

## *FDA: Do Not Feed Performance Dog Raw Pet Food*

September 26, 2019 — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is [cautioning](#) pet owners not to feed their pets any Performance Dog frozen raw pet food after a sample tested positive for Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes (L. mono).

### **What caused the Recall?**

Two samples of different finished products collected during an inspection of Bravo Packing, Inc., the manufacturer of Performance Dog raw pet food, tested positive for Salmonella and/or Listeria monocytogenes.

One of the products sampled had not yet been distributed.

The product that entered the marketplace is Performance Dog raw pet food, lot code 072219, sold to customers frozen in two-pound pouches.

Lot codes are printed on the outside of the boxes used to distribute the product, but the lot codes are not printed on the individual sealed plastic pouches, also known as chubs.

Therefore, there are no unique identification numbers on the individual chubs that would allow customers to verify whether their product belongs to the affected lot.

The FDA is cautioning about all Performance Dog frozen raw pet food produced on or after July 22, 2019 because the products do not have lot codes printed on retail packaging.

If you have any Performance Dog product that you purchased after July 22, 2019, throw it away.

### **Why Is FDA Concerned?**

FDA is issuing this alert because Performance Dog raw pet food represents a serious threat to human and animal health. Because these products are sold and stored frozen, FDA is concerned that people may still have them in their possession. This is the second time Bravo Packing, Inc. product has tested positive for pathogen contamination. In September 2018, Bravo Packing, Inc. recalled all Performance Dog frozen raw pet food due to Salmonella.

Also, during a 2016 inspection, the FDA collected samples of Bravo Packing, Inc. horse meat chunk animal food that tested positive for the drugs pentobarbital and phenytoin.

Pet foods and treats contaminated with Salmonella and Listeria mono are of particular public health importance because they can affect both human and animal health.

Pets can get sick from these pathogens and may also be carriers of the bacteria and pass it on to their human companions without appearing to be ill.

People can get sick from handling contaminated pet foods and treats or touching surfaces that have had contact with the contaminated pet foods and treats.

Additionally, if a person gets Salmonella or L. mono on their hands, they can spread the bacteria to other people, objects, and surfaces.

The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act requires that all animal food, like human food, be safe to eat, produced under sanitary conditions, contain no harmful substances, and be truthfully labeled.

Without an effective control for pathogens, such as cooking, animal food is more likely to contain pathogens such as Salmonella and L. mono.

Refrigeration or freezing does not kill the bacteria.

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## About Salmonella

Salmonella is a bacterium that can cause illness and death in humans and animals, especially those who are very young, very old, or have weak immune systems.

According to CDC, people infected with Salmonella can develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps.

Most people recover without treatment, but in some people, the diarrhea may be so severe that they need to be hospitalized.

In some patients, the Salmonella infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream and then to other body sites unless the person is treated promptly with antibiotics.

Consult your health care provider if you have symptoms of Salmonella infection.

## Salmonella in Pets

Pets do not always display symptoms when infected with Salmonella, but signs can include vomiting, diarrhea (which may be bloody), fever, loss of appetite and/or decreased activity level. If your pet has these symptoms, consult a veterinarian promptly.

You should also be aware that infected pets can shed the bacteria in their feces and saliva without showing signs of being sick, further contaminating the household environment.

## About Listeria Monocytogenes

Listeria monocytogenes is a bacterium that can cause illness and death in humans and animals, especially those who are pregnant, very young, very old, or have weak immune systems.

According to CDC, listeriosis in humans can cause a variety of symptoms, depending on the person and the part of the body affected.

Symptoms can include headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, and convulsions in addition to fever and muscle aches.

Pregnant women typically experience only fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as fatigue and muscle aches.

However, infections during pregnancy can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, premature delivery, or life-threatening infection of the newborn.

Pregnant women and their newborns, adults age 65 and older, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get sick with listeriosis. Anyone with symptoms of listeriosis should contact a health care provider.

## Listeria in Pets

L. mono infections are uncommon in pets, but they are possible.

Symptoms may include mild to severe diarrhea; anorexia; fever; nervous, muscular and respiratory signs; abortion; depression; shock; and death.

Pets do not need to display symptoms to be able to pass L. mono on to their human companions.

As with Salmonella, infected pets can shed L. mono in their feces and saliva without showing signs of being sick, further contaminating the household environment.

## What to Do?

If you have any of the affected product, stop feeding it to your pets and throw it away in a secure container where other animals, including wildlife, cannot access it.

Consumers who have had this product in their homes should clean refrigerators/freezers where the product was stored and clean and disinfect all bowls, utensils, food prep surfaces, pet bedding, toys, floors, and any other surfaces that the food or pet may have had contact with.

Because animals can shed the bacteria in the feces when they have bowel movements, it's particularly important to clean up the animal's feces in yards or parks where people or other animals may become exposed, in addition to cleaning items in the home.

Consumers should thoroughly wash their hands after handling the affected product or cleaning up potentially contaminated items and surfaces.

U.S. citizens can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the [consumer complaint coordinator](#) in your area. Or go to <https://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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# Halloween Is Coming... Is Your Dog Ready?

By [PetMD.com](https://www.petmd.com)

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a nightmare. Skip the stress and keep your pets safe this year by following these 10 easy tips.

## 1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate - especially baking or dark chocolate - can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning may include vomiting diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate a seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and seizures. "Xylitol ingestion can also cause liver failure in dogs, even if they don't develop symptoms associated with low blood sugar," adds Dr. Jennifer Coates, veterinary advisor with PetMD. And while xylitol toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

## 2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.

Vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless. Black cats are especially at risk from pranks and other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution. Make sure your black cats are safely housed indoors around Halloween.

## 3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Indoors is certainly better than outdoors on Halloween, but your door will be constantly opening and closing, and strangers will be on your doorstep dressed in unusual costumes. This, of course, can be scary for our furry friends, which can result in escape attempts or unexpected aggression. Putting your dog or cat in a secure crate or room away from the front door will reduce stress and prevent them from darting outside into the night... a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

## 4. Keep glow sticks away from pets.

While glow sticks can help keep people safe on Halloween night, they can add some unwanted drama to the holiday if a pet chews one open. "Thankfully, the liquid inside glow sticks is non-toxic, so it won't actually make pets sick," Coates says, "but it does taste awful." Pets who get into a glow stick may drool, paw at their mouth, become agitated, and sometimes even vomit. Coates recommends that if your pet does chew on a glow stick, "offer some fresh water or a small meal to help clear the material out of the mouth."

## 5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.

While small amounts of corn and pumpkin can be fed safely to many pets, ingesting uncooked, potentially moldy Halloween pumpkins or corn displays can cause big problems. Gastrointestinal upset is a possibility whenever pets eat something they aren't used to, and intestinal blockage can occur if large pieces are swallowed. Coates adds that "some types of mold produce mycotoxins that can cause neurologic problems in dogs and cats." So, keep the pumpkins and corn stalks away from your pets. And speaking of pumpkins...

## 6. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.

If you are using candles to light your jack-o-lanterns or other Halloween decorations, make sure to place them well out of reach of your pets. Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or causing a fire.

## 7. Keep electric and battery powered Halloween decorations out of reach.

Electric and battery powered Halloween decorations are certainly safer than open candles, but they can still present a risk to pets. Pets who chew on electrical cords can receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock or burn. Batteries may cause chemical burns when chewed open or gastrointestinal blockage if swallowed. Shards of glass or plastic can cause lacerations anywhere on the body, or if swallowed, within the gastrointestinal tract.

## 8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costumes, make sure it isn't dangerous or simply annoying to your pet. Costumes should not restrict movement, hearing, eyesight, or the ability to breathe (or eat or drink). Coates warns that pets who are wearing a costume should always be supervised by a responsible adult so that if something goes wrong, it can be addressed right away.



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### 9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.

Don't wait until Halloween night to put your pet in a costume for the first time. "Anytime you want to introduce your pet to something new, it's best to go slowly," Coates says. Get your pet costumes early, and put them on for short periods of time (and piece by piece, if possible). "Make it a positive experience by offering lots of praise and treats," Coates adds. If at any time your pet seems distressed or develops skin problems from contact with a costume, consider letting him go in his "birthday suit." A festive bandana may be a good compromise.

### 10. IDs, please!

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that he or she will be returned. Collars and tags are ideal if a Good Samaritan is able to collect your wayward pet, but microchips offer permanent identification should the collar or tag fall off. Just make sure the information is up-to-date. Use Halloween as a yearly reminder to double check your address and phone number on tags and with the microchip company.

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# *How Do I Keep My Dog From Digging?*

By Shannon Casey from [foundanimals.org](http://foundanimals.org)



When the weather gets warm it's tempting to let your dog spend more time in your backyard. But what if they have a nasty digging habit? What can you do to make it stop? "Just how do I keep my dog from digging?!" Here's our guide to getting your pup to kick this bad behavior.

### Why Do Dogs Dig Holes?

Dogs dig holes for several reasons including:

- They want to cool down.
- They're bored.
- They're genetically inclined to dig (some breeds are more likely than others, like hounds and terriers).
- They want to escape your backyard.
- They're chasing prey such as rabbits, moles and chipmunks.

### How Can I Stop My Dog From Digging?

First thing you can try to get your dog to stop digging is to exercise them more. Start with taking them on a daily walk or playing games. Even if you're not home, still be sure to keep your dog busy. The HyperFetch Ultimate Throwing Toy plays fetch with your pup for you or try the Tether Tug which plays tug-o-war with your dog.

The simplest way to keep your dog from digging is to just bring them indoors. Only leave your dog outdoors when you're able to watch them and discourage any digging. Your pup is safer inside anyway and less likely to get in the habit of digging whenever you aren't home. Even if you have a fenced in yard, your dog might dig under the fence and escape.

If leaving your dog indoors isn't an option, try using a smaller kennel in your yard that is dig-proof, with either concrete or buried fencing underneath it. You can also put the kennel somewhere you don't mind getting dug up as much. Place bushes and trees around the kennel so your pup feels secure and cannot see or be seen by people passing by. When you leave your dog in there, make sure you give them plenty of toys to keep them busy and to discourage digging.

It is also quite possible that your dog is hunting moles. This is especially true in warm weather as spring is the time of year when moles are most likely to set up shop in your lawn, looking for food and digging dens. You can help rid yourself of moles by treating your lawn for grubs, which are mighty tasty to moles. Make sure you carefully follow any treatment directions so as not to compromise the safety and health of your dog.

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You can also try using products that are specially made to stop dogs from digging. Its effectiveness will depend on your dog and you'll likely have to reapply it every time it rains. We also recommend trying a behavior correction spray.

Lastly, you might want to choose a designated digging area. This can be anywhere in your yard that you don't mind your dog digging holes. You can encourage your dog to dig in this area and nowhere else by burying treats and toys for them there. Keep the soil slightly moist, but not muddy, or use a kid's sandbox.

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# Treating Destructive Chewing In Dogs

From [foundanimals.org](http://foundanimals.org)



It's a common problem all dog owners face: dog chewing. Dogs love to chew. It's a normal dog behavior and yet, we're always frustrated when we come home to discover that (insert very expensive item here) has been gnawed on or ripped to soggy shreds. What can we do to train our dogs to stop chewing?

Before you can figure out how to stop dog chewing problems, you need to find out what's causing it. Some of the most common causes for dog chewing are boredom, fear, separation anxiety and attention seeking.

Exercise is necessary to keep your dog from getting bored and being destructive. Dogs are naturally active and long walks with your dog or a game of fetch can keep him from growing bored. If your dog is tired, he'll be too busy sleeping to chew! Not to mention the added health benefits for you and your dog. If you aren't able to dedicate as much time to physical activity, consider hiring a dog walker and try

entertaining your dog with stimulating and interesting toys. Rotate the toys so your dog has something new to play with, without you having to go out and buy new dog toys. Teaching your dog basic commands and progressing to more difficult tricks can also provide your dog with mental stimulation and keep your dog from being bored.

If your dog is chewing as a coping mechanism for fear or separation anxiety, establish a place in your home that he is comfortable and likes to be in, like a dog crate. Many people have also found the Thundershirt to be helpful in calming anxious dogs. This might be worth looking into if you've tried other methods and have had no luck. Your first instinct might be to shower your dog with attention to reassure and calm him down, but be careful not to inadvertently spoil your dog, as he'll think he's being rewarded and that this behavior is acceptable to get attention. Which brings me to the next cause: attention seeking.

Despite the stereotypes that dogs are simple-minded animals - any dog owner can attest that this isn't true and that dogs know how to manipulate us into getting what they want. Don't believe me? How many of you started out saying, "My dog will never be allowed on the furniture," and now your dog has a designated side of the bed? MmmmHmmm, that's what we thought! If your dog is a diva and doing destructive chewing in hopes of getting your attention, make sure to discourage this behavior. If you catch him in the act, immediately remove the object from his mouth with a stern, "No," and continue with what you were doing. Provide your dog with positive attention and praise when he exhibits good dog behavior and ignore bad dog behavior to show that is not the right way to get attention.

Most importantly, don't set your dog up for failure. If you can, remove whatever it is that your dog is chewing. Before you go out, make sure to put away any shoes or dangerous things your dogs may chew or eat out of their reach.

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You'll know he's on the level  
- Unknown Author*



## *Trainer Tips*

### *“Does Your Puppy Sleep Through The Night?”*

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One of the most common recommendations for good health is consistently getting good sleep at night. Sometimes one of the biggest factors for NOT getting a good night of sleep is having a new puppy!

Is there anything you can do to help your puppy sleep through the night? Why, yes, there is!

In part you need to keep in mind the age of your puppy. Some puppies literally cannot sleep through the night without having to get up to potty. How long does that take? Well, as with everything else, it depends!

I have seen some puppies who can sleep through the night by the time they are eight or nine weeks old. Others might not do so until four months or so. Typically, they can go longer at night than they can during the day because

they are sleeping.

If your pup is carrying on during the night, the tricky part is figuring out what they are carrying on about.

They might have to potty. They might be anxious without their littermates. They might not be tired and just want to get up and do something. They might be frustrated at being confined.

If they really do need to potty, you have to take them out. But don't make it a big deal.

Interaction should be very limited. Get up. Take them out. Return them to bed. Very little talking. Very little handling.

If they are having trouble settling down to bed, consider if you need to make some changes with your evening activities.

Generally, if they have enough activity during the day, they should sleep fairly well at night.

What time do you feed them? Too close to bedtime, and they might have to potty more during the night.

If you feed too early, they might be hungry. Remember, especially if you are feeding dry kibble, that blood glucose levels are harder to keep even if meals are not spread evenly through the day.

With our Zuzu, when she was a puppy, we found she slept better through the night early on if we gave her a small snack before bed. That only lasted for a bit, then we were able to wean her off that late evening snack.

What time did they last drink water? Too close to bedtime, and they might have to pee more during the night.

If there is too much activity right before bed, your pup might be having a hard time settling down.

If there is no activity in the evening, your pup might not have had a chance to wear off that daily puppy energy.

Most puppies have that evening time when they are wild with energy. The zoomies. The witching hour. Whatever you want to call it, there is a time in the evening when most puppies NEED to burn off some puppy energy!

But they also need some wind down time after that before they are ready for bed in some cases. For others, when that time passes, they will pass right out.

Wind down time might include something to chew on or some other activity that is not quite as wild and active.

For sleeping, WHERE does your pup sleep? In a crate? In some type of pen? In your bed?

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I generally recommend puppies be able to sleep in the bedroom with you. Then you can hear them if they do need to go out during the night. You can hear them if they get sick during the night. Yes, the sound of vomit or diarrhea during the middle of the night is NOT a pleasant way to wake up. But it happens!

Sleeping in the same room also allows the pup to bond with you. Yes, hopefully you are all sleeping. But you are in the same room. They can hear you breathing and moving around. Puppies don't like being isolated.

Is the space they are sleeping in comfortable for them? If they like to sprawl out, do they have plenty of room? Do not put them in too small of a space!

Is the space comfortable in regard to temperature? Does your puppy run hot or cold? Some like soft fluffy beds with lots of padding and lots of blankets to cuddle up in.

Some puppies love cool tile or other surfaces to lie on. Doesn't sound very comfy to most of us, but if they are too hot, they won't sleep well.

Does their sleeping space have good air circulation? Especially important if it's hot or if they run hot.

If they are close to an air vent, a fan or an open window, are they getting too cold or too hot?

If they were accustomed to snuggling with littermates, do they have something to snuggle with in their new bed that helps simulate that?

If they are attached to you, do they have an old t-shirt with your scent on it they can sleep with?

If they are frightened of noises during the night, can you put on a white noise machine or some soft music to help calm them? Music such as [Through a Dog's Ear](#) work well for some dogs.

Have you set up the ideal sleeping arrangements for them? If you can find the ideal comfort for them, it will go a long way toward helping them sleep through the night once their bladders are able to handle it.

Pleasant dreams!

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The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog. ~Ambrose Bierce



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## *“The World Through Dexter’s Eyes - The Foibles of a Too Big, Deaf Dalmatian and the Power of Love”*

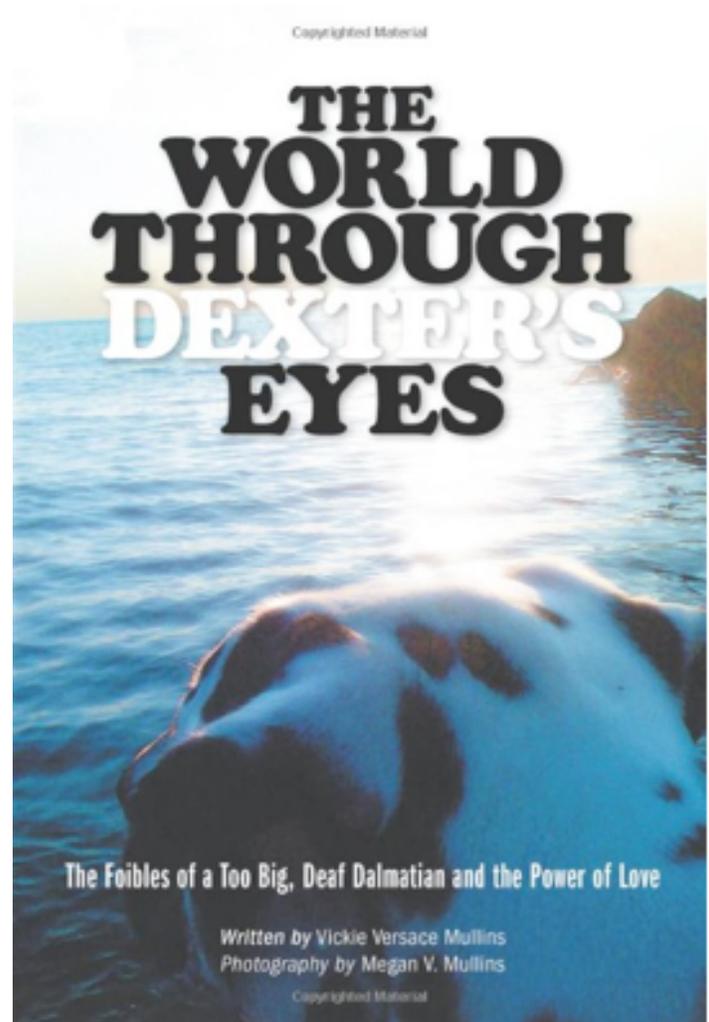
Dexter comes into the world with many problems, and he turns his family’s life upside down. Outside and lonely, he pulls the siding off the house, destroys the back door, chews up the cable wires and wood patio furniture. Inside, he does more of the same. He appears to not be trainable, so out of frustration, 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 should all 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 ass to your “must read” list. - Michelle Winner

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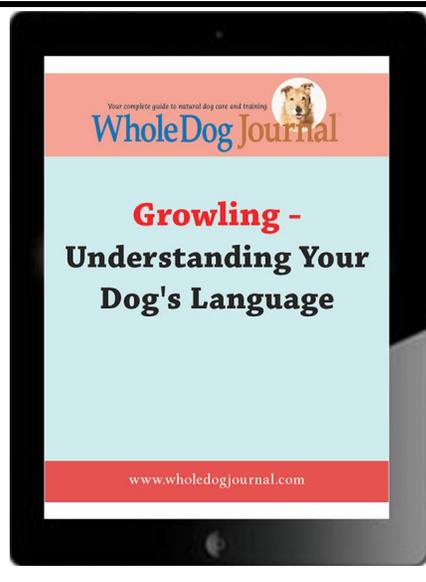
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- Why your dog growls (is it stress or pain?)
- How punishing a growl will lead to biting without warning
- What easy-to-use techniques will make your dog less compelled to growl

Plus, Growling will teach you how to identify your dog's stressors (one is a common household appliance!), what to do first if your dog growls, and how to recognize if your dog is resource guarding.

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## *In The Doghouse...Our Featured Dalmatians*

### ***Boomer3***

**2 Years Old, Black Spayed Female**  
**Reason Available: Owner Surrender**  
**Foster Home: Arvada, CO**

Dainty Demi (well, maybe) is yet another street dog that found herself in a high kill shelter in TX. Now in the Denver area, Demi is in a foster home with other dogs, cats and one teenager. Demi is great with cats and while she likes other dogs, she does prefer to be the queen and so we feel that she would be better an only dog in her new house. She is a non barker, unless there is a reason to bark, and the ball is her thing! She will tease you with it to chase her. Demi loves car rides and cuddling. She also loves laser lights that she can chase until the cows come home. Great exercise for her and it is fun to watch. Demi is not crate trained because she is so good that she doesn't need a crate. Our girl was strong on the leash originally but she is walking much better. Demi is a hard bodied girl with no fat. Miss Demi would love to have a young child to play with or a mom or dad to go biking or jogging with. If not, she'll curl up with you and a good book. Demi is a real people pleaser which everyone enjoys. For more information, contact Edee at [swedeebird1@comcast.net](mailto:swedeebird1@comcast.net). Adoption \$300.



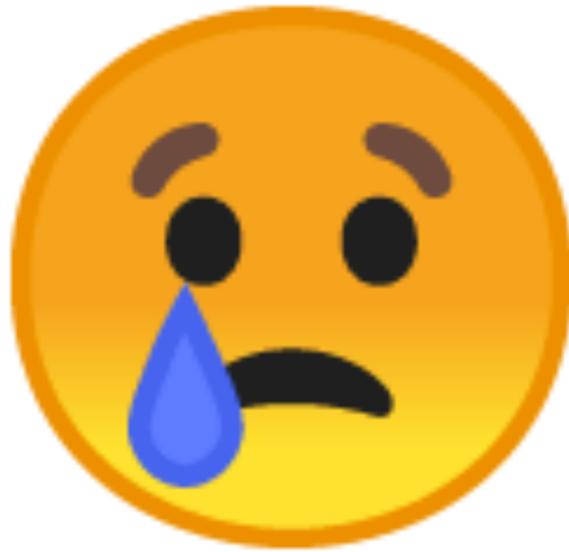
### ***Riley2***

**7 Years Old, Black Neutered Male**  
**Reason Available: Owner Surrender**  
**Foster Home: Northern Missouri**

Riley came from south TX like so many dogs we help. He was reported to be chasing cattle, but we removed the cattle and neutered him and now he is a different dog. Riley now gets along well with both male and female foster dogs in his northern MO foster home. He would probably do best in a home with no cats or small animals, however. Riley has done well with a 6 yr grandchild but any younger, Riley's size and exuberance might be too much. Typical for Dalmatians, he follows his mom from room to room and he is joined with her at the hip! His foster mom has been working on his leash manners and he's doing well. Riley would probably do best in an experienced dog home that can be consistent with the rules. We have learned that thunder scares him so that means his new home needs to help him cope. We have resources to help with that. Riley will make a lovely companion in the right home where he is not allowed to run the show. For more information, contact Jon at [js86bacon@gmail.com](mailto:js86bacon@gmail.com). Adoption \$300. This link will show you one of Riley's other skills...talking politics!  
<https://www.facebook.com/jon.bacon.965/videos/10158712476009992/>



## *Happy Beginnings Stories*



**Unfortunately, we don't have any Happy Beginnings Stories to share with you this month.**

If you have adopted your dog and not submitted a Happy Beginnings Story for him or her yet, please do that now, while you're thinking about it! These stories are the only "pay" that fosters get for all their hard work in preparing your dog for you. We love to share these stories as they help other dogs waiting to find their forever homes get adopted by showing the love and bond that adopted dogs share with their new families. So, again, please submit your dog's story today, so that we will have stories to share with our fosters and readers next month.

**It's never too late to see your story in print!**

If you have adopted your pup from us, regardless of when, and have not submitted their Happy Beginnings story yet, please do it now while it's fresh on your mind.

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