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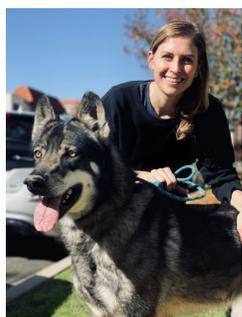
We have assembled some of the brightest minds in veterinary medicine, grief counseling and animal law that assist those that come to us with claims of veterinary negligence.

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, and grief and trauma counselors.



TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sarah Thompson, ESQ.

Sarah grew up in Orange County, California, and attended Villanova University, graduating magna cum laude with a major in Sociology and minors in French and Political Science in 2012.

She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco School of Law ("USF"), graduating with honors in 2015, and earning numerous merit awards, including awards in Administrative Law, Family Law, and Evidence. At USF, Sarah obtained a certificate in Public Interest Law, in part due to her volunteer work with the San Francisco SPCA.

FROM THE FOUNDER



Welcome to our world!

We are available from 8AM to 9PM ET, seven days a week to assist you with your claim of veterinary negligence or malpractice.

Joey's Legacy will assist you from the first step to the last step in pursuing justice for your situation. Please call us at (803) 520-7566 or you may e-mail us at info@joeyslegacy.org.

FOR NEW MEMBERS: We can offer you bi-monthly newsletters for the rest of 2022, PDF copies of Joey's Legacy's Volume One and Two and a 10% discount on all books on JL Robb's website <https://the-end-the-book-the-series.com> for a \$20.00 donation, which can be made at joeyslegacy.org/donate. Contact us for promo code for website purchases.

We have a very compassionate group of people. Many have never had a bad experience with a veterinarian but are in our group to learn about the experiences of others. We welcome you, and what you'll learn in this group will help you become a better advocate for companion animals.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

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.

To catch up on previous podcasts, visit our website, joeyslegacy.org/podcasts. You may also find our podcasts on YouTube: Joey's Legacy.

JED'S TRIBUTE

JED BELLANDI (Jitterbug). He came to us at 14 years young through a setter rescue we have fostered and adopted with in the past. He had been an outside dog his entire life and his owner had passed away. As soon as we were sent a video of him, asking us to foster, we knew he was a gift sent.

He came to us emaciated and covered in tumors. He was still, even with his poor health, given the rabies vaccine prior to coming to us, due to the strict rabies laws. The vaccine company states healthy dogs ONLY, which Jed clearly was not.

We adopted Jed and soon he realized how great a bed and soft blankets were. We brought out the puppy in him due to proper nutrition and love. He went everywhere with us and loved shopping, as well as frequenting the Ocala Drive-in. He was a hugger and a comedian. He loved his brother Jesse so much he would bark at him; it was the only time we heard his bark. He was a lover of raw goats milk every morning and would not let you forget if snack time was a little late. He loved couch time with his daddy and would do his best napping there. He loved to rub his head on anything, especially after eating. He loved quiet times on the bed with his mom, where she would always tell him how much she loved him, how much God loved him. He loved his life with us.

We sent Jed on ahead on August 11, 2022. He had a tumor on his heart, and we did not know until the signs presented themselves. We believe Jed came to us with an extremely weak immune system and the rabies shot is suspected in the spiral of his health. We slowed the disease down with a species appropriate diet, no chemicals, and the help of his homeopathic vet. Our wonderful vet unfortunately said the rabies shot is linked to heart tumors. We can't help but wonder if Jed would still be with us if they hadn't been forced to vaccinate him needlessly. His blood work, recently done, overall was perfect. At 16 he had no signs of kidney or liver issues.

We must change these outdated rabies laws and the ignorance behind them. Vaccinating a sickly neglected 14 year old, with minimal to zero risk of exposure, is absolute malpractice by the administering vets and the law makers that back it. They are going directly against the vaccine company guidelines, and its common practice. They are forcing rescues to vaccinate to adhere to these ridiculous deadly laws. Putting them in a situation to save animals and make sick pets.

We miss and love him so much. He filled our souls with so much love, happiness, and peace on this earth. We were blessed to love him for 2 years, just truly and beautifully blessed. Mommy and daddy will see you soon, our precious little man.

FROM THE FILES OF INSPECTOR BARK



Animal Rescue or Scam?

Hello animal lovers! Inspector Bark here. As a private investigator, dually licensed in Georgia & Florida, my main passion, purpose & goal is to

help the general public understand that not all rescues are on the up & up. Please do your own due diligence.

Inspector Bark is also the name of my own detective agency, here in Georgia. I speak to several concerned animal advocates all over the country. I am seeing an increased pattern with more of these "fly by night rescues," popping up all over the USA. Looking deeper in these rogue rescues, they all have very similar backgrounds and characteristics. Rogue rescues are run by bad characters. They don't care about the animals, they only care about the money they make off the backs of these innocent dogs & cats. This is a scam!

Here are a few tips to go by before donating your hard earned money.

1. Does the "rescue" show actual vet bills? Or do they just put a dollar amount of what they need to treat the animal? Tricking the American public into thinking the dog or cat is in need of dire surgery.
2. Do NOT donate to a paypal or venmo account. Only donate to the vet's office directly, if possible.
3. Ask questions! So many people fail to do this. Very important. A rescue is supposed to be transparent, per the IRS. If the rescue refuses to answer your questions, this is a red flag.
4. Stay clear of "rescues" that air their dirty laundry on social media. Oftentimes you will see the same "rescue" repeatedly claim that ex fosters, ex volunteers or ex employees are disgruntled, bad mouthing their organization and famous for saying they will sue for defamation. Could it be that these ex individuals are actually speaking the truth? Most of the time, they are.

Never be afraid to speak up for what is right. Be the voice for the voiceless.

Contact me @ Facebook page, Inspector Bark or email me at Info@Inspectorbark.com

Thank you, Darcy Butkus (Inspector Bark)



VICTIMS' CORNER

WSVN — It's been years since a South Florida veterinarian botched a routine surgery ending with the death of a beloved dog. For years, the owner has been on a mission to convince authorities to take away his license. Investigative reporter Carmel Cafiero is on the case.

Buffy was a champion show dog. She was also Sandy Gosselin's pride and joy.

Sandy Gosselin: "She was the love of my life. She was my little sunshine. I'll spend the rest of my life missing her."

Sandy took Buffy to the Palm Beach Gardens office of Dr. Richard Jaffe to be spayed. She says the procedure took hours and that Buffy was sent home in pain. She says she sent text messages to the vet all night— but he did not respond until the next morning when he sent this text indicating that he thought Buffy would "b alright."

Sandy Gosselin: "I called him immediately. I knew he was awake so I called him twice in a row and I left a message like, 'She's not all right and she's in pain and what do I do?' And he just ignored me."

Sandy rushed Buffy to another vet... but it was too late. The dog died from internal bleeding.

Sandy Gosselin: "And all of a sudden, I was like, 'She's not breathing.'"

Sandy made it her mission to make sure no other pet would suffer like her Buffy did. She attended meetings of the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine, the people who would be responsible for disciplining Dr. Jaffe for Buffy's death.

Sandy Gosselin: "I'll never forgive myself for spaying her, and I'll never forgive myself for trusting him."

A transcript of the first hearing about Buffy in 2014 reveals the former board chair accused Dr. Jaffe of "incompetence" and called his behavior "inexcusable." And since he had been in trouble several times before, and the board considered him a "danger to the public," the board revoked his license.

Dr. Jaffe filed an appeal in court which allowed him to practice while it was pending. The board ended up reinstating his license with restrictions last summer. Among those restrictions was the requirement to have another vet monitor his work.

Dr. Richard Jaffe: "I do."

But at a hearing this month, Dr. Jaffe wanted that changed.

Edwin Bayo: "We believe that Dr. Jaffe can safely practice without on-site monitoring."

He and his attorney argued, paying another vet to monitor his practice was expensive.

Dr. Richard Jaffe: "Giving me some relief with on-site supervision would allow me to— free me up financially, allow me to put money back into things were I normally would put, alimony, the practice, etcetera."

The board agreed but said Dr. Jaffe would still have to be monitored when doing surgery.

Board chair: "The motion carries."

Dr. Richard Jaffe: "Thank you board members."

Sandy was disappointed.

Sandy Gosselin: "And you know, they seem to protect the vet instead of the pets."

Dr. Jaffe ignored our questions.

Daniel Cohen: "Could you just respond to that?"

Sandy meanwhile is not giving up.

Sandy Gosselin: "I want justice. I can't bring Buffy back, but I feel like others should be protected."

Carmel Cafiero, 7News.



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EMMA'S CORNER

I see so many people still suggesting Dawn soap as a 'safe' and effective manner to killing fleas. While it maybe effective it is no way safe.

Dawn soap is full of harmful chemicals. Many may not see immediate issues, but the long term effects are reducing the strength of the immune system, as chemicals with no seemingly immediate negative effects do.

Many of us see the heartwarming commercials of wildlife saved by Dawn, being used during an oil spill to get the oil off them. It works so well because the chemicals are brutally strong enough to cut through. It's used during an emergency situation only and is not suggested to be used on our pets. That is directly from the company themselves.

Here is a list of the chemicals in Dawn from their website:

WATER, SODIUM LAURYL SULFATE, SODIUM LAURETH SULFATE , C10-16 ALKYLDIME-THYLAMINE OXIDE, ALCOHOL DENAT, PPG-26, SODIUM CHLORIDE, SODIUM HYDROXIDE, PEI-14 PEG-24/PPG-16 COPOLYMER, PHENOXYETHANOL, FRAGRANCES, METHYLISOTHIAZO-LINONE, COLORANTS, BLUE 1, YELLOW 5, RED 33, C9-11 PARETH- 8, STYRENE/ACRYLATES COPOLYMER, TETRASODIUM GLUTAMATE DIACETATE , CHLOROXYLENOL, PHENOXY ISOPROPONOL, GLYCERIN, SODIUM CUMENE-SULFONATE, PROPYLENE GLYCOL, TERPINEOL

Lets look at just a few quickly, SLS, known irritants to the skin, eyes, mouth and lungs, sodium chloride has many of the the same side effects. PEGS and Phenoxyethanol are ethoxylated compounds, simply put, they have 1,4 dioxane in them. which is a known carcinogen. Methylisothiazolinone is described by dermatologists as the most common cause of allergic dermatitis. It was named allergen of the year in 2013. Also, known for development and reproductive toxicity and cancer.

These are just a few of the ingredients and with exposure, especially repeated exposure, will in fact break down the immune system.

Imagine what else your using thinking its perfectly safe.

One of the missions of my Apoquel awareness group is to get members researching. It doesn't matter who is telling you the information, look it up for yourself. Understand what your using on your companion animals and yourself. As we discussed in last months newsletter about synthetics, if its not easy to say the word its likely not at all natural. It doesnt mean anything easy to say isn't a chemical either.

My first lesson to researching everything, was with Apoquel, after my Emma became sick. Apoquel is an immunosuppressant drug. Some vets are prescribing it saying it's perfectly safe. Immunosuppressant means it supresses the immune system. It leaves it unable to fight off infections and disease . How is an immunosuppressant drug safe?

There are many alternatives to Dawn that are safe. Liquid coconut oil is a handy tool to have to get fleas off fast, as well as diluted apple cider vinegar. Dr Bronners peppermint soap diluted with apple cider vinegar or a natural shampoo with neem oil are just some examples. There are numerous natural shampoos and alternatives, just do your homework.

There is a whole other world past harmful chemicals that work. We can all be a researcher and do better for our companion animals and ourselves.

Emma's Corner is an extension of the Facebook group, Bringing awareness to the link between [Apoquel and cancer in dogs](#), which was started by me in an effort to warn others about this immunosuppressant drug, and ultimately show members a better path for the TRUE overall health of their companion animals. [Emma's Corner](#) was born for this newsletter to assist in educating Joey's Legacy pet parents as well.

Until next time,

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY



In Memory of Yeti

2/16/2021 – 10/9/2021

Yeti tragically lost her life to Malpractice before her first birthday. She will forever be loved and missed, and we will remember her always.



In Memory of Jed Bellandi



In Memory of Dozer

12/14/2009 – 3/8/2022



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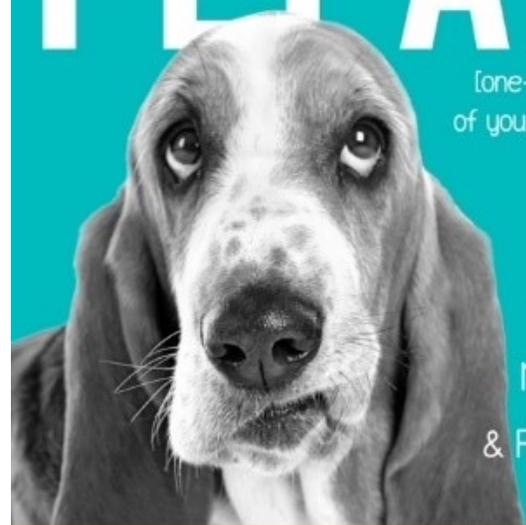
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the day we had to part
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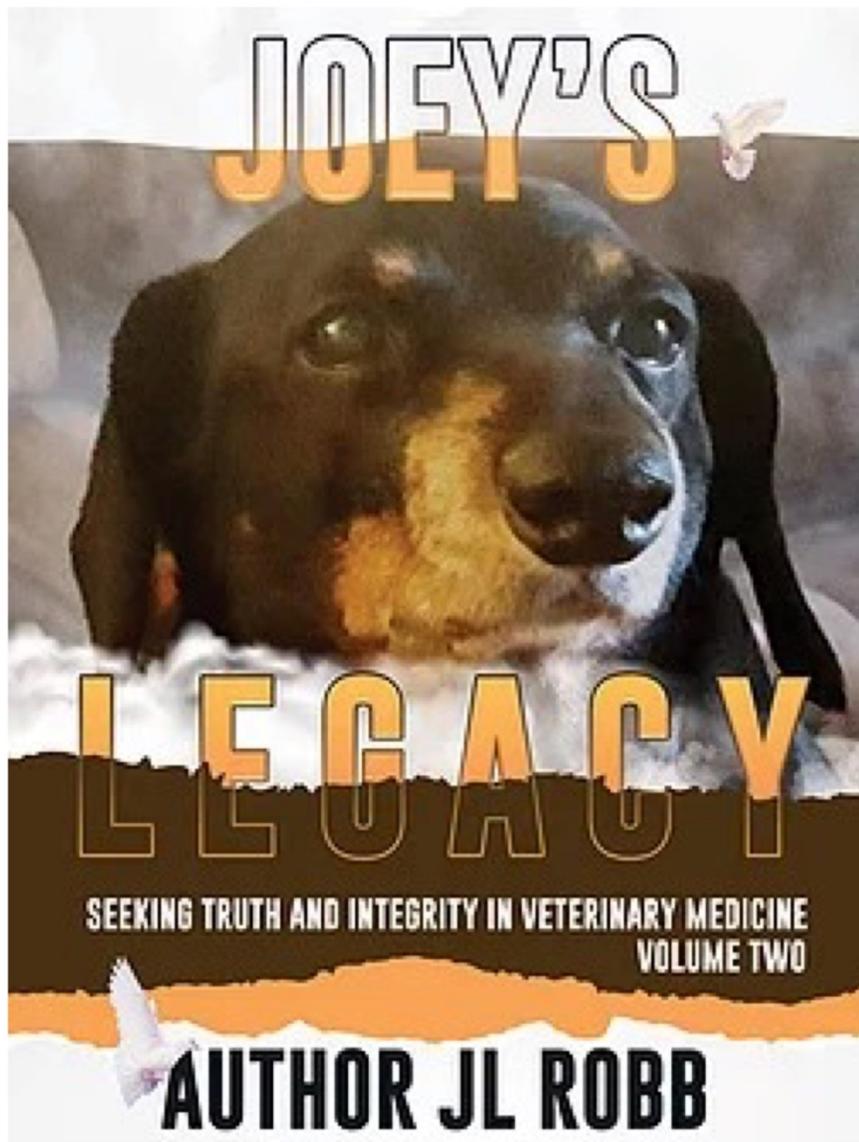
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