

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.



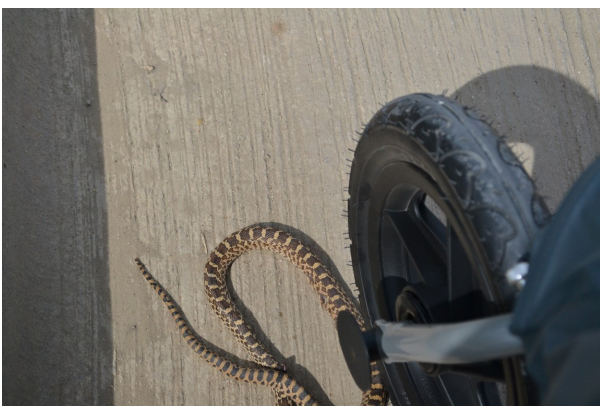
But, the crazy Canadian goose made an appearance and showed his (hers?) disapproval of us by [hissing just like before](#).



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 wasnâ€™t too long, but felt like an eternity. Luckily, the nurses found no signs of poisoning and the bite didnâ€™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. Iâ€™m surprised sheâ€™s still letting me keep my stay-at-home dad job after this one! So, moral of the story, donâ€™t stop for snakes; especially not with your baby in a stroller!

I posted a picture of Averyâ€™s snake below for all who care to seeâ€™.



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