

Make sure your cat isn't a 'stray'

Roger Kadell of Columbia County Animal Control has received several complaints in the Vernonia area recently of missing, stolen or deceased cats. A concern was raised that some of these events may have involved the intentional killing of another person's pet animal. Another concern was of cats becoming sick after consuming slug bait or dying as a result of unintentional poisoning.

There are no ordinances or regulations at the county level regarding cats that would allow Animal Control to pick up stray cats. However, Intentional killing of another person's companion animal is a crime and can be enforced with adequate suspect information.

Roger Kadell, Columbia

County Animal Control Officer said, "I would advise pet owners that, if they wish to have their cat be considered a companion animal, then at a minimum the animal needs to wear a collar, preferably with some type of ownership information. Cats without identification are considered stray and no-madic."

"Cats that are considered a nuisance (by destroying plants or causing damage) may be humanely trapped by the property owner and surrendered to Animal Control with a disposal fee. Cats wearing collars need to be returned to the owners when possible. Animal Control will not dispose of cats that are identified with a collar as being someone's companion cat," concluded Kadell.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Well, how are you? Remember last time I wrote you? A person gave me a gift (I thought). Well, it turns out they just moved in with me*. I want to assure you I washed all fresh fruit, tomatoes, melons and any and all green, leafy veggies. In fact, I've not had lettuce or tomatoes in over three weeks – too expensive. Anyhow, I finally took my friend to see my doctor. He says, "Give him one of these 'horsey' pills twice a day

for five days and maybe he'll take the hint and move on." So, if you're tired of chucking, trotting, and sleeping a lot or just laying around reading and wishing you could eat a meal (and not worry) I suggest you go see what's wrong with you. It wasn't because I wasn't drinking enough water either. I've read two books and knit a million miles of yarn into sweaters (well, almost). Now I'm putting on OLD music – 30's, 40's, 50's cassette tapes. I should be "Stompin' at the Savoy" by next we meet.

Did you notice the drop in the gas price the other day in Vernonia? Don't say "Never Happy", you're thinking the same thing.

Have a Bang-up 4th of July

and keep your pets inside.

Oh yes, dress cool, drink water, stay out of the sun, wear a hat. Don't overdo your exercise. Oh, yes, if you eat junk food (salty, that is), expect to feel tired. So, relax, have a great vacation (granny advice from years ago).

Just went out the back door there was a little bird bathing in Shadow's water dish – so – put water out for your pets, it's HOT (her pan is on the porch).

*Note: to understand my lingo you have to view a gut pain as a person or have a sense of humor when you feel lousy but have to keep going and going (and you're not the Pink Bunny).

Bye.

20 Years Ago This Month

The July 28, 1988, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on the page 4:


Shay Park will be open during Jamboree weekend for all those people who want to get a closer look at the old Longbell locomotive, No. 102.

Volunteers who are working to restore the engine will build steps so viewers can look inside the cab. They are also putting the bell back in place, and

hope to have an air compressor hooked up to blow the whistle.

The number of people inspecting the unique locomotive, which was designed to haul logs and equipment on the often steep inclines of north-west forests, will be controlled to prevent crowding.

There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted to help raise funds for the restoration.



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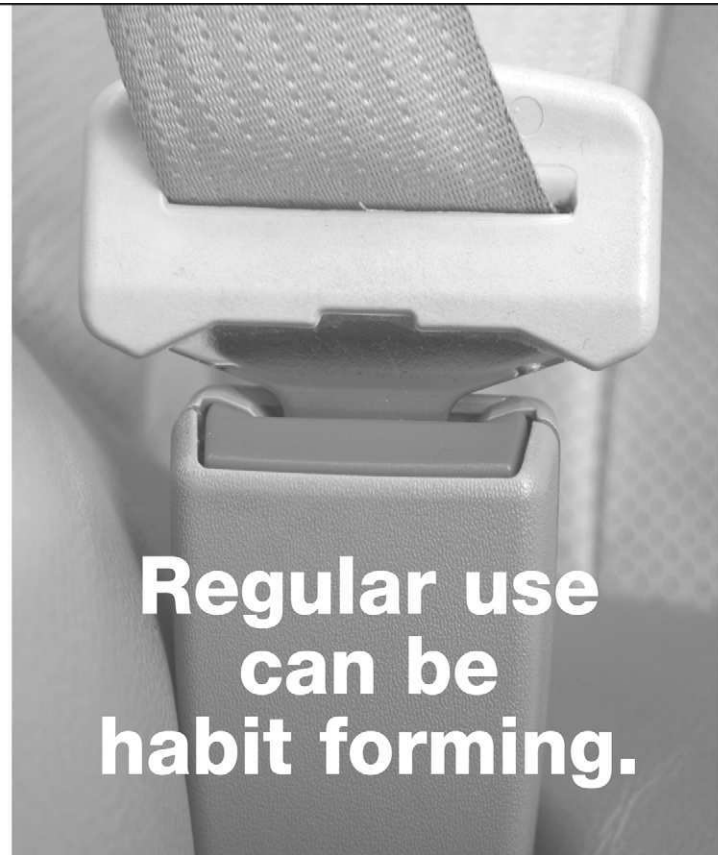
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