

Dr. Oakley says....

Thank goodness we live in Lebanon! I've been watching the news during these hot summer days and I've seen many stories about sick or dangerous animals. I've seen wild dogs in Dallas attacking people, the recent gorilla shooting at the zoo in Cincinnati and a Texas veterinarian that shot a feral cat by bow and arrow and is being sanctioned. Yikes! There are some crazy two leggers out there!

Since I'm often asked for my opinion on these happenings, I'll share with you that I am SO glad to live in a town like Lebanon where pets are family and people are responsible owners! Truthfully, if I were allowed to run loose all the time, as much as I hate to admit it but I could lose track of where my home is. If I couldn't find my people, could I become like the wild dogs in Dallas? Sadly, if I were facing starvation, maybe I could. Those poor animals were someone's pets once too!

The gorilla shooting is tragic no matter who you believe is most at fault. Just like the veterinarian that shot a feral cat with a bow and arrow, the problem is the same.... the way we are treated.

IF dogs were fenced and leashed...IF cats were spayed/neutered and treated equally among pets, IF gorillas were left in the wild.... none of these problems would exist. The common denominator, in my humble opinion is you two leggers. Not you specific two leggers in Lebanon, as I said before, this town is big on having pets and treating them well and responsibly, but it is easy to see how this happens over time when people are not.

IF you don't spay/neuter your barn cats, then we get overrun by unwanted feral cats. If dogs are left to their own devices and needs, then territory and hunger top their list instead of love and companionship. The poor zoo gorilla, left in the wilds wouldn't be in a position to harm or not harm a small child in his territory.... it's all so sad. I decided to turn off the TV and head back outside to play fetch with my people.

It reminded me to let you all know how much we appreciate all that you do for us four-leggers and how much your care and time mean to us. We are happy to be part of a family- please keep taking such great care of us!

Peace,

Dr. O