



## Betty Kaiser: Chatterbox

### Leave Sooner. Drive Slower. Live Longer.

#### Betty Kaiser

After 32 years of driving the beautiful London Road, into town, I was thrilled to see the new "Safety Corridor" and "Fees Double" signs that were recently installed.

Over the years, our country road had become dangerous because of some drivers. Hopefully, the new signs will help.

However, a recent trip from home to Cottage Grove and back left me

wondering if anyone was paying attention to them. They don't know that accidents have happened and people have died in that area. Be cautious.

My first scary accident happened a couple of years ago when I stopped to make a left turn onto Reservoir Rd. Rocks from a speeding dump truck took out the windshield on my car. Ouch!

Last month, coming home from Cottage Grove, I suddenly had two cars playing tag behind me. For a few minutes a woman would ride my bumper in her white car while a man trailed her in a black car. Then they would change places at a high rate of

speed still trailing me.

Finally, they screeched around me, and seconds later turned onto Reservoir Rd. and immediately turned into a Weyerhaeuser side road where they met a group of several other cars.

Whew. Whatever their hurry, it was nerve racking and I was glad to get up the hill.

My most recent incident began when I turned right from Reservoir Rd. onto London Rd. It's one of those intersections that you feel like you're taking your life into your hands when you turn.

I stop at the sign and look left to see if any traffic is coming around the curve

from London. It's a dangerous place because they can't see me and I can't see them until the last minute.

All was clear as I turned onto London Rd. when the car in front of me slowed down to enjoy the scenery. So, I slowed down too. Suddenly, a blue car came roaring up behind me. He was on my tail and I had nowhere to go. The driver then decided to pass the two of us, going about 80 mph across double lines on a curve! Whew.

He didn't see the oncoming car in the other lane. The two vehicles missed each other by inches! He could have wiped out lives in four different cars just because he was in a hurry.

Scary stuff.

Erratic speed kills, but obeying laws can save lives. If you drive Interstate 5 you know it can be like a speedway. I know that I can get pushed and drive too fast to get out of someone's way. So here are some reminders from ODOT:

"State statutes give Oregon motorists the following speed zone standards especially on places like I-5 and in towns. Other posted speeds will override statutory standards.

15 mph - Alleys, narrow residential roadways.

20 mph - Business districts, school zones and some residential.

25 mph - Residential districts, public parks, ocean

shores.

55 mph - Most rural highways; trucks on most interstates.

65 mph - Passenger vehicles, light trucks, motor homes and light duty commercial vehicles on most interstates."

Lately, I have noticed that it is not unusual to be pushed off a lane by vehicles large and small, some going 85 mph. It's hard to stay calm. So, I try to pick a lane and stay with it. I don't try to be the fastest car on the road because it's not a race. The goal is to get home safely.

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## Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Unlikely Friends



By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Glenda and Gary's fearless male, 100-pound, Akita's name in Japanese is Senshi Takao meaning 'wise warrior' but it might be a tad off.

Akitas are known for their high-prey drive and cats rightly fear them. The couple's house cat, Gizmo, is wary as the dog has given chase to him several times.

When the family paw-chased their Cottage Grove home it came with an abandoned starving Calico cat.

The cat was left without food or water for five

months. So, the survivor had two missions, one for the newbies to feed her, and the other seemingly impossible task of making the fuzzy warrior her next-best friend!

"I immediately placed food outside for the cat," said Glenda. "She ate it, but was so skittish she wouldn't let anyone near her. She named herself. When I'd call her she'd meow, and it sounded like, 'Mar-lee'. None of us could get close to her. It took months before she'd let me gently touch her back, then she'd turn and flee."

Over the weeks, Marlee would study Takao. He'd ignore her whilst lumbering alongside his parents down the driveway on 'their'

walk.

One day, Marlee walked up behind Takao, closely monitoring his body language. At first, she walked

"He calmly bent his huge muzzle down and sniffed her tail. The cat innocently rubbed up against him," said Glenda. "She had worked

might scare her. He enjoys her company. My husband thinks the cat is crazy, but I tell him she is lonely."

If the threesome heads down their driveway and Marlee isn't in sight, they soon hear meowing invisibly from the tall-meadow grass indicating she is coming and to wait for her. The grass moves in waves as she runs to join them.

"Wait, I am coming," she insists. "Please wait" as the grass moves in waves, and she runs to join them.

Takao, known in the past for chasing cats, now enjoys his daily walks with his newfound friend.

"A cat that was abandoned to starve on 15 acres and a cat chasing dog the size of a bear unbelievably become best friends," said Glenda. "It is amazing how the cat was willing to risk its life for an enduring friendship. Marlee is now introducing herself to our Akita puppy, Suki. Our brave feline warrior was following Suki from a distance

of 20 feet and has shortened it to six feet. Friendship is her motivation."

#### TIPS

Never pour fresh pet food into used bowls. Pets' mouth bacteria drips into their dishes contaminating it and the food. Plastic pet dishes harbor bacteria. Teeth scraping plastic creates bacteria hiding spots. Use safe glass or stainless-steel dishes.

Wash bowls in the dishwasher or paw-chase picnic-paper bowls/plates for pets' meals, so they can eat off a clean "plate" with no mysterious-yucky germs.

Place butcher's paper at pets' eating area for faster clean up.

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Glenda with her two unlikely friends, Senshi Takao and his rescued cat, Marlee.

a safe 10 feet behind him, then gradually shortened the distance to 8 feet, 6 feet and after three months she insanely walked directly up to Takao and rubbed her body against his side.

The family held their breath. What would their warrior do?

her way into our family with Takao's acceptance. Some days she is at our front door meowing at 'walking time' for us and her buddy to hurry and join her. Marlee then rushes up to Takao and rubs his legs and walks under his furry belly. He doesn't make sudden moves that

## LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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• Yesterday, Wednesday, several Lorane Grangers did road clean-up on Cottage Grove Lorane Rd from the store to Holly Creek. This will be their stretch of road for a while.

• On Sunday, Aug. 22, Lorane Christian Church will hold their annual services in the park at Farmin' Creek at 10 a.m. followed by a potluck. Come enjoy a beautiful service outside.

• For future information, the annual Lorane Community Potluck will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, next year. It will still be the day before the Annual Ice Cream Social. So, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

• This past weekend, the Community-wide yard/garage sales did well in spite of mask changes. A special thanks to Louise McClure for her great leadership on this event and to all who ventured out.

• Lorane Grange will hold their next dessert and bingo on Friday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. Unfortunately, everyone will need to wear masks inside per our Governor's latest ruling. Come out and have a delightful evening of laughter, bingo, and good desserts.

• Crow Middle/High School fall practices and conditioning have started. The middle school still needs football players.

• Aug. 24-26 is CM/H School registration. First day of school is Sept. 7 for the district. Contact the school for more information at 541-935-2227 or go to the website at [cal.k12.or.us](http://cal.k12.or.us).

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<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 80°   48° Partly Cloudy</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> 81°   51° Sunny</p>
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