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# DOG DAYS

## WHO WAS YOUR VERY FIRST DOG?

The hottest weeks of late summer are known as the dog days of summer. Contrary to popular belief, these days aren't named after canines that are so hot they just lie around on their backs. The name comes from the rising of the Dog Star, Sirius. Though the dog days of summer don't have anything to do with real dogs, this is still a great opportunity to share stories about the dogs who have starred in our lives.

I grew up in a rural area with a whole bunch of dogs. Most of our neighbors had horses, but we had dogs. At one point, we had 12 dogs at once. In our defense, that wasn't entirely planned out on our part. At the time, my aunt lived in Paris, so we took care of her dogs. Then two of our canines decided to each have a litter of puppies — at the same time! It was certainly a wild time.

All of the dogs I grew up with had a lot of personality, but the one who really stands out was Yankee, a Lab who loved to swim. When we'd get home, Yankee would dive straight into the pool. She knew she couldn't come into the house if she was soaking wet, but she'd go for a swim anyway. Yankee loved to float on her back and let us tug her around.

After being around dogs all my life, I certainly consider myself a dog person. They are just rad, and I really appreciate the connection humans can have with their dogs. Coming home to a loving dog can really turn your day around.

That reminds me of Stella, perhaps the most amazing dog I've ever known. Nicole had Stella for 17 years, from when Nicole was 21 to 38 years old.



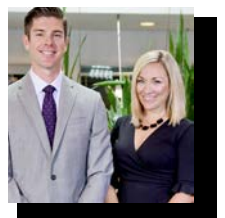
*Our dog cuddled up and helping Finn take care of Harlow after a recent accident that left her with six stitches in her foot.*

That's a long window of time, and they went through so much together. When Stella passed away, it was really hard on Nicole. To be honest, it was really hard on the whole family. Stella really impacted us.

She was the kind of dog who knew when you needed a quiet snuggle. If you were really stressed out, she'd magically appear. When we were first building the firm, Stella really helped us get through that stressful time. She was a very calming breath of fresh air. When you're cuddling a dog — or any pet, really — it reminds you that there's more to the world than whatever problem you're fixating on. The problems don't go away, but you certainly feel like you have more energy to deal with life after cuddling a dog.

Today, our dog Fiji makes sure to take up cuddle duties. We've had Fiji for over 10 years, and Finn is obsessed with her. He loves to sit on the couch next to Fiji and drink his juice in the mornings. Both the kids love the fact that Fiji gets to go on trips with us. Fiji doesn't like to be alone for substantial periods of time, so she saw the Southwest with us, joining us on our adventures from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon. It was pretty fun to have her along for the ride.

I think we're really lucky to have dogs in our lives. They have the amazing ability to add a little more joy and love to every day. Who could ask for more?



-Case Barnett

# ‘DAD, HOW DO I?’

## How 1 Father Is Passing Along Life Lessons

**B**eing abandoned by a parent is one of the most devastating things that can happen to a child. Rob Kenney experienced this trauma firsthand when his father said he no longer wanted any of his eight children. Kenney was only 12 years old when his father walked out of his life. In an interview with Q13 News in Seattle, Kenney explained that after that experience, he decided that when he had children of his own, he would raise them into good adults and make sure they didn't have a fractured childhood. But he didn't stop there.

Now 50, Kenney has a 29-year-old daughter and 27-year-old son who are living successful lives thanks to that decision he made many years before. However, even with an empty nest, Kenney realized he still had life lessons to pass on. After thinking about other young people in the world who have gone through the same unfortunate experience as he did, he decided to do something about it.

In early April 2020, Kenney created a YouTube channel called "Dad, how do I?" and uploaded his first video, titled "How to tie a tie." In the video,



he gives a helpful hint for choosing a tie. Then he talks viewers through the process of how to tie a tie while demonstrating it on himself.

As April progressed, Kenney uploaded a number of videos on other seemingly simple tasks, including how to unclog a sink, check the oil in a car, install a shelf, and even how to shave. As he continued uploading videos, he started to include dad jokes along the way.

"So today I'm going to show you how to use a stud finder," Kenney begins in one video. "If you came here looking for help finding a boyfriend, that would be a *different* stud finder."

Kenney hopes that, by uploading these videos, he can be there for someone who doesn't have a parent around to teach them these things. And in the course of just two months, it looks like he is already doing just that. At the end of May, Kenney's channel had over 2 million subscribers and thousands of people have reached out to Kenney to share their own similar experiences and express their gratitude and appreciation for everything he's doing.

## OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

*"Case gives attorneys a good name. He helped me out with my car accident lawsuit. He called me before we met in person to give me some information and to let me know what to expect at our first meeting. When I came into his office, I was greeted and given a welcome packet that had a ton of helpful information. After our first meeting, his team was in constant contact with me, giving me updates and walking me through the process. The paralegals and other attorneys were supportive and always let me know what to expect. They were so on top of things that my case settled for the policy limits in less than six months. Thanks to Case and everyone at Case Barnett Law!"*

**—Judy B.**



**New Firm Communication Policy:** We now have an attorney answering our phone! That's right, we have done away with the traditional legal secretary role, and we have our managing attorney, Rachele Staley, taking your calls. We want you to have access to an attorney whenever you need it. Now, if your attorney is in court or at a deposition, you can still chat with our managing attorney, who knows all of the details of your case. Of course, you can still call your attorneys and paralegals directly on their individual phone lines as well. Main Office: 949-565-2993 Case: 949.861.2990 Jamal: 949.234.8131 Dena: 818.269.1302 Paige: 949.891.0279 Gio: 949.482.1414

# Harlow's storytime

## The Best Camping Trip Ever



Hello, everyone!

This is Harlow, and this month I get to tell you about a super fun camping trip my family just went on. We went beach camping! This trip was special because it was the first time my mommy was able to leave the house in forever. She's been really sick and has only been able to go to the doctor. Finn and I were so happy that Mommy and Daddy were both able to take us camping.

We were also super excited to go to the beach again. The beaches were closed for a while. They're open now, but everyone has to stay far apart or wear a mask. Daddy says that they want to make sure the beaches don't get too crowded to help make sure more people don't get sick like Mommy did. That seems like a good idea to me. Plus, we got to have lots of space around us on the beach while we were camping. That has never happened before!

My family loves to go camping and spend time in nature. We get up early to go on walks and look for bugs and interesting plants. Then at night, we make bonfires and eat camping food. Finn and I also like to be creative when we're outside. Last time we went camping, we found a big rock that we turned into the plank of a pirate ship. We made our parents walk the plank and then we had a big feast and used a tree stump as our table. Mommy surprised us with a kite and she tried to keep up with us as we ran down the beach helping Daddy fly it.

We've been camping before, but this was definitely my very favorite camping trip. I'm glad we can still have fun as a family while also being safe. What fun things did you get to do this summer?



*Nothing says summer like a pasta salad filled with your favorite fresh fruits and vegetables, and this combination is the perfect way to cap off a warm summer day!*

### Ingredients

- 8 oz penne or fusilli pasta
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 large fresh peaches, diced or sliced
- 1/2 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 pint heirloom cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup corn
- 6 cups arugula, packed

### Directions

1. In a large pot of boiling water, cook pasta for approximately 9 minutes or until al dente. Drain pasta and place in a separate bowl.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, red pepper flakes, salt, pepper, and lemon juice. Drizzle the dressing over the pasta and toss with the feta cheese.
3. Add peaches, red onions, tomatoes, corn, and arugula to the pasta mixture. Lightly toss to mix well. Add more olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper to taste.

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# CASE CLOSED

## WRONGFUL DEATH, POLICY LIMIT CASE

### Settlement Amount: \$300,000.00

Case Barnett Law is always willing to help those in need and will do everything we can to ensure wrongs are set right. Recently, we received a referral from an attorney we've worked with in the past. This attorney trusted us to take care of the people who matter the most to him. When he found himself in a terrible situation, he knew that our team could help.

This attorney lives in an apartment complex, which was left in poor condition. Its neglect was the result of the landlord who did not ensure that the building and property were in good condition. One day, an older gentleman was found dead at the bottom of the stairs leading out of the attorney's apartment!



After he had first contacted us, we immediately sent a building codes and construction expert out to examine the property. The expert determined that the apartment was violating several building codes, which ultimately resulted in the older gentleman's death. The most significant violation the expert found was failure to have handrails on the stairs.

Within two short weeks, we also had the police reports and had sent a demand letter out to the violator.

The case was settled — within 30 days — for the apartment owner's policy limit. We're grateful that now the family can move on from this tragedy and have a little more peace of mind.