

# Am I the Only One?

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The other day I was hanging with some friends, and they asked if something were to happen to me, how did I think I would be remembered? Naturally I said that I hoped I would be remembered as a Good Husband, well established in my career, and a positive influence on my community.

The following day I got a call from a friend of mine from Wichita, Kansas, where I most recently lived before coming to Boise. He said that he was out on a group ride (I am a very active cyclist), and they saw a turtle crossing the road. The group slowed down, and one guy stopped and moved the turtle across the road in the direction it was headed. The guy who stopped said, "That's for Tooker." Then for the next 15 minutes they talked about no matter how heated the battle, training ride, or race, I would stop and save the turtles. My friend, Randy, told the group he couldn't count how many times he had sat on the side of the road with me and a stray dog, waiting for it's owner to come and pick it up. Another friend, Willy, chimed in about a time in a charity ride, where a dog ran out in front of a pack of 40 cyclists, and one unfortunate cyclist hit the dog. I arrived late on the scene, after helping a friend with a flat, and the first words out of Willy's mouth were, "Both the rider and the DOG are OK".

It was then I realized my true legacy is that I will be remembered as an animal lover, and honestly, I am ok with that. I know in my heart I try to be the best husband that I can be, and the reason I got into radio was to help people. But if I am remembered as an animal lover, then so be it. In my mind there need to be more of us.



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\*I am constantly stopping and saving lost dogs.

\*I curse people who let their dogs ride in the back of a pick up truck without protection.

\*I don't watch Disney movies because in my mind Disney hates animals; they never all seem to make it.

\*If I know there is an animal in a movie (I am Legend) I won't see it till somebody else has and lets me know if the animal lives. If the animal lives, then I see the movie.

\*It upsets me that half of Animal Planet's programming is about animal abuse or the vet shows. I can't watch them.

\*I have a hard rule with all my family, friends, Co-workers, and listeners. You are not allowed to share your sad animal stories with me.

\*I have in my contract (work) that if one of my children (dogs) passes, it is to be treated like a death in the family and I can take a couple of days to get myself together.

\*I smile at stoplights, when I see a dog hanging out with its owner in the passenger seat.

So am I the only one???

