

Dog rescued off cliffside by Indian Beach

Felix went missing on Christmas Day

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Seaside Signal

In a dramatic rescue, a dog stranded overnight on a cliff north of Indian Beach was brought to safety Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Felix, a 2-year-old border collie, was rescued unharmed from a precipice 60 feet from the crest of the Clatsop Loop trail by the Seaside rope and rescue team.

He had gone missing around 3 p.m. during a Christmas day hike.

“He doesn’t just leave, it’s not like how he is,” said Sarah Stremming, Felix’s owner. “He does like water, so I figured he went over the cliff. He would have come back to me when I called if he hadn’t.”

For the rest of the evening, Seattle resident Stremming and a group of friends searched the cliffside to no avail.

“We thought we knew where he was, we just couldn’t see him and he couldn’t hear us due to the tides,” she said.

Stremming posted a call to action on her Facebook page Monday night in an effort to reach out to what she called “an extensive network of dog lovers.” By Tuesday morning, Cannon Beach Fire Chief Matt Benedict had a flood of messages waiting on the Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue Facebook page from Stremming’s concerned friends.

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“We want to see all visitors, including four-legged kind, in the same good shape they went out in,” Walkoski said.

Stremming, a professional dog trainer at The Cognitive Canine in Seattle, chose to walk Felix off-leash on the hike, she said. If she were to go back, she’d invest in a GPS tracker that would have let her know where he was sooner and done more research about the trail conditions.

“I knew there were outlooks, but I wasn’t aware of how close sheer cliff faces were,” she said. “Had I researched that more thoroughly, I would have kept him closer on a leash.”

While Stremming was aware of the rule, she stressed the importance of what walking a dog off-leash can do for their mental

health, she said.

“The fact is, every other dog I saw on the trail wasn’t on a leash. Most don’t observe the rule. They all happened to be okay,” Stremming said. “I know what people want to hear me say is I’m going to keep my dog religiously on leash. But I will continue to (go off-leash).”

She recognizes the resources that were spent to conduct the search and rescue mission, and plans to make “big donations” to Seaside Fire and Rescue as well as the Hamlet Fire Department for contributing the drone that helped locate her dog on the rock face, she said.

“I know it wasn’t a safe operation, and that’s why I plan to give back,” she said.

To avoid similar situations, Cati Foss of Arnicadia Dog Training in Seaside said hikers should practice

recalling with their dogs and to check in more often the usual. She also suggested checking trail terrain and weather conditions to know what type of hazards to expect.

“If you know there are cliffs, check in more frequently, so you aren’t running into issues where they get intent on smelling something and get into situations where they get stuck,” Foss said.

Foss recommends both on-leash and off-leash training. Dogs are allowed to be off-leash on Oregon beaches as long as owners can exercise “direct control,” according to the Oregon State Parks website.

“It’s an important skill set to be able to maintain control and also walk on a leash politely. A lot of dogs go on their own when leash comes off, and the impulse control goes,” she said.

summer, and this was the first high-angle rescue this year, Benedict said — a type of rescue that is steeper and requires more climbing than usual.

For Seaside Fire Lieutenant Genesee Dennis, the man who scaled the rock face to retrieve Felix, this was his first rescue since gaining his certification a year ago.

“The most difficult part about this rescue was the fact it was a dog,” Dennis said.

“You can’t reason with a dog, and they can’t really help. At one point he slipped out of his harness, and I was basically bear hugging him, with no available hand holds.”

About three hours later, Felix was greeted by a warm blanket, a visibly emotional owner and group of friends anxiously awaiting his arrival.

“He’s everything,” Stremming said, clutching Felix in her arms.

Body of missing kayaker found near Turnaround



A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter flies over Seaside in search of a missing kayaker Tuesday morning.

Tualatin man was crabbing near Seaside

Seaside Signal

The body of a missing kayaker was found Tuesday night near the ocean in Seaside west of the Turnaround.

Matthew Manley, 42, of Tualatin, was last seen crabbing from his kayak Monday afternoon in the estuary near the mouth of the Necanicum River, authorities said.

The Coast Guard called off a search for Manley Tuesday afternoon after considering different survivability factors. A

Coast Guard official said they took into consideration the fact Manley was reported not to be wearing a life jacket at the time.

On Monday night, the Coast Guard had launched a 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Cape Disappointment and an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Astoria.

With water temperatures near 50 degrees, city officials say people recreating in and around open waters should use extreme caution.

Seaside police are still looking for the missing kayak. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Seaside Detective Guy Knight.

POLICE LOG

Dec. 14 6:50 a.m., 1000 block S. Downing: A misdelivered FedEx package made its way back to its proper delivery location.

1:49 p.m., S. Roosevelt: An unresponsive person was transported by Medix to Providence Seaside Hospital.

3:14 p.m., S. Roosevelt: A person was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle as well as assault in the fourth degree and harassment.

Dec. 15 10:31 a.m., Holladay and Seventh Avenue: A disturbance is reported.

7:26 p.m., Avenue B: A subject charged with offensive littering was trespassed from the property and warned.

Dec. 16 4:16 p.m. Quatat Park: Police warn a screaming man who was frightening people of the effect his behavior was having

on others. The man said he would stop screaming and go home.

10:04 p.m., 800 block Avenue B: Police receive a report of a Christmas wreath just stolen from a front porch. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area carrying a wreath.

Dec. 17 1:37 p.m., Carnahan Road, Arch Cape: Seaside police assist Cannon Beach police and Clatsop County Sheriff’s Department with a suicidal person.

7:50 p.m., 700 block 14th Avenue: A runaway is reported.

Dec. 18 3:56 a.m. Broadway Park: A subject found sleeping in the dugout is told to move along.

9:42 a.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

12:54 p.m., Police headquarters: Police receive a report of

an individual talking to several Seaside High School students on social media. The reporting person does not believe the individual is who they say they are. Police advise the reporting person to stop contact with the person, and if they receive nude photos or inappropriate material, report that to the police.

Dec. 19 5:04 a.m. 1300 block N. Holladay: A woman who threatened to hurt herself if her cable, which had been turned off, did not come back on told police she would not hurt herself after all.

Dec. 20 5:07 a.m., Stop and Go: A person is arrested on a warrant.

3:28 p.m., Shilo Inn and the beach: Police respond to a report of drug activity on the beach. The complained upon party denied the allegation,

and said they were staying at a local shelter; they said they would be moving on.

Dec. 21 8:44 a.m., Seaside Brewing: A person is arrested on a warrant.

10:51 a.m., 700 block S. Lincoln: The owner of two dogs who continually growl and charge at a neighbor was cited for having nuisance animals and not licensing their dogs.

Dec. 22 12:24 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Multiple callers reported to police an argument between two teen brothers in a parking lot. As officers were responding, the boys were observed to be leaving the area with their mother.

1:36 p.m. 1100 block N. Roosevelt: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

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