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Ohio Dog Bite Cases: What You Need To Know

We love dogs and normally have three to five dogs in the office each day. Most dogs are very good, but just like most drivers are good, they still get into accidents, but a large number of our cases involved dog bites and dog attacks. Under Ohio law, the owner of a dog is strictly liable for bites or if the dog chases someone and causes injuries. The only exceptions are if somebody is teasing or tormenting the dog, or if someone is trespassing on their property.

In Ohio, you can collect for injuries, medical bills, lost wages, and if there's any permanent injuries such as scarring and psychological damage. Normally homeowners' or renter's insurance will cover dog bites, but if it happens at a business establishment, we look to commercial liability policies. Charles Boyk Law Offices does a background check on the dog and the owner to see if there are any prior biting incidents. We gather witness

statements and get video and photos of any bites or scarring. We collect the doctor's report, medical bills, and records. If there's a psychological injury, we refer the client to a psychologist and get their report.

It normally takes a year after the event, for the plastic surgeon to evaluate whether there is a permanent injury. We request a report from a board-certified plastic surgeon, to indicate what, if any, future costs will be for plastic surgery. Dog bite cases are serious, and we've been handling them for 40 years. If you have a dog bite case, we would be happy to get involved, and zealously represent you, to help you maximize the recovery.

Ohio's statute of limitations for most cases is two years. Ohio dog bite cases have a six-year statute of limitations. If the dog bite victim was a minor, you actually have six years after their 18th birthday to pursue a claim. Our firm has represented clients in other matters who mentioned they were the victims of dog bites when they were minors. In such cases, we retrieved copies of the old dog bite reports and pursued claims from years earlier. Dog bites can often cause serious

injuries, and we can potentially get a very fair and lucrative settlement for the injured party.

Our Law Firm has handled hundreds of dog bite cases, and we have learned over time how to maximize the recovery and find insurance coverage when many other firms can't. We can locate the dog owner, and witnesses, to help prove the case and get results for the client.

If you or someone you know is a dog bite victim, contact our office as soon as possible to determine your legal options and to maximize your recovery.

Chuck's Tips for Preventing Your Dog from Biting Someone

When I'm talking to my clients that have animals here are my recommendations:

- **Carry homeowner's, or renter's insurance. If you own a business, buy commercial insurance coverage to protect yourself, in case something happens.**
- **Even the best dog can bite someone if it's frightened or somebody makes a quick movement. Try to avoid those situations.**
- **Prevent unknown people or little kids from petting your dog.**
- **Be alert to potentially risky situations and use common sense to prevent them.**



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FAREWELL TO A FAITHFUL FRIEND & PAWYER — THOR

We are profoundly sad to report the sudden loss of Thor, the beloved office dog of Attorney Zac Shaffer. He was a young Pitbull mix who Zac rescued from an area shelter. He was a shy and quiet dog, who also loved to run and play. Thor was Zac's constant companion and often accompanied him in meetings with clients and co-workers.



Thor passed away suddenly in his sleep from an undiagnosed heart condition. All of us at Charles Boyk Law Offices are heartbroken and send our deepest sympathies to Zac, and his family. Thor was a great dog, a kind soul, and an excellent Pawyer. We miss him very much.

55th Boyk Brief Podcast Features Workers' Compensation Attorney Leah Michael

The 55th episode of the Boyk Brief podcast features Chuck Boyk's conversation with attorney Leah O. Michael, a successful workers' compensation lawyer with the firm of NRS Injury Law. Leah is also a member of the Boyk Law family. She began her career with Charles Boyk Law as a receptionist before becoming a legal assistant, and paralegal before attending law school. She and Chuck discuss her legal career and pivotal role in introducing office dogs to Boyk Law Offices.

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Boyk Law Bikes for Kids 2024 Latest Winners

Charles Boyk Law has wrapped up our 16th Annual Bikes for Kids Contest. We gave away 11 new bikes in 10 weeks to deserving kids this summer.

Over the previous years, we have learned that many of the strongest nominations come from area educators. When reviewing the contest submissions, we always give strong consideration to nominations from area school teachers and principals.

Lana was nominated by her teacher, Jennifer Mayo, who leads the safety patrol at Shoreland Elementary in Washington Local Schools. Jennifer told us that Lana was a dedicated member of the school safety patrol and would ride her bike to her post every day, to make sure her fellow students got to school safely. When her teacher noticed her hand-me-down bike was in bad condition, she nominated Lana for Boyk Law's 2024 Bikes for Kids contest. Charles Boyk Law selected Lana as a 2024 Bikes for Kids winner in recognition of her dedicated service to her school community.

Leah, our week 6 winner, was nominated by Kellie Radcliff, one of her teachers at Bowling Green Middle School. She told Boyk Law, "Leah is a hard-working young lady who has shown up every day ready to learn and do her best even though she has suffered a tragic loss in her family." Despite this world-changing event,

"Leah cares about her academics and works hard to produce her best work." At Charles Boyk Law, we admire Leah's resilient strength of spirit and her commitment to academics in the face of unexpected loss. We selected Leah as a 2024 Bikes for Kids winner for her courage and dedication to persevere and overcome challenges.

Deaundre was nominated by a family friend, who said, "Deaundre is a 14-year-old teenager with autism. He recently attained his first job with the Young Artist at Work program (through the Toledo Arts Commission). Because his mother works full time to care for him and his two other siblings, Deaundre must walk to the Toledo Museum of Art daily to work. Deaundre is an amazing kid and has borrowed bikes to get where he needs to go in the past, but it would be amazing for him to have his own mode of transportation." Charles Boyk Law

selected Deaundre as a 2024 Bikes for Kids Winner to help him get to his summer job safely and pursue his dream of a career in the arts.

Charles Boyk Law is happy to present our winners with a new bike. Wersell's Bike Shop presented all of our 2024 Bikes for Kids winners with a new helmet and bike lock, and Brightz provided LED lights to illuminate the wheels of their new bikes. We thank our partners for their continued support of our program.

Boyk Law's Bikes for Kids winners were announced weekly via our website and social media channels. Video profiles of our Bikes for Kids winners are also viewable on our website
www.charlesboyk-law.com/boyk-bikes-for-kids or
www.bikesforkidstoledo.com



RECIPE: Crazy Good Bacon Honey Butter Roasted Carrots

Yeah... this one is very good... and it was a cooking accident! After cooking bacon on the grill griddle, we ran out of room for our honey butter roasted carrots while cooking kabobs on the rest of the grill. So, we moved the carrots over to the bacon grease covered griddle to finish... and voila! Crazy good bacon honey butter roasted carrots were born. An incredible side for any outdoor BBQ or tailgate. You can even make it without the bacon for a (slightly) healthier dish!

INGREDIENTS:

- 12-15 large organic carrots
- 4 T salted butter
- 2 T honey
- 4 slices thick-cut bacon
- 1 tsp fresh cracked pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Preheat grill to

400°. Trim stalks off of carrots.

2. Place carrots on a foil lined sheet pan and bake for 15 minutes (or until slightly soft).

3. Cook bacon and reserve 2 T bacon grease plus pan scrapings.

4. In microwave safe bowl, place butter, honey, and cracked pepper. Melt all together and mix well along with reserved bacon grease and pan scrapings.

5. Place carrots directly on grill, and baste them with honey-butter-bacon-pepper mixture until slightly charred all the way around -

turning occasionally. Cook for about 5-8 minutes directly over heat.

6. Optional: crumble cooked bacon to garnish finished carrots.



CASES OF INTEREST: SEPTEMBER 2024

Woman & Elderly Mother-In-Law Both Severely Injured After Man Fails to Stop at Stop Sign

Our clients were in a vehicle traveling eastbound on US 224 East. One was driving with her 93-year-old mother-in-law in the passenger seat. The other vehicle involved was driving northbound on State Route 67 but failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of US 224 and struck our client's vehicle. The collision caused both vehicles to leave the roadway. The at-fault driver's vehicle came to rest in a field, while our clients' vehicle hit an electrical box. The injured parties were transported by ambulance to Mercy Health Hospital.

Our client who was driving the vehicle fractured her sternum and pelvis. Her mother-in-law had injuries to her abdomen and lower back and was placed on an oxygen tank. Both clients remained in the hospital for three days. They came to Charles Boyk Law Offices for help soon after the accident. Charles Boyk and his team got to work helping our clients receive the medical treatment necessary. We will continue to work on their case to get them the fair compensation they deserve.

Woman Suffers Broken Foot & Broken Arm in a Head-On Collision After Driver Crosses Median on Highway

Another vehicle was driving eastbound on US 24/35. He crossed the median into the westbound traffic, colliding with our client's vehicle. The collision happened west of 18th Street. The passenger in the other car sadly was pronounced deceased at the scene. Our client was transported by EMS to Logansport Hospital. After examination, she was found to have a broken right foot, broken left arm, and 2 fractures in her tailbone. She required surgery on her arm. She also started experiencing panic attacks.

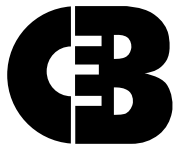
Our client called Charles Boyk Law Offices just two days after the accident. She was swift in knowing she needed help. Charles Boyk and his team quickly began to work on her case. They are actively working with the client to track her treatment, communicate with insurance companies, and handle property damage. They are also prepared to potentially file a worker's compensation claim, as she was driving her employer's vehicle at the time of the incident.

Man Breaks Sternum, 2 Ribs, & 2 Vertebrae in a Motor Vehicle Accident

Our client was traveling eastbound on Sterns Road. Another vehicle was driving westbound on Sterns Road, preparing to turn onto the US 23 South entrance ramp. The other vehicle failed to yield to our client, and the two vehicles collided. Both drivers were taken to the hospital by ambulance. Our client was taken to Toledo Hospital. After examination, he was diagnosed with a broken sternum, 2 broken ribs, a partially collapsed lung, and 2 broken vertebrae. He spent 13 days in the Intensive Care Unit.

After much suffering, our client came to our firm for help. Andrea Young and her team have been diligently working with our client, the insurance companies involved and many other people to help our client receive fair compensation.





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Ruby - Melting Hearts as New Boyk Paw Clerk

Ruby is a 6-month-old Golden Retriever who belongs to Boyk Legal Assistant, Theresa Richardson. This energetic cutie is our Boyk Law's new Paw Clerk. Her office responsibilities include keeping the floor and counters clear of errant treats. She also practices tail-wagging therapy and leads nap-time yoga classes throughout the day. You won't find this type of customer service in any other law firm. Ruby may eventually go to school to earn her Paw Degree, but right now she is busy making people smile and earning numerous belly rubs.



Charles Boyk Law Hosts – Client Appreciation Movie Night

Boyk Law recently went to the movies with over 100 of our closest friends at our special Client Appreciation Movie Night event at Fallen Timber's. Client families enjoyed a showing of Despicable Me 4 with complimentary popcorn and drinks and courtesy of Boyk Law. The Boyk Law attorneys and staff were there to thank our clients for trusting our office with their legal needs. We also gave away Mud Hens tickets and Boyk swag as door prizes and each attendee took home a Boyk Law gift bag on their way home from the theater. The event was a great success. Watch out for similar Client Appreciation events in the future.



Meet Blake Hornyak

Charles Boyk Law Offices is happy to welcome Blake Hornyak, our new Law Clerk at our Holland office. Blake grew up in Oregon, Ohio, and graduated from Clay High School in 2019. He went to Miami of Ohio for undergrad and got degrees in Psychology and Sociology. Blake is currently a second-year student at the University of Toledo College of Law. He plans to take the bar exam in July of 2026.

"I was interested in criminal law because it seemed like that's where the really interesting stuff is," says Blake, "and then when I got to law school, I discovered a lot more interesting stuff on the Civil side than I originally thought".

Blake is gaining a lot of experience writing and researching cases for Boyk Law's attorneys. "Getting stuck somewhere just looking over contracts all day sounds awful," says Blake. "I always wanted to do something more on the active side of Law, and Charles Boyk Law Offices is a big litigation firm in the area, and they give me a lot of opportunities to work on the more active side of the law".

Blake is also a full-time student while working at Boyk Law. He is currently researching and preparing his 'note' or article for the University

of Toledo's Law Review. "It's still in the early stages," explains Blake, "but I'm hoping to write about how cities and states around the country are changing zoning laws to allow for denser developments and more mixed-use buildings, as a means to bring down housing costs."

Blake played tennis and was on the debate and swimming teams in High School. "I like to do like stuff with friends and I am a very social person in general," he says, "I still play tennis and pickleball, obviously! A lot of my tennis skills can transfer over to pickleball," says Blake, "and I can play with other people who never played tennis".

Blake lives in Oregon and enjoys access to Pearson Metropark and Maumee Bay State Park. He has a twin sister Madison and a younger sister Lexie. They share three dogs, a Yorkie-Chihuahua mix, and a pair of Labradoodles.



Blake Hornyak

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