

Pet Tips'n' Tales: Surfing with Jodi



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Twelve years ago, Susan's son, Jesse, asked for a Border Collie. She was not ready for a dog, but curiously she checked out "doggy world" just in case she changed her mind.

She found a one-year-old rescued female in a rural area north of Cape Town, South Africa.

"My 'tell it like it is' friend, Tanya, informed me, 'You are crazy thinking about adopting a dog with all you are going through,'" said Susan. "She was right. My marriage was falling apart, but I replied, 'What is the harm in looking?' She agreed to protect us from an unwise decision and so she joined me and the boys as, 'I'll be your voice of reason.'"

"After we arrived, Tanya's guard-like protection fell in under a second. We looked at the beautiful dog, Jodi, and were sold."

Jodi was rescued from a rural area covered in ticks it was evident she was homeless for some time. In Susan's hands the rescue's life was about to change for the better.

"She'd been named Jodi and since both my sons' names start with a 'J', we felt she was already family," said Susan. "She was and is an incredibly friendly and outgoing dog."

"No matter the season, after a game of fetch, if there is any water to be found Jodi dives in. When we had an outside laundry tub filled with water, this fun-loving dog scrambled into it and twisted and wiggled until she was thoroughly soaked."

Border Collies thrive on mental stimulation and learning new things. She quickly learns new tricks, especially when the possibility of a treat presents itself. They had fun taking dog agility training classes and Jodi abandons her family on beaches in search of new humans to throw her ball.

Jodi moved from the heat of Cape Town, South Africa and landed in, Canada on a cold winter's day. She had never experienced such cold weather, yet she quickly settled into Canadian life. After a game of fetch she'd sink, steaming, into a snow-bank. Her fur physically helped her adapt by growing longer and denser. It was culture shock for the African dog, as she encountered: deer, bobcat, racoons, skunk (unfortunately), and others.

"Jodi and I are doing standup paddle boarding,"



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How did Jodi from South Africa get on Susan's paddle board – in Canada?

said Susan. "She lies on the board, which is paw-fect because it could 'a bit hairy' if she moves disturbing our balance. At first, she was unsure, but now she watches for birds and water wildlife. She's intrigued by the 'sea dogs', the inquisitive seals, that approach us to get a closer look at a floating dog."

"Once we were out paddling with family and I switched boards on the water with my niece. I realized, as soon as we drifted apart, that Jodi did not like

being away from me, so we maneuvered the two boards side by side. Jodi slid over to my board and thankfully, she 'didn't rock the boat or capsize us, because it was a cold day and colder water."

"Not only have I had an interesting life, but so has our precious dog born on another continent. She is a blessing and has enriched our family in 1,000 ways, probably saving us a fortune in therapy bills! People say that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but Jodi

proves them wrong!"

TIPS

"Moving can be lonely, but because of Jodi, I have met neighbors and friends," said Susan. "We meet people at the dog park, beach, and hiking. Today, Jodi is a good sport, despite her osteoarthritis. She enjoys walks and still lunges into bodies of water. Her favorite game of fetch involves balls tossed into rivers and lakes. When she moves away and keeps the ball, it is her way of cre-

ating 'time out'. Watch your pet's body language, it's the best way to know what they are communicating to us."

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Oregon State professor lands grant to clean up wood burning stoves

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Particulate pollution can get buried deep in the lungs and cause and exacerbate asthma, bronchitis, cancer, heart and lung disease, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The lead researcher is Nordica MacCarty, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at OSU. She started working on the project with the nonprofit Aprovecho Research Center, where she's been collaborating with other researchers for 20 years and where she is now executive director.

Aprovecho, based in

Cottage Grove, designs and installs cleaner, wood-burning cooking stoves for people in developing parts of the world. About 70 percent of people around the world burn solid fuels like wood to cook in their homes, according to the World Health Organization.

The effects of smoke and particulate matter end up disproportionately affecting women.

Now the focus is on the

kinds of heat stoves many rely on in Native communities and lower resourced areas of the United States. The goal is to create a simple, cheap and lightweight device that can be put into the stove to reduce harmful emissions.

"Wood is a local fuel source, it's renewable," MacCarty said about the importance of improving existing wood stoves. "For many people burning wood

remains the most viable way to heat a home, and we want to make sure this device is economically feasible."

MacCarty said the design for the device now looks sort of like a tray, a bit larger in size than a school folder, with dozens of small holes blowing jets of air into the fire. It gets placed under the wood before burning.

That air directly mixing into the flame creates less

smoke and less loose particles, MacCarty said. The money will be used over four years to research and develop different models and to find ways to make it most affordable for people in the U.S. and eventually abroad.

The Environmental Protection agency estimates there are more than 6 million old and inefficient wood burning stoves in the U.S. today.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Many events for kids to enjoy this weekend. Starting on Friday through Sunday, come out and enjoy a free "Haunted Barn of Old Lorane" Oct. 29, 30, and 31. They start at dusk and it is free. Come to 80421 Old Lorane Rd for a fun evening for all.

The annual Trunk 'n' Treat in the parking lot of the Lorane Christian Church from 5-7 p.m. Join everyone by trick or treating or add your trunk. Come

join the fun!

- Congratulations to Johnathan Wigle who is now an Eagle Scout!
- Lorane Grange meets next on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. They will have dessert and Bingo on Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.
- Mark your calendars for Monday, Nov. 8 for a celebration marking the completion of the Stoney Point Territorial Rd project. It will be held at Lorane Grange from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. with Lane County transportation project coordinator.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 62° 46° AM Showers	SATURDAY 60° 45° Showers
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