

Avery Got Bit by a Snake Because of Her Dad

Description

I just had to stop and look, didn't I? Avery was having a good day today being all hunky dory and even sleeping good in her crib.



With the nice weather gracing us with its presence, I decided to take Avery out for a run in the B.O.B.



Things were swell, a nice breeze, a little cloud cover, and a great view of the lake.



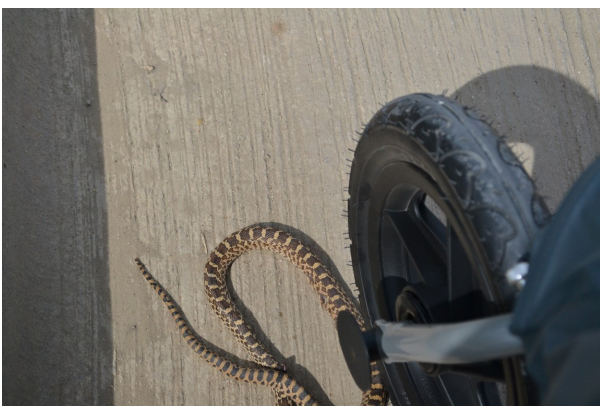
But, the crazy Canadian goose made an appearance and showed his (hers?) disapproval of us by [hissing just like before](#).



Feeling unwelcomed, I continued through our regular neighborhood loop hoping not to see the goose again. I got my wish, but we saw something else instead.



I'm a reptile fanatic and can't seem to ever mind my own business. I'm very keen on snakes and turtles in particular, so I had to stop and say hi to this guy.



The first snake of the season just basking in the sun on the warm road. How could I *not* stop and check it out? But, when I stopped, this kind apparently likes to jump and strike. Crap, I'm an idiot.



What kind of dad brings their baby in a stroller so close to a snake? Yep, yours truly. It struck and reached the tip of her right foot! Crying ensued after a very brief pause of terror on her face. I raced back home as quickly as possible with a face red from guilty embarrassment. I practically threw my poor daughter in a snake pit! Once home, I checked to see how the now eerily quiet Avery was holding out.



Ummmmm, not good. I strapped her in the car seat and sped to the nearest Urgent Care. The wait wasn't too long, but felt like an eternity. Luckily, the nurses found no signs of poisoning and the bite didn't even draw blood. Phew!!!

Guess I never even checked for blood because I was so frantic. Today, I am Bad Dad #1 and guilt weighs heavy on my conscience! With a pretty bandage on her foot and a grim look on her face, we went back home. I feared telling Kelley the news and how my stupid curiosity caused the whole ordeal.

Kelley took the news better than I expected, but still gave me an earful. I'm surprised she's still letting me keep my stay-at-home dad job after this one! So, moral of the story, don't stop for snakes; especially not with your baby in a stroller!

I posted a picture of Avery's snake below for all who care to see!.



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