

but they're not too, too popular. They was kind of scared until the whites moved in and they brought cats. That's when they started. Now cats popular now. Course, not every home. Some homes like this now, we don't allow cats in the house cause that's an old, an old, uh old peoples belief. That you shouldn't let cats in the house. Course, in the tipi days, it's different. You let the dog, especially a dog, you let them stay inside the tent. Sometimes you use them to sleep at their feet under the buffalo hide. Makes it warm; keeps your feet warm. That's they're used for and I don't know, but what the whites do that or not. However, according to the uh, somethings that I know that the dog has rabbies I suppose. And other diseases, but in the days that I'm telling you about, the Indians, tipi days--they keep pretty close to dogs. They even talk to them and they understand. They dogs understand. One time we use them as horses to carry cooking utensils and uh light burden. Tie it on them and when they move camp, the dogs come on and--they all be carrying something you see. Means of transportation before the horses. Dog was pretty close friend to the Indians. Like the whites, say it's the best companion or the best friend is the dog. That's the same with the Indians.

(Were there any animals around then that someone would tell you to stay away from? Not to go near when you were growing up? Did people tell you to keep away from certain animals?)

Oh yeah. Like you had the similar advice from your father. Practically the same in that category. Like the snakes, and uh coyotes and wild cats. Stuff like that. You know that without asking that question. We're like you all. We know whats good and whats bad and whats dangerous, and what's not dangerous. Especially the animals.

STORY TELLING:

(Who would tell you that?)