

Transcription of Episode 351: Landa Coldiron, Pet Detective

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Bob Firing 00:00

Good morning Shadow Hills. Well, I have interviewed a lot of interesting people on this podcast. But none more interesting than the guest I'm going to bring in today. Today is Landa Coldiron, who is a pet research, pet rescuer, I guess is a better way to put it. And she's got the bloodhounds to prove it. Landa welcome to the podcast.

Landa Coldiron 00:36

Thank you for having me.

Bob Firing 00:38

Well, frankly, I'd never heard of a pet rescuer until you were brought to my attention. And so lead tell the audience it turns out, there's a great demand for your service. I had no idea. But tell the audience how you got involved and what a typical search entails.

Landa Coldiron 00:59

Okay, so I'm a bloodhound handler, and I use my bloodhounds to find lost pets. Anything so cat, dog, ferrets, tortoises, parrots, horses, cows, goats, etc. And I got started about 18 years ago, in California, my business is Lost Pet Detection. And in the beginning I was at on people search and rescue with my blood hounds. But the state does not pay the teams, unfortunately, and you are risking your life and your dog's life. And people kept asking me if I would find their pets. And I started doing research come to find out that 10 million pets go missing each year in America. So that's basically one in three. And I tried my bloodhound and my Jack Russell Terrier at the time to see if they could do it. And they were very successful at it. Why switched over to full time finding lost pets in California. And I've been doing that ever since for 18 years now.

Bob Firing 02:02

That's great. And I have known much about bloodhounds. But I went to the dog show a couple of years ago and I learned that their ears are gonna drag along the ground and that actually helps them to smell.

Landa Coldiron 02:18

The one hounds are the oldest race of hounds that hunt by scent, they are actually a scent machine. So they're long ears when their noses on the ground act as pendulums, and they sweep up to bring the scent into the dog, the bloodhounds nose, which actually has 220 million or more scent receptors. People say the scientists have said it is more than a wolf. And they're their eyes if you know the eyes are always droopy and a lot of are very droopy. When their noses on the ground, they're actually blind,

because they're the droopy skin hangs over their eyes, which makes them concentrate more on scent. So they're actually a scent machine.

Bob Firing 03:04

Interesting. Interesting. So were you a bloodhound breeder before getting into this or what?

Landa Coldiron 03:11

No, I do not breed dogs. I rescue animals. Like you said I was a pet rescue I rescued all kinds of dogs and cats. But no, I really didn't even know much about dogs. I was a cat person. And then I just started, I saw an animal planet on the news that this woman was using her bloodhounds. And I'm like, Well wait, I should join the search and rescue team which they happen to have one right near my home in Van Nuys, and I joined that team for a couple of years of people search and rescue.

Bob Firing 03:46

That's interesting. I looked at your website. And it looks like an awful lot of your rescues involved searching for cats. About what percentage is that?

Landa Coldiron 04:00

Um, it was in the beginning it was half and half cats and dogs because I did have a business partner and we had a full search team. But she has recently moved to the border. So we do chat to and dogs but more as I'm getting a little bit older and my I don't have my business partner or our full team of dogs. It's more cat and tortoises and ferrets and a couple parrots here and there.

Bob Firing 04:24

How much do you charge for a typical rescue?

Landa Coldiron 04:28

Oh, it varies. It depends on if I have to travel and get a hotel room and pay pet sitters. It depends on how long they want to hire me. I usually get hired out for a couple of hours and I've been hired for several weeks. I've been hired for a month I got flown out to Chicago for a month to help find buried remains. So it varies. It just depends on how far I have to travel.

Bob Firing 04:51

Yeah, I know. Some dogs are very expensive, and probably cats too. So yours services in demand. So, so anyway, what brought all this to my attention is, you are going to be speaking here at the Montecito Clubhouse on November 29. At 7pm. Right? How did that happen? How did we find you?

Landa Coldiron 05:23

I believe, I do work in Palm Springs quite often in the winter months, I have had many cases in Palm Springs, because a lot of pets will go missing out there. So I searched for a friend of a friend who heard about me and someone called me and we just wanted to talk to you from there. And she by would just be a good fit for the clubhouse.

Bob Firing 05:47

Yeah, yeah. Why I everybody's looking forward to it. And I, we have a social network here Nextdoor. And I was looking at it and see that there are a lot of people on this network who do not live at Sun City Shadow Hills. And so without making you go through the whole presentation, could you just do give them a couple of pointers as to how they can keep their pets safe.

Landa Coldiron 06:20

Absolutely, a lot of it is prevention. Believe it or not, most people that call me still to this day do not have it on their dogs or cats. The ID is the number one way home. So ID, collar. I like the collars with the embroider phone numbers that you can get on Amazon. They're machine washable, they last that was mostly just text nighttime, basically, a collar with a some type of information on your pet. Because if no one has any way to contact you, as they find your cat or your dog, then you know it's just going to go into the system or getting fitted get transported out of the area. Nowadays, also, I highly recommend GPS locator on the collar. They have all types of GPs are cats and dogs, I could not live without mine. So if your pet goes missing, you just punch up the app and you can see exactly where the pet is. But bottom line is you got to have a collar and their phone numbers. People they still just don't they go well, my dog never goes anywhere. We never leave my side, my cat indoor only it would never go outside. So I mean, that is not true.

Bob Firing 07:38

Those are good suggestions. I didn't know those existed. So those are really good suggestions.

Landa Coldiron 07:46

About a lot of them and I'm gonna go over last pet prevention. What you do if your pet goes missing, I'm going to talk about like searched dog. And some of the clients I've worked for in southern like cases. It'll be about a 45 minute talk. Very interesting. There'll be some audience participation. So I'm really looking forward to that.

Bob Firing 08:05

I heard you're actually going to bring one of your bloodhounds. Is that true?

Landa Coldiron 08:10

I'm gonna bring all of them but not inside of the clubhouse. I will have one with me as long as she behaves. They're not obedience dogs, you know, they're not there. She'll sit still. I'll try it. But because they're, I am going to bring one I'm going to bring Diana or Pepperpot when am I bloodhounds and see if they'll behave during the talk. So we'll see.

Bob Firing 08:35

Okay great. Well, I hope this podcast stimulates your audience to come out. And thank you very much for taking the time to talk to me.

Landa Coldiron 08:48

Thank you for having me, Robert.

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Bob Firing 08:50

Okay, and for the audience. Until next time, bye-bye.