

# St. Jude's says 'thank you'

**DEAR HELOISE:** Every year you mention our recycled card program in your column, and every year we get thousands of cards because of it. I just wanted to say "thank you" from all of us here at St. Jude's Ranch and let you know how much we sincerely appreciate your mentions and how much it means to us.

As you know, we serve abused, abandoned and neglected children, and sadly, the need for our services is ever-growing. In fact, we are expanding our programs in both Nevada and Texas to accommodate the incredible need for children and families. So again, thank you for helping us!

— Sarah Sheehan,  
director of communications  
and events,  
St. Jude's Ranch

Read on for more praise of this great yearlong event:

**DEAR HELOISE:** Thanks for the information about St. Jude's Recycled Card Program. We sent a large box and plan to continue as we get cards.

— Rose Goff, General Federation  
of Women's Clubs,  
Arcadia, Fla.

Thank you, Sarah and Rose! The St. Jude Recycled Card Program is a winner for all concerned. I'm happy my readers are helping, as they have been for many many years. For more information, check out the St. Jude's website, [www.stjudesranch.com](http://www.stjudesranch.com).

— Frances Ruhl,  
Harrisburg, Pa.



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org, or call 877-977-SJRC (7572). And if you're able, slip a dollar or two in the box of cards as well.

— Heloise

**DEAR HELOISE:** I had a big blueberry stain on the front of my pink turtleneck top that I couldn't get out. I remembered seeing a commercial where they used bleaching denture cleanser to remove blueberry stains from a string of pearls. So I thought, Why not? I had nothing to lose because the top was ruined by the stain. I made a paste of a little water and some crumbled denture-cleanser tablet, rubbed it into the stain and ta-dah! No more stain!

I love your column — I never miss it. I especially like when you quote your dear mother:

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# Share blame for dog's injuries

**DEAR ABBY:** "Heartbroken in New York" (March 8) expressed his concerns about his dog "Layla's" injuries after his son's friend "Isaac" tried to ride on the dog's back. He asked you whether he and his wife should inform Isaac's parents. You responded in the affirmative and stated Isaac's parents should be responsible for the damages to the dog.

I disagree. Dog owners are responsible for supervising their pets when children are present. Our dog Max, who I dearly loved and raised alongside our two children, was not by nature fond of children. Therefore, I never allowed him out of my sight when children were around. I supervised him constantly — for the children's sakes as well as Max's.

"Heartbroken" was at least partly

## DEAR ABBY

many readers. I hope the following responses will serve as important reminders to pet owners. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** "Heartbroken" should invite Isaac and his parents over to see Layla with their own eyes so they can understand the extent of the dog's injuries. Isaac needs to learn that if he hurts another living creature, there will be consequences. Because his parents missed teaching their son this lesson, "Heartbroken" should do it. Childhood is not about being protected from essential life lessons; it's a time to learn how to become caring, responsible adults.

— Lisa

in Albuquerque

