

## **Toenails, Toenails, Toenails...**

Oh what an ugly subject!

If you have a dog whose toenails don't grow out, consider yourself BLESSED! Most of us are not, however, so lucky. Managing toenails for most of us is a subject that is too often ignored because it is not fun for us or the dog. I've been grinding or clipping nails for over 40 years and I know that I don't like it either. HOWEVER, it is something that should be done routinely or your dog suffers. And then when you finally get to it, it is far worse than if you had just done it when needed. Can you imagine walking with overgrown nails yourself? Since the dog's nails are often tougher than ours, their nails rarely break off like ours might.

My experience with dogs has shown that most dogs should have their nails done at least once a month. Some even every two weeks. If your dog is a jogger, runs hard and often, then maybe not so often. But, since most pets live on grass and carpet, they must have their nails shortened routinely. Planning to routinely care for the nails is the best for both you and your buddy. If you allow the nails to become too long then it can splay the feet and weight bearing is far better with a tight compact foot than a splayed one. If the nails are so long that the toes flatten and separate, then you're causing undue (and unnecessary!) stress on the feet, and legs, and even the rest of the structure. Just consider how you would feel if your feet were painful all the time. Long nails are uncomfortable and the longer they are the more the feet hurt from compensating. Long nails also contribute to arthritis. Just like with our bodies, alignment of our bones, joints and muscles are important for good health and wellbeing. So too with your dog.

Look at your dog's nails. Yes, black nails are harder to determine where the quick is but it is not that hard to do. If you are good with the clippers, you can whittle off a little at a time. Look at the end of the nail and see if the quick is appearing. Whittle a little more til you see the round core in the nail. That is the quick. Of course, if you have not taught your dog to accept this, this will be a chore and something that your dog might not appreciate or cooperate with.

If you are lucky, your dog might have white or clear nails and you can see the quick easily and then you can clip just short of the quick. If you are doubly lucky, your dog's quicks don't grow out and it is simple to remove the excess toenail. Or, your dog might not be one that grows much toenail and you don't even have to trim them. I have had several mixes with that condition and it is wonderful! They're all different.

In my experience, however, purebred Dalmatians usually have long quicks that grow with the nail, so it is MOST important to keep up on the nail trimming. Many mixes do also, so for this reason, I teach my dogs to accept the Dremmel tool which will grind the nail back. It is noisy and you have to condition the dog to the sound and use but once they know it really won't hurt then they do well with it.

I start with the hind feet since they are not as important to the dog as the front feet. The back feet also don't grow out as much as the front nails tend to, and I assume that is because they push off on their hind feet when they run and play. I have a grooming table and I stand the dog there. Some people teach the dog to lay down on the table for this procedure though. Others lay the dog on the floor, or have him sit in their lap. Whatever works for you and gets the nails trimmed is fine.

I treat the dogs between clipping each foot with something really desirable... hot dogs, left over steak, chicken, etc. You want them to like this procedure (or tolerate). When you are beginning, you might even treat between each toe that is trimmed.

Short periods of stress are more easily handled than a long period of stress. So, do one nail and treat, reward, relax, stroke the dog. Then another. Or if it is not something the dog likes at all, do one nail and quit. Return later. Consider every nail progress. Since your dog needs to learn that he can and must accept this then it will become easier as you go. Just consider how you would feel if someone took your foot and ripped each nail off. You would feel like your dog and you would not want your feet touched at all. So, take it slowly, reward, keep calm and help him learn that this must be done but we'll try to not hurt you. You do not want this to escalate into a contest of strength as he is stronger than you are! So, you must be smarter!

Be sure to hold the foot firmly because if you don't, you might tickle the pad and then how can he hold still? I hold the foot and separate the toes as I work. Again, one nail at a time, treat, pet, relax. Build upon this.

If you cannot manage this training job yourself, please consider scheduling a REGULAR nail trim with a groomer. They do this all day, so they are fast and efficient and usually have means of handling the dog with the least amount of stress. Some will clip but most grind the nails. I personally find that grinding is much better and there is much less

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chance of hurting the dog. Some groomers will want to muzzle your dog maybe which that is obviously to avoid him trying to bite when he feels stressed. Most also require a copy of your rabies certificate before they'll work on him.

For the love of your buddy, please keep his nails healthy!

– Beth White

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# Is Pet Insurance Necessary?

**By Jen Reeder**

Connecticut resident Chris Guelke's 6 ½-year-old Lab mix, Watson, has a zest for life. Whether it's diving off a dock to swim in a lake or running full throttle through the woods, he gives it his all—with disregard for his personal safety.

"He's high energy, he's large, and he goes 100 percent all the time," Guelke said. "The first year that we had him, we were at the vet often so we thought, 'We'd better look into pet insurance.'"

So 4 years ago, Chris and his wife, Jessica, chose a plan offered by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) that costs about \$550 a year. Over time, Watson had a number of claims, including cuts on his ears (from running through thick brush), eye and skin infections, a snapped tendon in his paw, and an \$800 surgery after an encounter with a less-than-friendly dog.

The Guelkes would pay the veterinary bill and once the deductible was met, be reimbursed by their pet insurance plan. Watson had about a year of being accident-free until recently, when he needed an MRI.

"Insurance was really a godsend at that point because an initial checkup and the follow-up MRI was \$2,500." Chris said overall, the insurance company has paid them about \$100 more than they've paid in premiums over the past 4 years. He said having pet insurance for Watson offers peace of mind.

"It's his quality of life—if something's wrong, we're going to take him in," he said. "We don't want to ever be put in that position where we're considering money over his health."

John Santilli, DVM, co-owner of AAHA-accredited Mayfair Animal Hospital in Cary, N.C., said he is surprised by how many clients don't even know pet insurance exists. He often recommends they call pet insurance companies to find a plan that fits their budget; most of his clients pay around \$30 per month by adjusting their deductibles to create lower premiums. He said that by finding an affordable plan, there is no downside to pet insurance because health care costs are rising and it helps provide for emergency surgeries or illnesses like cancer. Without pet insurance, he said, some people have to decide to euthanize their pets—even when the problem could have been fixed with surgery—leading to feelings of guilt and compounded grief.

"With today's society, there are people trying to make ends meet, putting their kids through school and everything; say it's a \$500 bill out of the clear blue—they can't afford that, and so they make a decision."

Dr. Santilli said there are several factors that affect insurance premium costs, including breed, age, what is covered, and where you live (e.g., it can be more expensive to insure a dog who lives in a city, where the risk of getting hit by a car is higher). He also said it is best to get insurance while the pet is young, before he has any pre-existing conditions that might be excluded from the policy.

It makes sense to have insurance for specific breeds known to have health issues, such as English bulldogs, boxers, cocker spaniels, bichon frises, and Westies, but Dr. Santilli said ideally all dogs and cats should be insured because "accidents happen, unfortunately."

While some people choose to try to set aside money each month for veterinary care instead of investing in pet insurance, it can be hard to budget for emergencies. In 2010, Denver, Colorado, resident Sue Kohut discovered her beloved Great Dane, Floyd, was showing signs of bloat, an often-deadly stomach twist. She rushed him to an emergency veterinary hospital and was told surgery would cost \$5,500. She didn't have the money in the bank—or pet insurance—so she handed over a credit card to try to save her "baby." Floyd hung on for 27 hours through multiple surgeries, but eventually died, leaving Sue heartbroken—and owing \$10,000.

"It was horrible," she said. "I don't have my dog, I'm devastated, and I have a \$10,000 vet bill."

Apryl Steele, DVM, owner of AAHA-accredited Tender Touch Animal Hospital in Denver, said while it can be challenging to budget for emergencies, it is prudent to plan for prevention expenses like vaccinations, heartworm prevention, routine blood tests, and annual exams. So some veterinarians offer preventive care plans, a budgeting tool in which clients spread the cost of a prevention plan in payments over a year.

"We know that preventive care is much less expensive and results in much less suffering than treating preventable diseases," Dr. Steele said. "Treating a preventable condition can cost more than 10 times the cost of preventing the

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disease.”

She said having pet insurance as well as a wellness plan can help pet owners get the best veterinary care possible.

“As veterinarians, it breaks our hearts to see patients who have an incurable disease that could have been prevented. More and more veterinarians are creating these plans to facilitate excellent preventive care.”

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# Titer Test: Safer for Your Pet Than Routine Vaccines, and at an Affordable Cost

By Dr. Becker, DVM

Recently, I ran across an ABC News article titled “Dog Owners Wade Into Vaccine Debate,” which caught my interest, especially since August has been designated “National Immunization Awareness Month” by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

I’m all for immunization awareness, but I’m not sure what the AVMA has in mind. I suspect it might have to do with reminding pet guardians to comply with the latest re-vaccination guidelines, thereby insuring that dogs and cats are repeatedly and in most cases unnecessarily subjected to the viruses, chemicals, adjuvants, and other potential toxins contained in vaccines.

But anyway... back to the ABC News article. The reporter who wrote the piece interviewed a man with three dogs, and starts off by saying the owner “refuses” to vaccinate them, which isn’t accurate. Reading a little further, it’s clear the owner doesn’t refuse to vaccinate – he refuses to RE-vaccinate for anything other than rabies, a vaccine that, as we all know, is required by law.

The man being interviewed, Rodney Habib, feels that repeated immunizations do more harm than good, and since he provides his dogs with puppy shots – core vaccines against distemper, parvovirus, and adenovirus (infectious hepatitis) – he believes they will remain immune for years, if not for life.

## Mr. Habib is Part of a Pet Owner Movement Against Over-Vaccination

If you’re a regular reader here, you know that I applaud Mr. Habib’s approach to vaccinating his dogs, and his approach is also in line with Dr. Ronald Schultz’s recommended canine vaccination protocol. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with him, Dr. Schultz is a pioneer and renowned expert in the field of veterinary vaccines. He’s currently involved in the Rabies Challenge Fund, the purpose of which is to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines, with the goal of extending the required interval for rabies boosters to five and then to seven years.

The only thing Dr. Schultz and I would add to Mr. Habib’s protocol is titers, run at about two weeks post vaccination (no sooner) to insure his dogs responded to the vaccines (meaning the vaccinations resulted in immunity against those three specific diseases).

Habib also tells the ABC News reporter that he feels booster shots (in this case, re-vaccinations for distemper, parvo and adenovirus) expose dogs to the same pathogens over and over again, which raises the risk for immune disorders. This is a concern most of us in the holistic veterinary community share. While most conventional veterinarians don’t acknowledge a link between autoimmune diseases and vaccines, holistic vets have long voiced alarm over the cause-and-effect relationship between certain vaccines and the subsequent development of autoimmune disorders in pets.

Holistic veterinarians are also concerned about vaccinosis, which is a chronic reaction to not only the altered virus contained in vaccines, but also to the chemicals, adjuvants, and other components of tissue culture cell lines – as well as possible genetic changes – that can be induced by vaccines.

Author of the foremost handbook of holistic health care for pets, Dr. Pitcairn’s Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats, Dr. Richard Pitcairn, who also holds a Ph.D. in immunology, defines it this way: “Vaccinosis is to be understood as the disturbance of the vital force by vaccination that results in mental, emotional, and a physical change that can, in some cases, be a permanent condition.”

## Why Does Any Veterinarian Advocate Re-Vaccinating Over a Simple Blood Test to Determine If Another Vaccination Is Necessary?

To present an opposing view to Mr. Habib’s, the ABC News reporter also asked a veterinarian, Dr. Kate Berger at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine, for her viewpoint on re-vaccinations. Predictably, Dr. Berger asserted that adverse reactions to vaccines are both rare and quite mild when they do occur. “Abnormal responses occur so infrequently, and more unvaccinated animals die from the diseases the vaccines prevent, that the benefit of vaccination outweighs the minimal risk of the abnormal immune response,” Berger said.

This is the standard response from the conventional veterinary community. What they always fail to mention is that if an abnormal response doesn’t occur immediately following a vaccination, they make no connection between the vaccine and the response, thus their conclusion that abnormal responses occur “infrequently”. However, in my experience, it can often take weeks or much longer for a vaccine-related autoimmune disorder to express itself. (Example: my patient Myra Moonbeam [<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2012/05/18/real-story-myra-moonbeam.aspx>].

And while it’s certainly true that unvaccinated animals die from the diseases vaccines prevent, “unvaccinated” animals are typically those that have NEVER been vaccinated – not dogs and cats that have received appropriately timed puppy or kitten shots.

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What I can't understand is why any member of the veterinary community would EVER risk an adverse vaccine reaction – or choose to inject potentially toxic materials into a patient – when there's a very simple way (titers) to determine if an animal has maintained adequate immunity from a previous vaccination (or in some cases, previous exposure to the disease itself).

## **The False 'Herd Immunity' Argument**

Next, the ABC News reporter talked with Dr. Michael Cavanaugh of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The AAHA and similar groups within the traditional veterinary community recommend giving core vaccines once every three years to maintain a minimum threshold of disease-fighting antibodies.”

Per Dr. Cavanaugh, “We need as many dogs and cats vaccinated as possible to build up a herd immunity against diseases.” This assertion stems from the theory that “a critical mass of vaccinated animals will help protect those that aren't vaccinated.”

This theory makes perfect sense – the more immunized pets there are, the less opportunity there is for unvaccinated animals to be exposed to disease. What doesn't make sense is the idea that re-vaccinating IMMUNE animals helps in any way to increase herd immunity. All re-vaccinating does is cause potential harm to already vaccinated pets – it does NOT make them “healthier” for purposes of herd immunity.

## **Individual Exposure Risk: Another False Argument for Automatic Re-Vaccination**

The ABC News reporter goes on to point out that there are studies suggesting that certain vaccines can provide immunity against a disease for up to seven years – but not for every animal in every circumstance. According to Dr. Berger of UPenn, vaccination schedules should be based on an animal's age, size, health, and lifestyle. She also adds that pets who frequent dog parks, doggy daycares and kennels “should probably be vaccinated more often.”

It's absolutely true that each individual animal responds differently to vaccinations, and it's also true that some pets' lifestyles provide more opportunities for exposure to disease. But once again I must ask, why automatically vaccinate when you can titer instead to determine a pet's immunity to diseases for which he's already been vaccinated?

In my experience, it is a whole lot safer to replace re-vaccination schedules with routine titer testing. Further, if a re-vaccination is actually necessary based on titer results, it should be given in a single (vs. combo) shot to address ONLY the disease for which there is insufficient immunity.

## **Antibody Titer Tests Can Be Expensive, So Make Sure to Shop Around**

Toward the end of the ABC News piece, Dr. Cavanaugh of the AAHA concedes that titer tests are safe and effective, but predictably, he also contends that vaccines are safe and effective, too. He then points out that titer tests must be repeated every one to three years (which mirrors the 2011 guidelines for re-vaccination), and warns that titer tests “can cost up to four times as much as vaccines.”

Cavanaugh is right about the exorbitant cost of titer tests at some veterinary practices, and in my opinion, it's an outrage. There is absolutely no reason the cost of a simple antibody blood test for distemper or parvo should be prohibitive. I've heard dog owners complain that their vet charges \$200 - \$350 for a distemper/parvo vaccine titer test, which is ridiculous, not to mention it seems designed to “inspire” pet owners to choose re-vaccination over titering.

If you're interested in titer tests for your pet and your vet's cost seems high, I encourage you to call around to other practices in your area. The friend of mine who got a \$200 quote from her regular vet was able to find another local practice that charged around \$70 for a titer test. A reasonable cost for a blood draw and distemper/parvo titer test should be around \$70 - \$100, depending on where the blood is sent and how (samples sent overnight obviously cost more). As a point of reference, Hemolife Diagnostics, owned by Dr. Jean Dodds, charges \$52 for the distemper/parvo titer test, which is run from a blood sample any vet can send in.

There is also the VacciCheck antibody test kit that veterinary practices can use to measure antibody titers for canine distemper, parvo and infectious hepatitis (adenovirus) in a single blood draw. Samples can be sent out to the lab that manufactures the test, or even better, there's an in-clinic test that returns results in around 20 minutes, and can cost as little as \$20. Veterinarians willing to use the in-clinic test can confirm their patients' immunity in a single office visit.

Whatever the cost, in my experience, pet owners who titer feel it's money well spent to avoid subjecting their furry companions to unnecessary vaccines and the potential for serious adverse reactions.

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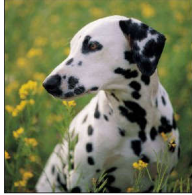
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an apartment with no yard, and she was "hyperactive" (in quotes because true hyperactivity is extremely rare – it's almost always just a lack of exercise), I took her out there three times a day the first four days, then just twice a day. Because there is no fence there, and I couldn't rely on her to come when called, I managed her with a 50-foot long line. At some point after several days, I felt comfortable that she was good playing with the dogs and wasn't going to run off, so I dropped the long line to give her a little more freedom. She dragged it around so I could easily catch her if I needed to. (If you do this, NEVER, ever attach the line to a collar. ALWAYS attach it to a harness so you don't snap your dog's neck.)

Sure enough, here comes a jogger running through on the bark dust path, and Jetta decides to accompany her. She just ran off with her!

Mommy Alison used to jog with her Dobermans, and I betcha anything Jetta thought that "looked" like her "real" mommy.

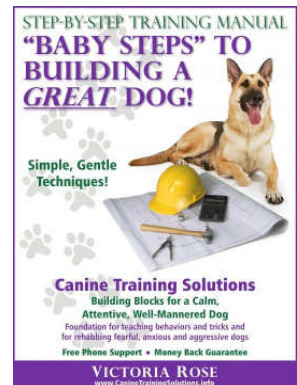
Thank God I had that line on her! A guy at the other end of the dog park knew I had just gotten her and he jumped on the long line as she passed. (See how handy management tools are? And, why we use a harness and never a collar?) Anyway – bless him... he brought her back to me. Whew!

Suggestion: When you get a new dog, take a photo immediately, just in case. Wouldn't hurt for any of us to always have a current photo on hand. Know what else we "should" do? Make up flyers now with photo and description, just in case. Then if we lose our kid, and are in a panic to try to get the word out, the flyer is already half made up. Just fill in the info re the location where she was lost, and you are 5 steps ahead of the game. Better to have it and hope we never need it than to need it and waste a lot of time producing it.

'Til next time, "kiss the kids"  
Tori (Mom of Jetta WAC, CGC)

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# Trainer Tips

## “Training Tip – If your dog digs holes”



*Zuzu is learning the Moving Wait*

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If you've done any training with your dog, you are most likely familiar with the “Wait” cue. Wait means “do not proceed forward until you have permission.” In my group classes, I teach this in Puppy Preschool Class and Basic Training Class. We continue working on it in the advanced classes. The Stay says to stay in one spot until I return to you. For the Wait, our dogs are waiting for permission to do something in most cases. Wait to be released to eat your dinner. Wait to be released to head out the door for a walk. Wait to be released out of the car. Wait for permission to cross the street when out on a walk. You get the idea.

However, there is an advanced version of the Wait that I teach my own dogs. I call it the Moving Wait. In most

situations we use the wait (as listed above) the dog is already standing still for the most part. In the case of the Moving Wait, dogs are on the move already. We want them to not proceed any farther forward, so first they need to stop moving and then hold position until released.

As many of you know, daily walks with my dogs are typically off leash. Sometimes I will call them back to me if they are running around, getting too far ahead or heading in the wrong direction. However, sometimes I simply want them to stop moving forward and wait for my release to continue moving. I might use this, for example, if I want to get over the ridge first to ensure there are no deer nearby that might cause a desire to chase.

Romeo learned the Moving Wait years ago and is exceptional at it. I am just getting started teaching it to Zuzu on our walks. First, she needed to have a really strong Wait at the food bowl, doorways, and other locations. On walks, I start it (can be on or off leash) when she's just behind me or at my side. I stop and then say Wait. She stops with me, she gets a treat and the “Go” to start moving again. As she does well with this, I will wait for her to be just a step or two past me before I say Wait. Eventually, I will be able to say it when she is a much greater distance away from me, but I need to work up to that.

Would a Moving Wait be beneficial to you and your dog? If s/he already has a reliable Wait, then it might be time to advance your training and add in the Moving Wait!

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## **Reader Recommendations**

### **Purple Ear Cleaner**

This is the best solution I have used when it comes to yeast infections, and gunky ears. It was given to me years ago by a veterinarian.

16 oz. bottle isopropyl alcohol (or witch hazel)  
4 tablespoons Boric Acid Powder  
16 drops Gentian Violet 1% Solution (will stain)

Mix all ingredients in the alcohol bottle & shake. (make sure you shake before every application). Put in a bottle for ease of application. I use a Sally's bottle for hair dye.

Treatment: Fill ear with solution & massage gently. The dog will shake the excess out. Be careful, the Gentian Violet could stain.

Treatment:

2 times per day for the first 2 weeks

1 time per day for the next 2 weeks or until the ears are clean of infection.

1 time per week, then once a month thereafter for maintenance.

If your dog has been swimming, playing in water, bathed etc. To prevent infections treat the ears afterwards.

All ingredients are available at a pharmacy. The Boric Acid is usually in the First Aid section where you find the alcohol, or ask for assistance from the Pharmacy. The Gentian Violet will be in a small bottle maybe near the iodine.

Even despite the alcohol, dogs don't object to even the first treatment. The Boric Acid soothes the ear & the Gentian Violet is an anti-infection agent. This solution is also effective for the treatment of fungus type infections on the dog including hot spots.

Avoid getting in eyes.

- Rhonda C.

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and fill in the name of the rescue organization.  
Or give us a call at 800-646-4773.*

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# **Professional Pet Portraits** **by Colorado Artist, Mary Blichmann**



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# In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

## Daisy16

6-12 Months Old, Black Spayed Female  
Reason Available: Owner Surrender  
Boarding Kennel: Waco, TX

\*\*\*\*\*URGENT\*\*\*\*\*

Daisy (and her buddy Duke) came from a home where the owners soon learned they could not afford them. They did live in the house there and with children and were sweet puppies. Today they are living in a kennel in TX, waiting on foster or adoptive homes. Daisy is a feisty little lady who likes to tell Duke what to do. They are growing up without a family and really need one! Together or singly, Daisy and Duke need a real home. Rides are often available to CO. She is centrally located in TX currently. Daisy Do want to Meet YOU! Adoption \$200.

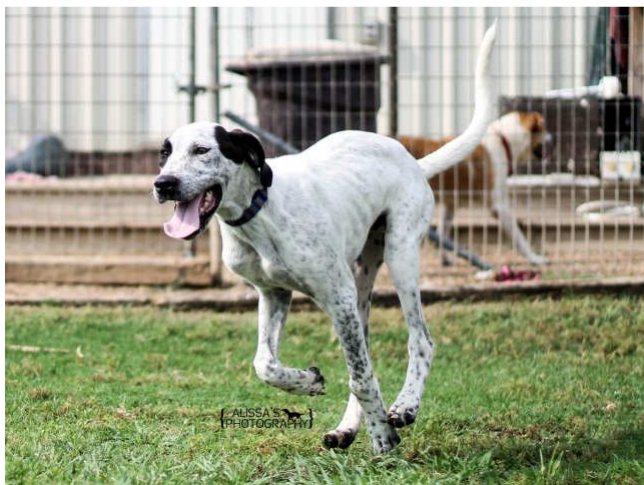


## Duke

6-12 Months Old, Black Neutered Male  
Reason Available: Owner Surrender  
Boarding Kennel: Waco, TX

\*\*\*\*\*URGENT\*\*\*\*\*

Duke (and his buddy Daisy) came from a home where the owners soon learned they could not afford them. They did live in the house there and with children and were sweet puppies. Duke likely has some pointer in him and is sweet as the day is long. Today these sweet kids are kenneled in central TX, waiting for a foster or adoptive home. They are growing up in a kennel, without a family, and really need one! Together or singly, Duke and Daisy need a real home. Rides are often available to CO. Duke DOES want to meet you! Adoption \$200.

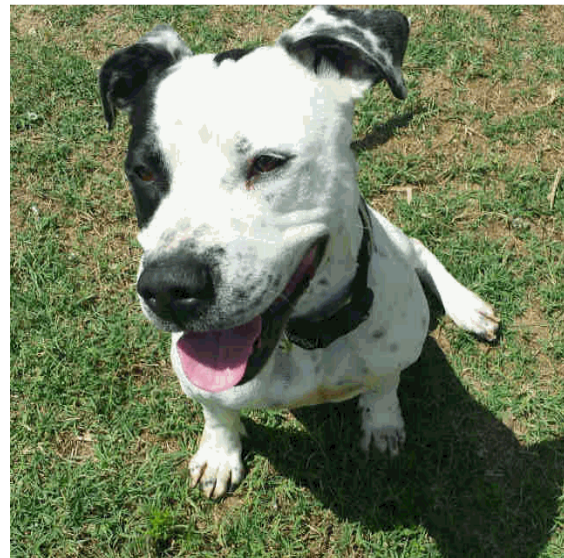


## Evonna

4 Years Old, Black Spayed Female  
Reason Available: Owner Surrender  
In Boarding: Houston, TX

\*\*\*\*\*URGENT\*\*\*\*\*

Evonna, a little Dalmatian x pit mix, was happy in her family home, but they took her to the shelter when the landlord said no dogs. She is a delightful little lady with a happy tail for everyone and so social in adoption events. Evonna has had lots of interest but no home of her own yet. Help us find a "spot" for Evonna in TX or even surrounding states. She is currently in a boarding facility in Houston and only going to adoptions on the weekends. That's not enough exercise or attention for this sweetheart. A foster or adoptive home urgently needed! For more information contact Theresa at [teatherly@att.net](mailto:teatherly@att.net).



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# Happy Beginning Stories

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**Sorry... but there are no Happy Beginning Stories to publish this month.**

**We have had lots of dogs adopted this year, but haven't hardly had any stories submitted. ☹️**

**Please visit the website to read some of the previous Happy Beginning Stories and submit yours today (that way we'll have some new stories to publish here next month)!!!**

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*Please don't forget... if you haven't sent in your Happy Beginnings Story yet, why not do it right now while it's fresh in your mind! It's never too late to see your story in print!! NewSpots is published and released on the first calendar day of the month. The deadline for submissions for future issues of NewSpots will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Submissions received after the deadline may be delayed in publication until the following month, subject to the Editor's discretion.*

*Send submissions to the Editor at: [spotted-dog-designs@comcast.net](mailto:spotted-dog-designs@comcast.net)*

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