

Pet Tips'n' Tales: Being prepared for wildlife...



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

There are cougar sightings in Cottage Grove.

Wildlife's instinct is sending them fleeing into our area/town as wildfires burn their homeland. Expect to see deer, elk, coyote, bear, cougars, and anything else running from the mountains.

Bring in your pets and place buckets of water outside for dehydrated wildlife.

These animals are disoriented, scared, and tired. Do not shoot them. Their world is burning. They have nowhere to go. When you see one report it to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: 1-541-935-2591.

Pet Emergency Paw-purr-edness Kits

Christine took the 'bull by the horn' for an emergency evacuation.

"My 7 1/2 lb. Pekingese, Dolly and I am paw-pared,"

said Christine Ballantine, Founder of the Western Canada Pekingese Club. "I planned ahead and took the Humane Society's pet emergency class and collected necessities for a bug-out kit. Having a list on hand in case of a natural disaster is paramount because once an evacuation is ordered, panic supersedes normal thinking. Those with pets need to paw-pare extras."

TIPS

"I can endure hardship, but knowing I was not prepared to help my dog would add to the devastation of an evacuation," said Christine.

Her "flight" bag is an airline under-seat "Sherpa" bag with an over-the-shoulder strap. She placed crate pads, pee pads, and a dog blanket on the bottom. She included clean up items like small terry towel, paper towels, poop bags, grooming brush, collapsible dishes, plastic bag with a week's worth of dog food, treats, biscuits, a couple of leashes tied to the handle and a pet first aid kit.

The extra leashes are for when you find a roving animal to help. Dog toys were included along with a safe chewy to keep her busy and her teeth clean and her spare doggie water bottle with attached dish. Christine includes in her own

grab-n-go bag water for them both. Both bags and a kennel are in near the front door.

In a plastic zip-lock bag include copies of your pet's vaccination certificate, vet's address, photographs of both your pet and you together, pet's microchip number and an identification tag attached to a light buckle collar to place on your pet. The Sherpa bag also has home information in it.

You and your pets can be housed separately at an evacuation center so, I.D. is a paramount requirement with proper fitting buckle collars and I.D.! Make your own by using a black marker, and cardboard wrapped in heavy see-through packing tape. Include an out-of-the-area friend's contact information in case you are incapacitated/hospitalized.

"I also have a small collapsible, fold-up exercise pen with a floor," said Christine. "I have her medications, children's liquid Benadryl for allergic reaction, Polysporin antibiotic cream, non-steroid veterinary eye antibiotic and saline solution plus Kaopetate and measured medicine syringes. I keep exercise pens and 'Vari-Kennel' crates in my car. I am prepared to help other pets if needed. A Rubbermaid tub in my car holds wet

pet food with pull tab tops (and a can opener!)"

Internet pet first aid classes, emergency kit ideas and supplies for both pets and people:

- shopsafetyproducts.ca/first-aid-kits/first-aid-kits/pet-kit-38
- shopsafetyproducts.ca/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness-kits

Extra Tips:

- Have a pet carrier/kennel for each pet. Store the following in the carrier; vet records, toys, towel, favorite blanket, and a photo of each animal in case one escapes. Have them microchipped.
- Line the carriers with puppy pads, old towels, crate pads in case of accidents.

- Litter trays and litter.
- include cleanup products for carsick animals, and paw-chase your cats' harnesses because they can't be carried or left in carriers for days on end.

- Floods: bungee cord pet cage to floatation device like swimming kick board or a cooler.
- Pet shelters have slightly damaged carriers. Ask for them to evacuate your chickens/ducks etc.

Retired fire chief, Dan Olsen, adds, "We use a 'grab and go' backpack for pet and people essentials



PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN "ANGEL SCRIBE"

Christine planned ahead on how to save her dog, Dolly and herself, in case of a natural disaster.

with a small cooler and five-gallon bucket (with lid) in the car with supplies which contains a bottle of hydrogen peroxide (for cuts and scratches), duct tape (for emergency repairs), paper towel rolls and toilet paper."

NOTE: pet water left outside that has ash in it turns to lye. Replace often and put out fresh water for wild animals that are disoriented fleeing their homes.

The Federal Emergency

Management (FEMA) pet webpage: www.fema.gov/helping-pets

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Sol Path Music Festival set for August

Sol Path Collective, the South Valley Farmer's Market, the City of Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce are delighted to present an evening of feel-good live music for all.

The public is invited to join a magical evening with a group of diverse and complementary bands that bring messages of hope set to enjoyable melodies and grooves.

Sol Path Collective is a group of bands that support and inspire each other to pursue their musical dreams.

The festival will be held in All America City Square on Saturday, Aug. 7 from noon to 5 p.m.

The event is free for all ages and all outdoors.

LINEUP:

Ten Spiders: Funky Bluesy Roots Rock Fun
Silent Temple: Mystical Jazz Fusion

Flying Caravan: Transformative Psychedelic Folk
Neptune Bass Association: Eclectic reinterpretations of classics in a band of two bass players

Questions may be directed to Rossi of Ten Spiders at 503-334-8634.

City conducts mobility hub survey

The City of Cottage Grove is looking to design a mobility hub that meets the transit needs of its community. As part of our research, the city is reaching out for feedback about mobility hub needs.

A mobility hub is a centralized location where many different forms of transportation meet up to make using transit even

more convenient.

The study that is being created will be separated into three parts. The first part is to identify what a transit hub generally would need - as well as identify what the Cottage Grove community would want in a centralized transit area.

The city will then analyze Row River Trailhead Park and identify its current,

proposed, and long range uses and how the mobility hub could work within these plans.

Lastly, it will examine how these two overlap and decide how to properly build this for the community.

The public is asked to participate in a survey to gain the community's input on what kind of additional

transportation modes the public would like to have access to in the community.

The survey will be available until the end of August.

For more information, contact Abby Gisler at agisler@southlanstransit.com.

The online survey can be found at: forms.gle/XQwuBxBv4zWYw7.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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FOR THE SENTINEL

- Well, July has almost ended. Enjoy August before school starts after Labor Day.

- There are several events coming in August. Its back! The first weekend starts off with the Annual Lorane Community Potluck at Lorane Grange. Saturday, August 7 with doors opening at 10 a.m. for visiting and eating begins at noon. This is for long-time Loranians plus all newer to our community, so spread the word. Everyone come.

- Then the next day, Sunday, August 8 the Annual Fire Department Ice Cream Social is back! Lots of great pies and ice cream, events, and visiting from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

- Lorane Grange meets next on Thursday, August 5 at 7 p.m. Both their booths were exhibited in the Wheeler Pa-

vilion with the other Lane County Granges. Discussions will take place to plan another dessert and Bingo in August.

- Coming up on Saturday, August 14 is the Lorane Community-Wide Yard/Garage Sale. Call Louise or text her at lorane.sale@yahoo.com. No charge to be on the map. Check with Louise. There are tables to rent if you would rather hold yours at the grange. The grange will have items in the main hall. Again, talk with Louise.

- On a sad note: We lost two long-time residents over the last two weekend. Michael Adkinson, who served on the CAL School Board for about 12 years and his children went to Lorane Elementary and Crolane Middle school, passed on Sunday, July 18. Jack Graham, also living in Lorane, passed this past weekend. Jack was a former Lorane granger and worked with Lorane Fire Department for years. Both will be missed.

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FRIDAY

100° | 63°

Mostly Sunny

SATURDAY

92° | 60°

Mostly Cloudy

SUNDAY

90° | 58°

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