

ATTENTION Adopters in 2016

The State of Colorado, as of 2016, now requires that all licensed rescues collect responses to two questions.

1. Have you read the Colorado rabies information?
2. Have you received your vet records?

When you receive your email with these two questions, PLEASE respond. We are missing many.

It is most important as the responses are not only required but also must be kept in a log that the State might check in the future. Thanks for doing this for us! It is required and we must comply.

And while we're at it, when you adopt a dog from us we rarely get the requested Happy Beginning story. We expect that people are thrilled to have their new companions and want to share the news, sort of like a baby announcement. By sharing your story with the new dog (including trials and tribulations and how you overcame them), you are rewarding people who work so hard to find the right home for each dog we take in. You are also telling others how rewarding the process can be and can be an encouragement to others who might feel that adopting a rescue dog can be troublesome or require lots of changes or adaptations, etc. And, you are letting others who watch our site know what happened to the dogs they've seen posted. PLEASE send us your Happy Beginning story with several pictures. It really doesn't take long and isn't hard to do. We want to share these wonderful stories on our site. www.dalmatianrescueco.org

Beth White

President, Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado

Thanksgiving is next up...

MAKE NO BONES ABOUT IT!

Thanksgiving
PET SAFETY TIPS

Although, Fido may say 'yes' to a turkey drumstick, keep bones away from your pet. Turkey bones can cause serious injury to your pet if they splinter and become lodged in or puncture your pet's digestive tract.

Limit table food treats. Too many fatty, rich or unfamiliar foods for your pet can cause painful and serious medical conditions.

Sage advice. No stuffing for pets. Sage and other herbs often used to make turkey stuffing contain essential oils and resins that can cause stomach upset and central nervous system depression in pets if eaten in large quantities. Cats are especially sensitive to the effects of these oils.

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Think safety at Thanksgiving. Absolutely NO turkey bones for the dogs!! If you want to give your dog a snack, make positively certain there are no bones in the turkey. Turkey bones are easily splintered and many are very small and sharp. They can puncture your dog's digestive tract leading to an unwelcomed trip to the emergency vet.

Some sage advice about stuffing. DON'T! Many stuffing recipes call for the addition of sage and other herbs which often contain essential oils and resins that can cause upset stomachs and possibly depression of the central nervous system. Cats are particularly sensitive to the effects of these oils.

And of course, if you are going to be hosting a large dinner or party that is uncharacteristic for your house, there are a couple things to keep in mind. Make sure that ALL guests are told NOT to feed scraps to your dog. And, please make sure that your dog has a safe place to escape all the hectic commotion. A room that isn't full of people, that is not really used, with a radio playing in the background will be something your dog will be very thankful for and will ensure that she can enjoy the holiday as well.



Is Your Dog Fat?



Okay, folks, your dog getting fat? You getting fat? All because it is no joy walking a dog that drags you? Check out this "new" harness.

If you get one, please let us know how it works for you. We like to share with everyone what does and doesn't work! So please let us hear from you on any item, not just this harness.

<http://walkyourdogwithlove.com/km?qclid=CKPwk5GvhdACFQUuaQodbJolMw>

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NO CHOKING: It is not around your dog's throat, so there is no risk to your dog's neck and so you don't hurt your dog. Dog collars and chokers are just not a friendly – or necessary – way to walk your best friend. It is time for compassion.

EASY ON: You don't have to 'figure it out'; no more leg lifting dance. Just pull it over your dog's head and 'click'. Easy.

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SAFE: It has 3M Scotchlite reflective material for nighttime safety. Be seen in a car's headlights 1000 feet away when you are walking your dog.

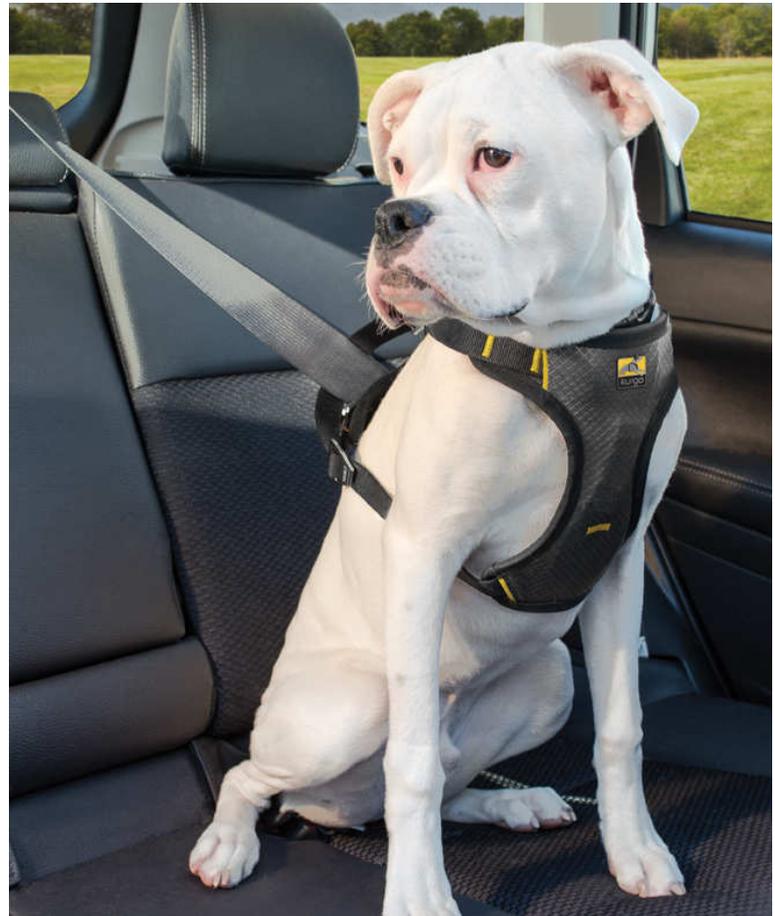
Car Safety Harness by Kurgo

The Kurgo Impact Harness is the next generation in Kurgo crash-tested car harnesses. Based on 8 years of engineering car harnesses, the Impact Harness is a totally new harness design using a single piece of high tensile tubular webbing with reinforced bar tacking. It is purpose built for car safety as well as your dog's comfort which reflects all of the knowledge we have developed over the last 12 years developing pet travel products.

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<http://www.kurgo.com/harnesses/impact-dog-harness/>

In Memory Of Tibby

By Chris



There is NOTHING quite as AMAZING as experiencing the unconditional love of a dog... the joy, companionship, laughter and even the occasional frustration. They happily watch out the window waiting to see you come home, only to meet you at the door with wagging tails and kisses to erase even the cruddiest day off the slate. They sadly watch out the window when you go. They happily walk beside you making even the same walk around the block a new adventure with all the new sniffs and smells to investigate. They snuggle to keep you warm; they protect and keep you safe. They understand when you are hurt, sad, broken, or afraid... and stay right by your side to comfort, listen in their own way and always love faithfully... even drying away tears. They give you courage when you have none, peace in the turmoil of this game we call life.

They are a DEEP, DEEP part of your life and heart that you need to TRULY EXPERIENCE to FULLY UNDERSTAND the words I am writing.

To anyone who hasn't known this kind of love and compassion... to anyone who thinks they are just a dog/pet... then you have NEVER TRULY allowed your TRUE HUMANNESS and compassion to be REAL and LIVED... having denied your heart of amazing love and friendship... denying yourself and your heart of knowing what it is to truly feel, to love and be loved.

Today I had to say goodbye to my most beautiful and precious girl, Tibby. She was my companion by my side, faithfully and loving unconditionally for almost 14 years. She made me laugh, calmed my fears, dried my tears, comforted me through an extremely painful time in my life, and made even the worst day melt away when I came home to her after work. She was the best snuggler in bed, my protector, was beautiful and incredibly smart... all this and more. And to top it off... she was DEAF. Born that way by no fault of her own, she was an amazing girl who made an AMAZING pet and companion. I wouldn't have traded my time with her for anything. Four of my five Dalmatians have been deaf and it has been the most rewarding experience to me. They make wonderful pets... just as much as my dogs that have been hearing. They may be deaf, but they seem to be more in tune to you and the world around them... other senses heightened. Tibby and my other girls were so incredibly intelligent... they learned to read your facial expressions and learned to communicate using sign language. Simple commands like sit, eat, no, potty and others. It was just as easy to train them as a hearing dog. Yes, there is a small learning curve having a deaf dog... much of it is common sense... all of it educational to those who have never encountered the joy and love a deaf dog can bring. People are FASCINATED when you tell them your dog is deaf and you show them how you communicate with them using sign language. It is an easy way to teach them that deaf dogs make wonderful pets. That being said, is owning a deaf dog for everyone? I say no. They are only meant for responsible people with compassionate hearts, patience and understanding... but the rewards and payoff are priceless. Owning any dog is a lifelong commitment and responsibility... but that increases only slightly when it involves having a deaf or hearing impaired dog. As I mentioned... the learning curve is slight. A fenced yard that is locked is obviously a necessity. Making sure that they are tagged and chipped, not allowing them to run off a leash outside of a fenced yard is only common sense... as you are unable to call them back. Although there are many tools out there to help you such as collars with GPS or one that vibrates to get their attention... it goes back to being responsible... deaf or hearing dog. Part of that responsibility includes making sure they are spay/neutered. Common sense with any dog is to not startle them when they are sleeping... but if you need to get their attention... making your presence known by a gentle touch or causing vibrations on the floor or shaking the bed to let them feel your presence is necessary. You learn to read and understand your dog, and they you as the bond, love and trust grows. Life with my deaf girls has always been a joy and so rewarding... I wouldn't trade it. Like I said, it may not be for everyone, but for those who will open their hearts and broaden their horizons, it's priceless.

I hope this helps... thanks for allowing me the opportunity to be her voice and the voice of all deaf Dals.

Chris

Recent Adoptees!

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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 dalquy@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!

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People who show and compete with their dogs know this. If you enter a competition... you pay entry fees, you buy gas to travel out of town, you often stay one or two nights in a motel, you eat in restaurants... it gets expensive. So the LAST thing you want, after the expense and often waiting *hours* for your few minutes in front of the judge, is for your dog to relieve him- or herself in the ring. Because it can be distracting to the other canine competitors, pottying in the ring is an absolute NO-NO and will get you a big fat ZERO.

When I was competing in obedience and agility with Dancer, I always made sure she pottied before we were called into the ring. Even if she didn't "need" to go, she would at least TRY. She would literally squat.... Even though nothing came out.



Jetta and I lived in an apartment most of the time I had her, so she didn't have free access to a yard like my girls before her did. If she *needed* to go, then she would do so quickly when I told her to (usually within about 10-20 seconds and almost never longer than 30 seconds), which was important because I dreaded standing outside at midnight in the rain. I wanted her to get busy, get done, and get back inside.

If she didn't NEED to go, I'd tell her to try. Most of the time she'd squat. Nothing came out but she tried. Sometimes she'd just sit and look at me and I would know she didn't need to go and that was ok too.

Boy-dogs will also go on command, of course, and although I don't know from personal experience, I have been told they will also try, even if they don't NEED to... by hiking their legs, even if they produce nothing.

It's a handy thing when you are making a quick stop while traveling or in a hurry to get off to work.

Most dogs know what "Go Potty" (or something equal to that) means. Now start using it as a command and expect the behavior like you would a SIT or a DOWN. Be generous with praise and while teaching, use lots of treats.

If you need help with this, call me. No charge!

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

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Trainer Tips

“Are Your Dogs A Part Of Your Holiday Traditions?”

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Most of us have some sort of holiday traditions. We might have special traditions for birthdays, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Years, or any other holidays celebrated throughout the year. Though we tend to refer to that time between Thanksgiving and New Years as the “holiday season.” Think about the holidays you celebrate and what traditions you have for those holidays. How many of those traditions involve your dogs?



I would venture to guess that most holiday traditions don’t include your dog specifically. Though some might. If you celebrate

Christmas and exchange gifts with family, does your dog get gifts too? If you make a special feast on Thanksgiving, does your dog get some of the leftovers in his dinner that evening?

Most of our holiday traditions revolve around family and friends, and as we include our dogs in more and more of our family activities, our dogs might be included in more traditions. In our household, for example, we don’t focus much on gifts at Christmas, but we do take it as an opportunity to take a day off work (mostly) and spend time with our immediate family.

Since we don’t have children, our dogs are most certainly a part of that. An extra-long walk, maybe a hike in the mountains, maybe some extra treats.

Definitely lots of snuggle time.

One of our traditions around the holidays is to watch some of our favorite holiday movies and shows each year: Elf, The Santa Clause, It’s a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, The Year Without a Santa Clause, and others. While the dogs don’t care to watch the movies with us, it’s a time to spend some extra snuggle time with them or give them an extra chew to work on. So they are incorporated into our traditions in one way or another.

What holiday traditions is your dog a part of?

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



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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 about 700 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!!

Advertising in NewSpots! is free!!

Simply contact the editor, Karl Schill, at dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

*******Be A Pal, Save A Dal*******

PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the one closet to where you now live, so they can save lives like they saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog who can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and get ready for a new home. PLEASE help rescues and the dogs so that others might have a dog that is well socialized, trained and ready to love. PLEASE think about this... Dalmatians are everywhere and are literally dying to meet you or someone willing to give them a "spot" to LIVE until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for rescue and for them?

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!

Reader Recommendations and Tips

This is where we share recommendations and tips from and for our readers. Our newsletter is read by as many as 650 people each month. That number constantly increases as we have more adopters and adopters recommend it to their friends and family as well. So go ahead... share your tips and recommendations. Please send along any information you want to share with others, like products that you would recommend, dog toys, great pet insurance, good vets (or bad ones to avoid as well), etc. Is there anything you wish someone had told you about that you have found? Pass it along. Send your ideas, recommendations and tips to Karl at dalquy@comcast.net for inclusion in the next issue.

The ThunderShirt



The advertisement features a large image of two dogs sitting on a white couch. The dog on the left is a brown and white dog wearing a dark blue ThunderShirt. The dog on the right is a white and brown dog wearing a purple ThunderShirt. To the left of the main image is a smaller inset image of a black dog lying on grass wearing a grey ThunderShirt. Text on the advertisement includes: "The Better Calming Solution", "Already Helping Millions of Dogs", "Over 80% Success Rate", and a circular button that says "CLICK TO VIEW STYLES".

The ThunderShirt (<http://www.thundershirt.com/>) is a very convenient and effective way to help calm a dog who is frightened of thunder storms, fireworks or any other loud noises. Simply put it on and let the 'swaddling' effects calm your dog. On a personal note, I have used it on several foster dogs and they have calmed down immediately during our often loud and scary storms here in Colorado. I recommend them without hesitation!! --Karl.

Special Message from the Dalmatian Rescue President

WARNING:

Dogs coming to CO from the deep south (mainly TX and LA), should have heart worm tests redone 6 months later. It could take six months for a dog to show that it is heart worm positive. The dog might be tested negative initially but turn out to be positive later. If you have adopted a dog from us from TX or LA, please recheck them.

The south is also a haven for parasites and though we do fecals and treat for parasites, it is also possible that some parasites continue to live. It is wise to redo a fecal 30 days from the first test to be sure if the dog is clear.

Skunk Odor Eliminator

In the dark of night, my dogs start going nuts. We do have a dog door but they rarely go outside after bedtime potty. Last night they were out there in force, having found a skunk in the yard. Fortunately three dogs only were barking. But, our feisty Boston Terrier (did I mention terrier?) was nailed several times by the agitated skunk. She had to be bathed as she REEKED!

I had not used Petastic Skunk Odor Eliminator before but did have it on hand in case! We live on a ranch so wildlife is a little more common than in town. I flooded Jeenee with hydrogen peroxide suggested to me before by a groomer. Then followed that with the Petastic product. It is enzymatic so you soak the dog and let it air dry.

After treatment and drying time, Jeenee barely smelled of skunk and I mean barely! So figured I'd suggest this product for anyone who fears a skunk might spray their dogs sometime. I don't even remember where I purchased the bottle, but it was in a pet store of some kind.

Hopefully this will be helpful to you!

Submitted by Beth White

Editor's Note: This product can be found online by searching "Petastic Skunk Odor Eliminator". Below are a few linked sites where I found it available. It retails anywhere from about \$4.89 to \$12.99 for a 32 ounce bottle.

<http://www.lakelandfeedmill.com/product-p/skunkodorelimina32oz.htm>

<http://wammocks.com/Petastic-Skunk-Odor-Eliminator-32-fl-ozs-052954091238.htm>

<http://shop.tropicaquaria.com/products/skunk-odor-remover-for-dogs>



REMEMBER, we all can benefit from other's experiences, so please send in your tips

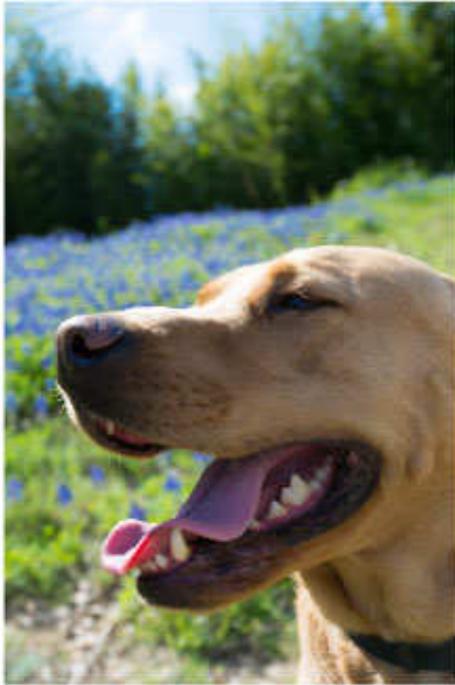
We thought you might enjoy this story of a wayward Dal who found some new friends.

Bill and Jean D.

<http://www.insideedition.com/headlines/18822-lost-dalmatian-wanders-into-fire-station-makes-himself-at-home-among-firefighters>

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In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Dakota

6-12 Months Old, Black Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Houston, TX

Dakota beat the odds! He got loose or was let loose off of the chain that held him. Either he was starved by owner or starved from being on the streets. He came to a shelter who contacted us and he is now in a loving foster home, helping this boy gain all the weight he lost. He wasn't just thin... he was emaciated when found and had several diseases too that need attention. Yet he has a sweet nature and he's a survivor! Dakota is a cutie who might be totally deaf or might hear some; but we need to heal the bad ear infections before we know. He is gaining weight nicely, needs some leash training, but appears to be housebroken. Dakota looks to be a purebred Dalmatian. We expect that he'll change a lot in the next few weeks and then watch him shine! He's guesstimated to be 8 – 10 months of age is all. Such a tragedy for a young life, BUT he's doing great now... and loves everyone. Dakota is in a Houston, TX foster home and will need a 6' fence, preferably a privacy fence. For more information contact Charles at charless787@yahoo.com. Adoption \$300.



Toby3

5 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
In Foster: Laramie, WY

Toby came from a friend of Dalmatian Rescue when his mom's health began to fail severely. He is quite a social little Beagle/Terrier mix. He has been a great companion for his mom and lived with cats and dogs in the past and was great with the grandkids. Today, Toby is in Laramie, WY where he has proven to be a fun guest. He likes the neighbor kids, goes running with the neighbor dog and really likes car rides. For more information, contact Jim at jimpew@uwyo.edu. Adoption \$250.

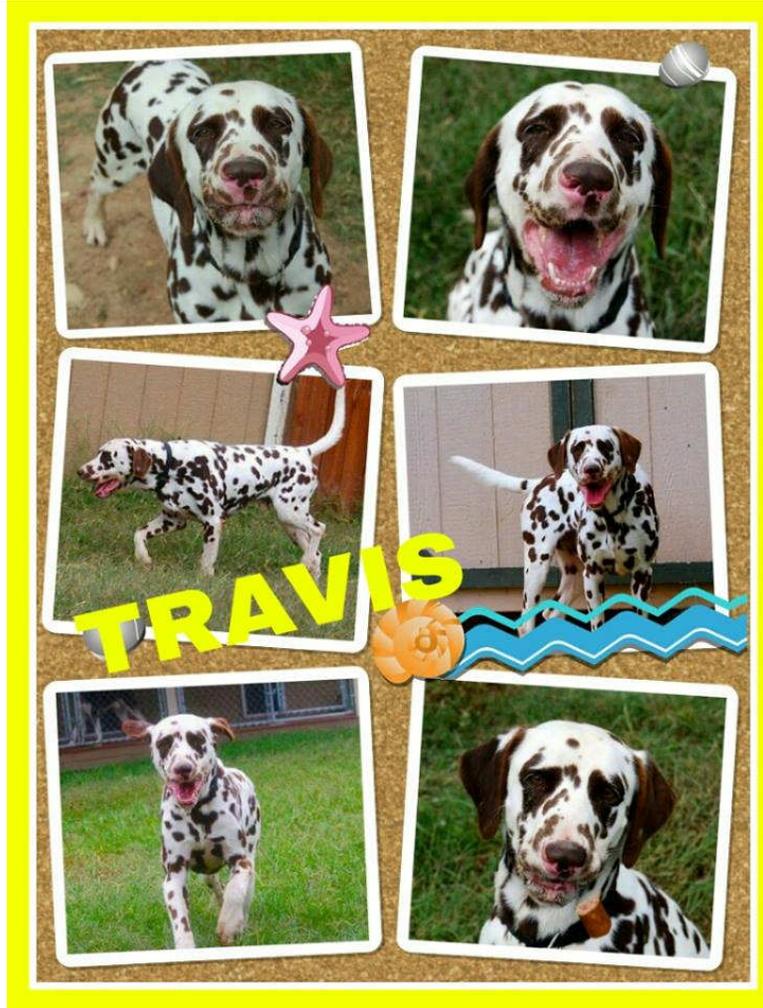


Travis

3 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
In Foster: Bastrop, TX

Travis has had a rough start in life. He lived with some people who only kept him in a pen until they grew tired of taking care of him. He always lived alone from the time he was a puppy with little to no human interaction or exercise. Once Travis was surrendered, it was clear that this time alone affected him. He enjoyed canine companions, but he was choosy with people and would try to be dominant with some. Travis has since spent over a month with a trainer working on his behavioral issues and obedience. He can now walk on leash, heel, sit, down, sit stay for up to 5 minutes, down stay





for up to 10 minutes, and recall. All of this is basic obedience and done on leash, but he is showing amazing potential and willingness to learn. He has come a long way, resisting urges to play with other dogs while in his stay, and loving the attention and praise that is showered on him when he does what is asked. Travis really has a heart of gold and WANTS to be a good boy and please people... but he's still new at this and learning how. In a month's time he has learned a lot, but he has a lifetime of love and learning ahead of him. Because of this, Travis needs a home with experienced dog people. He does still try to be dominant... especially upon meeting new dogs. He does things like trying to mount and a hard chase if the new dogs run, but this has been worked on and is much easier to redirect now. After being corrected, he also focuses greatly on his handler and leans in for love. He needs to be with someone who is willing to keep up with his training, and ideally attend more classes to keep Travis's mind occupied and keep him active in a positive fashion. Travis will not do well in a home with other dominant dogs. He will need to be in a home with calm and submissive dogs or playful and tolerant. He has not yet been tested with cats, but can be if needed. Travis's FAVORITE past time is lying with you. This sweet boy will lay with you all night if given the chance. If you sit next to him, he will crawl up to you, lay his head in your lap, then flip on his side so you can rub him and scratch his belly. He is very gentle with his kisses... but he is a powerhouse when he plays if you let him be. He would make an excellent hiking or running buddy, and has the biggest puppy dog eyes when he is sad or catches himself doing something he's not supposed to. Overall, Travis can be best described as a dog that needs a strong but loving

owner. He thrives on structure and yearns for a connection and bond. You can tell he just wants someone to love, and once he finds that person, he will love them forever. Travis is vaccinated, neutered and Heartworm negative. Contact Tena at tjp@grandecom.net. Adoption fee \$300.

Happy Beginning Stories

None submitted for this issue!



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 25th 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

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