

1 When the girls were little, I had latches on cabinets to keep them out of the dishwashing
2 detergent. My parents gave my brother and I a chemistry set.

3 And mom Joey put ammonium sulfate in my eye. Tell him I said stop.

4 You boys go play with the wood burning kit. Better yet, go outside, get on the minibikes, and
5 shoot the BB guns.

6 just a different world. Even the way we treat our kids pets has totally changed.

7 My daughter's had this hamster, little white hamster, his name was Herman. And uh one day
8 Herman's hair started falling out a lot [laughter] a lot. A lot. And my wife got very concerned
9 and she said, "You know, I think we need to take Herman to the vet." I said, "Baby Herman cost
10 five bucks.

11 Perhaps it's time we let Herman loose out in the woods, born free." And she started getting
12 mad at me. And and I said, "Let me tell you something." I said, "When I was growing up, there
13 was no chance we had a \$5 pet that was going to see the inside of a veterinarian's office. Very
14 few of our pets went to the veterinarian. You know what happened to our pets? They ran away.

15 I remember one time my brother and I found this dog. We brought him home and the dog
16 barked all night long for the first three nights we had him. Then on the fourth day while we
17 were at school, he ran away.

18 We had a cat that started climbing my mother's curtain, she ran away.

19 I remember having goldfish that ran away.

20 But my wife said, "Oh no, Herman is our pet. He's our responsibility. I'll take him to the vet. And
21 she did. She took the \$5 hamster to the vet. And \$65 later, Herman's hair is still falling out.
22 Herman looked bad. Herman looked like Edgar Winter on Roane. Yeah. And I said, "65 bucks,

23 hun. We could have bought 13 new Hermans for 65 bucks." I said, 'When your medical bills are
24 13 times what you're worth, either you are really, really cheap or you are really, really sick. I
25 said, put it this way. I said, let's say your grandma went to the doctor and they told her it was
26 going to take \$13 million to make her well. I said, you cannot look me in the eye and tell me
27 there's not a chance we'd be calling the kids downstairs going, "Girls, sit down.

28 We have some bad news. [laughter] Mim has run away. People

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