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PETS & INSURANCE: STAY OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE!

We all love the idea of travelling with our best friends—whether they have two legs or four! But before you hit the road you need to make sure you understand how to keep your pets safe in the car, as well as how they fit into your insurance coverage.

THE BASICS

Most importantly, remember that **pet injury coverage is not the same as pet insurance**. While pet insurance will cover vet bills in the event of illness or injury, pet injury coverage is a part of your auto insurance policy that is either included as part of collision coverage OR can be purchased as an addition to your policy.

Not all insurance companies offer accident coverage for pets, so determine if this customization is a priority for you before you start shopping for policies. Always remember to read the fine print before purchasing. **In most cases pet injury is limited to dogs and cats**, meaning your birds, reptiles, and rodents may not be covered in the event of an accident. If you're unsure about your pet's eligibility, be sure to speak with an agent to have all your questions answered.

Typically, only pets owned by the policy holder or a member of their household qualify for coverage if a claim is made. If you frequently foster animals or volunteer for rescue organizations, you should speak with your organization and insurance agent to determine the best strategy for covering any potential expenses associated with animals you don't personally own.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT

No one likes to think of worst-case scenarios, but if your furry friends are going to join you on road trips you need to be prepared for how to handle an accident with them in the car. If you are at fault, collision coverage might cover vet expenses, but only if it is explicitly stated in your policy. **Research ahead of time can save you a lot of panic (and money!) in the event of an accident.**

If someone else is at fault and your pet is injured the other party's damage or liability coverage will most likely cover medical expenses because **insurance companies classify pets as property**. Even so, it's worth it to have some sort of pet insurance to help cover the costs of unforeseen vet expenses. If your insurance company doesn't offer pet insurance, you can shop around for a policy that fits your needs or ask your vet if they offer policies in-house.

If you are in an accident, **be calm and confident**. Once you make sure your vehicle is in a safe place, turn on your hazards and check on your pet. If your pet vocalized during or after the incident (whimpering, growling, etc.), approach them with caution. **Even the gentlest animals can bite when injured or scared**. If they are injured use a towel or coat to wrap and immobilize them. If the accident occurred locally, call your vet. If you're travelling, first responders might be able to direct you to an emergency vet nearby.

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TIPS FOR SAFE TRAVEL

When you think of pets and cars it's hard not to think of a dog with its head out of the window, cheeks flapping in the wind. But even a small fender bender could injure your pet if they aren't properly secured in your vehicle. **A whopping 84% of pet owners do not restrain their pet while traveling, increasing their risk of an accident and injury.** Invest in a harness that buckles into your car's seat belts or keep your smaller animal in a crate to avoid unnecessary risk.

It's never too early to start training your pup, so start teaching them good behavior in your vehicle as soon as you get them. Correct them when they bark or howl and try giving them a small treat when they enter. This will help them associate the car with positive emotions! **Whenever you travel with your pet make sure they are wearing a collar with their name and your contact information.** Microchipping your pet is another way to facilitate a happy reunion in the event they run off.

While on the road, NEVER leave your pet alone in the car. Not only can cars be deadly for pets if they get too hot or cold, but pets are at risk for theft. **Create a travel kit for your animal with all the essentials:** IDs, vaccination record copies, food, bowls, leash, waste bags, and any medications. It's also a good idea to keep a recent photo of your pet on hand. Avoid feeding or watering while the vehicle is moving, but make sure you have plenty of water to give your pet whenever you make stops.

Being prepared and practicing safety while on the road will help make all your travels with your furry friends a success!

Book Chapter (Excerpt) | *A War on My Body* (2022)

POWER & CONTROL: A HISTORICIZATION OF AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS ABORTION

By the time the thirteen colonies declared their independence from Britain and formed the United States of America, a shift in understandings of gender was underway. By the turn of the nineteenth century, rather than continuing to court the political allegiance of women, America's male political leaders argued that participation in partisan politics would "unsex" women and "distract them from their domestic duties."^[1] It was neither the first nor the last time American nation building became bound up with white, Christian patriarchal attempts to control women and their bodies.

The United States is not unique in its history of patriarchal oppression, though widespread cultural loyalty to traditional gender norms and religious fundamentalism is making modern America uniquely—and embarrassingly—positioned among developed nations. We are, for example, the only high-income country that does not support women via paid maternity leave. Even so, with no state religion and a history of championing reproductive healthcare abroad, the idea that America's groundbreaking abortion legislation could be under threat seems incomprehensible at first glance. But when debates move from the specifics of legislating abortion to broader ideas concerning women's right to exercise control over their own bodies, America's consistent commitment to patriarchal control is brought into stark relief.

[1] Norton, Mary Beth, *Separated by Their Sex : Women in Public and Private in the Colonial Atlantic World* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011), 181.

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Women’s reproductive abilities became the means by which racial difference was legislated and national wealth accumulated through America’s white citizens. Further along in the American experiment, at the turn of the twentieth century, “new American imperialism was framed as a conservative effort to restore American manhood.”[1] White masculinity in the South, long defined by “a sense of mastery over dependents,” found common ground with the men of the North as a “rugged American masculinity” solidified, united by notions of racial superiority and patriarchal authority. Notions of paternalism—the justification of control over another in the name of benevolent superiority—manifested in various atrocities throughout the twentieth century, from increasingly strict Jim Crow laws to forced sterilization of women of color. Meanwhile, the 1960s and 70s, with their liberation movements and substantial gains for various oppressed populations, saw a deep cultural anxiety develop among conservatives that encouraged a “new ecumenism built around shared cultural values and objectives.”[2]

Drawing together research on the history of reproductive rights and contemporary analysis of the current landscape of access to reproductive health services, this chapter will argue that the fight against abortion is rooted in a patriarchal, colonialist, and racist desire for control over women’s bodies. Discussions over abortion, and reproductive rights more generally, create a false dichotomy between “choice” and “life,” when the true divide occurs in relation to recognition of women as fully autonomous human beings. Reproductive rights, though not the “whole” of women’s rights, are a “precondition” of them. Recognizing a woman’s “moral conscience and decision-making authority” over her own body, even and especially when larger social relationships and responsibilities are at play is imperative if women are to be viewed as “ends in themselves, human beings with dignity and autonomy,” rather than mere “means” by which larger personal or national goals are accomplished.[3] Consequently, it is only by shifting the focus of the “pro-life, pro-choice” debate to the larger cultural status of women’s rights that we will begin to understand the need for systemic reform that moves beyond legality towards true justice.

[1] Kristin Kobes Du Mez, *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* (New York: Liveright Publishing Corporation, 2020), 16.

[2] Paul Boyer, “The Evangelical Resurgence in 1970s American Protestantism,” in *Rightward Bound: Making America Conservative in the 1970s*, eds. Bruce J. Schulman and Julian E. Zelizer (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008), 36.

[3] Michelle Goldberg, *The Means of Reproduction: Sex, Power, and the Future of the World* (New York: The Penguin Press, 2009), 12, 169; Margaret D. Kamitsuka, *Abortion and the Christian Tradition: A Pro-Choice Theological Ethic* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2019), 2.

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SUBHEAD

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