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Happy Spring from the Roach Law Office!
April is here and we couldn't be more excited that Winter is over and,
more importantly, baseball is back



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How to Keep Your Dog Safe on Car Journeys



You wouldn't dream of putting your pet dog in danger. You might pop your furry pal loose on the back seat of your car, though, or in the luggage area of your vehicle when you travel. Even though doing so is against the law in some places, many people you know do the same, so you think you and your pooch are safe. Unfortunately, inadequate restraints or not restraining your dog at all

could result in death for either of you, so you need to put safety first.

Why you must restrain your dog

Have you ever thought about what would happen to your canine pal in a car accident? If you brake hard, your pet will shoot forward, possibly into the front windscreen or you. Any loose object, animal, or person becomes a missile in a crash.

According to ABC News "if you are in a car crash, your chance of dying increases by as much as 25 percent when another person in the same car is not strapped in." You're also in increased danger when your dog isn't restrained. Of course, you would be mortified if your pal suffered an injury or death in a car crash and want to keep him/ her secure anyway.

Dog restraints

Not all dog restrains are adequate. Some are crash tested or tested to the same level as children's car seats. Others haven't been tested, so you can't be sure they will work in a crash. However, you can avoid cheap, flimsy restraints that are a waste of money by examining their quality.

To be on the safe side, buy a reputable restraint like Easy Rider crash-tested harness, EzyDog car safety harness, or Bergan auto harness. Some other brands will be just as good, but you need to check their product labels or research them before you know for certain.

You care about your and your pooch's welfare, so make sure you use a restraint or confine your dog in a different safe way such as using a pet crate. Other safety considerations include ensuring your dog has water and toilet breaks and not leaving him/her alone in a hot car.

Look after your dog when you travel and you won't face unnecessary sorrow and can safely enjoy outings together.

Driverless Cars: Friend or Foe?



Results are in on Volvo's nationwide survey about self-driving cars: people just don't trust them.

Little is understood about the technology – which involves sensors, onboard systems, high-definition 3D laser mapping, and connections to computers that could be hundreds or even thousands of miles away from the vehicle. Also, drivers don't have faith in a self-driving car to avoid an accident or to obey the law.

It's true; obeying traffic laws has proven difficult for self-driving cars. Near the end of last year, a Google self-driving car was pulled over for driving 24 mph in a 35-mph zone, only for the officer to be totally spooked by the lack of driver. (By the way, no ticket was issued. To whom would it have been issued anyway?) Google's cars are currently programmed not to reach beyond 25 mph, in order to A) maximize safety; and B) make the technology seem friendlier and more accessible to its human owner.

Based on the results of Volvo's survey, that approach doesn't seem to be working.

It's unclear whether those who shot down the idea are concerned about safety, or about losing the gratifying control of driving. For example, 72% of drivers said that "driving manually is a luxury that must be preserved" and 55% of participants said they would still want a steering wheel even if the car was driving itself. Volvo's own self-driving car blueprint, "Concept 26," retains the steering wheel as well as the manual option.

While the technology is not yet perfected, and the public is skeptical, self-driving cars could prevent over 1 million deaths around the world each year. Google is already well on its way to doing so, as its project has been in process since 2009 and the cars have driven over 1.5 million miles. The closer the technology gets to being perfected, the closer humanity gets to turning those miles driven into an equal amount of lives saved.

What's Making Us Happy

When Wedding Invitation Arrives at Wrong Address, Strangers Return it with Sweet Surprise Inside

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Cassie Warren and Jesse Jones have been busy getting ready for the big day on which they'll finally tie the knot – so in the chaotic midst of planning the wedding, Cassie accidentally wrote the wrong address on a wedding invitation that was meant for her aunt and uncle.

Instead of being sent to the her relative's home in Eugene, Oregon – twenty minutes away from where the couple lives in Portland – it arrived at the home of an older couple.

While the recipients could have simply thrown the letter away, they sent it back to Cassie and Jesse with a note inside.

The note read: "I wish I knew you – this is going to be a blast. Congratulations – go have dinner on me. I've been married for 40 years. It gets better with age."

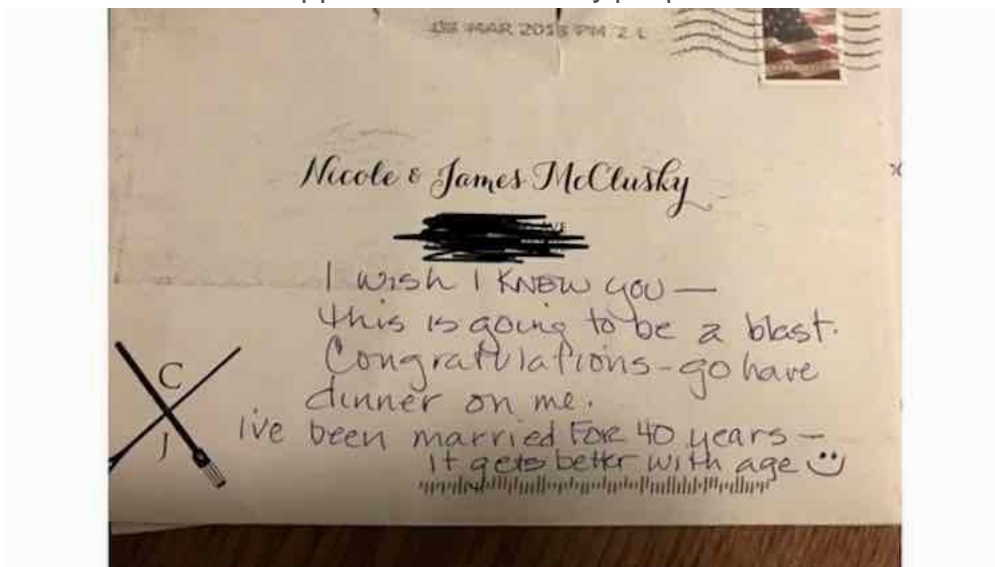
Enclosed with the returned invitation was a \$20 bill.

"I was at first annoyed that Jesse was so worried about opening mail and not focused on the conversation we were in the middle of, but after he opened it and saw the note, I was just grateful and felt so blessed," Cassie told [KOIN](#).

The happy couple ended up using the money to take their friend to dinner before he is deployed on active-duty.

Cassie also made sure to write a thank you note back to the mysterious couple so they know that their gesture was well-received.

"It was just a thank you card," Cassie said. "I thought [they] should know [their] act of kindness was appreciated. Not many people would do that for a stranger."



(Photos by Cassie Warren)

Cardinal's Baseball Home Games Schedule

Apr 5 Thu CARDINALS HOME OPENER vs.D-backs 6:15 pm CDT

2018 Cardinals Magnet Schedule

Apr 7 Sat vs.D-backs 1:15 pm CDT

Mystery Hall of Fame Opening Day Car Parade Bobblehead

Apr 8 Sun vs.D-backs 1:15 pm CDT

Lightweight Quarterzip Performance Pullover

Apr 9 Mon vs.Brewers 6:05 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: College Night I

Apr 10 Tue vs.Brewers 7:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: Class of 2018 Night

Apr 11 Wed vs.Brewers 12:15 pm CDT

Apr 20 Fri vs.Reds 7:15 pm CDT

Navy Mesh Pullover Jersey

Apr 21 Sat vs.Reds 1:15 pm CDT

Dexter Fowler Bobblehead

Apr 22 Sun vs.Reds 1:15 pm CDT

Yadier Molina Kids "Players Weekend" Jersey

Apr 24 Tue vs.Mets 7:15 pm CDT

April T-Shirt of the Month

Apr 25 Wed vs.Mets 7:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: PGA Championship Night

Apr 26 Thu vs.Mets 12:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: Weather Day

May 1 Tue vs.White Sox 7:15 pm CDT

Cardinals Decal

May 2 Wed vs.White Sox 12:15 pm CDT

May 4 Fri vs.Cubs 7:15 pm CDT

May 5 Sat vs.Cubs 1:15 pm CDT

Pet Treat Jar

May 6 Sun vs.Cubs 7:05 pm CDT

Prairie Farms Ice Cream Sundays

May 7 Mon vs.Twins 7:10 pm CDT

May 8 Tue vs.Twins 12:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: Nurses Day

May 17 Thu vs.Phillies 6:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: Soccer Night

May 18 Fri vs.Phillies 7:15 pm CDT

Bob Gibson Pitching Rubber

May 19 Sat vs.Phillies 1:15 pm CDT

Replica 1968 National League Championship Ring

May 20 Sun vs.Phillies 1:15 pm CDT

Rawlings Kids Baseball Glove

May 21 Mon vs.Royals 7:15 pm CDT

May T-Shirt of the Month

May 22 Tue vs.Royals 7:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: Budweiser Bash - Brian Jordan

May 23 Wed vs.Royals 12:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: KMOX Day

May 31 Thu vs.Pirates 6:15 pm CDT

Theme Ticket Event: Scouts Night II

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