

Halloween is Right Around the Corner

DOG HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Keeping you and your pet
safe this Halloween!



Attention, animal lovers, it's almost the spookiest night of the year! So it's time to think about how to keep your pets safe and sound. Many people have many differing opinions when it comes to putting a costume on your pet. They range from the very adamant "NO, Never!" to "Absolutely, I love to dress up my dog!" Whether or not you get your pet all fancy or scary for Halloween is a personal choice. But first, make sure that the costume doesn't stress your dog out. Try it on before the big night, and if the dog shows any signs of resistance, discomfort or stress... take it off immediately and realize that your furry bud doesn't want to be made into a pumpkin or vampire and let him instead wear his birthday suit.

So you have found that your pup will let you dress him up in a costume. But wait... that's not the end of the discussion. You need to pay close attention to the costume and make sure that nothing is going to hinder his ability to breathe, hear, walk, bark, eat or drink. Also, make sure that there are no small dangles or anything that he can chew on or chew off of the costume. You don't want to have to make a trip to the emergency vet at 8:00 p.m. because he ate part of his costume. You need to make sure that the costume fits and that it isn't loose to the point that it came get stuck on things like tree or bush branches, fences or anything else. Finally, don't forget the most important part of the costume... your dog's ID tag!!

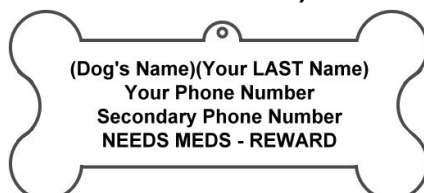
So now that your fur kid is all dressed up and ready to go out trick or treating, there's some things you need to know. There are going to be a lot of scary monsters, ghosts and other assorted characters out there. Pay close attention to how your dog reacts to the goblins that he encounters. If he shows any signs of being stressed out by all the strange creatures and noise, GO HOME! The last thing that you want to do is ruin your fun, or anyone else's fun, because your dog bit someone.

As you decorate your home or while you are out, there are other things that you need to be mindful of. Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are usually considered relatively nontoxic. But they can still produce upset tummies in pets who nibble on them, or if they gorge themselves on the gourd. There's also the problem of the candy that is sure to be dropped on the ground. Especially if that candy is chocolate or is sugar-free and contains Xylitol. We all know that chocolate can be dangerous, and even toxic for dogs. The same is true of Xylitol, only more so. If you suspect that your dog has ingested something toxic, immediately call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

So now everything is safe and sound for your pooch, right? Wrong! You need to watch for electrical cords and wires. If your dog chews on them, he could receive a life-threatening electrical shock. And what about those carved pumpkins with candles in them? If your dog knocks one over, he could start a fire or get burned himself.

If you are planning a party at home, you need to take some steps to make sure it isn't too much for your pooch. Even the most social dog can become overwhelmed with a large party taking place in his home. For that reason, I would recommend setting aside one room in the home, preferably as far from the main party space as possible, for your pet to hang out in while the festivities are taking place. In this room, you should have some water and possibly a little food to munch on, some toys, and either a radio or television to provide some 'white noise' to help drown out the sounds of the party. If you use a radio, classical music helps to calm most animals. If you just have a television, try to use a station that has programming that you normally would watch – the sounds from it will be more familiar to your dog.

Finally, please be careful when opening the door to pass out the candy. Make sure your dog doesn't make a break for it! But if he does, you'll be that far ahead of the 'recovery' game since you put your ID tag on him before you dressed him in his costume! As a reminder, if you don't have a tag already (but you should since your dog's foster shouldn't have allowed you to leave without one)... we recommend it look like this:



Purines and Feeding

From "British Dalmatian Welfare" website

Purine is a type of protein found in certain red meats, some poultry, game, offal and yeast products all of these foods contain high of levels of Purine. These purines can cause problems for some Dalmatians so are best avoided. There are complete low purine foods available without prescription. Royal Canin makes a food specifically for Dalmatians, it is based on egg protein and is very low in Purines. Other prepared foods available are on prescription only, made by Hills and Royal Canin and are generally only used once a stone forming Dalmatian has been diagnosed and treated by a Vet.

For most Dalmatians that have not been diagnosed as stone forming there are cheaper alternatives and anecdotally we have had success with lower protein diets such as Chappie, James Wellbeloved (Chicken or Fish) and Pets at home own brand Wainwrights. They do not contain additives and colourings which may make a Dalmatian hyperactive.

This applies to dog treats as well, see below.

We have a list of foods and their purine content, and we have added a Dalmatian traffic light document to this page. This indicates which foods are safe to feed a Dalmatian, and which should be avoided. We can provide details of diets specially formulated from these lists that have been successfully fed to stone forming Dalmatians and kept them free of the recurrence of stones and are cheap to feed although they do require work and, probably freezer space.

Dalmatians should always have fresh clean water to drink and have access to outdoors so that they can regularly urinate.

Many pre-made dog snacks and treats are made from offal and cheap cuts of meats that contain the highest amounts of purines. We have seen behavioural problems and hyperactivity reduced by changing a dog's diet to a lower protein food free from bright colours. The more simple the food the better it seems to suit Dalmatians. Highly coloured dog treats filled with coloring and additives should be avoided, dogs don't see in colour so these are purely aimed at attracting humans rather than your dog. Apple, Carrot, Hard Cheese (Cheddar) and hard boiled eggs make great low Purine treats and are great for tidbits while training your Dalmatian. There are many recipes for making your own purine free dog treats available online.

Purine list

Traffic light system

Green Light Purines: These foods are virtually purine free. They can be fed as often as you like and to stone forming dogs.

Yellow Light Purines: These foods are considered to contain a moderate level of purines and are acceptable in diets for stone forming dog breeds. Most or even all of your Dalmatian's protein sources should come from this list as opposed to the Red Light Purines list.

Red Light Purines: These foods contain the highest levels of purines and should be avoided as much as possible to help prevent stone formation.

Green Light	Whole grain yeast free bread	Yellow Light	Most Poultry including Chicken and Turkey	Red Light	Kidneys
	Whole grain yeast free cereals		Fish and Shellfish (see exceptions at right)		Hearts
	Most vegetables (see exceptions below)		Lamb		Brains
	Fruits		Pork		Liver
	Nuts		Beef		Sweetbreads
	Peanut Butter		Oats and oatmeal		Venison
	Pasta				Duck
	Eggs				Goose
	Cheese				Sardines
	Milk				Mackerel
	Butter				Scallops
					Cauliflower
					Spinach
					Peas
					Mushrooms
					Legumes (kidney beans, lentils)
					Yeast (including brewers yeast)
					Gravy



Editor's Note: This article and accompanying table of foods are from the British Dalmatian Welfare website (<http://www.dalmatianwelfare.co.uk/living-with/feeding/>) and are reprinted here as a courtesy for our readers. Some of the brand name foods mentioned in this article are NOT available in the US. Please consult your favorite store for available brands and be sure to check the labels!

8News Investigates: Owners Believe Popular Pet Pill Killed Dogs

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, Va. (WRIC) –

Disturbing complaints from grieving pet owners as they believe a popular pet pill killed their dogs.

8News Investigator Kerri O'Brien has uncovered a couple of alarming cases here in our area.

"She passed away in our kitchen with our family," said one pet owner to 8News.

Mary says she still misses her rottweiler Gracie. The Chesterfield pet owner believes Trifexis killed her otherwise healthy dog.



Trifexis is a heartworm and flea prevention pill, all in one. It's made by Elanco, a division of pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly.

The drug manufacturer insists the pet pill is safe but some dog owners like Mary aren't so sure and we've discovered the FDA is getting at least one complaint about this drug everyday.

"I was given a couple doses of Trifexis and after her second dose she became ill. She spiked a temperature of a 103 degrees and she started vomiting and refusing to come out of her crate," said Mary.

She rushed Gracie to the vet but the doctor was stumped. Mary showed 8News paperwork from the vet and tests and blood work showed nothing.

"Her lungs were normal, no fluid, no weezing, her lymph nodes were all good," says Mary.

Still, Gracie never got better. She was eventually diagnosed with an immune disease, IMHA. What caused it remains a mystery. A few months after that second dose of Trifexis, Gracie was dead.

"Gracie passed away February 17th," says Mary. King George resident Chris Clendenin refuses to give dog Trifexis. She believes the heartworm medication killed two of her pets.

"He had collapsed, couldn't breathe, was doing a lot of tremoring," says Clendenin.

Bandit was given Trifexis after a routine check-up with the vet. Six days later, Clendenin has to put him down. His heart was failing.

"He had never had any heart issue, he had never had any diagnosed heart murmur," nothing says Clendenin. Clendenin began to suspect Trifexis after her second dog, Biscuit, became ill.

Clendenin tells us, "He started demonstrating all this copious drooling. He started having some neurological problems, head bobbing, stumbling."

She started researching and came across the Facebook Page "Does Trifexis Kill Dogs?"

It has more than 5,000 likes On the page, pet owners share stories of loss and ill pets.

Clendenin, she had to eventually put Biscuit down too. "He just kind of collapsed and could not lift himself up," says Clendenin.

Through a Freedom of Information Act 8News has discovered Clendenin and Mary are not alone. The FDA lists 965 complaints from pet owners who believe Trifexis killed their dogs.

The list of complaints also includes thousands of concerns about vomiting and lethargy. Still the FDA says there is no solid evidence linking the drug to the deaths.

But we are told the agency "continues to closely monitor" the complaints. The FDA also says it is reviewing the information "to determine if such actions as label changes need to be taken." Currently, a box of Trifexis comes with a warning that it may cause vomiting in some dogs and to use caution with dogs with epilepsy.

Drugmaker Elanco insists the drug is safe. Referring to the FDA complaints Elanco tells 8News in statement "There is no certainty that the reported drug caused the adverse event. The adverse event may have been related to an underlying disease, using other drugs at the same time, or other non-drug related causes."

Church Hill pet owner Derek Powell tells us his dog Sumner has never had an issue with Trifexis. "That's the only medication that he has used," says Powell.

Dr. Jason Hiser with Broad Street Veterinary Hospital in Richmond says Trifexis provides excellent heartworm prevention and none of his patients have ever reported serious problems with the drug.

Hiser says, "That's probably one of the most common one's that we use."

8news asked if he gives it to his dog. "Every month. No problems, never seen a problem with it," Hiser explained Still for Clendenin and Mary there's too many unanswered questions.

"I didn't know anything about Trifexis when I gave it to her. It's just not chance I would have taken had I known," says Mary.

Pet owners are advised to talk to their vet about it. Dr. Hiser says don't stop giving your dog some type of heartworm pill. Heartworm can be fatal if left untreated.

Never Hike with Your Dog Before Considering These 4 Questions

By Dr. Becker, DWM

Hiking can be a wonderful activity and also great exercise for dog owners and their canine companions. There's nothing like a few hours on the trail in the great outdoors to clear your mind and work those leg muscles, and most dogs relish any opportunity to explore the natural world.

Needless to say, both human and canine hikers need to be reasonably fit before setting out. There are also several other precautions you should take to insure you and your furry best friend have an enjoyable outing together. Here are some things to consider before you and your dog hit the trail.

Is my dog physically fit enough for the hike I'm planning?

If you're not sure whether your dog is in good enough physical condition for a hike, get a second opinion from your veterinarian. If your pet doesn't normally get much exercise, is overweight, a senior, or has arthritis or another condition that limits his mobility, you'll want to consider those things before setting off on even a mildly challenging hike.

You certainly don't want your dog to get hurt, and you need to think about whether you'll be able to carry him the distance if something happens or he tires out earlier than expected.

Does my dog consistently come when called?

If you're planning to hike with your pet off-leash, she should be in the habit of coming when called and responding to basic commands. She should also be well-socialized around unfamiliar people and other dogs.

When you're out in nature and your dog is off-leash, her responsiveness to your commands can literally save her life. It can also prevent her from annoying or scaring other hikers, clashing with another dog on the trail, or sampling a pile of wildlife poop.

If your dog isn't reliably responsive when you call her or tell her No, or Drop, I recommend she receive some basic obedience training before you let her loose to roam on a hike. In the meantime, keep her on a standard leash attached to a harness. (And even if you plan to hike with your dog off-leash, you should have a leash with you at all times.)

Will my dog do well on-leash if necessary?

If trail signs say all dogs must be leashed, you're hiking steep or especially rugged terrain or around fast-moving water, or if there's another compelling reason to keep your dog tethered to you, you'll want to make sure he's comfortable on-leash.

Again, you'll want to use a standard leash (not a retractable leash) attached to a harness, not a collar. If you need to snatch your dog away from the edge of a cliff, or he loses his footing on a steep incline, or he splashes into fast moving current, the tool you'll need to save him is a standard flat 6-foot leash and a harness. The harness will allow you to lift him if necessary, and it will also prevent a serious neck injury.

While hiking, hold your end of the leash securely, but don't wrap it around your hand or wrist, especially in area where your footing is unsure. If, heaven forbid, your dog takes a tumble he could pull you down with him, which will put both of you in danger. If your dog falls and injures himself, you want to be able to carry him to safety or if that's not possible, go for help.

Do I have the appropriate dog hiking gear?

Make sure your dog has an up-to-date ID tag or collar, even if he is also microchipped or tattooed. The fastest way for someone who finds your dog to get him back to you is to call the number on your dog's ID tag.

Your four-legged hiking companion will need water breaks along the trail, so you'll want to be prepared with one of those lightweight, collapsible travel bowls or even just a simple plastic container and plenty of fresh water for both of you.

Stop at frequent intervals to offer your dog a drink, and certainly if she's panting a lot. Keeping her well-hydrated will also prevent her from drinking from a stagnant pond or puddle. Standing water can harbor a wide variety of pathogenic bacteria and parasites, so it's best to keep your pet a safe distance away.

You'll also want to pack a few healthy snacks to feed your dog along the way. And don't forget dog poop bags, especially if you'll be hiking on heavily traveled trails.

I also recommend packing a small first aid kit with essential emergency items like gauze, scissors, or tape. And don't forget your cell phone.

Checking your dog over once you're back home

No matter where you live or hike, it's always a good idea when you return from an outdoor adventure to give your dog a careful going over to check for ticks and other pests, foxtails, insect or spider bite marks, scrapes and other wounds. Pay particular attention to the footpads and between the toes. Also check in, under and around your dog's ears.

You might also want to give him a foot bath to wash away allergens, dirt, and debris. If you think he might have come in contact with poison oak, ivy or sumac, it's a good idea to give him a full bath.

Preparing ahead of time for a hike with your dog will help make your time together in nature safe and more enjoyable. If you're new to hiking, or your pet is, you may just find that your time on the trail together strengthens the bond you share with your canine companion.

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Attention Adopters!! – Yes, I'm talkin' to you!

If you haven't already submitted your Happy Beginnings Story, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take some time to do it now! Yes, I am begging. We really would like to have your stories on the website and make you a star here in the NewSpots!! So, what are you waiting for? Submit your stories and a new photograph of your fur kid(s), and yourself if you want, to me today! dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net

Want To See Your Dog In Print? (or on our website or advertising flyers, etc.)??

We are seeking reader submitted photos! So get busy with your camera and start sending the photos in today. We prefer either TIF or JPG format and sized no smaller than 640 x 480 pixels. Please include some descriptive text to help identify what's happening in the photo(s) and be sure to include your dog's name(s), your name, city and state (so that I can give you credit for the photo). Send photos to me at spotted-dog-designs@comcast.net. I cannot guarantee that we will use all photos submitted. The more interesting and unusual the photo, the better the chance of it being used. Some ideas of photos could be your dog 'reading' a newspaper (hint, hint) – even better if he'll wear glasses while doing so; your dog watching television; sitting in the driver's seat; wearing a harness (this one could be used for a safety article); costumed up ready for Halloween. So there you have it... time to get busy with the camera and submit your photos today! See below for a few sample reader submitted photos – three of them have already appeared in NewSpots!



I wanted to share this with the folks in the Denver area. I like her motto:
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– Beth White

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This is a great game to teach your dog before teaching him "obedience" behaviors. (It's also a great idea to teach *tricks* before teaching obedience.) This game (like *any* game or trick) teaches your dog to start paying attention to you. It helps set a good foundation, and gets him in the mode of learning. It's very fun. If your dog likes treats or toys, he will go CRAZY to play this game and your children will go nuts playing this game with him.

Start in the house. Put Fido on a sit-stay. If necessary, have someone hold his leash, or tie him up. (Always supervise tied dogs to prevent tangling and choking and use a harness, never a collar.)

Place a favorite treat or toy 10-15 feet away, in plain sight. Go back, release him and tell him to "Find it!" What joy! He'll be ecstatic. You be, too.

Dogs require repetition when learning new tasks. Don't rush. Get a good foundation of him waiting on a sit-stay, then charging off for the reward to "Find It." Dogs also don't "generalize" well, which means they get confused when cues, situations, or environments change, so keeping him in the same spot each time and placing the reward in the same spot each time will keep him focused and help prevent confusion.

This is simple and easy, but still... practice at least 20 times. You want him to be deliberate and enthusiastic about taking the reward.

Now move it farther away, but still in sight. Go back, release him and command him to "Find it!" Praise him! He's such a genius!

Practice, practice, practice.... At least 20 times. You are setting a foundation so you can later make this task harder and still keep his drive and excitement high.

If you have been tying or holding him, now ask him to sit-stay on his own. Since you are making it harder for him, place the reward closer. Start by getting him to stay only a few seconds and work up to longer and longer stays. If he breaks, scoop up the reward (this is vital!) and try again. As he becomes more reliable, place the reward farther and farther away, but still within his view.

Always proceed in baby steps.

When he is a pro, place the reward in the same room, but out of view, like on the other side of the couch, or just around a partition. Advance to hiding it in other rooms.

See why you need him to be reliable before moving on? You will be disappearing. He needs the confidence of knowing that if he stays, he will be released to find it, and he needs the drive to go find the item out of his view. Always train dogs in baby-steps. You can NOT hurt his training by going too slowly, but you CAN hurt it by going too fast. Go slowly and get a good foundation.

Now hide the reward so he has to really work for it. Hide it in a short trash can, under a throw rug or stuffed between two pillows. Cheer him as he searches: "Find it! Hurry up! Find!" (If using treats, you can help him by using stronger smelling foods.) Later, move the game outdoors. Get him to sit-stay around the corner of the house, or behind a tree or car. No peeking! Now that's challenging and even more fun!

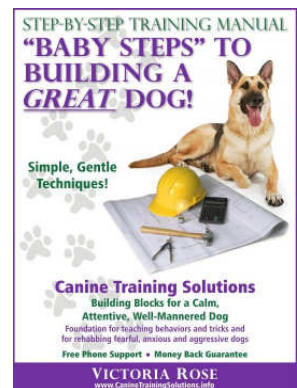
'Til next time, "kiss the kids"

Tori (Mom of Jetta WAC, CGC)

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Trainer Tips

“Training Tip – Is Your Dog Wearing ID?”

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On walks, Romeo and Zuzu wear harnesses with ID as well as being microchipped

People are often advised to keep a collar with ID tags on their dogs at all times. But often lost dogs are wearing no ID at all. Were the dogs not wearing collars/ID when they escaped? Did they escape their collars and run off? Did they lose their ID somewhere along the way? All of the above happen. How will someone help your dog find his/her way home if there is no ID? In my post dated September 15, 2014, I talked about a lost dog I found far from home with no ID. Since he never showed up on the Lost & Found list at the Dumb Friends League Buddy Center, I am assuming his family found him quickly. Hopefully they have ID on him now.

On walks, Romeo and Zuzu wear harnesses with ID as well as being microchipped. For my own dogs, I do not keep collars on them. We do most of our walks off-leash on our own property and they run through scrub oak and brush. I don't want collars getting snagged and choking my dogs, so they wear harnesses with ID tags. However, they often lost the tags (still working on the best solution to stop that!) and end up with no visible ID. So my dogs are also microchipped. I know tags can fall off and get lost, so I need to ensure they have some sort of ID that they can't lose in the brush. So if they

ever do get lost, and someone finds them, they can go to the nearest vet or shelter and find our contact info. In addition, to prevent my dogs from ever getting lost, I do a lot of training to specifically prevent that:

- I train a solid door/gate Wait. (My dogs wait for permission to go through exits, never rush through, even if the door or gate is open wide and no one is standing there to remind them.)
- I boundary train my dogs on our property so they understand that just because they can run through the barbed wire fence, it doesn't mean they should.
- I train my dogs to always know where I am, and if they don't know, they better find me fast.
- I train my dogs to check in on their own throughout our walks, without always waiting for me to call them. (In fact, most check-ins are voluntary on their part and not instigated by me.)
- I train a solid recall (or Come) so that when I do call, they get to me as fast as they possibly can. (And let me tell you, Romeo and Zuzu are fast!)

What precautions have you taken to prevent your dog from getting lost? What measures have you taken to ensure they find their way back home in the event they do get lost?

If you have an issue you would like addressed in a future installment of Ask the Trainer, please send your question to: sbrown@lovemydogtraining.com or Sue Brown, Love My Dog Training, 1494 S Perry Park Road, Sedalia, CO 80135.

For additional training tips and information, you can read our blog at <http://www.lovemydogtraining.com/wp/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human.

The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog.

- Edward Hoagland

Bits & Pieces

Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify a little over 450 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!! **Below is an advertisement appearing for the first time in NewSpots!!**

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We thank you and you know any dog you help your local rescue save will be eternally grateful! PLEASE submit a foster application if you can possibly help your local rescue and them! PLEASE take your cookie... good boy/girl!

Dalmatian Rescue Alumni qualifies for 2014 National Agility Competition

Our very own Lars who qualified for the 2014 national agility competition to be held in FL in Dec. He was rescued from the Austin TX shelter on his last day to live, nearly 8 years ago. GO Lars GO!!!

This is a video from Fort Collins Coloradoan on line.

<http://www.coloradoan.com/media/cinematic/video/15141997/dog-zooms-through-agility-course/>

Budweiser Beer Commercial With Adorable Man, Even More Adorable Dog Has Surprise Twist

Sometimes, puppies speak louder than words.

Just watch Budweiser's new ad against drunk driving, which centers around the bond between a man and his adorable (we repeat: adorable) dog:

"Make a plan to make it home. Your friends are counting on you," says the ad, which has racked more than 6.3 million views since being uploaded to YouTube on Friday.

What an excellent message.

View the ad here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eubWYPhcEEo>



Wanted – Someone to run eBay Auctions



It is not hard to sell on eBay. Go to the eBay site and look at the tutorials. You would need photos, descriptions and need to do a bit of research on each item to know its value. For most items, you would need to put a reserve on them - meaning the lowest bid you will accept. Otherwise, things worth \$50 may go for \$2. Go to eBay, type in Dalmatian collectibles. Get a feel for how things look and sell. You'll need to set up an account under your name. It is important for you to ship things out quickly. I usually take the pictures then go ahead and box the item to ship so it is sitting, ready.

But sometimes items don't sell so it's really up to you. Try a few items, see how it goes and learn what works best for you. I haven't put anything up in a long time but remember it being very easy. You are notified via email of the auction ending and the winning bid. Keep in mind that it costs a percentage to put the item up for auction so you'll need a bit of money in the account to start. \$20 should cover till you sell some things.

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Reason Available: Stray
Boarding Kennel: Denver, CO

*****URGENT*****

Gunner is a big boy, high energy, but very sweet. He was a favorite at the TX shelter where he was nearly put to sleep. Gunner is an adorable mastiff/dal mix; young - maybe 2 years old top – still very puppy; smart; huge prey drive. NO CATS! He is a big boy, already 70 lbs., and he is very thin. Gunner is housebroken, but will try to mark indoors, so needs work on that. He is learning to walk on a leash, but is easily distracted by other animals and will need a strong handler with previous large dog experience. He learns well when not distracted, but needs to work on focus. Gunner is doing well with the other dog in his temp foster home but will get in a scuffle if the other dog starts it. He is extremely affectionate, just has no idea how big/strong he is. He has had no previous training, so will benefit from obedience training.

Gunner would make a great "man's dog", big and fun and active. Gunner is in need of a foster or forever home! Currently in Aurora, contact Karen for more information at karen.mellis@ucdenver.edu Adoption \$200.



Sam2

1½ Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Boarding Kennel: Aurora, CO

*****URGENT*****



Sam is a very handsome, distinctive looking young adult male Dalmatian mix who was pulled from a TN shelter. He is housebroken, crate trained and LOVES being a copilot in cars and trucks. Sam's first owners, upon discovering that he was mildly heartworm positive, turned him into the shelter in Feb., admitting that they'd never used a heart worm preventative. The shelter cured the heartworms and he had a short-lived adoption in May, until the resident male dog decided Sam was in his way. The shelter staff adored him, saying that he was the happiest, sweetest and most loving dog there. They even call us frequently to check up on him, and that just NEVER happens! Sam is in boarding in CO now and desperately needs a home of his own. Unfortunately, due to many reasons, most not having to do with Sam, he has been bounced around. Sam is rowdy when he plays and sometimes can become overbearing, but he means well. No cats for Sam and he definitely needs a 6' fence. But for all this, Sam is worth the

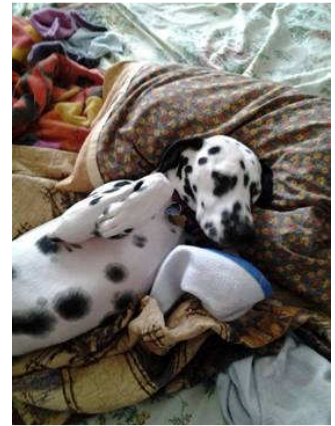
investment in time and attention. He's love starved and wants to just cuddle and hang out with you and go in the car/truck as often as he can! He'd make a fabulous jogging/biking partner too! Adoption \$200. Sam is an extraordinarily loving boy who often has two nylabones in his mouth even when he goes to bed. He loves to cuddle close and give kisses. He needs an experienced home where he will receive lots of exercise because of his high energy level. He consistently seeks approval from his humans but is unsure of how to earn it. He needs to learn boundaries. He gets along with most dogs but is best with bigger ones. He would be amazing with older children but he is too active for kids under 6 probably. His fence should be at least 5' and he likely would love to chase cats. There is a ride to CO in late August if he has a spot to land. He is currently in a kennel in TX, greatly needing more exercise and he so wants his own family again! It's hot in TX too! With training he will be an extraordinary companion. He has won a permanent place in the hearts of almost everyone he has encountered. Why not consider Sam as your loving companion? Probably no other dog will love you as much!! For more information, contact Beth White at melodee101@gmail.com. Adoption \$200.

Happy Beginning Stories

Patches (aka Olivia)



This is the story of Patches, her previous name was Olivia. We were looking for a Dalmatian that needed a home and with the help of Beth, Sandy and Tena we got a very special girl. She came to us from Houston, Texas – that is a big deal – we live in Illinois. A transport was arranged and on August 31st at got our special girl! She is fantastic! She has been with us for just over a month and WOW such a change from when we first met, she was a little shy and not too sure, but now – she is up to almost anything. She loves to go for walks, play ball with her volleyball in the back yard, loves going places with us, she cannot get to the car fast enough when we are headed out – she does not want to miss a thing! We have Poochie a 13 year old Chow Shepard mix who we also adore and they have become quite the buddies. Poochie is teaching her the ropes – they love getting on the golf cart and taking a spin around the neighborhood. Patches celebrated her 1st birthday on Sept 24th with party hats and Twinkies, what more could a girl ask for – Oh yes there were presents too! Here are just a few pictures of her and Poochie just enjoying life, what more could you ask for.



Oliver

So it's been about a month since Oliver has come to live with us. It has been a total roller-coaster ride for sure. We haven't had a young pup around for a while (let alone a young Dal!) and we had gotten used to our very relaxed way of life with our 7 year old Border Collie mix Callie. Oliver has adjusted quite well to his new pack. After a couple of weeks of him and Callie trying to figure each other out, they have both discovered that they can co-exist in the same house and be happy. Oliver is definitely the instigator in most play activities but Callie does try to get him to chase her around the house. It's funny to watch him try to figure out what she wants him to do :-). They love playing tug of war with each other and as I call it "doggie smack-down" (you can imagine for yourself what that is)! Oliver is VERY smart; he is learning the rules of the house quite well but does have a stubborn streak. It sometimes takes a treat to get him to go where you want him to. He is 150% Dalmatian!! He is a snuggler and "nose pocker" and a smiler! He gives great smiles when I come home to let him out of his crate. He wags his butt (not just his tail) so hard you think it's going to fall off. He loves all of us including my 4½ year old son but is still wary of people he doesn't know. We have had some of our dog-friendly friends over to visit which has helped him a lot.



Editor's Note: To read the rest of his story, please head over to our website and visit the Happy Beginnings Story page.

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!!

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