

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 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 lost.

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



THE INSIDE SCOOP

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.

We're excited to be in the process of scheduling podcasts for the rest of this year. Please check back soon for details!

In the meantime, to catch up on previous episodes, visit our website, joeysllegacy.org/podcasts.

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Angel Brothers, DVM is a valued member of our Veterinary Expert team at Joey's Legacy.

Dr. Angel graduated from Huntsville High School and went to Lipscomb University in Nashville.

After completing pre-vet studies, she graduated from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1996 and has been in private practice since then. We're lucky to have Dr. Angel on our team ever since!

Check out her website, northblountvet.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 joeysllegacy.org/donate.

CONTINUE READING for an important note from our founder, the unfortunate story of Harry, an English Bulldog, the experience of a private investigator, and more.

VICTIMS' CORNER



I have never photographed any of my deceased babies. I'm not certain why I did it this night, except, that I could not believe that within an hour and 20 minutes of entering an Emergency Veterinary Practice that he was gone, my 3 year young English Bulldog Harry.

When the attending Veterinarian gave me her COD, my mind screamed, my heart felt a searing pain and most of the air left my lungs, as I gasped, imagining what Harry had experienced in horror.

I told him to go to the back with "them", that they were going to help him.... he looked at me as if to say, "Are you sure?", I said "Mommy will see you in just a minute". The next time I saw Harry, he was rolled to me on a plastic table, deceased.

They listed Harry's cause of death as "respiratory arrest likely due to exhaustion from respiratory distress, unfortunately predisposed in this breed, subsequent cardiac arrest likely due to hypoxia." They gave Harry nothing to calm him as they restrained him repeatedly for multiple sticks by several techs in attempt to gain venous access to no avail. An IV cutdown was done 6 minutes into CPR.

I took this photo as I sat with Harry in total shock for more than two hours. I did not see the beautiful white light surrounding his head when taking the photo but noticed it immediately the next night when I finally gathered enough courage to look at the pictures. It is my belief that this is the moment that Harry's soul or "spirit" was leaving his shell of a battered body.

I am pleading for anyone reading this to consider gifting a donation to Joey's Legacy so that Truth may be shared through these Documentaries.

I believe that we are "keepers" of these precious beings and WE ARE THEIR VOICE.

Will you stand strong with me on behalf of "Prince Harry" and other victims?

Thanking you in advance, I am forever grateful.

- Sharon, Harry's Mommy

CONTACT US

If you need assistance with potential veterinary negligence or malpractice, please send us an email to info@joeysllegacy.org or give us a call at 803-520-7566. We are available 7 days a week.

FROM THE FOUNDER



TRUTH

Along with the veterinarians on our team, there is a large number of veterinarians that are just as sick of what is going on in their profession as we are.

Back in 2006, veterinary medicine was ranked as the third most respected profession in Gallup's annual poll.

Current and past members of our veterinary team have told me that they've tried to approach vet boards with complaints about their colleagues. Those vets are turned away, just as we are.

Snub the good guys, protect the bad actors...the unofficial mantra of vet boards.

The landscape for companion animal justice is slowly changing for the better. The very slow demise of the veterinary propaganda machine is happening now. More vets and attorneys are hearing about us. Vets send new clients to us so we can pursue the former bad actor vets. Attorneys send victims to us to obtain Certificates of Merits (opinion letters) so they can pursue bad actor vets.

It's all changing for the better. It's only a matter of time.

The education we receive in this group cannot be found anywhere else in this world. We are unique. We fight the bad actor bullies 24/7. We hope you'll support us fulfill our mission of educating and enlightening the uninformed companion animal parent community. **If we don't, who will?**

- Scott



EMMA'S CORNER

I am so excited to be able to share with you, in these newsletters, all I have learned over the years on natural health for our companion animals. In each, I will choose a topic and provide information for things to do for the best chance at avoiding illnesses, as well as alternatives to drugs/chemicals. If you have a topic or question please ask me to cover it. I will choose topics that will be great information for the majority.

Emma was my English Setter, whom after I rescued her from a hoarding situation, went on Apoquel. I was not told by the prescribing vet that Apoquel is an immunosuppressant drug, I was only told it was safe. I never thought to look up the drug because I had complete trust in the vet. I use to be a veterinary tech, so I believed in the veterinary industry and all their protocols. I never thought to question their judgement and do my own research. As Emma began to have multiple health issues, including in time cancer, I finally thought to look up how Apoquel works. I was horrified to realize that what I was giving her likely led to worse issues compared to her itchy skin.



I learned in my research that Apoquel is a immunosuppressant drug, which means it can leave the body open to anything from infection to awakening cancer cells. We all have cancer cells that our body fights every day. Apoquel shuts off the bodies ability to do that. It works by binding to the JAK (janus kinase) receptors. There are 3 total and the drug blocks primarily JAKS 1 and 3. JAKS are a pathway system in the body and Apoquel interrupts their function. JAK receptors are used to ward off disease and infections in the body. Simply, it stops the itch by inhibiting the receptors, which in turn is blocking the entire immune system from doing its intended job. So what you think is working a miracle can come with some disturbing consequences. Emma would occasionally get very bad diarrhea, UTI's, ear infections, and weight gain. I didn't know then that they were all common side effects of the drug. The vet would commonly give her drugs for these ailments and refill the Apoquel the very same day, never telling me it could all be linked. Then Emma had a tumor grow on her side and our cancer fight began.

The Facebook group, **Bringing awareness to the link between Apoquel and cancer in dogs**, was started by me in an effort to warn others about this drug, and ultimately send members on a better path. I learned that the processed food I was feeding Emma, the monthly toxins I was giving her, the overvaccinating, and the cover up drugs, were all weakening her body. Skin issues and ear infections are usually the first sign of that, which she did experience prior to using Apoquel. By giving her an immunosuppressant drug, I was covering everything up and allowing disease to grow in the background, no real healing was occurring. What seemed like a miracle turned into a nightmare.

Emma passed away on July 28, 2018. She was an innocent sweet soul who was a victim. Had her vet told me it was an immunosuppressant drug I would of never gave it to her. That ability to decide, possibly could of brought about a positive outcome. I look everything up now and I have learned enough to give my dogs the best possible chance of avoiding health issues. I also now know many healthier alternatives than reaching for a drug or chemical first.

I hope Emma's corner can be a source of education for you, and ultimately give you a better knowledge for achieving overall health in your companion animals.

Wishing you well,
Jenny

*The statements made in Emma's Corner do not replace veterinary care. My advice, if it is not an emergency, always seek a natural minded veterinarian.



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MEMORY OF**
Zachary Giddens
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"The Sweetest and Most Affectionate
Kitty Having Unlimited Special and
Intrinsic Value, and Use."



FROM THE FILES OF INSPECTOR BARK



My name is Darcy Butkus, and I am a licensed private investigator, dually licensed in Georgia & Florida. I have dedicated the past 14 years to investigating dog rescues, breeders, and shelters throughout the U.S.

The former abuse of my own four-legged best friends (Ricky & Lucy) is what motivated me to start my detective agency, Inspector Bark, here in Georgia.

The public has been conditioned to view terms like "animal rescue" as honorable organizations that protect abandoned and mistreated animals from further harm. Sadly, that is not always the case.

Inspector Bark Detective Agency has uncovered several groups that have exploited animals for personal financial gain by capitalizing on the sympathy of generous donors. In these situations, it is not uncommon for dogs to endure abusive and neglectful conditions.

Citizens reach out to my Inspector Bark Facebook page expressing concerns when they witness registered organizations failing to prioritize the needs of the animals. Oftentimes, whistleblowers are fearful of going public with their accounts of fraud and abuse, and with good reason. Many organizations use their resources to intimidate and retaliate against those attempting to bring the truth to light. Without assistance, whistleblowers who cannot afford legal representation are forced into silence.

I continue working to ensure whistleblowers' claims receive the validation and exposure they deserve. Ultimately, by holding unscrupulous players accountable, I strive to promote a more credible and effective animal welfare community.

Here is my Facebook page,
www.facebook.com/InspectorBark

- Darcy

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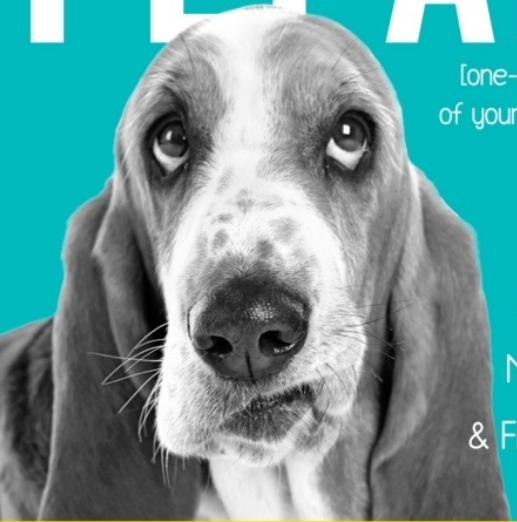
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