

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Preying on Pets



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

It is a dangerous myth that having your pet beside you protects it from coyotes! My Gig Harbor, Washington neighbor was gardening with her cat beside her when a coyote grabbed her cat and ran away.

One Vancouver neighbor was leash walking his dogs when a coyote grabbed the smaller one and ran off. My Seattle friend's two cats disappeared when a coyote moved into her neighborhood. She learned that none of her neighbors knew that a predator was stalking pets and 20 cats, and two small dogs were missing.

Then there is Denise's horrific experience at a paw-pular dog park.

"I turned off the engine and heard screaming," said Denise. "I left my dogs in the car and ran towards the screams. A non-English speaking woman was clutching her leashed dog to her chest, with a coyote holding fast to her dog's hind quarters.

"I grabbed the coyote by the scruff of the neck, wound up my fist and roundhouse punched his jaw. I heard a popping noise, and he released his grip on the poor dog. I shoved the woman back, grabbed the stunned coyote by its scruff and rear end, and tossed it into the bushes. All the while yelling like a banshee with my arms wildly swinging.

"I had once heard what to do,

but never in a hundred years thought that I would have to employ the technique. I took the distraught woman to my car, and we used my 'pet first aid kit' on her dog. I could not understand a word of what she said, but the look on her face and gestures said it all."

Denise is a bone-a-fide dog-hero, but what she did in the heat of the moment is not recommended.

Besides coyotes, pet parents also fear birds of prey. These birds pick up and fly away with squirrels, rabbits, chickens and small pets! One friend watched an owl fly off with his small cat. Armed with this information, when Miss Wings, my five-pound cat, was outside I kept a watchful eye out for hawks.

When San Diego residents Paul and Pamela Mott's beloved dog, Buffy, was stolen from beside them by a coyote, they were determined to purr-vent the nightmare from happening to others. So, they invented an answered to their prayers to protect pets from preying animals.

Paul designed a cat/dog armored vest that withstands a life-threatening attack. The DuPont Kevlar fabric is teeth stab resistant. The measured for a purr-fect fit vests are comfortable, light weight, water resistant, easy snap-on and have two rows of 1" spikes running down them like sharp skunk strips. Spikes also circle the neck collar and running down the middle of the vest are 8" stiff broom-like plastic bristles for poking predator's eyes.

"Our police department tested the vest with an attack K9, and it passed with flying colors. To date thousands of dogs and cats wearing our vests purr-oved that it is 100 percent effective against coyotes, aggressive dogs,



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Denise's dogs, Maggie and Gizmo, are proud of their hero who single "hand"-edly saved a dog from a coyote's grip.

and birds of prey attacks with no reported injuries," said Pamela. "The vests are endorsed worldwide by Veterinarians. If we can save one life, we have made a difference."

Jamie in California writes, "One night, I considered not putting Lola's vest on thinking we would be quick. Thank goodness I put her in it because minutes later, two coyotes quietly approached. One was less than a foot from Lola!

"My stomping and yelling scared them away, but I can still picture that bewildered coyote's eyes as he contemplated attack-

ing the weird creature covered in spikes and plastic whiskers. I am 100 percent sure that if Lola was not wearing her vest, she would have been gone."

TIPS

Protect small dogs in dog parks with a coyote vest. Transform them into a cute-colorful armored animal. TV footage: <https://www.coyotevest.com/pages/videos>

When a coyote attacked an Oregon City's dog, its owner saved it with CPR and mouth to snout breaths: https://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-city/index.ssf/2011/07/portland_woman_

[rescues_tiny_dog_caught_by_coyote_near_oregon_city.html](https://www.oregonlive.com/oregon-city/index.ssf/2011/07/portland_woman_rescues_tiny_dog_caught_by_coyote_near_oregon_city.html)

Department of Fish and Wildlife on coyote cautions: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/coyotes.asp

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Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program: 541-942-2789

Humane Society offers "Humane Hero" Award

The Humane Society of Cottage Grove (HSCG) is on the lookout for local heroes.

The organization's "Humane Hero Award" provides community recognition for a person or business owner who has made a positive difference in an animal's life or environment.

HSCG is seeking nominations. Send name and contact information to HSCG411@gmail.com.

Free rides offered between Eugene and Roseburg

Umpqua Public Transportation District (UPTD) has started a new bus route called the Lane-Douglas Connector (LDC).

This new service offers safe, reliable, accessible transportation to veterans and the general public in rural communities for

better access to healthcare services and shopping opportunities.

Lane-Douglas Connector operates from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays with scheduled stops at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Roseburg, Ray's Food in Drain, Walmart

and PeaceHealth Medical Center in Cottage Grove, and the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Eugene (LTD bus stop nearby).

The stop in Drain serves as a connection point for passengers of the North Douglas Betterment shuttle.

The route is operated

by South Lane Wheels as a pilot project funded by the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation grant.

For service information and timetable go to: www.southlanetransit.com, or to schedule a ride, call UPTD dispatch toll-free at 888-232-8121.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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• Last Friday, Sept. 17, everyone enjoyed a lovely dessert and Bingo at Lorane Grange. While fewer than usual were there, almost everyone won something. The large Blackout jackpot was not won, so next month it will be even larger. Come out on Friday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. and join in the fun. Masks are required and distancing is easy.

• At long last, we can see the end of the project on Stoney Point. The road looks beautiful. Be patient awhile longer as they still have several parts of the project to finish. They have stated by mid-November. They thank all of us for our patience.

• Lorane Grange meets next on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Their election of officers was held at the September meeting. Randy Eshleman will be the new master or president, Gary Lutman as overseer vice president, and several other officers are in their same positions. While events are being decided month to month due to COVID restrictions by our governor, there is hope to continue some traditional events in the future.

• Again, a huge thank you to Lorane Christian Church for continuing both inside and outside service keeping all comfortable. Everyone inside wear their masks, while those outside can still enjoy in the service too.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 88° 52° Sunny	SATURDAY 82° 49° Mostly Sunny
SUNDAY 77° 52° Partly Cloudy	MONDAY 72° 49° Showers
TUESDAY 66° 44° Showers	WEDNESDAY 68° 46° Partly Cloudy

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