



# JOEY'S LEGACY



A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to advocating for your companion animals

## ABOUT US

**Joey's Legacy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is advocacy for your companion animals. We have assembled some of the brightest minds in the area of veterinary medicine, grief counseling and animal law that assist those that come to us with claims of veterinary negligence that cause the permanent injury or death of their loved ones.**

We founded Joey's Legacy after our beloved 12-year-old dachshund, Joey, was victim to veterinary negligence in Florida and died in 2017.

Heartbroken, we sought legal action with the Board of Veterinarian Medicine, but unfortunately did not win.

To prevent this from happening to other families by advocating for companion animals and holding practitioners accountable, we work with:

- Top Veterinary Experts
- Top Legal Experts
- Grief and Trauma Counselors

## CONTACT US

If you need assistance with potential veterinary negligence or malpractice, please contact us at [info@joeylegacy.org](mailto:info@joeylegacy.org)



## TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kristina Bergsten, Esq. has been with Joey's Legacy for four years and is a licensed attorney, serving clients throughout CO, PA and NJ.

She is the owner and founder of The Animal Law Firm, which works to create a world in which animal welfare is the primary consideration in animal cases. Her firm has saved over 300 animals and continues to fight for underdogs every day. We're grateful for Kristina's contributions to animal welfare and to Joey's Legacy!

Check out her website, [theanimallawfirm.com](http://theanimallawfirm.com).

## THE IMPACT OF YOUR DONATION

Public charities, such as ours, rely on the generosity of donations to fund our important work. Since we founded Joey's Legacy in 2017, we have assisted hundreds of victims of veterinary negligence, whether permanent injury or death.

Please consider supporting our mission with a quarterly donation of \$10 to fund our future animal advocacy efforts. Your gift will allow our team to continue to assist loved ones affected by veterinary negligence with animal law and grief counseling. Join the cause and save a life!

**To donate, please visit [joeylegacy.org/donate](http://joeylegacy.org/donate).**

## VICTIMS' CORNER

"I filed my case against the hospital responsible for the death of my service dog. The fraud and unfair trade violations are unreal. Then when you mix in the pure gross negligence, it is incomprehensible that everybody there failed him. Not one person in 3 months did the right thing. All they had to do was properly treat him and my baby would be here right now.

Instead he suffocated to death while this hospital's negligence injures and kills many other animals. He died in fear, paralyzed due to them and unable to breathe until his lungs were so filled with fluid and clots, his little body gave out.

Some of the vets have histories of practicing medicine without a license. They falsely advertise full AAHA accreditation. They falsely advertise the best in mid Atlantic. They have one vet for 70 patients. They have about a 15:1 tech ratio. These numbers are disasters for any dog.

I hope Domino brings the change that is desperately needed as too many other dogs have died in their care. It's sickening and that's why I speak out. This is not all about Domino. This is about every other dog or cat or rabbit or whatever that has had the same fate due to the same hospital. I even believe they did something malicious to end his life.

Something has to change and I'm praying my lawsuit is enough for that change. My baby deserved better and so did all of these other animals. If you don't want to do your jobs, QUIT."

**Excerpt**



## SPREAD THE WORD!

Our team receives phone calls from an average of 75 pet parents each month with allegations of veterinary negligence or malpractice. Our veterinary team is able to give most of these families Certificates of Merit, confirming their unfortunate suspicions.

Since not all pet parents know about Joey's Legacy, it's so important to share our posts and our mission, so that anyone who falls victim can contact us for help.

Join our public Facebook community, [@joeyslegacybook](#), or private Facebook group, **Joey's Legacy-VetMal Victims**, where victims share their stories.

## FROM THE FOUNDER



We're excited to welcome Jodie Gruenstern, DVM to our team of veterinarians.

Dr. Jodie has been a veterinarian for 35 years and was a small animal practitioner in Muskego, Wisconsin for 30 years.

She was the owner and full-time veterinarian at the former Animal Doctor Holistic Veterinary Complex.

Beyond this, Dr. Jodie is an accomplished writer and speaker. She has appeared on television and radio stations to promote the integration of holistic veterinary care into conventional pet care.

Always a good day at Joey's Legacy when we add a great veterinarian to our team. Welcome, Dr. Jodie! Check out her website, [drjodiesnaturalpets.com](http://drjodiesnaturalpets.com).

## LEARN MORE

If you'd like to learn more about our mission, check out our podcasts featured on our website. We aim to educate, uplift, and tell the stories of companion animal loved ones who unfortunately fall victim to veterinary malpractice.

Our podcast series, **Joey's Legacy Roundtable**, premieres every other Sunday at 8pm ET live on our public Facebook page [@joeyslegacybook](#).

Our other podcast with Randy Turner, Esq. will resume in August. We're excited for a new season! To catch up on last season, visit our website, [joeyslegacy.org/podcasts](http://joeyslegacy.org/podcasts).

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