

FOOD AND TREAT RECALLS

Blue Ridge Beef Dog Food Recall of March 2018

March 26, 2018 — Blue Ridge Beef of Eatonton, GA, is voluntarily recalling one lot of its BRD Complete raw pet food because of the potential of contamination with Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes.

What's Recalled?

The recalled lot would affect the following states:

- Florida
- Georgia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee

The affected product is sold in two-pound chubs that are frozen and are distinguished by the manufacturing codes:

- BRB Complete
- Lot#: GA0131
- Manufacturing date: 01/31/2018

The packaging of the product and the location of the lot number is pictured at right along with the location of the clips on each end of the chub.

What Caused The Recall?

This recall was initiated after samples collected and tested by the FDA showed positive for Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes.

There has been no consumer or pet illnesses in association with this product.

Blue Ridge Beef is voluntarily recalling this product lot as a commitment to consumer and pet health and safety.

What To Do?

Consumers are encouraged to check to the clips of product to ensure that they possess the affected lot # GA0131.

Those who have purchased the above lot of BRB Complete are urged to stop feeding them and return products to the place of purchase for a full refund or dispose of them immediately.

Those with questions can email the company at blueridgebeefga@yahoo.com.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration.

U.S. citizens can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the [consumer complaint coordinator](#) in your area.

Or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>.

Canadians can report any health or safety incidents related to the use of this product by filling out the [Consumer Product Incident Report Form](#).



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This recall notice originally was posted at <https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/>. We HIGHLY recommend that our readers sign up for these alerts so that you can get them in a timely manner as we cannot always get them out right away! We must do whatever we can to ensure the safety of our pets, and this is one of the easiest. Please click the image to sign up!!!

Darwin's Dog Food Recall of March 2018

March 26, 2018 — Darwin's Natural Pet Products of Tukwila, WA, has announced it is voluntarily recalling four lots of dog food after testing showed that specific products have tested positive for Salmonella and/or E. coli O128.

These pathogens can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections.

Darwin's Natural Pet Products are exclusively sold to customers through a subscription service.

Customers who purchased the products have been notified of the recall directly by Darwin's.

No product images were provided with the official notice.

Note: The images (at left) were downloaded from the internet and may not be an accurate representation of the actual recalled products.

What's Recalled?

The pet food included in the recall is as follows:

- Natural Selections Chicken with Organic Vegetables Meals for Dogs, Net wt. 2 lbs., Lot # 43887, manufacture date 1/30/2018
- Natural Selections Duck with Organic Vegetables Meals for Dogs, Net wt. 2 lbs., Lot # 44147, manufacture date 2/5/2018
- ZooLogics Chicken Meals with Organic Vegetables for Dogs, Net wt. 2 lbs., Lot # 44307, manufacture date 2/7/2018
- ZooLogics Turkey with Organic Vegetables Meals for Dogs, Net wt. 2 lbs., Lot # 44127, manufacture date 2/4/2018



Company Statement

According to Darwin's founder and President, Gary Tashjian:

"The company has not received any reports of illness in pets who consumed the food to date. Most animal health experts agree that pets are generally not affected by pathogens like Salmonella or E. coli unless they are already ill with some other condition. While we believe the risk to dogs consuming our products is low, we are sensitive to the FDA's concerns for humans who might become exposed to the pathogens through handling the raw meals."

Mr. Tashjian noted that product labels instruct those preparing the food to follow food-safety guidelines, which direct the cleaning of surfaces and utensils exposed to raw food and washing hands thoroughly after coming into contact with raw food.

What To Do?

Customers who have any of the affected products should dispose of the pet food as regular garbage, and contact Darwin's for replacement by emailing productsafety@darwinspet.com or by calling 866-832-8319, Monday-Friday, 6 AM to 6 PM, PT and Saturdays 7 AM to 3 PM PT.

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About Salmonella

Salmonella can affect animals eating the products, and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever.

Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation and urinary tract symptoms.

Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain.

Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans.

If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.
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About E. Coli O128

Specifically, E. coli O128 was identified in the contaminated raw turkey pet food product, and is among the most clinically relevant Shiga Toxin Producing E. coli (STEC) in humans.

E. coli O128 causes illness indistinguishable from E. coli O157:H7.

The symptoms include diarrhea, often with bloody stools.

Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS).

HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly.

The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

E. coli O128 is unknown to cause illness in dogs and cats, but infected animals can become carriers of E. coli O128 and transfer the bacteria to the home environment.

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Fort Collins, CO



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Nebraska



Jack and Royal (Bubba)



Jackson
Nevada

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

In Loving Memory of Linda Schill

In loving memory of Linda Lee Schill, who went to meet her Jesus on March 15th, 2018.

Linda was born on October 16, 1957 in Woodbury, NJ to David Lee Lemke and Charlotte Elizabeth (Pratt) Lemke.

Linda graduated from Paulsboro High School in Paulsboro, NJ. She later attended Gloucester County College where she studied computers and circuitry. However, her real passion was to further her knowledge and become more proficient in cake decorating and floral design. She completed her course work in Floral Design I & II at the Burlington County Institute of Technology in Mt. Holly, NJ.

She pursued her education in cake decorating by accomplishing the Wilton Cake Decorating Courses I, II, III, and IV in Voorhees, NJ. Her Master Course and Gum Paste Course was completed in Chicago, IL at the Wilton Cake Decorating Institute. Her final pursuit was to attend the International School of Confectionary Art in Gaithersburg, MD where she mastered the Petit Fours Course.

Linda had quite a variety of professional experiences. She was an Inspector at Logan Circuits and Etched Circuits, where she would review and repair single and double-sided circuit boards at all inspection stages.

Later, Linda became a Microcircuit Specialist at the GE/ RCA/ Martin Marietta Plant in Moorestown, NJ. She learned to use various precision instruments to accomplish her inspections of circuit boards and machinery, in direct support of the military.



While she was proficient as an inspector, she realized her real passion was to pursue a career in both cake decorating and floral design.

In keeping with what she thoroughly enjoyed, Linda began working at the Super Fresh Bakery which allowed her to hone her skills as a cake decorator, and be creative, all while “working”.

She also worked at Edible Arrangements where she used fruit, chocolate and cheese to make delicious bouquets that could be eaten!

She was employed at the Delaware Valley Wholesale Florist, directly responsible for the billing department, inventory control, selecting and arranging customer orders, then packing and shipping the orders. She thoroughly enjoyed her work.

Linda later worked as a Reservationist, Dispatcher, and Chauffeur at such companies as AMR Transportation, ETSI Transportation, and especially

Blue Knight Limousine and Sedan Service. Blue Knight was special to her because that is where she met Dudley. He was coming in for a job interview and she was on the interview committee. Not only did he get the job, but he drove his way right into her heart.

Linda knew she had met the love of her life and her best friend. They were married on August 16, 2002. They lived in Virginia for the first few years of marriage, but she was never far from her family. “Aunt Lin” would have her nieces and nephews down for extended visits in the summertime. She has always been such an integral part of the lives of her family. Dudley had no idea how much his world was going to expand when he married into the Lemke family.

One of Linda’s most enduring qualities was her ability to make others feel loved and welcomed. Her nieces even told of friend’s going off to college in Virginia, and Linda and Dudley took them into their home so they could pursue their schooling.

Interesting facts about Linda: she enjoyed all things **PURPLE**. A couple of her favorite songs were “The Amazing Grace Medley” by Celtic Woman, and “You Make Me Feel Brand New” by The Stylistics. She had various hobbies that she enjoyed like crocheting, crafting, cooking, GEO caching, and traveling. However, the hobby that filled her heart the most was the volunteer work she did for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. She not only worked on the administration parts (like background checks, reference checks, and vet checks), she also worked in assisting with transports and fostering. It was through the fostering process that she met her constant companion, Mojo. They were positively made for each other.

Another very important part of Linda was her faith. She was a member of Potter’s Hands Baptist Church for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She served in a variety of ways, always with a heart to help wherever and whenever she could. She loved to share her favorite verse, Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” They are a small but very close-knit church, their own little unique family, and Linda was part of the very heart of them. While we have tears of sadness and sorrow for now, deep inside, we rejoice with and for her, knowing she is now free of pain, able to rejoice and meet The One who loves her most.

On March 14, 2009 Linda and Dudley moved out to Colorado Springs to be with his brother, Karl. By March 21, 2009, Linda had developed an infection in her heel and was hospitalized. Little did we know the heartache and pain that would follow. The consistent rise and fall of her health led to many hospitalizations, surgeries and constant, unrelenting pain. In January 2018 Linda was diagnosed with ALS – Lou Gehrig’s Disease. It progressed much faster than anyone expected, yet she kept her sense of humor. This is not said for pity or to be dismal at all, because what those closest to her have had the privilege to witness is her ability to remain loving, kind, always concerned for others, always ready with a word of encouragement, and a smile, even through her immense pain. What could have made some people bitter or angry made Linda hopeful, positive and more compassionate, even up to the last few weeks before her passing.



Linda would have wanted to thank many of her caregivers personally; however, we would like to do that for her. While she still remained at home, she had an awesome CNA, Sarah Flores, and two incredible PCW’s, Christina Kirk and Winnie Travis. Because of their compassionate assistance, Linda was able to stay in her own home for a longer time, which was very important to both her and Dudley. Once she was transported to the Pikes Peak Care Center, she met some other pretty amazing health care providers like her nurses Ryane, Donna, Darla, “Red”, and her Social Worker, Shannon. She had many CNAs that were wonderful for meeting her daily needs and we do not want to overlook the care they gave as well. They each told us how much they loved Linda, and what a privilege it was to care for her. We cannot forget Laura who tenderly and compassionately tended to not only Linda but Dudley as well in her final hours: Laura, we were so grateful for your kindness and honesty. As the time approached, thinking there were still some months remaining, Linda made the choice to pursue Hospice care. The team of the Interim Hospice was exactly who were needed under the circumstances. Sue and Ellen, in the meeting with Linda, when the tough decisions were having to be made... your tender hearts shone through all the ‘official business’ that was taking place. Ellen, the way you so gently cared for her as her admissions nurse was such a welcome relief, as her pain was becoming overwhelming. Dr. McLean, oh that she could have been under your most thorough expertise upon arrival. You came in very professionally, as one would expect, yet bigger than life was your heart on your sleeve. You quickly established a treatment plan and set the wheels turning. We will not soon forget how you listened to Linda and Dudley and promised her better pain control and some relief. You knew right away how much Linda needed Paige to access her wounds, and ensured Paige came. Paige your proficiency came highly recommended and we want to thank you for your planned part in Linda’s wound care. We are sure you would have made a significant difference to Linda. Whitney, when Dr. McLean explained to Linda that she would get a Case Manager Nurse, and explained your personality, without hesitation, both Linda and Dudley chose you. Though your time with her was brief, thank you for contributing to her final care. Lastly, we want to thank Jenny, the nurse who came just after Linda had passed. You were such a comfort and strength when the pain was so raw. You were so respectful of the situation and gave such grace and comfort to us. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.

Dudley had already begun the process of researching mortuaries, thinking this was going to be “pre-planning”, and had an appointment the following week. However, as we do not control breath and life, it turned out we needed help immediately. Thankfully, he had already decided on Return to Nature Funeral Home. We called and they came very quickly. Jon was able to come in, explain to us the steps necessary, then respectfully tend to our beloved Linda. Later, in a meeting, he led us carefully and delicately through the entire process. Their kindness and compassion prevailed over all else! Their services are absolutely second to none and we appreciate them tremendously.



Our dear Linda will be deeply missed by her husband, Dudley B. Schill of Colorado Springs, her brothers Mark Lemke and Gene Lemke, both of Bridgeport, NJ, her nephews Joseph Chapes Jr., Markie Lemke and David Chapes, and her nieces Karen Langjahr and Katie Wolfe, as well as other family and friends.

Both her parents, David Lee Lemke, and her mother, Charlotte Elizabeth (Pratt) Lemke, as well as her sister Elizabeth Susan Chapes predeceased Linda.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in Linda’s honor for her family and friends at the Woodmoor Barn Community Center, 1691 Woodmoor Dr, Monument, CO, 80132, on Thursday, March 22nd at 2p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation, in memory of Linda and a cause to which she was very connected, to the Dalmatian

Rescue of Colorado. Go to the home page dalmatianrescueco.org.

For those near Denver, cheap heartworm tests in April

The annual \$10 HEARTWORM TEST put on by People's Pharmacy and Newfoundland Friends of Colorado will be held Saturday April 21st from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. It will be in the EVENT CENTER BUILDING (dirt arena) at JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. There will be an agility trial going on in the building as well, but we will have signs directing you to our clinic station. Please email or leave a message for Patti Pigeon at Peoples Pharmacy with the amount of dogs you'll be bringing as well as if you would like to buy discounted heartworm meds. You don't need to purchase the meds, but if you do please let her know the weights of the dogs. Registration is required so we make sure we have enough test kits. Feel free to share the information!

Location: 15200 W 6th Ave., Golden, CO

From The President

This suggestion (below) came from Janet who found a home for her foster dog Sindy recently. I thought I'd remind people that they are free to advertise their dogs. The more we advertise the sooner the foster dog will be adopted. Just please advertise that vet and personal references will be required as well as a home visit. And where the application to adopt is located. http://dalmatianrescueco.org/cgi-bin/dr_adoption_application.pl?

Also, please advise adopters who might have trouble with the application that all fields must be completed, if only using NA when it does not apply. The applications also do not work well with cell phones either. Designed for PC's and laptops.

When discussing your dog, it is best to describe the dog's good features first. To say what is wrong up front will only drive people away. We don't hide the issues, we just sell the dog first!

Just an FYI for your other fosters; they may do this or not, but I got most of my responses for Sindy from my own advertising on my local FB page and the adopter actually came through a courtesy post from our local no kill shelter here in town. I gave the shelter a donation in the name of the the Egglestons for allowing me to put a flier up at the shelter and for them putting it on their FB page. This was helpful as the adopters would then be local and I could easily do home visits and do meet and greets with Sindy. I could also cull out the people that were not appropriate adopters pretty quickly. I'm not sure if that will help your fosters move dogs more quickly but if they don't already do that, it is worth a try.

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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I Totally Disagree With This Dog Trainer

Did you know there is only one thing two dog trainers can ever agree on?

Yep... the third trainer does not know what he's doing. LOL

So, I was reading something online by a dog trainer who says that when housetraining, instead of taking your dog out regularly on a schedule, you should just let the dog tell you when he needs to go.

What the hell???

If I'm housetraining a dog, it's because he is not housetrained, right? Which means he doesn't know to come to me and tell me he has to go out.

A major part of the foundation of housetraining is that you take the initiative, you control the situation, and you take the dog out on a regular schedule.

Come on! That is A-B-C.

Further, he suggests teaching your dog to ring a bell to tell you when he needs to go.

I totally disagree with this, even for fully-housetrained dogs.

What if you're in another part of the house or you have music playing loudly and you don't hear the bell?

Chances are pretty good he is going to go right there at the bell.

When housetraining a dog, you need to initiate the process and guide your kid all the way through to completion.

You tell him when (and where) to go, he doesn't tell you. In fact, if he starts acting like he needs to go – pacing or sniffing around, you waited too long.

And the bell? Keep it for cute tricks but not for serious business like pottying outside.

I have had to use Pepper Spray twice to protect my girls from advancing, aggressive dogs zeroed in on them. Scary... but it worked both times.

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

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Trainer Tips

“The Perks Of Play With Puppies (And Adult Dogs)”

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Whether your dog is a puppy, an adolescent, an adult or a senior, there are perks to play at any age. One of the reasons we get along so well with dogs is that we all love to play well into adulthood. We love to have fun and so do they! But we often think of play as simply fun and don't realize the many ways in which our dogs benefit from play. Can you think of any additional perks not listed below?

Perks of play with pups:

1. **Physical exercise.** While there are many ways to exercise dogs, play has to be one of the best. There are many forms of play and thus many ways to exercise and burn energy. Chasing, fetching, tugging, agility, tracking, and the list goes on and on. Running, jumping, tugging, etc. are all ways to get exercise that work different muscle groups to build stamina, strength, and coordination.
2. **Mental exercise.** We tend to focus on the physical side of play but depending on the game, mental focus and ability is needed as well. When Romeo plays chase with Zuzu, he knows he is not fast enough to catch her in a full out sprint. But he uses his mental acuity to learn the best shortcuts and strategies to give himself an advantage. When Romeo is tracking a bunny, Zuzu has developed a strategy for placing herself in the most likely location a bunny will run if it gets flushed out by Romeo. Some games involve a good deal of brain work!
3. **Social skills.** Much as human children can develop better social skills through play, so can dogs. Think about what play often involves for dogs – simulating hunting or fighting. This helps dogs learn the skills to read others and learn how to resolve issues with minimum effort or damage to anyone. This helps dogs better learn to read the intent of other dogs and establish boundaries for interactions. If you play too rough, I won't play with you, for example.
4. **Self control.** Some games require a degree of self control to be successful. And to learn to be able to play with many different play styles and abilities, dogs must develop a good degree of self control. Have you ever seen an adult dog play tug with a much smaller and less coordinated puppy? They handicap themselves to make the game fair. That takes a great amount of self control.
5. **Bonding.** If humans are struggling with developing a strong bond with a new dog, play is one of the ways to make tremendous progress. During play, dogs tend to relax and have fun. What better way to develop a bond with another dog or human than to have fun together and have shared experiences?
6. **Training.** We humans tend to compartmentalize everything. It's training time. It's walk time. It's dinner time. It's play time. But the best trainers incorporate training into everything and find ways to use play as part of their training regimen. There are many skills that can be developed and honed during play. One example is using a game of Tug to work on a solid Drop It.
7. **Friends.** Everyone should have friends! Play is a great way to make new friends or keep connections with current friends. Some dogs love to play with other dogs. Some dogs prefer to play with humans. Some dogs are great at playing solo. All of those have value, and ideally, dogs can do all three. Dogs do best playing with other dogs who have matching play styles, but some dogs learn to adapt to play with just about anyone. That takes some skill!
8. **Anti-anxiety.** Is your dog easily stressed? Does your dog have a lot of anxiety? Play can be an important component in helping to reduce anxiety and stress. Sometimes we get so serious about helping our dogs relieve anxiety or stress that we forget to have fun with them. The ability to relax is a crucial skill for good mental health.
9. **Fun!** Everyone wants to have fun. It makes life better for all of us if we don't take everything in life too seriously. The chance to have some fun can go a long way toward an overall healthier and happier dog.

So get out there and have some fun with your pup!



PERKS OF PLAY WITH PUPS



SOCIAL SKILLS

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SELF CONTROL

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BONDING

What better way to develop a bond with another dog or human than to have fun shared experiences together?



FUN

Life is better if we don't take everything too seriously.



TRAINING

Use play as part of your training regimen to develop and hone skills. Example: use Tug to build a solid Drop It.



FRIENDS

Everyone should have friends! Play is a great way to develop & maintain friendships - canine, human or other species.



ANTI-ANXIETY

Play can be an important component in helping reduce anxiety and stress.



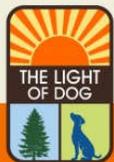
PHYSICAL EXERCISE

Chasing, fetching, tugging, agility, tracking, and the list goes on. Running, jumping, tugging, etc. are all ways to work different muscle groups to build stamina, strength, and coordination.



MENTAL EXERCISE

All games involve varying degrees of brain work. Example: playing chase with a faster dog requires mental acuity to learn the best strategies to gain an advantage.



SO GET OUT THERE AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR PUP!

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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, excellent 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.

Unfortunately, we have no Reader Recommendations and Tips for this issue. ☹️



Dixie in Evanston, WY, and Louie (front) and Asher (two lovely DRC Wannabe's) getting ready for their daily walk. Hang on, Dixie!

In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Fancy1

8 Years Old, Black Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

Fancy was found as a stray in NM, but weeks later her "owners" came to identify her but not to take her home. She had been abandoned in a home originally with no food or water. Why they came in is a mystery. This girl is just no trouble and she is reserved and quiet generally, but is good with dogs and kids, just not so much with cats. Her current foster home is in Colorado Springs where she has learned to enjoy the couch and have a regular meal. Fancy gets along great with her foster brother and sister. Such a happy-go-lucky girl given the circumstances that led her to us. She loves to go for walks and does very well on leash. Fancy just loves to love you and wants for nothing more than a forever home she can call her own. Don't you need someone Fancy in your home? For more information, contact Karl at dalguy@comcast.net. Adoption \$250.



Milo3

8 Years Old, Black Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Manvel, TX



Meet Mr. Milo, a foster most favored. He follows his foster mamma and nibbles her fingers and goes for car rides often. He is a most wonderful visitor. Coming from a hell-hole shelter in south TX, Milo tested positive for a tick disease, but he is now cured. In his foster home outside of Houston TX, Milo is very good with the other dogs. For anyone interested in this super boy in CO, there are paid transports to CO weekly from Houston. He would love to head north to CO or even points further north. Milo is not a dog you want to miss because he is just naturally "good". For more information, contact Natalie at txdogwrangler@gmail.com. Adoption \$300.

Happy Beginning Stories

Jack



We adopted Jack from Nancy at the Tulsa Dalmatian Rescue in October 2012 about a month after we lost our last Dalmatian Jake (who came from Beth at Colorado Dalmatian Rescue) to cancer. Jake was by far and away the sweetest dog ever (OK he was a little dog aggressive). My wife Sandy was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer in May of 2011 and went through 8 rounds of chemo followed by a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. Through all this Jake NEVER left her side and, needless to say, they became very close. In September of 2012 he was having problems going so we took him to our vet. After the x-rays didn't show anything the vet did exploratory surgery and that's when they found the cancer and he was put down. We were heartbroken and after about a month we started looking for a Dal to replace him (like that was possible).

When I called Nancy about Jack she explained that he and Jill (see NewSpots June 2013) had been rescued from a puppy mill in Missouri. Like Jill, Jack had been kept in a cage the first four years of his life and was, to say the least, anti-social. Now he wasn't mean just very reclusive. We started working with Jack on a leash and our Greyhound, Bristol, (yes, we rescue Greys too) did what she could to show him how to be a dog. He warmed up to Sandy pretty fast (he has a definite fear of most men) and she was able to teach him a few things (like how to kennel up).

During a checkup in April of 2013 the doctors found that Sandy's cancer had metastasized into her bones and she was diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer of the bone. Our daughter was graduating from college in May and getting married in June and the stress level around our house was, to say the least, very high. Sandy started chemo right away and we got through the graduation and wedding. Towards the end of June, the doctor said that we would probably looking at palliative care for Sandy and I called Nancy to see what the options were of returning Jack so that I could care for my wife without having to worry about Jack. Sandy lost her battle with cancer on July 9th and I decided that Jack wasn't going anywhere. It's been about a month now and the way I look at Jack is that I didn't save him he saved me. Is he a normal dog? No. Will he ever be? Probably not. But I will give him the best home I can and make the rest of his life a comfortable one.

Fast-forward...

It's now April 1st of 2018 and my life has changed. I met my now wife Susan in July of 2016 and we married on September 2nd of 2017. I still had Jack and Bristol and in October of 2017 we adopted Bruce an 18-month-old Great Dane and having a younger dog really helped Jack come out of his shell even more. Then in December of 2018 my daughter sent me a link with a guy (David Codr) telling a story about a Dalmatian that he just rescued from a puppy mill in northern Iowa and I told my wife that if that dog was close to Omaha I would be all over adopting him, I opened the link and dang he was in Omaha! I was on the phone instantly and a few days later David was at our house with Royal (now Bubba) looking our situation over.

Sooooooo here we are in April and Bubba has been with us for 4 months. Bubba has some trust issues but having been through the same thing with Jack and compared to Jack it's really not even an issue. Bubba and Bruce are best buddies and Bubba has done so much to help Jack. There will be so much more to come from this story and I will make sure to send some updates.



Bubba and Bruce living the good life



Jack and Bubba, who's gonna get the bed?



We see who's the boss!



We're sooo tired!

Jackson



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Luna

Jackson was a puppy that the family had no time for, so he landed in a Kentucky shelter.

From there he went into foster but that didn't end well as Jackson was actually sold without our knowledge.

After much effort, Jackson went from East to West and now resides outside of Reno, Nevada with another dog (Luna) from Texas following Hurricane Harvey. Now Jackson and Luna run the acreage and from the pictures you see that it really wears them both out!

Thanks, John and Denise, for saving TWO lovely kids!

Rainbow Bridge

Remembering the pets we have lost

Jake



We adopted Jake from Beth at the Colorado Dalmatian Rescue in June of 2009. We had lost our first Dal, Elwood, in December of 2008 but we wanted to wait until after of daughter graduated from high school to look for a replacement. He was 7 years old when we got him, but he acted like he was 2. Jake was by far the sweetest dog ever and really knew how to turn on the cuteness and was quite the clown.

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In September of 2012 he was having problems going so we took him to our vet. After the x-rays didn't show anything the vet did exploratory surgery and that's when they found the cancer and he was released from his pain. Even though we only had Jake a few years he left a hole that would be hard to fill in our hearts.

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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