

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Boogie the 'Fe-LION'



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"Angel Scribe"

Boogie loves two things: riding in his stroller and wearing clothes and hats. The 'hat' that brings the most stares and giggles is his lion hat. Everyone passing him sitting dressed, in his stroller, are confused about what kind of animal he is, so they ask, "What is it?"

Dave responds, "A baby lion." Then he teasingly laughs and says, "It's my cat Boogie. Then photos are taken and 'The Boogie-meister' and I continue our journey until the next curious walker stops us."

Boogie's adoption was kismet, 'an accident', totally unplanned. Dave made a quick trip to the vet clinic to pick up his 26-pound

Maine Coon, Mr. Tai Chi's, favorite food when the conniving veterinary casually asked, "We have kittens in the back. Want to look?"

"I was not intending on bringing another pet home with Tai Chi's food. I knew I should not look," confessed Dave. "When I saw the short hair, white footed kitten, and his playful disposition; it was a fait accompli, a done deal. His cuteness imbedded into my heart. I brought him home, put him on the rug and he ran over to Mr. Tai Chi Wong Coon Baby Bok Choi. They were instantly best friends, and as cat lovers know, two cats are better than one."

Dave named his new family member Solomon Boogie from the HBO series, 'The Wire'. Two names from the TV series appealed to him giving the kitty a dignified full name.

"Boogie only knows a life of socialization," said Dave. "He's being leashed walked since nine weeks of age. Then at six months,



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Dave's cat Boogie is 'not a lion'.

he was riding in style in a blue pet stroller. On a regular basis, he rides to our destination then walks ½ mile home on a 26-foot retractable leash. The smiles of the people who greet us gives us great pleasure. To brighten a person's day when they see us is a gift to us both. It takes only a nano second to attract a

crowd, all snapping photos, seeking information, and we love it. Of course, cats, you gotta love them. At times, Boogie can be less than cooperative, but nevertheless he is still entertaining. Boogie is a real 'Gomer Pyle'. He makes me laugh all the time. I love everything he does.

"I love watching my cats chase each other around the house. The zoomie session looks like a Ferrari chasing a Mac Truck. Boogie is fast and Tai is slow."

Like Boogie, Dave began walking Tai as a kitten. He thought that the cat was going to be great on the leash but, as it turned out, he freaks out in daylight. So, Tai goes for a two-block walk after dark on his harness and leash. Once the kitty indicates, "OK. I am done," Dave announces, "Let's go home," and they do.

Tai has a brilliant cat maneuver that he wishes to share: "When my food dish is 'almost empty' I scratch one of my servant's living room canvas pictures until he 'gets the picture' and wakes up to do his duty of refilling my bowl," meows Tai. "I resent the squirt bottle that Dave points at me, so I run and jump up on the counter to let him know, 'You are late. It's about time. I could have starved to death.'"

Maybe it's time for Dave to put a "TIP" jar on top

of the cats' stroller to help keep their food flowing and allowing Dave more sleep time.

TIPS

- When a pet's parent passes, or the humans can't afford vet bills their pets are left at animal shelters or cruelly abandoned outside. Check your shelters. Amazing pets are waiting for you.

- Cathy in Chicago emailed, "Please, all kittens, puppy and small pet parents; Your pets can be injured or killed under your recliner by its moving parts. Our cat was lucky, so I'm passing on about his close call."

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State COVID blog: What is a COVID-19 booster and do I need it?

Booster shots have been recommended for some people who received the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Booster shots are given when the protection from a vaccination begins to decrease. Getting a booster can help people continue their immunity for a longer period.

Booster doses have not yet been recommended for people who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. That recommendation may change in October or November after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the evidence in upcoming weeks.

It's important to know that COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even

against the widely circulating Delta variant.

Booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine are to be given six months after the second shot. The following is a list of groups who are eligible for the booster.

THESE GROUPS SHOULD RECEIVE A BOOSTER DOSE OF PFIZER:

- People 65 and older
- People living in a long-term care facility
- People 50-64 with underlying medical conditions.

THOSE VACCINATED WITH PFIZER WHO ARE 18 THROUGH 64 YEARS MAY GET THE BOOSTER IF THEY:

- Have underlying medical conditions, and
- Are at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to oc-

cupational or institutional setting.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BOOSTER AND A THIRD DOSE

A third dose is specifically for people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and applies to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

Some people who are immunocompromised may not have built up an adequate protective immune response with their first series of vaccinations.

A third dose of the same mRNA vaccine – Pfizer or Moderna – at least 28 days after receiving the second dose in the series is recommended to complete the original series.

WHERE CAN I GET A BOOSTER?

You can find booster shots at pharmacies, doctor's offices and clinics, and anywhere else that COVID-19 vaccine is available.

Find a vaccine provider near you on the vaccine locator map, or call 211 or 866-698-6155 for information and assistance in any language. You can search by vaccine type.

You don't need to prove that you need the booster. There is enough supply of vaccine, but health care workers are extremely busy. You may need to make an appointment, or wait a while to get in for the shot. But don't worry – your current Pfizer vaccination still offers strong protection against serious COVID-19 illness.

CG building official recognized for exceptional work

On Sept. 22, at their annual meeting held in Pittsburg, PA this year, the International Code Council presented The Raising the Profile Award to Jason Bush, Cottage Grove's Building Official.

The award recognizes an individual or organization for acts or contributions which raise public awareness of accomplishments by code personnel that improve public safety in the built environment.

Bush was nominated for the excellent work he has done establishing and operating Cottage Grove's Building Program, which provides building inspection services in Cottage Grove, Creswell, Veneta, and Coburg.

The nomination also included the dramatic success he has had on the

Southmayd Home Replacement Project.

The International Code Council is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

The Oregon Building Official Association also recognized Bush last month at their annual conference.

They presented him with the OBOA Community Advocate Award. This award was given by his peers in the state in recognition of his exceptional care of his community and his extraordinary professional efforts for the Southmayd Family.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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FOR THE SENTINEL

- The CAL School Board has waived all entry fees to their sporting events for this school year. Come cheer for the Cougars – entry is free! The homecoming football game for Crow High School will be Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.
- Come out to the Rebekah Lodge this Saturday, October 2 and enjoy a delicious Hunter Breakfast from 6 -10 a.m. Enjoy even if you don't hunt; the food is

wonderful.

- Lorane Grange meets next on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. They will be deciding any events for the rest of the year and any work days. The next desert and bingo is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15.
- The road on Stoney Point is amazing so far, but there is still a short section not yet finished. With the rain we have had, please drive carefully and continue to SLOW DOWN in this construction area! They still have work to do, although it looks very nice.

6-day weather forecast

Day	High/Low	Conditions
FRIDAY	67° 43°	AM Clouds/PM Sun
SATURDAY	74° 47°	Partly Cloudy
SUNDAY	78° 50°	Partly Cloudy
MONDAY	78° 50°	Partly Cloudy
TUESDAY	69° 46°	Partly Cloudy
WEDNESDAY	63° 43°	Mostly Cloudy

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