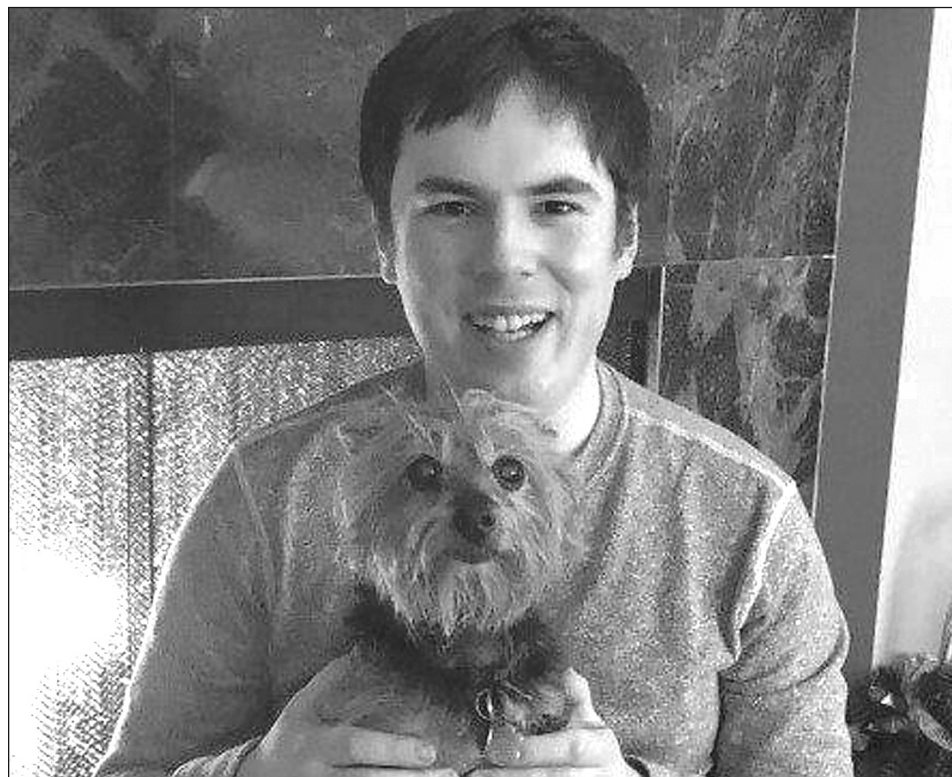
"The next morning, we boarded the ferry to go and pick up our Christmas dog," said Marc, "My sister and I were so excited. Imagine our anticipation. Then in the middle of the strait, the old ferry boat ground to a halt. 'Nooooo!' The technical problems add-

ed more time onto our long journey, but all we could think about was meeting our new 'baby brother', Scamp. Our mother once had a dog named Scamp and when my grandma adopted the puppy, she named him Scamp - and it stuck.

"When we arrived at our grandmother's, she opened the door, and Scamp came scampering around the corner. He was tiny and shy and clung to her, but as soon as he became familiar with us, he relaxed and was very comfortable.

"He does a lot of cute and funny things. Just look at his face; how could he not! He has several red round beds and curls up in them like a fuzzy ball. As cute as he is, he has bad manners and goes crazy when the postal carrier comes to the door.

"Scamp was the best Christmas gift I have ever received. He has been a great part of my life for the last 14 years. I couldn't have asked for a better childhood dog then Scamp to train and teach me about love and compassion."



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Marc and his "little brother" and childhood friend, Scamp.

TIPS

Nancy in Arizona suggests, "Prior to discarding masks, cut the ear elastics in half before you throw them away so animals and birds scavenging landfills can't put their heads through them and get entangled or strangled."

Here is a fun pet name for yoga enthusiasts. Knowing that the most common words spoken

to dogs are: Sit, NO, and Stay... someone named their dog Mr. Nama Stay as in Namaste.

Did you know that there is a Presidential Pet Museum? Pets have been residents in the White House since the 1700's.

The Biden's first German Shepherd, Champ, previously lived with them at the Vice-Presidential residence and now has 'moved on up' to the White House.

The Biden's are the first family to have a rescue dog at the White House. Two years ago, they fostered Major as an ill ten-month-old

German Shepherd puppy from the Delaware Humane Association. He is a 'foster fail'. Meaning the foster plan to rehome him ended because the Biden's and Champ had fallen in love and officially adopted him.

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LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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Sunday, July 18.

- Lane County Fair runs from July 21 through July 25. Come see all the county grange booths.

- Come out this Friday, July 16 and have a great evening playing Bingo and eating dessert at 7

pm. It's been a very long time, but everyone is ready to play again. See you there.

- Crow football summer workouts began this week through July 25, Monday - Thursday. There is a moratorium on the week of July 25-31 so students can have family time. Full practice begins August 16. Many exciting things are planned for the Crow Middle/High School sports pro-

gram this year.

- At this time, it looks like we will be having the Lorane Community Potluck on August 14 in the kitchen.

- The Lorane Community Association plans a Community-Wide Yard/garage on August 14. There will be a few tables in the main hall at the Lorane Grange with items for sale. Call Louise McClure to have your place put on the map.

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Sunny

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Building Inspection Services June 2021 report released

For the month of June the Building Division of the Public Works and Development Department issued 44 permits, one for a new single-family home, six town homes, and performed 113 inspections in Cottage Grove.

In Creswell, 18 permits were issued, one for a single-family home, and 108 inspections were performed.

In Veneta, 15 permits were issued, and 23 inspections were performed.

In Cobourg, six permits were issued, one for a new single-family home, and 25 inspections were performed.

Staff reviewed and approved 22 plan sets in June and 22 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.



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