

Dog And Cat Food Recall

August 3, 2018 — G & C Raw of Versailles, OH is recalling 30 1-pound containers of Pat's Cat Turkey Cat Food and 40 2-pound containers of Ground Lamb Dog Food because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

About Listeria Infections

Listeria monocytogenes can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in animals eating the products.

Furthermore, 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 *Listeria monocytogenes* should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, aches, fever, and diarrhea.

Listeria monocytogenes infections can also spread through the bloodstream to the nervous system (including the brain), resulting in meningitis and other potentially fatal problems. Pregnant women are especially susceptible to *Listeria* infection, which can result in abortion.

The young, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems also are more vulnerable.

Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers. Pets with *Listeria monocytogenes* infections are rare, and pets may display symptoms such as mild to severe diarrhea, anorexia, fever, nervous, muscular and respiratory signs, abortion, depression, shock, and death.

In addition to the possibility of becoming sick, such infected animals can shed *Listeria monocytogenes* through their feces onto their coats and into the home environment and thus serve as sources of infection to humans and other animals in the household.

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

Where Was the Product Sold?

Pat's Cat Turkey and Ground Lamb Dog Food products were distributed in OH, MI, IN, PAN, KY, NC, and GA.

They were also distributed by direct delivery by G & C Raw, LLC.

What's Being Recalled?

The Pat's Cat Turkey is sold in 1-pound clear plastic containers with the Lot number WWPKTF051618.

The Ground Lamb product is sold in a 2-pound plastic container with the Lot number MFF022718.

The Lot number codes are listed on the bottom right corner of the label.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

About the Recall

The recall was as the result of a routine sampling program by the Ohio Department of Agriculture which revealed that the finished products contained the bacteria

The company has ceased the production and distribution of the product as the company continues its investigation as to what caused the problem.

What to Do?

Consumers who have purchased Pat's Cat Turkey Cat Food with the lot number, WWPKTF051618, OR Ground Lamb Dog Food with the lot number MFF022718 are urged to return it to G & C Raw, 225 N. West Street, Versailles, OH, for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact: G & C Raw, LLC at 937-827-0010 ET, or by email at grawdoggfood@yahoo.com.

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](#).

GROUND LAMB Dog Food

Guaranteed Analysis

Crude Protein (Min.)	15%	Crude Fat: (Min)	3%
Crude Fiber (Max)	4%	Moisture (Max)	75%

Ingredients: Lamb, heart, liver

Feed 2% to 3% of desired body weight for adult dogs. Up to 10% for puppies.

Amount to feed may vary with breed, age, weight or activity level. This product is intended for intermittent or supplemental feeding only. May contact G & C Raw for more

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Net Weight 2 lb

lot #mff022718



PAT'S CAT GROUND TURKEY CAT FOOD

Guaranteed Analysis

Crude Protein (Min.)	15%	crude Fat: (Min)	2.0%
Ash (Max)	3%	Taurine (min.)	.89%
Crude Fiber (Max)	2%	Moisture (Max)	70%

Ingredients: turkey, with bone and organ

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Net weight 1lb

Lot # WWPKTF051618



CBD Oil... What You Might Not Know

Holistic vets have been sending us some interesting reports about the benefits of CBD oil for dogs in their care ...

A senior Staffordshire Terrier had a 6cm mammary tumor and metastasis that disappeared in 3 months and didn't come back.

A Jack Russell Terrier had a severe heart murmur and painful arthritis and, after a month, he wanted to go for long walks and his murmur was much improved.

These are two examples of how Australian veterinarian Edward Bassingthwaite discovered how CBD oil could be a critical part of his holistic veterinary practice. "I simply can't explain the improved heart murmur" says Bassingthwaite. "They normally don't get better."



CBD Oil For Dogs: What You Might Not Know

The results seem to be in ... researchers are turning their attention to this herb and, so far, they're finding there's lots to like. And just as CBD has helped humans, your dog can reap the same health-boosting (and even life-saving) benefits. Let's look at the 10 things you might not know about this often-misunderstood herb and the research that shows its promise in helping dogs with a variety of common health issues.

1. CBD Is Not Psychoactive

CBD (cannabidiol) is a compound found in cannabis and hemp. THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) can also be found in cannabis and it's this compound that gives marijuana its psychoactive properties. Most CBD oils are just that ... the beneficial CBD without the THC. And they typically come from hemp, not marijuana. In short, your dog won't get "high" from CBD oil ... he'll get the relaxation without the intoxication.

And speaking of relaxation ...

2. CBD Oil Reduces Anxiety

Does your dog suffer from separation anxiety or noise phobias? CBD has been extensively studied for its effect on stress and anxiety. In humans, it's been found to:

- Reduce anxiety caused by public speaking
- Reduce anxiety in both healthy people and people with anxiety disorders
- Be effective for panic disorders and post-traumatic stress disorders

3. CBD Can Fight Cancer

CBD and other substances found in hemp and cannabis have been found to have an anti-tumor effect. CBD has even been shown to stop cancer cells from growing and increased tumor cell death.

- CBD helps the immune system's killer cells to cause cancer cell death.
- CBD kills cancer cells by blocking their ability to produce energy.
- CBD's anti-tumor properties slow and inhibit glioma cell growth.
- CBD can help increase the efficacy of conventional cancer treatment.

4. CBD Can Treat Seizures And Epilepsy

It's estimated that up to 5% of dogs suffer from seizures. Most dogs with seizures are put on drugs such as phenobarbital and potassium bromide. While they may help control the seizures, they can be extremely harmful to your dog's liver and other organs. And the drugs don't work in all cases.

CBD has been shown to work well in drug-resistant epilepsy. In one study, 7 of 8 patients with epilepsy that was resistant to drugs saw a definite improvement within 4 to 5 months of taking CBD.

And a survey of children with treatment-resistant epilepsy found that 84% of the children taking CBD had a reduction in the frequency of seizures.

5. CBD Relieves Pain

The cannabinoids in CBD work so well for pain that scientists are considering it as a new class of drug for the treatment of chronic pain. Studies show CBD to be very effective for:

- Decreasing pain (including neuropathy and nerve-related pain)

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- Decreasing the impact of inflammation on oxidative stress (which causes degeneration and premature aging)
 - Decreasing inflammation in acute pancreatitis
 - Reducing inflammation
 - Reducing intestinal inflammation (associated with irritable bowel disease)

6. CBD Can Help With Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Animal studies show that CBD can prevent colitis (IBD) and restore normal gut motility in inflammatory bowel disease. CBD also has antibiotic properties, including Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA).

7. CBD Reduces Chronic Inflammation And Autoimmune Disease

CBD has been shown to decrease the production and release of inflammatory cytokines that can cause allergies, hypersensitivities and autoimmunity. It can also suppress something called Th17 dominance, which is a major cause of autoimmune diseases.

CBD also inhibits the production of inflammatory macrophages and decreases chronic inflammation. CBD is also a powerful antioxidant that's shown to be more powerful than vitamins C and E.

8. CBD Can Protect The Nervous System And Help With Neurodegenerative Diseases

For dogs suffering from degenerative myelopathy and other spine and nerve issues, CBD shows a lot of promise. It's been shown to help patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease by protecting the brain cells from toxicity.

For senior dogs, CBD has been shown to protect the brain from cell death caused by free radicals and toxins.

9. CBD Increases Appetite And Helps With Nausea

If you have trouble getting your dog to eat, CBD may help. The National Cancer Institute reports that CBD increases appetite and carries this extra benefit, in addition to controlling cancer.

In animal studies, CBD has also been shown to help with vomiting and nausea, even when they're the result of toxins and drugs.

10. CBD Promotes Cardiovascular Health

Just as veterinarian Dr Bassingthwaight discovered, CBD has been linked to heart health. Studies show it can reduce the damage from damaged blood vessels and irregular heart rates, protect blood vessels from damage and dilate the arteries, and reduce heart rate and blood pressure associated with stress and anxiety.

Bonus: CBD Oil For Dogs Is Legal And Safe

With so many studies showing the health benefits of CBD, the most encouraging result is that CBD appears to be safe, even when taken in high doses and over extended periods of time. It can decrease the activity of liver enzymes used to metabolize many prescription drugs, so if your dog is on medication, you might want to check with your holistic vet before using CBD.

Most CBD oil for dogs and other pets is derived from hemp oil, so it contains no or very small traces of THC. Because of this, all 50 states have approved the use of hemp-based CBD for human and animal products.

The bottom line is, CBD oil could be a healthy (or even life-saving) herb for your dog. More and more pet owners and holistic vets are drawn to its diverse and marked health benefits and they feel good knowing the side effects are mild and animals don't appear to build up a tolerance.

Choosing A Good CBD Oil For Your Dog

Not all CBD oils are the same ... you'll want a high quality CBD oil that works, so here are a few things to look for:

- Make sure the product is organic: If it isn't organic, your CBD oil contains pesticides, fungicides or solvents.
- Don't cheap out: The higher the quality and purity, the higher the cost. Don't price shop ... make sure your CBD oil is free of additives and has a good amount of CBD.
- Get the analysis: Ask for a lab analysis of the amount of CBD in the product. Many CBD oils contain only small amounts of CBD. The manufacturer should provide a certificate of analysis. You'll also want to make sure there is little or no THC in the product.
- Buy CBD as a tincture: You can buy CBD in treats but the best form is in a tincture. This way, you can adjust your dog's dose drop by drop to make sure he gets the most benefit.

Start your dog off slowly but don't let the naysayers tell you CBD isn't a good option for your dog ... the research is being done and the results are very promising.

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Mushroom Poisoning In Dogs

Not too long ago, I happened upon a heartbreaking headline from an online news source. It read, "A warning to pet owners: Two dogs found dead after eating poisonous mushrooms from owner's yard."

Below the headline were pictures of the dogs, a gorgeous 3-year-old Saint Bernard named Drago, and Adoni, a handsome 8-year-old Lab mix. When the dogs' owner returned to her home in Wake County, North Carolina on a Sunday in March, she found them dead. Four other dogs in the home were stumbling around and vomiting.

A veterinarian found traces of Amatoxin, a poisonous substance found in certain mushrooms, in the dogs' blood. Apparently they had ingested Amanita mushrooms, also called Death Caps or Death Angels, which are the most lethal mushrooms in North America. When ingested, they cause liver failure. Currently, no antidote exists.

The dogs' owner didn't realize the mushrooms were growing in her yard, under mulch, and hopes telling her tragic story will help educate other pet parents.

Mushrooms You Absolutely Want to Avoid

Fortunately, 99 percent of mushrooms present little or no problem for pets; in fact, many mushrooms have powerful, health-enhancing benefits. However, the remaining 1 percent can be fatal if ingested by a dog or cat. And to make matters worse, very few people can tell the difference between a toxic mushroom and a safe one.

Since pets (typically dogs) come across wild mushrooms during walks and other outdoor activities, especially if you live in a region with lots of moisture, it's important to take extra care to keep pets away from areas where mushrooms might be sprouting.

According to the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), dogs tend to gravitate to two deadly mushroom species: Amanita phalloides (the mushroom that killed the dogs in North Carolina) and Inocybe. Both varieties have a fishy odor, which may be the attraction.



Amanita Phalloides



Inocybe

The Amanita muscaria and Amanita pantherina varieties of mushroom also have a fishy odor, and are also frequently eaten by dogs. They contain the toxic compounds ibotenic acid and muscimol, which in rare instances can cause death in dogs. Even cats, who typically don't sample mushrooms, are particularly attracted to dried Amanita muscaria and Amanita pantherina, sometimes with lethal results.



Amanita Muscaria



Amanita Pantherina

The *Inocybe* and *Clitocybe* mushrooms contain a compound called muscarine that can be lethal to dogs. Since muscarine doesn't seem to be a problem for humans, it's assumed dogs must be uniquely sensitive to it.



Clitocybe

Some *Scleroderma* mushroom species are also toxic to dogs, but the poisonous substance has yet to be identified.



Scleroderma

Signs of Mushroom Poisoning

Mushroom poisoning symptoms depend on the species of mushroom ingested, the specific toxin the mushroom contains and the individual animal's susceptibility. Generally speaking, mushroom poisoning has four distinct clinical syndromes, according to Dr. Charlotte Means of the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center:

- **Gastrointestinal (GI) irritation.** This is the most common symptom and is rarely serious enough to be fatal. Vomiting and diarrhea typically occur within about six hours of ingestion. GI upset runs its course in about 24 hours and requires minimal veterinary care.
- **GI upset plus muscarinic effects.** Muscarinic effects include excessive drooling and tear production, which are also symptoms of carbamate and organophosphate insecticide poisoning. Pupils may be small and constricted, but the most serious sign is a significantly slowed heartbeat. This clinical syndrome usually occurs within six hours of mushroom ingestion and almost always requires veterinary care. Species of mushrooms that commonly cause this syndrome are from the genera *Inocybe* and *Clitocybe*.
- **GI upset, muscarinic effects, depression, and lethargy.** This clinical syndrome is characterized by severe abdominal pain and vomiting. There can also be jaundice (a yellowing of the whites of the eyes and mucus membranes), bleeding disorders, and seizures as a result of liver damage. These symptoms occur between six and 20 hours after mushroom ingestion, and without prompt, aggressive treatment, they are often fatal. The Death Cap mushroom (*Amanita phalloides*) is most often the culprit in these cases.
- **Hallucinogenic syndrome.** Illegal "street" mushrooms commonly known as magic mushrooms, blue legs or liberty caps, cause this syndrome. These are nontoxic mushrooms (the kind sold in grocery stores) that have been tainted with LSD or other illicit drugs. Pets typically find these mushrooms in someone's indoor stash, not in the yard or the woods. Symptoms of magic mushroom ingestion can include restlessness, hallucinations, "air biting," extreme depression, staggering, muscle tremors, seizures and coma. If you suspect your pet has ingested this type of mushroom, you should get him to your veterinarian or an emergency animal clinic immediately.

In addition to the above symptoms, according to NAMA, dogs typically go into a deep coma-like sleep a few hours after eating *Amanita muscaria* or *Amanita pantherina*. Recovery is typically complete in about six hours, but can be up to 72

hours later.

If a pet has consumed *Amanita muscaria* or *Amanita pantherina*, the administration of atropine can intensify a coma-like sleep, greatly increasing the possibility of death. Tragically, misguided veterinarians sometimes euthanize dogs in deep sleep. In most cases, dogs do recover, so patience must be exercised.

Treatment Options for Mushroom Poisoning in Pets

Treatment for mushroom intoxication depends on the symptoms, and is focused on stabilizing your pet, decontamination and managing any clinical signs that may develop. Decontamination includes inducing vomiting to remove any remnants of the mushroom from the stomach. The next step is typically administration of activated charcoal to absorb any remaining toxins.

Many holistic veterinarians and MDs have had good results decreasing mushroom toxicosis with homeopathic remedies. The remedy selected should be based on the animal's symptoms. Milk thistle has also proven to be beneficial for human mushroom poisoning and shows promise for use in veterinary medicine as well.⁴

If your pet continues to show signs of toxicity, the veterinary staff will try to identify the type of mushroom ingested by contacting a mycologist in the area. NAMA provides a list of volunteer mushroom identification consultants. It's often impossible to predict the outcome for your pet until the mushroom is identified.

The need to identify the specific mushroom your pet ingested is why it's important to bring any uneaten mushrooms with you to the vet or emergency animal clinic. Wrap them in a paper towel and place them in a paper (not plastic) bag. If there will be any delay between wrapping the mushrooms and leaving for your vet's office, place the mushrooms in the refrigerator and mark the bag "Do not eat!"

Preventing Mushroom Poisoning

Mushrooms in yards (yours and your neighbors') should be removed promptly before neighborhood pets have a chance to notice them. As a general rule, veterinarians and pet poison experts consider all mushroom ingestions in pets toxic unless a quick and accurate identification of the mushroom can be made.

If you know or suspect your pet has eaten a mushroom, immediately contact your veterinarian, the nearest emergency animal clinic, or the 24/7 Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661. If your pet throws up or poops, collect a sample, place it in a plastic bag and bring it with you.

Mushroom Fear Is Real

Mushrooms are interesting because they evoke both amazement and fear from most pet owners. Widespread misinformation on the internet stating all mushrooms are poisonous for pets has resulted in many pet owners denying their pets the amazing healing properties of medicinal mushrooms.

The same species of mushrooms that are medicinal for humans are also medicinal for pets, and the species that should be avoided for humans should also be avoided for pets. Dispelling mushroom myths is important to me because the health benefits of certain mushrooms can be lifesaving for many pets.



Sago Palm Trees Are EXTREMELY Hazardous To Your Pets (And Children)!!

We have shared warnings about the sago palm before, but it seems that too many people don't know the ultimate dangers. If a pet or child should chew on a leaf, or chew on a seed, they can and often do die. The sago palm is a very, very poisonous plant that should never be used to landscape or have anywhere. Even if you don't have pets or children, what about the stray that comes by or the neighbor children who see the seeds and try them? Sago palms kill! Please destroy any you might have. Don't give them away but destroy them! The world thanks you!

<https://mindyourdirt.com/2014/11/24/the-sago-palm-ancient-beautiful-and-actively-trying-to-kill-your-family/>

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

New To The United States Tick Species

The *New York Times* reported yesterday that a new-to-the-United-States tick species has been identified in seven states in recent months, after an infestation was first discovered last summer in New Jersey. The tick is native to Asia, where it is known to carry a dangerous virus that kills 15% of the people it bites. But it has spread in recent years—to Australia, New Zealand, several Pacific islands, and now to America.

An invasive tick species surely sounds like something out of a horror film, especially given the explosion of tick populations and tick-borne diseases here in the States in recent years. But before you start freaking out about this specific critter—*Haemaphysalis longicornis*, or the the Asian longhorned tick, as it's known – let's put a few things into perspective.

First, none of the Asian longhorned ticks discovered here in the United States has been found to carry any human diseases. (According to the *New York Times*, the longhorned ticks are, at least for now, considered a greater threat to livestock than they are to people.)

"People should not extrapolate that just because this tick carries a potentially serious virus in the Far East, that next year everyone here will have that same disease," John Aucott, MD, director of the Lyme Disease Research Center at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center, tells *Health*. "We don't want to connect dots that may never be connected in real life." Plus, he adds, the Asian longhorned tick has only been found in a few localities so far in the United States.

To read the rest of this story, please click [here](#). This article originally was posted on msn.com health.



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My advice to all your doggies: **Don't leave home without it!**

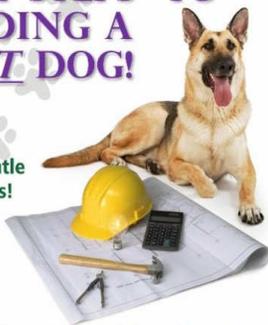
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Trainer Tips

“What Is An Ideal Walk With Your Dog”

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(Hint: if you ask your dog, it includes sniffing!)

I am a big proponent of daily walks for dogs. We walk our own dogs twice every day (with the rare exception due to weather, illness, etc.) For our dogs, they are lucky enough that the vast majority of their walks are off leash. But I understand that most of us are not able to give our dogs daily off leash walks. So what does an ideal walk look like?

The ideal walk will, of course, depend upon which of you is answering that question – you or your dog. In some cases, those ideal walks will be very similar. But in the majority of cases, my guess is that answer will differ quite a bit. We humans tend to think of a walk as physical exercise. We have a mission and want to cover a certain amount of ground. And some dogs are that way too. But many more dogs are much more concerned about the “journey” rather than the “destination” you might have in mind. We think of the walk as the actual physical activity of walking. Dogs often see the walk as a means to get to the next interesting thing. Most dogs love to sniff on their walks. And many humans try to discourage or minimize the sniffing because we don't cover as much ground when we stop all the time. We're not getting enough exercise with all the stopping, we think.

And we as the humans do not get as much exercise when we stop to allow our dogs to sniff frequently. That is true. But it's not necessarily true for your dog. Your dog actually burns energy when he is sniffing. Sniffing is a critical component of your dog's walk. It burns energy, but it is also the major way in which he interprets and explores his world.

If you and I were to meet up for walk, we might have different ideas of the perfect walk. I tend to walk fast. I like to move and cover some ground. That most likely comes from me having competed in cross country and track all through school and college. I started running when I was in elementary school. My high school cross country team was known for excelling at hillwork, so when I see a hill (or mountain) and I am heading up, I want to get up it as fast as I can. If anyone has hiked with me in the past, you know that to be true!

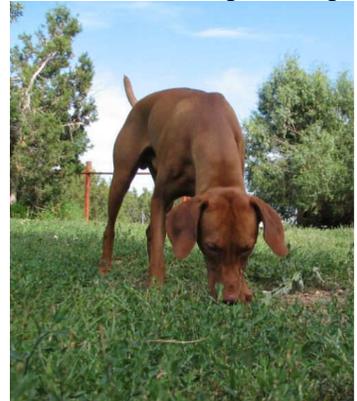
But when I got my first dog as an adult, he taught me to stop and “smell the roses” and everything else. He taught me to slow down and really be aware of my environment. I am actually pretty good at spotting wildlife on hikes because my dogs taught me how to pay attention. And you know what? I enjoyed my hikes more after that. I have learned to slow down and observe more and really appreciate what is going on around me.

If you walk your dogs and discourage sniffing and try to keep them moving for the entire walk, it is somewhat like meeting up with me for a walk and then I put a blindfold on you. We will walk but you are not allowed to look around and enjoy the views! That's what you are telling your dog when you do not allow him to sniff.

Now, constant stopping and prolonged sniffing are not much fun for most humans, so you and your dog will hopefully find a happy compromise that allows you to get the exercise you want and allow your dog to get a different form of exercise that he enjoys.

For some additional details on the importance of sniffing on walks, [check out this blog post from Patricia McConnell](#).

Happy walking!



Romeo sniffing

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“The World Through Dexter’s Eyes

• The Foibles of a Too Big, Deaf Dalmatian and the Power of Love”

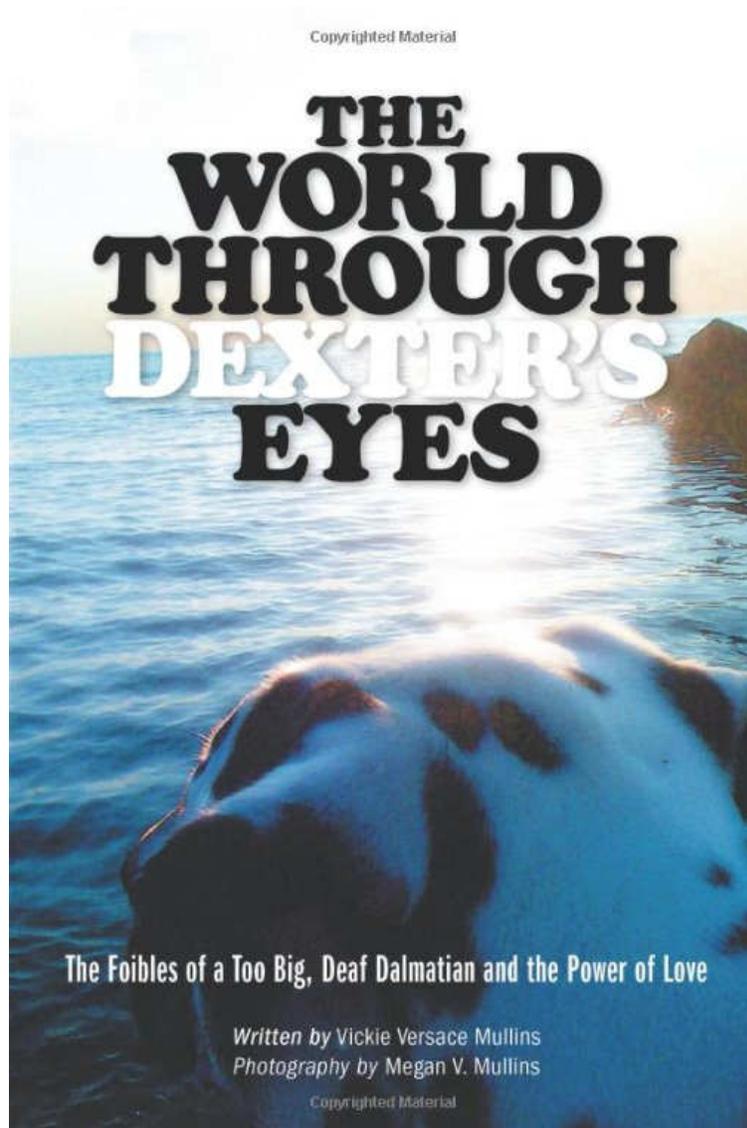
Dexter comes into the world with many problems, and he turns his family’s life upside down. Outside and lonely, he pulls the siding off the house, destroys the back door, chews up the cable wires and wood patio furniture. Inside, he does more of the same. He appears to not be trainable, so out of frustration, Mom contacts a dog whisperer who tells her Dexter died in a storm in a past life. And when he could not find his family on the other side, he grabbed the first body back, into the world, to try again.

There is something very familiar about this story to Mom. Then again, maybe she just feels sorry for the poor deaf guy. Whatever, Mom has tremendous compassion towards Dexter, and there was never such a bond between master and dog; one so strong, he telepathically conveys his story, to her.

This book is funny, sad, sweet and deep and a little inverted as it is from Dexter’s point of view. For all his antics, he is redeemed as all he wants to do on this earth is love. And it isn’t until he and Mom figure out the riddle the dog whisperer presented to them, that Dexter becomes the dog he was meant to be. Then miracles happen; grannies die, daughters go away to school, marriages fall apart, but love prevails.

About the author

Vickie Versace Mullins is a bubbly spirit who prefers laughing through life rather than all the other alternatives. She has a B.A. in English Literature from Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a poet, and Dexter’s story is her first attempt at prose. She has published poems in various local literary magazines. She lives with her family in Cleveland, Ohio.



"The World Through Dexter's Eyes ~ The Foibles of a Too Big, Deaf Dalmatian and the Power of Love" by Victoria Mullins, is a book we all should read to understand deafness and how it is not the worst thing. There are many sites on-line to order the book and a portion of the proceeds are most generously donated to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. Thank you, Victoria! - Beth White

What a delightful read and clearly written from the heart. This is a true story as told to us through the eyes of Dexter a Deaf Dalmatian who, as it turns out, is a larger-than-life character in more ways than one. This author’s ability to entertain us when sharing our lives with a beloved pet, cannot be understated as she makes it so easy for us to make connections. Whether there is a pet in your life or not, Dexter’s story will warm your heart and you will catch yourself chuckling out loud at his exploits as well as at the vulnerability of mankind when it comes to life with a pet. You come to realize that what one person deems useless will make another person’s life perfect. And, as if that is not enough, this author has kindly donated proceeds from the book to Dalmatian and animal rescue, so you are passively doing a good deed when you read it... Clearly, this is a win win situation and a story to add to your “must read” list. – Michele Winner

Please help support Dalmatian Rescue and get yourself (and a friend) this really great book!

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 dalguy@comcast.net for inclusion in the next issue.

Here is a link to affordable framed dog beds. I use mine outside and the dogs love them.

https://www.amazon.com/Coolaroo-Original-Elevated-Small-Nutmeg/dp/B00EZQSENK/ref=asc_df_B00EZQSENK/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=198073792559&hvpos=1o6&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=1143718781897536457&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9028897&hvtargid=pla-349819230600&psc=1

Or this is what I have which is cheaper.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00CLA0RY6/ref=psdc_2975330011_t3_B00EZQSENK

– Beth White

No, Miss Sadie doesn't have spots, but two of our volunteers' hearts melted when they saw Sadie posted in a high kill shelter in west TX. Her owners moved away but she didn't go along. Too often the story these days. Sadie is living the good life now in Ft. Collins and her mom might start taking her out to the stable when she rides.



In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Brodie & Peaches

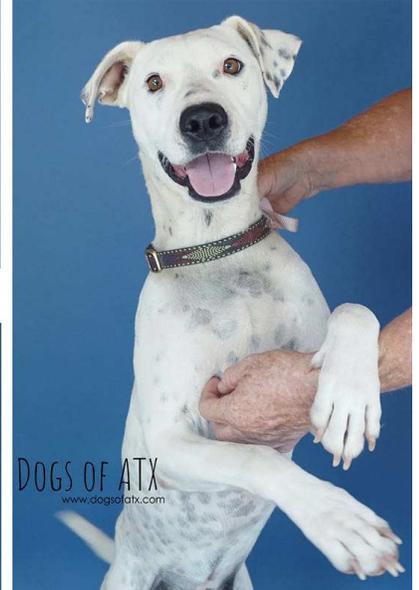
3 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Georgetown, TX

URGENT!! Brodie, one handsome guy, part of a bonded pair of Dalmatian Wannabe's left behind, when the family moved away, in a TX shelter. So tragic that these two wonderful family dogs nearly died in the shelter. Both Brodie and his best bud Peaches loved their kids 5-12 yrs old, are good with Chihuahuas in the last home and good with the cats there too. We can't say enough good about these guys! They were left to their fate in the shelter which was nearly an early death. Brodie is black and white although he doesn't have many body spots. His tummy is sure spotted tho! This sweetheart loves belly rubs too and to be with a person. Brodie is totally housebroken, uses the dog door, and is crate trained. He is friendly with all the foster dogs he has met and is really a quiet little guy. A lap lover if there ever was one! His best buddy Peaches is a liver and white sweetie, also a Dalmatian Wannabe. **This pair is TOTALLY bonded and must go together.**

If one of them goes somewhere the other one is glued to that one's side! They are excellent house dogs, excellent pets, such sweet lovers and just fun to be around. They will make you laugh! Brodie does enjoy his Kongs with peanut butter or hot dogs. For more information, contact Lynn at hossvetttec@gmail.com. **The BONDED pair is available for the price of one. Adoption \$250.**



Brodie 🦷



Peaches 🍑



3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Georgetown, TX

Purdy Peaches, one of a bonded pair of Dalmatian Wannabe's left behind when the family moved away, is in Georgetown area, TX. So tragic that these wonderful family dogs nearly died. Both Peaches and her best bud Brody loved their kids 5-12 yrs old, are good with Chihuahuas in last home and the cats there too. They were left to their fate in the shelter which was nearly an early death. Peaches is a beautiful liver and white color, when you see the spots (and they are there). She is trim and in great condition. She is an absolute sweetheart. She loves belly rubs and to be with a person. She is totally housebroken, uses the doggy door, and is crate trained. She is getting better on leash, is friendly with all the foster dogs and comes nicely when called. Peaches is a real jewel and don't you just love her black lipstick? Her best buddy Brody is a black and white male, also a Dalmatian Wannabe and they are TOTALLY bonded. If one of the

dogs goes somewhere the other one is glued to that one's side! They are excellent house dogs, such sweet cuddlers and just fun to be around. They are a really cool pair! They do they enjoy their Kongs with peanut butter or hot dogs. This pair must be adopted together. For more information, contact Lynn at hossvetttec@gmail.com. **The BONDED pair is available for the price of one. Adoption \$250.**

There possibly is a ride to CO mid-August. Let us know if they can come to CO and meet and entertain you! 970-226-2844 Beth

Again, this is a bonded pair that must be adopted together. Adoption donation of \$250 gets you BOTH dogs! How can you beat that? Two dogs for the price of one!!!!!!

Happy Beginning Stories

Lily



When we lost our last rescue Dalmatian after only 3-1/2 years, our house not only was a lot quieter, but it also had a large hole in it, and we knew we had to get another Dalmatian to fill that hole. We looked on the internet in vain for the “right” dog. At the same time our daughter got us in touch with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, and Beth White immediately went to work to help us out. She made sure she knew what we were looking for and spent a lot of time trying to find the right dog. Nothing seemed to pan out and we became discouraged, but then she told us about a Dalmatian being advertised for adoption that met all our requirements, and it was only 300 miles away. We immediately called about Lily, and she sounded like the perfect fit. The owner had rescued Lily from a situation where she had been neglected, but she found her work made it impossible to give Lily the time the dog needed, since Lily is young and energetic.

We went over to see Lily as soon as we could – three long days after we first talked to her owner. When we walked into the house we immediately looked at each other because we knew that we had hit the jackpot. After discussing Lily’s habits, both good and bad, Lily hopped into our car and slept in the backseat while we made the drive back home. When we got to our house she pretty much ignored our cats, who were wondering what was going on, and eventually settled down on her bed in the bedroom, but only after exploring our back yard and house. She adjusted to our routine immediately, and now expects not only walks but attention and lots of love, which we give her. She sticks to us like glue and seems to think eye contact is code for “take me for a walk!” We are also working on enforcing the rules of the house, which provides no end of amusement.

One of our concerns was that she had to get along with other dogs. We have a cabin in the woods, and my brother and wife live nearby our cabin with their Dalmatian. In addition, many of the other cabin owners have dogs, so we needed a dog who would socialize with them. Although she immediately got along with my brother’s dog, she has been overwhelmed by all the people and dogs at the cabin. We are confident that we can work out her concerns by gradually introducing her to everyone up there. We like walking in the area, and plan to have her run to her heart’s content and to play with the other dogs who live near our cabin. Thank you, Beth, for spending so much time with us to make sure we got our “forever” dog. She is more than we could have hoped for.

– Thornton and Susan W.
Idaho Falls, ID



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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