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ABOUT US

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.

FROM THE FOUNDER



I hope everyone is loving these as much as I am. For anyone who wasn't aware we are working on a new website that will be live in a couple of weeks. In it, we wanted to have a section dedicated to Celebrations of Life, including memorials, special occasions, and just celebrating the love brought to our lives. Reach out to me directly if you'd like to create a memory display. I'd love to do one for you.



TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DanaMarie Pannella, Esq.



We, at Holland and Muirden, Attorneys at Law in Sharon Center, Ohio, practice animal law and are one of the few law firms nationwide that dedicate our practice to this and have two full time attorneys. I adopted an abused dog who received no justice in 2007 and chose to attend law school with the mission of practicing animal law.

Our firm acts as appointed prosecutors for animal cruelty cases to seek justice for dogs like mine, and we have successfully prosecuted thousands of animal abusers. In addition to our animal cruelty prosecution practice, we seek to advance animal welfare through legislation and civil litigation, including by pursuing veterinary malpractice cases. In 2013, I was able to convince a court to allow damages beyond fair market value in the case of a dog, Riley, who was killed during a routine dental by an overdose of inhalant anesthesia.

The court allowed evidence of money spent throughout the dog's life beyond "ordinary care" (dog food) to make the pet owners whole. The case went to a jury trial. Although many cannot afford this type of litigation given the current state of the law on damages, I believe that for each person who pursues such a case, we get a little bit closer to closing the gap on a profession that seems to have the least liability for wrongful conduct. I believe that with the cost of pet care rising every day and pet owners who are more than willing to spend premium prices to care for those pets, that our legislators must address this liability issue if the courts will not.

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In Memory of Jed Bellandi

FROM THE FILES OF INSPECTOR BARK

Part 1: When you hear the words, "No Kill" what does that term mean to you?

No Kill seems to be the buzz word nowadays.

Animal shelters across the USA are claiming to be No Kill, but are they really? If they are "No Kill" where do all the unwanted animals actually end up? Shelters for the most part do not do home checks on where animals end up. That goes for not "vetting" rescues as well. Here in Georgia we had a "rescue" doing business as 'Dogs Rock Rescue.' Below is a summary of what the Heard County Sheriff's office discovered on the property. I warn you it is difficult to read.

In my opinion, NO KILL is actually killing our animals. The problem is we simply do not have enough loving homes to take in all these animals. We are seeing more & more animals found living in warehouses, stockpiled & stacked on top of one another. Is that a way for a dog to live its life out? Or any animal for that matter? Some people tend to think so. In my opinion, we need to tackle the root of the problem which is **SPAY & NEUTER**. We must stop the cycle.

Part II will be in the next newsletter.

Never be afraid to speak up for what is right. The animals have no voice; therefore we must be their voice. Contact me at Facebook page, Inspector Bark or email me at Info@InspectorBark.com



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****Warning** Upsetting to read.**

August 2022/Heard County Georgia: FOX5Atlanta.com reported that authorities had seized more than 200 dogs from a self-professed animal "rescue" doing business as Dogs Rock Rescue after they were found in conditions described as "deplorable." According to the report, "Deputies raided the Dogs Rock Rescue after county animal control officers discovered what they said appeared to be deplorable conditions on the property including dead dogs, emaciated dogs, diseased dogs, and dehydrated and hungry dogs. Investigators said they found a fire pit, where deputies said they found 20 canine skulls with evidence of bullet wounds. Some of the skulls had holes in them commensurate to a possible .22 (caliber)," said Heard County Sheriff's Lt. Dan Boswell." The group had reportedly "recently taken about 40 dogs from the Clayton County animal shelter." Its owner, Wendy Brewer, faced felony cruelty-to-animals charges. It was later reported that Deanalyn Reign, an "associate" of the "rescue," had been arrested in connection to the case. According to the report, she had "a criminal past for animal abuse in Alabama." A spokesperson for the Heard County Sheriff's Office reportedly said that "she was given two years' probation ... and some classes that she had to take. And that same year in Connecticut, she was stopped on Interstate-95 by Connecticut state troopers. And they recovered 20 dogs—correction, 30 dogs—that were stacked in crates inside a van."

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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.

VICTIMS' CORNER

Hello all, I am a new member to the group, and I would like to tell what is going on with our 4yo boxer girl Lola... on Tuesday July 26th our Lola had gingival hyperplasia surgery on her mouth. (it is when the dogs' gums overgrow over the teeth) We really went back and forth on whether we should do it or not but decided in the long run it would be best for her. We dropped her off at 8:30 am and at 4 they called and said come pick her up. Within 4 minutes they called back and said she needed another 1/2 hour to come to from the anesthesia.

When we picked her up she looked fine, a little groggy, but happy to see us. Her mouth and teeth looked amazing. We could finally see her teeth on the bottom again. But we were told that during the surgery Lola got hives. They said they gave her a Benadryl shot, and when we picked her up there were no signs of any lumps or bumps associated with what hives would look like. Got her home she ate a little dinner and seemed fine. When it was time to go to bed I noticed a small dime sized open wound on her belly. Boxers don't have any hair on their bellies, so it was easy to see. I washed it and then put a dab of Neosporin on the wound, and we went to bed. The next morning, we could not believe it. Her belly was covered in open wounds. It was shocking. Called the doctor the next morning and they immediately saw her. Put her on another antibiotic and sent us home with Zymox cream 2 times a day. And also, to wash her belly with a mild soap. The doctor said that she thinks she had an allergic reaction to something. But not sure pinpointing what. I asked if she thought it was a staph infection and she said she didn't think so. These photos were taken about a week after the initial breakout. All along our vet is telling us that this is an allergic reaction to something, the anesthesia, or the blanket they put her on? That did not sound right to me, so I started doing some investigating myself.

The first thing I did was join two FB vet groups, one group is where you put in your concern about your pet and only vets with prior approval can comment. The other group is the same, you put in your concern but every member, if you experienced this before with their dog, could comment. So, I posted my concerns about Lola's belly to both groups. In the vet group, I did not get one response, but on the members group, one member said that her lesions looked like burns. That at least gave me something to go on. I found many articles about dogs getting burned from heating pads during surgery. I think this is what happened to our girl. I do want to say that our vet has not charged us any money for any of the rechecks or the skin debriding to take of the dead tissue. But I also now believe that she is not being honest with us either.

Our vet hospitals here have been very busy, and we are on the wait list to get a second opinion from a vet specialist dermatologist, and hopefully get some well-deserved answers to what happened to Lola, our sweet girl. There is so much more to this story, but it would turn into a book. Right now, almost 8 weeks later the wounds are almost closed and healed but can tell she is going to be very scarred, and we feel like this trauma has changed her, she has not been her happy self. Also, we have bouts of depression over this as well. I know that might sound silly, but if I think about how much she suffered, it makes me really sad...just one more thing before I end. At one point at the beginning of the initial rechecks after the wounds came out, our vet told us "now don't panic and take her to the animal hospital, she is going to be OK" ummm. I feel guilty, we should have taken her...well if you got to this point, I thank you for reading. Give your furbabies a kiss from me...Maria in NJ



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EMMA'S CORNER

I have been involved in animal rescue for 20+ yrs. Having a degree in animal science led me to volunteer with HSUS in Mississippi, during the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. That experience led me to start my own animal rescue, long before I learned better ways to keep our animals healthy. Being a responsible rescuer, I always followed my traditional vet protocols. With all I have learned on a natural approach to animal health, I now know, I did not optimally support the health of these animals that I rescued.

First, we know the majority of animals coming into rescue are not at all healthy, many are also seniors. Second, we know the vaccine companies guidelines are to vaccinate healthy animals ONLY. Where that's the guideline, then there is obviously some admittance that vaccinating can stress the immune system. Also, awareness the body can't build a good response of antibodies if that body is already in a weakened state.

We have conflicting laws that make no sense. Almost every state requires proof of rabies every 3 years. The rescues must adhere to these laws or risk loss of their licensing. They are inevitably forced to vaccinate EVERY incoming dog who has no vaccine record. Most rescue dogs are in fact sick, elderly included, and they are getting vaccinated as one of the first protocols. Nobody stops to think the laws are going directly against the vaccine companies guidelines, which again states healthy dogs ONLY. As little as an ear infection, itchy skin, parasites, diarrhea, old age, means that dog is not suitable or healthy enough to meet these guidelines. I must also add in the fact a titer (measures antibodies in blood) is NOT allowed as adequate proof of rabies in the majority of states, especially in conjunction with a rescue license. So blindly vaccinating a possibly already immune dog is also a common practice.

So these rescues, as I like to say, are unintentionally saving animals and making sick pets (family members).

Overvaccinating is known to cause health issues by weakening the immune system. It has been linked to everything from skin issues to cancers, IMHA (Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia), and SARDS (sudden acquired retinal retention; blindness) just to name a few. However, the vets get a rabies shot going into the field, then titer themselves thereafter. Why is it offered to them, but not for our beloved animals? Is it profit making for our animals or just ignorance? Titers have also proven animals to be well protected against rabies after just 1 shot, for well over 3 years if not a lifetime.

Could it be that every time a vet vaccinates without a titer its malpractice, especially vaccinating a sick or elderly animal? The veterinarians are suppose to follow the guidelines of every drug they administer, to assure the responsible dispensing of that drug etc. Yet the laws do not follow those guidelines and vets are vaccinating to comply. Vets are in a wonderful position to fight against these laws to allow titers as adequate proof of protection and make them affordable. Some vets that I personally have encountered have asked me why I'd want to titer a rescue dog, because it was cheaper to just give them the shot.

Back to rescues. The animals coming into rescues that are emaciated, itchy, obviously with weak immune systems, get fully vaccinated. Then the dog gets adopted and health problems, some life threatening arise, and by then nobody connects the dots. The pet parent is left with the broken pieces when it possibly could of been avoided. Add in the monthly toxic 'preventatives' and processed foods these animals have little chance of overall health and longevity.

Rescues and vets need to see the old school way of thinking is outdated. Titers instead of vaccinating should be the focus and something they should all fight for in order to assure the health of these animals, while still protecting the public and environment, as stated in their oath of conduct.

Examples, a 1 year old dog received his rabies vaccine. He was titered at 8 years old. The titer came back extremely strong(any number means immunity). Another elderly rescue dog coming into rescue was titered for distemper, due to the push from the foster, because his lifetime records showed no distemper vaccine. His titer came back strong (natural immunity) proving natural immunity exists. That same 14 year old senior, emaciated, covered in tumors, with suspected cancer, received the rabies vaccine to comply with laws. He was certainly not healthy or a high risk candidate.

Do your research on over-vaccinating. Check your state laws and if they offer no alternative to a rabies vaccine then try to make change. Educate yourselves on the importance of titers and more natural protocols for health and then teach others. Feed these animals real food, titer, seek natural alternatives to insect control, know the alternatives to drugs, and the real healing can begin.

I hope if this edition did anything, it simply got you thinking and asking questions you may have not otherwise asked.

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.

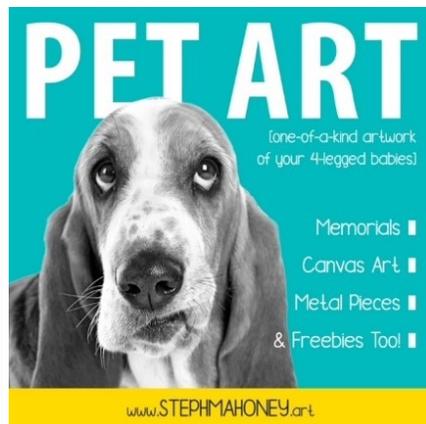
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Jenny

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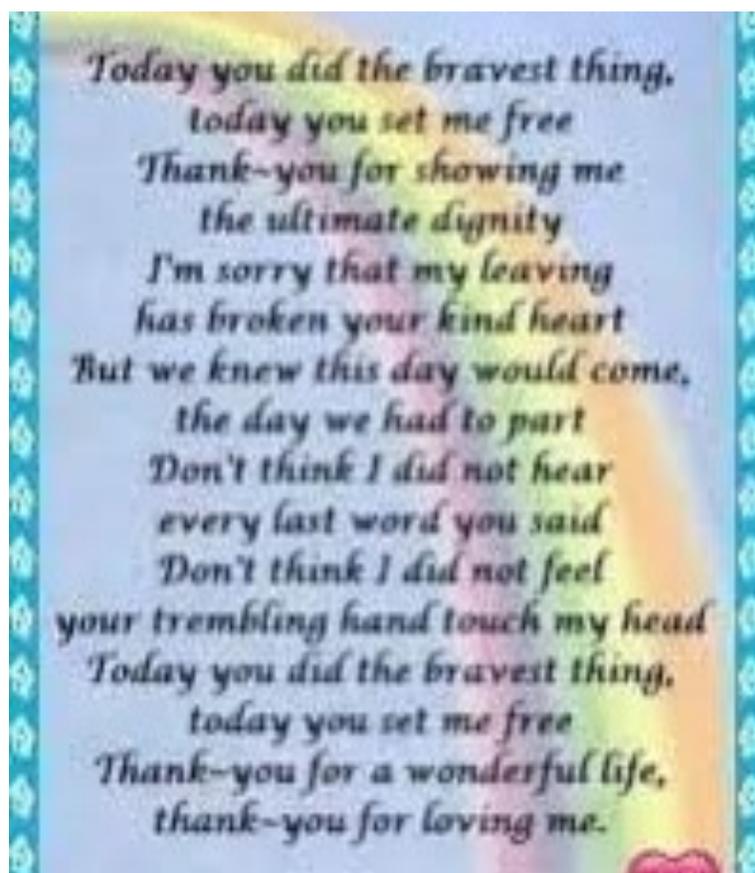


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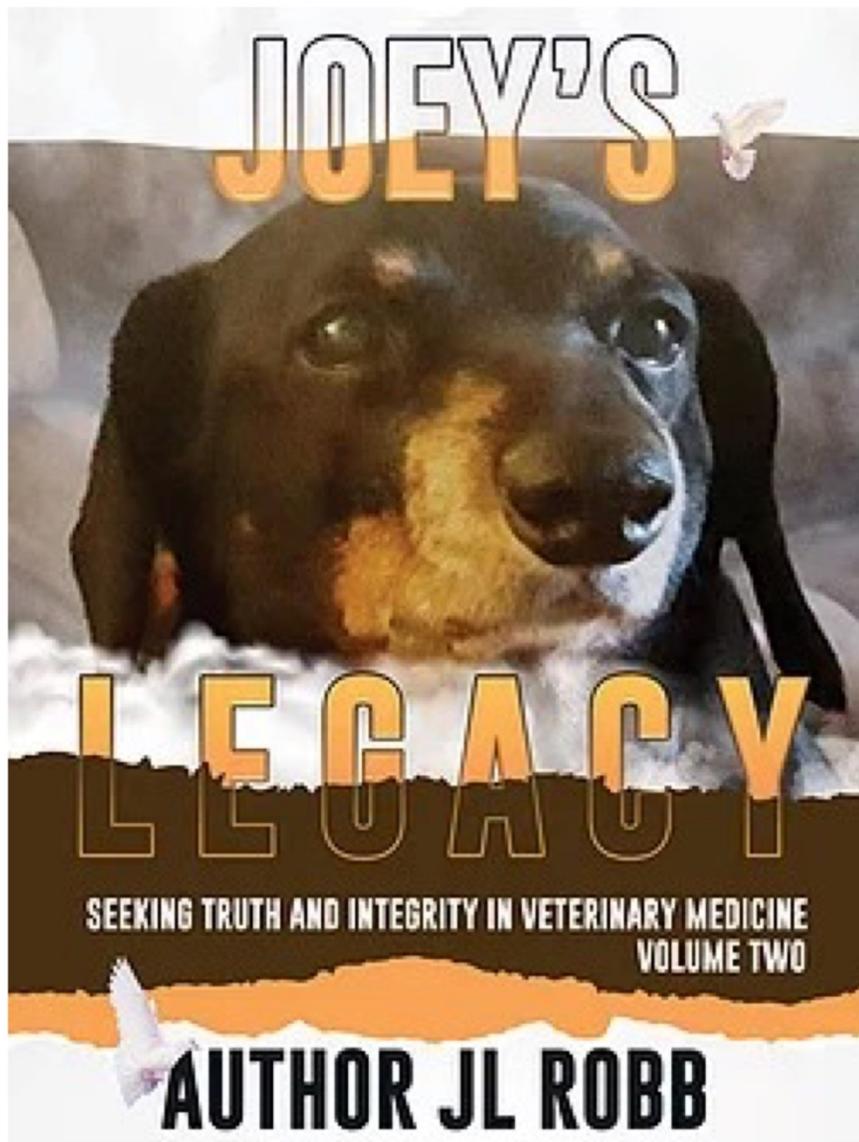
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12/14/2009 – 3/8/2022

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