

# Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Schnauzer to the Rescue



By Mary Ellen  
"Angel Scribe"

Bob and Jan's 40-year marriage has had more laughs and adventures than most loving couples. They were avid motor-home campers touring the USA and Canada with their dog, Tina. Today, the couple have reluctantly separated as Alzheimer's has descended and darkened Jan's mind. She entered a care home. Their most harrowing experience was years ago when Bob and Tina left Jan at the camper and ventured out on a short stroll around the lake. They passed a couple, who said it was paws-ible to circle the lake and end back at the campsite. Bob took them seriously and off he and Tina innocently went into a night of terror. Apparently, the couple neglected one of the direc-

tions, "Turn left at a small path to circle around."

Bob and Tina walked and walked. He saw the cut off path to circle back, but instead of taking it, he followed the couple's advice and walked straight. Dusk began falling. After they had walked 6 1/2 miles, he knew they were in trouble. "Our path did not circle back to the lake," said Bob. "I saw a sign with arrows to other lakes and realized what danger we were in."

It was September, 6 p.m., and in the mountains, so Bob was aware he had only so long before night and freezing temperatures fell.

When it gets dark in tall trees, the night falls as fast, and as thorough as shutting off a light switch in the back of a long cave. Nothing was visible. It is im-paws-ible to see your hand in front of your eyes.

"Soon, I could not see the path," said Bob, "It was frightening, so I put a short leash on Tina and said, 'Go find Mommy. Let's go home.'"

Little Tina began leading

Bob through the blacker than black night. He felt for the motion of her leash to know which way to step.

Then suddenly, he fell down a cliff and landed spread eagle. He slowly felt his way up the embankment, crawling on his belly. He lost Tina's leash in the tumble.

Panicking and feeling hopeless, Bob was about to get up when Tina came over to him and touched her nose to his. He felt for her leash and repeated, "Let's go home. Go find Mommy."

Blindly, stumbling in the thick black night, he hollered across the lake, "Help! Help!" He was met with only an echo.

Step by step, hours passed as he followed Tina's lead. At last, their feet connected with a gravel road. He looked down it and saw "his" search party marked with urgent vehicle lights flashing.

A forest ranger approached, asked if his name was Bob, and added, "Your wife is in a panic! She told us that she 'lost you'. It is good to see you. It is dangerous



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Bob and his Yorkiepoos, Keria, the 13-year-old mother, and Ryley, her 10-year-old pup.

out here."

Bob told them about his fall and proudly described how Tina had saved them by leading him "back to Mommy". Everyone felt that what the little dog did was a miracle. The forest ranger told Bob that the marker he saw was seven miles along

the trail. The minute that an exhausted Tina walked into the camper, she dramatically flopped on the floor now that her job was done.

"I was scared to death!" said Bob. "And so glad for the dog's company. Without Tina's help, I had no idea which way to turn. It

was amazing how smart she was nosing my nose so that I could find and take her leash."

In Jan's present-day absence, Bob admits, "Our current dogs, Keria the mother, 13-years-old, and her pup Ryley, 10-years-old, are wonderful companions and my family. We are so bonded. They tell me when they are hungry, when it is time for a walk, and bed to the exact minute each day. One would think they could read the clock with their accuracy!"

Apparently, dogs still lead Bob's life!

**TIP**  
Trust your dog's intuition and wisdom.

Mary Ellen has her 7th article published about her cats in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cat Really Did That?"

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## Applications for 2021-22 community arts grants now open

Applications are now open for Lane Arts Council's 2021-22 Artist Grant and Community Arts Program Grant.

Funded by the City of Eugene Cultural Services Division, and administered by Lane Arts Council, these grant programs directly support individual artists and arts organizations in Eugene.

Applications for both grant programs are due in November. Awards will be announced in January 2022, with funds to be expended by June 30, 2022.

The Lane Arts Council is opening the applications as it recognizes that this is a unique time for the arts communities as artists and arts organizations begin the long journey of recovering from and continuing through the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown.

This year, the grant programs were re-envisioned to support the current needs of the arts community during this unpredictable and challenging time.

Lane Arts Council's grant programs create opportunities for artists, ensure opportunities for arts engagement, cultivate a diversity of art forms, and help strengthen the arts community.

They support the growing role of the arts in the cultural, social, educational, and economic recovery of community life.

Lane Arts Council conducted a community outreach and assessment effort to design the 2021-22 Community Arts Grant and Artist Grant programs in a way that most closely responds to the current needs of local artists and arts organizations.

This assessment process included focus groups, one-on-one conversations with arts organizations and arts groups, and an artist survey.

In total, Lane Arts Council heard from 77 individuals including artists, arts organization leaders, and creative programming staff. The data from these outreach efforts was used to

inform the final design and funding priorities of the grant programs this year.

"We know that the arts and artists play an important role in community life, and will be a catalyst for reconnection and an engine in our economic recovery," shared Lane Arts Council Executive Director Stacey Ray. "Arts organizations continue to need critical operational support funds, and artists need flexible funding support to keep going. These grants are an important investment to help sustain our cultural community."

Grant details are as follows:

### INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANT Deadline: November 8, 2021

For guidelines and application: [lanearts.org/artist-grant](http://lanearts.org/artist-grant)

The Artist Grant, now in its second year, provides financial support to visual, performing, and literary artists of all disciplines. Individual artists have the flexibility to apply for up to

\$2,000 in one of three funding areas:

- Project: to move forward a new project or creative endeavor that contributes to career advancement or artistic development
- Process: to engage in administrative or artistic learning, skill-building, or professional development that contributes to improved business or artistic practice
- Progression: to bolster artistic business capacity through equipment or supply purchasing, staffing, or other operating expenses

### COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM GRANT Deadline: November 12, 2021

For guidelines and application: [lanearts.org/community-arts-grants/](http://lanearts.org/community-arts-grants/)

The Community Arts Program Grant provides operating support to Eugene's small and mid-sized nonprofit community arts organizations.

The primary goal of the 2021-22 Program Grant is to help arts organizations recover from the impacts

of the COVID-19 pandemic and fulfill their strategic goals moving forward. The most competitive applicants are arts organizations who have arts as the core of their mission and provide public access to ongoing, sustained, artistic programming and outreach programs or services in Eugene.

This year, there is no longer a minimum budget requirement for eligibility. Organizations can apply for grant amounts equal to up to 10 percent of their overall operating budget, or a maximum of \$5,000.

### GRANT INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Attendance is free for virtual informational sessions to ask questions and learn specifics about the Artist Grant and Community Arts Program Grant. Registration is available on the website.

Artist Grant Info Session: Tuesday, Sept. 28, 5-6 p.m.

Community Arts Program Grant Info Session: Wednesday, Sept. 29, 5-6 p.m.

## Cottage Grove and RAIN kickoff Zoom event

On Sept. 22, the public is invited to join a Zoom event as RAIN's Rural Entrepreneurial Development program is launched in partnership with the City of Cottage Grove.

Attendees can hear from local entrepreneurs and community members about their vision for the future, learn about RAIN, find out how the organization can support the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and see what is planned for Cottage Grove.

There will also be entrepreneurs from other cities to share their experience of what it has been like working with RAIN and what other business owners have to look forward to.

For more information, go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/cottage-grove-rain-kickoff-event-tickets-170372578970](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cottage-grove-rain-kickoff-event-tickets-170372578970).

## LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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FOR THE SENTINEL

• It's here! Tomorrow evening, Friday, Sept. 17 is Desert and Bingo at Lorane Grange at 7 p.m. The large Blackout has not been won yet, but come win lots of bingo along the way. Masks will be worn and distancing expected. Come out and have a delightfully fun evening in Lorane.

• School is going well, sports are underway, and so far; all are healthy. For any information, contact the CAL

District office or the Crow Middle/High school.

• The CAL School Board meets tonight Thursday, Sept. 16 in Lorane Grange at 7 p.m. following the executive session at 6 p.m. Please wear your masks and there is plenty of room to spread out.

• Once again, please be patient with the traffic lights at Stoney Point. Flaggers have been out during the day to give them extra time if needed. They hope to start paving soon, if not already, so it'll get easier. This section of Territorial Rd will be really beautiful, smooth, and safe when it is done.

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## 6-day weather forecast

<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 79°   58° Partly Cloudy</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 64°   53° Rain</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 60°   48° Thunderstorms</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> 66°   44° AM Showers</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 74°   48° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 75°   48° Partly Cloudy</p>

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