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TURNING A TOUGH SITUATION AROUND

JORDAN JACKSON ON RIGHTING WRONGS

I haven't been a part of the Herrman & Herrman team for long, but it's been an amazing couple of months. I joined in August 2017 after having practiced law since 2012.

I've dreamed of practicing law since childhood. When anyone asked me what I wanted to be, I had my answer ready. There was no question about it. Everyone was supportive of my aspirations, and that reinforcement stuck with me as I went to college and then on to law school. I followed my dream and made it happen.

It took a lot of hard work, but I got there. Achieving that dream was a big deal, but what has become an even bigger deal is the opportunity to help people. Working as a personal injury attorney, there are some days when you really make a difference in someone's life. It may sound clichéd, but it's true.

Sometimes, righting a wrong is simply getting someone a few thousand dollars so they can move on. Other times, we aim to make an even more significant difference in people's lives. Either way, the size of the case doesn't change the fact that we can change the course of someone's life and get them the help they need.



And help isn't always just money or a settlement. It can be resources, such as connecting them with the right doctor or even another attorney who specializes in a different area of law. We can leverage the professional connections we've made as attorneys for our clients should the need arise.

I'm excited for the months ahead. There are many cases in the pipeline, and I'm here to dedicate myself to helping our clients get what they need to move forward.

When I'm not at work, I relax by watching a game. I'm a huge Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs fan. The Cowboys have sometimes let me down, but in the end, they're my team. I'll support them through thick and thin.

-Jordan Jackson

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Occasionally, people find themselves in tough situations. For instance, maybe they were involved in a serious car accident and suffered injuries. This can severely disrupt a person's life. Somehow, they need to overcome the setback. Insurance companies that don't want to do the right thing further complicate matters.

Serious situations don't happen every day, or even every week. But when they do, I'm glad I'm in a position to help people get the justice they deserve. It's all about righting a wrong.

THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST PETS

Since humans first domesticated dogs almost 40,000 years ago, people have happily kept pets around. We feed them, groom them, and occasionally let them sleep on the bed. Some people love their pets so much they make sure their animals will inherit a vast fortune in the case of their owner's death. Here are a few pets who, thanks to their dedicated owners, are truly living the good life.

Gigoo

Fortune: \$15 million

When British publisher Miles Blackwell and his wife, Briony, passed away within weeks of each other, the childless couple left most of their fortune to a charity trust. About \$42.5 million went to benefit arts, music, and animal welfare causes. However, the Blackwells didn't forget about their favorite pet, Gigoo the hen. The \$15 million Gigoo inherited to ensure she was taken care of made her the only bird on Time magazine's "10 Richest Pets of All Time."

Gunther IV

Fortune: \$375 Million

German countess Karlotta Liebenstein left her entire \$80 million fortune to her German shepherd, Gunther III. Trustees for the canine's estate have made some excellent investments since then, growing the fortune to \$375 million — a sum that was inherited by Gunther III's son, Gunther IV. Today, this top dog dines on steak and caviar, is chauffeured by limousine, and owns villas around the world, including a Miami Beach mansion once belonging to Madonna.

Grumpy Cat

Fortune: Between \$1–100 million

While most rich pets inherit wealth, Grumpy Cat, whose real name is Tardar Sauce, is a self-made millionaire. Born with a form of dwarfism, the world fell in love with Grumpy Cat when pictures of her perpetual frown circled the internet in 2012. The meme sensation soon made the jump to real world celebrity, becoming the official spokescat for Friskies cat food and starring in her own movie, "Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever." Sources claim Grumpy Cat is worth over \$100 million. Her owner says this number is inaccurate, but one thing is certain — whatever she's frowning about, it's not her bank account.



This list is a clear reminder of how much people love their pets. Of course, instead of a vast fortune, most of us are content to show our affection with an extra treat before dinner. After all, our pets probably don't even know the difference.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPRING CLEANING YOUR UTILITY ROOM

The start of spring brings everyone's favorite seasonal chore – spring cleaning! As you dust, vacuum, organize, and declutter, don't forget about the one room that often gets neglected. This year, give special attention to the utility closet.

The utility closet houses your furnace, boiler, water heater, A/C junction, and other similar large appliances. Homeowners often forget about these appliances because they are out of sight and out of mind, and this can cost a lot in the long run.

Like all the other rooms in your home, this space needs to be kept clean. Dust, for instance, can be hard on HVAC systems. Over time, it accumulates in the HVAC intake and clogs the air filter, reducing its effectiveness and efficiency. This results in a short lifespan for your system, higher power bills, and a poorly heated or cooled home.

How Often Should You Replace Your Air Filter?

- * Homes with minimal foot traffic (single or double occupancy) and no pets or allergies: 6–12 months.
- * Family homes (three or more occupants) with no pets or allergies: 3–6 months.
- * Family homes with at least one pet or minor allergies: 2–3 months.

- * Family homes with multiple pets or allergies: 1–2 months.

In addition to changing the air filter, it's important to schedule a routine inspection of your home's HVAC system. This includes an inspection of the appliances themselves and any connecting ducts. Dust, dander, and mold can accumulate in the ducts and spread throughout the home, which can lead to health issues, including respiratory problems.

A routine inspection will identify potential problems in your HVAC system. On top of that, you can get these systems professionally cleaned and maintained. These are simple steps that will keep your home's air systems running smoothly for years to come. Plus, you'll be ready for the summer months ahead!



TESTIMONIALS

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT



"Steven was my lawyer and did a very good job handling my case and did everything he could to make sure I was taken care of."

–Julian F.

"I was referred to Herrman & Herrman by one of their previous clients, and I had a very great experience with them. They kept me updated about my case every step of the way. As soon as they learned new information, they would call me. Valerie and Kimberly were the best. From the initial visit to the last visit, I never had

one issue or concern. I highly recommend going to Herrman & Herrman – you won't regret it!"

–Jillian T.

"Herrman & Herrman were very helpful and took care of all my needs. They made sure I got treated right and made me feel like family. I recommend him and his team to anyone who needs help getting things done right – that's what they do best."

–Raul D.

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THE NEED FOR SPEED

WHY OUR ROADS HAVE POSTED SPEED LIMITS

The first speed limit was introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861, and the first posted limit was 10 miles per hour. By 1903, that limit had been raised to 20 mph. In the U.S., the first speed limit went into effect in 1901, with a limit of 12 mph in cities and 15 mph in the country.

Speed limits were introduced as a way to reduce the number of accidents and bring order to a potentially chaotic situation. As more automobiles hit the road, it became clear that speed limits were a necessity. They're not just there for the safety of people in cars on the road, but also for people who may be pulled over to the side or pedestrians who are walking. These limits give drivers time to adjust to situations that arise suddenly on the road.



Texas has a stretch of highway where the speed limit is 85 mph. There are highways dotting the country with the same speed limit. At one point in time, Montana had select roads with no speed limit at all!

In Germany, you can still find certain stretches of the autobahn with no posted speed limit. You can go as fast as you want or as fast as your car will go. But the autobahn has very strict etiquette. Break the rules and you can end up with a huge fine. One of those rules: Slower traffic must keep right – no exceptions.

In most cases, that same etiquette is true of American roads, but a lot of people don't abide by the rules. More states are actually passing legislation requiring slower traffic to remain in the right lane except to pass. This has been true for many Texas highways for a number of years. Like the posted speed limit, the idea is to keep more motorists safe while keeping traffic flowing.



BRAISED CHICKEN & SPRING VEGETABLES

This simple and delicious one-pot recipe is perfect for a weeknight. It only requires about 15 minutes of hands-on work, but will taste like you spent all day building flavors. It's a hearty comfort food that's sure to delight eaters of all ages.

INGREDIENTS

- * 1 tablespoon olive oil
- * 8 small bone-in chicken thighs
- * 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- * 12 radishes, halved
- * 4 large carrots, cut into sticks
- * 1 tablespoon sugar
- * 2 tablespoons fresh chives, chopped
- * Salt and pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-high heat.
2. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Brown in pan for 6 to 7 minutes per side.
3. Remove chicken from pan and scrape off excess fat. Add broth and stir in radishes, carrots, and sugar.
4. Return chicken to pan, placing on top of vegetables. Gently simmer with lid on pan for 15 to 20 minutes. Finish with chives.

Recipe inspired by Real Simple

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