

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Happy Holidays Everyone! We hope you had a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!

Once again we come to you to THANK you for saving a dog or volunteering with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado or donating to us. Without YOU, we could not be as successful as we are.

So far in 2016, we have adopted dogs to homes in 18 states. From MA to FL, to MN, WY, NV and all states in between. We also now have Fabulous Fosters in many more states than last year. Not to bore you, but we have dogs in foster homes in NY, PA, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, TN, KY, OH, IN, IL, MN, MO, NE, KS, LA, TX, NM, CO, WY, and NV, Wow! How we have grown! We can't express our THANKS for your continued support!

During the first 11 months of 2016, DRC has spent roughly \$31,000 on professional services. Vet expenses totaled nearly \$27,000 and the remainder for transport, boarding and training. Since including dogs from southern states, our vet bills have really grown due to the tick diseases, heart worms, parasites, mange, etc. that the southern dogs often bring with them. But, how can we not "fix them" up? They deserve a good, healthy, happy life like those healthier dogs that might not cost us so much. Our commitment is to make them right and find them the right home.

This year, we have removed one front leg after it could not be saved, one hind leg, fixed skeletal issues, cured severe tick diseases, cured distemper, restored seniors to health from severe neglect, cured severe mange, both sarcoptic and demodectic, did a PPL surgery, did ear hematoma surgeries, removed masses, cured a joint infection, cured other stubborn infections, did ACL surgery, and of course spayed, neutered and vaccinated most of the dogs that came our way. We took one young boy, more dead than alive, from a shelter and got him needed blood transfusions and intensive care so that he could be adopted this month! We were even raising money for cataract surgery on a senior until we learned it was a different health issue. Whew, have we been busy! GIANT THANKS go to the many wonderful volunteers who care enough to get dogs to vets, manage their care, and help them heal! Gratitude to our Fabulous Fosters who provide a home and a life to dogs in need.

BIG THANKS go to many volunteers always working on fund raisers of all sorts to help us pay our bills. From wreaths at Christmas, to kitchen wear, to collecting shoes, to sweet smelling products, lovely jewelry, pretty spring bulbs, restaurant programs and even painting and drinking. To auctions with all sorts of items of interest and donated training for dogs with social needs. And, to the many donors of items for the auctions and those who create items for us to sell. We are BLESSED to have such hard-working and caring people on our side! To keep us solvent so we are able to meet the needs of the next dog to come along. We also can't forget those who willingly drive for hours at their own expense to get that pup where he needs to go, for his new life. Our "Caring community" is the best!

Of course, monthly and regular donations keep us well-oiled and moving. So too are the most generous donations that come in over and above the requested donation for adopted dogs. Those funds pay the vets so "Spot" can make it. From the small to the large, we say THANKS because we use it all because it all goes to the Dogs!

Please visit our website ([www.dalmatianrescueCO.org](http://www.dalmatianrescueCO.org)) (NOTE: we recently added the CO to the address) and friend us on Face Book. See the wonderful dogs still needing homes. One poor boy lived over 3 years in a lonely pen, fed once a day and never petted. He has come a long way in becoming a wonderful companion. One dog who's mom had a conflict with him, and tossed him out, while the family cried. Dogs with issues that people didn't understand or wouldn't take the time to fix. Sweeties left behind when owners were incarcerated, to those abandoned when the owner had bad life issues. Pups losing their home and owners to foreclosure. Several deaf dogs just waiting for the right home where they can feel the love, if not hear it. A little pit mix still waiting after the successful adoption was foiled by unfounded fears of the adopter! A senior gal, the victim of a divorce, who had all the traits of a perfect dog. Those lucky ones who lived because we either had dedicated drivers and fund raisers, or a ride opened up at the last minute and they escaped from euthanasia in cold, lonely shelters. Youngsters found as strays or were owner surrenders because they acted like puppies! You know, active little ones, needing exercise, training and involvement, love and more exercise! How many people get a puppy and then won't help it through puppyhood? Far too many, that is for sure. Dogs with sad stories where one parent died and the survivor had to move and could not take the pets. Little pups nearly dead but rebounding



with love, attention, good food and vet care. And one little guy whose mom is terminally ill and he was too protective of her to stay by her side. He can't help it if he wants to protect her! So many stories and so many victims but so many people caring enough to help us help them.

If you have room in your heart and your home for even one more dog, please let us know. If you have a single dog that might like a companion, let us know. We specialize in making great matches, but if you don't know how it might go with a dog of the same sex as your current dog, just get the opposite sex. Girls like boys and boys like girls! Introduce them slowly, manage the introductions and give them time. In short order you'll have a wonderful pair. We are always available with training suggestions, for any of our dogs.

If you have lost a beloved friend and there is a hole in your heart and your home, check us out. Dogs available often change from day to day on the site, so check the site often and/or visit Face Book often. If you have not submitted an application in the last 2-3 years then please submit a new one. Or, if you've moved or changed names, please do a new app or notify us of the change. We sure love to hear from repeat adopters. The adoption process can be quick if you've adopted from us in the past.

And, as you've seen in our other monthly newsletters, PLEASE send us happy beginning stories. Our volunteers so enjoy seeing your new pet's story. We live to see the Happy Beginnings!

Remember, any financial donations directly to DRC are tax deductible, but so too are those donations made "in kind". That is transport gas, donations directly to veterinarians, items bought for specific dogs' needs, items donated for fund raisers, etc. You just need to keep your receipts or log the driving distance, dates, etc.

Although we have many fine folks in many states working hard for the homeless, we can always use more. Foster homes and transporters are the life blood of our group; we welcome new volunteers!

To each and every adopter, donor, and volunteer, we wish a Happy, Healthy and Loving New Year. A new year warmed with the love of a spotted friend (or two or ten!).

Sincerely,

Beth White, President  
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And many, many others!

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# Donation Coupon

*The vast majority of funding for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado is from generous supporters like you. And we rely on donations to continue to help the spotted dogs that so desperately need our help, love and compassion. You can take this opportunity to help us in our mission by sending this coupon to us with your tax-deductible contribution today!*

***Yes, I would like to help save more Dalmatians and Wannabes! I have enclosed a donation in the amount of:***

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00  
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***Please mail this coupon with your payment to our treasurer at:  
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***Alternatively, remember, we do accept donations by PayPal. Just visit our website (<http://www.dalmatianrescueco.org>) and scroll down the front page to the PayPal link at the bottom.***

# ***Still* Wishing a Christmas Wish for a FOREVER Home!**

Please visit our website to see their stories and pass them along to friends, family and everyone you meet!! These wonderful dogs deserve a forever home this Christmas!!!!

***The top three dogs have been waiting for at least a year!***



JuJu has been waiting a long time, since October, 2013. She just wants a forever home for Christmas this year!



Dakota has been looking for a family to call his own since August, 2015. He would love to be your Christmas dog!



Buddy7, a 10 year old Dalmatian, has been looking for his forever home since December, 2015!



Millie was a puppy mill mama. Never knew love until she came to us. Now she wants a home to call hers... yours perhaps?



Nemo is one of the dogs who lost his leg... but he's still as alive as ever. His Christmas wish is to live with a family to call his own. Are you ready?



Swann, a 3 year old, is bouncing around and hoping for a gift of a place to call hers. She really is a great dog just waiting for her forever home!



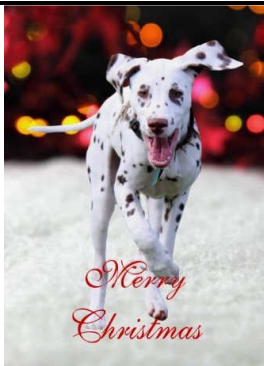
MaddieB is so brokenhearted. She thought she found a home, twice. But they didn't work out. She's looking for someone to share her love forever!



Jordan is a survivor. He really wants a home of his own. He wants an experienced dog leader to bring him home for the holidays!!



Max, is a deaf puppy, but doesn't let that stop him. He's learning hand signals and signs... and would love to be a kid's pup! Please help him!!



# Tis The Season for Safety

Each year around the holidays, we often hear of news stories where a beloved pet has suffered because they got into something that was harmful to them. Here are some safety tips and suggestions to help make this holiday season a truly safe and joyous one for your entire family, including your four-legged ones. Holiday hazards can include decorations, ornaments, decorative lighting, toxic substances (plants, chocolate, etc), candle flames and many other dangers. Fortunately everyone can take simple steps to make the festivities safe and humane for all who attend.

- **Christmas Trees** – With Christmas trees come the obvious hazards... those little glass balls dangling from the branches and the shiny tinsel tossed with care onto the tree (and floor). You also need to keep a close watch on extension and light cords around the trees and ensure your pup isn't chewing on them, which could lead to a very shocking experience. During the holidays there are a lot of activities that can send your dog into a frenzied state and running close by and maybe even knocking into the tree.
- So you need to make certain to secure the tree so that it can't topple over. Dogs should not be allowed to drink the water used to hydrate your live trees. This can cause diarrhea, mouth sores, loss of appetite and vomiting.
- **Toxic Plants** – Toxic plants are common during the holiday season. Some of them are holly, mistletoe, poinsettias. These, especially, as well as other plants should be kept out of the reach of your dog. It only takes one bite to do a lot of damage. Tinsel and Wrapping Paper – These items are very shiny and enticing, but may cause choking hazards, pick them up right away!
- **Cookies, Candies and Other Foods** – Yummy holiday treats are all around us this time of year. You know that they are dangerous and possibly fatal if your dog eats them. So make sure that your kids and your guests know, and you enforce, the rules... No slipping people food to the dog. No matter how sad he looks, no matter how much he might beg. Absolutely no chocolate, raisins, nuts, etc.; no people food, period. If you really must give them a treat, save a little of the turkey for them, since turkey is easily handled by them.
- **Parties** – This time of year many people host holiday parties. It is a time to have fun and enjoy those who share your life in one way or another. A time to just relax and have fun. But if your lifestyle is normally less hectic and energetic, don't forget that it is probably true for your dogs as well. So as you plan your festivities, make sure you consider the four-footed family members and what you can do to ease their stress levels during the party. Keep him in a less active area of the house, invite the kids to play in the room with the dog to keep him occupied and out of the high traffic, high stress areas. Maybe, invite others with pets to bring their dogs over and you can have a special doggie play room set aside just for them (just make sure someone is there to monitor them – you can share this responsibility among the people who brought a dog).



With these few simple tips you can ensure your family, including your dog, has a truly wonderful and SAFE holiday!

## Wipe your feet!



*The snow is coming!! And, so too, will come the salt and various chemical ice melt products. It is always a good idea, after a walk on city streets, to clean your dog's feet off before entering the house, to prevent messy or damaged floors, but more importantly, to prevent ingestion of harmful chemicals. If you don't clean their feet they likely will. Doing this, they will lick those salts and chemical ice melts off their feet. Even if your dog isn't particularly finicky about his grooming, remember, your dog's pads are very absorbent and they can get the chemicals in their systems from simple absorption! If you want to use ice melt products, we recommend one that specifically states that it is a 'pet safe' product such as Safe Paw or Safe Step. Both are pet friendly and safe around both pets and children. Available at many retail outlets throughout the United States and online, as well.*



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

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