

Boyfriend sets 'do not disturb' policy for visit to ex



DEAR ABBY ADVICE

Dear Abby: I've been dating a great guy for a year and a half. For eight years before we met, he dated a woman with teenage daughters. He never had children, so they are as close to his own kids as he will ever have.

girls and his old girlfriend. I'm grudgingly OK with that. The part I'm having real trouble with is that he told me he won't call or text me the entire week that he is gone.

do I get past this? — Silent Treatment in Illinois Dear Silent Treatment: I understand why you would find it upsetting that your boyfriend of a year and a half has unilaterally decided to go radio silent under these circumstances.

Make plans with friends during the evenings so you won't be sitting alone at home, stewing. And when he returns, do not give him the third degree. Dear Abby: I am a 41-year-old mother of three, married less than two years.

cheating. — It's Stale in the Midwest Dear It's Stale: Cheating won't help your situation. It will likely make it worse. Instead of dealing with a selfish or sexually repressed husband, you will have, in addition, one who is outraged when he discovers your infidelity.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Cougar that was kept as illegal pet removed from NYC apartment

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An 80-pound cougar was removed from a New York City apartment where she was being kept illegally as a pet, animal welfare officials said Monday.

The owner of the 11-month-old female cougar surrendered the animal on Thursday, Aug. 26, Kelly Donithan, director of animal disaster response for the Humane Society of the United States, said in a news release.

The cougar, nicknamed Sasha, spent the weekend at the Bronx Zoo receiving veterinary care and is now headed to the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas, officials said.

The Humane Society coordinated with zoo officials, the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York Police Department on the big cat's removal.

"I've never seen a cougar in the wild, but I've seen them on leashes, smashed into cages, and crying for their mothers when breeders rip them away," the Humane Society's Donithan said.

Donithan said this cougar was relatively lucky because her owners, who live in the Bronx, recognized that a wild cat is not fit to live in an apartment



This photo provided by New York's Bronx Zoo shows an 11-month-old, 80-pound cougar that was removed from an apartment, in the Bronx borough of New York, where she was being kept illegally as a pet, animal welfare officials said Monday, Aug. 30, 2021.

and surrendered her. "The owner's tears and nervous chirps from the cougar as we drove her away painfully drives home the many victims of this horrendous trade and myth that wild animals belong anywhere but the wild," Donithan said.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said that while cougars "may look cute and cuddly when young, these animals can grow up to be unpredictable and dangerous." Bronx Zoo director Jim Breheny said the exotic pet trade makes no contribution to the conservation of endangered species.

"These animals often

end up in very bad situations, kept by private individuals who don't have the resources, facilities, knowledge, or expertise to provide for the animals' most basic needs," Breheny said. "In addition to these welfare concerns for the animals, the keeping of big cats by private people poses a real safety hazard to the owner, the owner's family and the community at large."

New York has seen other notable cases involving dangerous animals in private residences, including Ming, a 400-pound tiger that was removed from a Harlem apartment in 2003.

Ming's owner, Antoine

Yates, was arrested and sentenced to five months in prison for reckless endangerment. Ming died in

2019 at the Noah's Lost Ark Exotic Animal Rescue Center in Ohio.

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said the cougar's case "is currently under investigation and no further information is available at this time."

Spotted: Cow at a McDonald's drive-through in Wisconsin

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Spotted in a car at a McDonald's drive-through in Wisconsin: A cow — all of it.

Jessica Nelson of Mosinee pulled into the drive-through at a McDonald's in Marshfield on Thursday, Aug. 26, and said she looked up to see a cow in the backseat of a Buick sedan three cars ahead of her.

"I thought it was fake at first. Who puts a cow in a Buick?" she told The Associated Press on Friday. "Then its whole head moved."

She quickly picked up her phone and shot video of the bovine.

"I just took the video of it because I was blown away there was a cow in the back of a Buick," she said.

She posted the video on her Facebook page with the caption "A WHOLE FREAKING COW!!! Tell me you live in Wisconsin without telling me you live in Wisconsin."

She also posted a message on the video itself that read "That's a whole (expletive) cow in the back of that car!"

By Friday afternoon the video had gotten 112,000 views.

Nelson said that the family of the cow's owner saw the post and contacted her. They said that the cow was actually a calf. She said the owner had just purchased it and two other calves — which were in the backseat as well but were lying down out of sight — at an auction.

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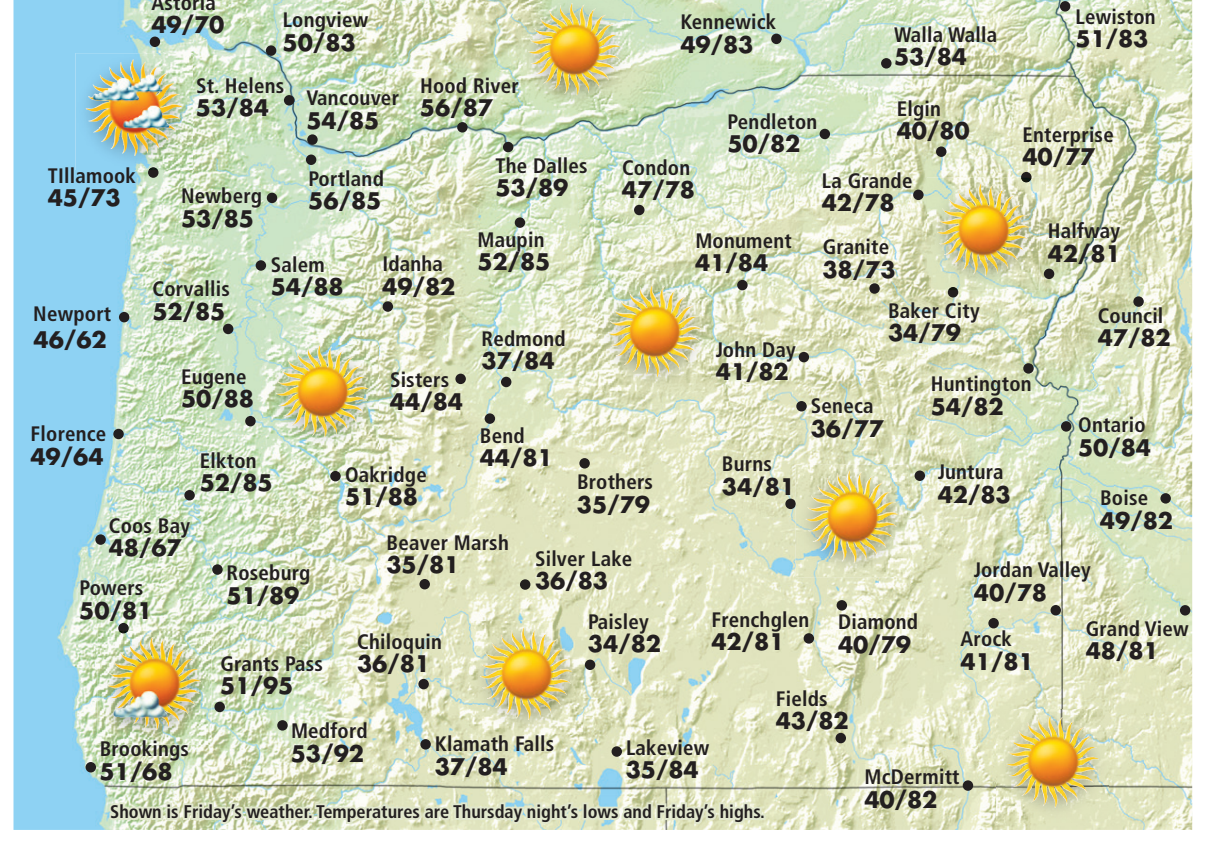
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