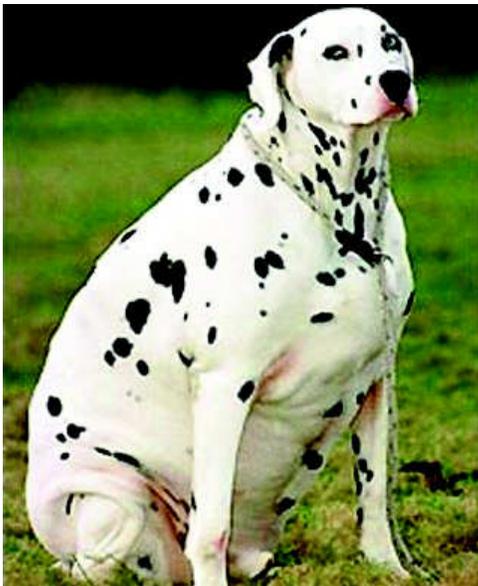




*Happy
Thanksgiving!!*

Should Your Dog Be Losing Weight?



It's a question that many of us ask ourselves: "Should my dog be losing weight?" Maybe you haven't been exercising your pooch enough or have been letting them eat too many treats. In fact, it may not even occur to you that your dog needs to lose weight until a friend or family member mentions their ever-expanding waistline. After all, we see our dogs every day, so it can be difficult to notice slow changes like weight gain.

How To Tell If You Have An Obese Dog

There are a few things that can help you determine if you have an obese dog:

- Take your pooch to the veterinarian at least once a year for a regular checkup. After weighing your pet and giving them an exam, your vet can let you know if your dog is overweight.
- Trust your vet's judgement! They know best. Not all dogs are built the same. Some are naturally skinnier than others, for instance, so a vet will give you a healthy weight range for your pet. However, if you're still not convinced, visit another veterinarian for a second opinion.
- Look at your dog. You shouldn't be able to see their ribs, but their torso should taper inward between their ribcage and hips.
- If you press lightly on your dog's torso, you should be able to feel their ribcage. If you can't feel any bones, that means you probably have an overweight dog.

What To Do If You Have An Overweight Dog

There are several steps you can take to help your dog in losing weight:

- Speak to your vet about the best dog food for weight loss. There are plenty of types of diet dog food. Most brands make weight loss dog food versions of their usual wet or dry food. Keep your dog on the same brand of food to help avoid an upset stomach.
- If you keep your pup on the same food decrease their servings by 25 percent.
- Regularly exercise your dog. Take them on walks, play with them at home or take them on trips to the dog park - if they are dog-friendly and up to date on their vaccinations!
- Don't give your pooch table scraps.
- Avoid giving them excessive amounts of treats and when you do give them treats, use all natural treats.

Remember that a dog diet is a lot like a human diet. It requires fewer calories and more exercise. You don't want your dog to lose all the weight right away either. Slow and steady wins the race!

If you have any questions about how to feed your dog or how much exercise they need, speak to your veterinarian. They're your best resource for helping your dog in losing weight.

Does Canned Pumpkin Help With Dog Diarrhea?



Jack-O-Lanterns, Halloween decorations, Thanksgiving, and pumpkin pie, this is certainly the pumpkin season. But, do you know that pumpkins can be important year-round for some pets? Canned pumpkin is a commonly prescribed dietary additive for some gastrointestinal maladies. From diarrhea to constipation, pumpkin can be a dog's (or cat's) best friend.

What is canned pumpkin?

Canned pumpkin that's recommended by veterinarians is nothing more than pumpkin that has been pureed. It is a source of fiber that is low in fat and cholesterol. When purchasing canned pumpkin at the grocery store, it is important to read the label carefully. Pie-filling canned pumpkin has added ingredients such as sugar, fat and various seasonings. It is the pure pumpkin product that veterinarians recommend. Not everything pumpkin flavored is safe for dogs. Make sure you are only using product recommended by your veterinarian.

How Does Pumpkin Help Dogs

Canned pumpkin can provide a number of health benefits based primarily on its fiber content. Be forewarned that canned pumpkin is mostly water, to the tune of approximately 90%. This means that the content of fiber is not nearly as much as is found in Metamucil®.

Pumpkin isn't a be-all and end-all remedy for cats and dogs with gastrointestinal issues, but it is a reasonably harmless thing to try. If this has you thinking, "Hmm, maybe I'll give canned pumpkin a try," I urge you to consult with your veterinarian before doing so. In some cases, added fiber could cause more harm than good. All this being said, your veterinarian might suggest canned pumpkin be used in the following ways for some dogs:

- **For Diarrhea:** Fiber can act as a sponge that absorbs excess water within the gastrointestinal tract. Diarrhea has myriad causes, and added dietary fiber can benefit some of them.
- **For Constipation:** When there isn't excess water in the gastrointestinal tract, fiber can help draw in water and ease stool passage. Fiber can also create bulk within the colon that helps alleviate constipation for some animals.
- **For Weight Loss:** Pumpkin provides a relatively low calorie way to give an animal the sense of a full stomach. This can make the reduction of overall food quantity more tolerable for the dieting animal.

How Much Pumpkin Should You Feed?

The amount of canned pumpkin needed to provide benefit will vary from dog to dog, so check with your veterinarian. For example, a Chihuahua may require only a teaspoon per meal, whereas a half cup may be required for a Great Dane. As with any dietary additive, it's best to start small and then work your way up to the appropriate amount. Some animals don't much care for this different tasting orange substance in their food bowl - another reason to begin only with a small amount that is more easily disguised.

If you are feeding your dog only a small amount of pumpkin daily, you may not use an entire can before it spoils. Consider placing the pumpkin in ice cube trays and freezing. Blocks can then be thawed as needed.

Questions For Your Veterinarian

- Might my pet benefit from the addition of canned pumpkin?
- How much canned pumpkin should I feed and how frequently?
- What should I be watching for once the pumpkin is started?

If you have any questions or concerns about feeding your dog (or cat) pumpkin, you should always visit or call your veterinarian.

Leptospirosis in Dogs

Leptospirosis is an infection of bacterial spirochetes, which dogs acquire when subspecies of the *Leptospira interrogans* penetrate the skin and spread through the body by way of the bloodstream. Two of the most commonly seen members of this subspecies are the *L. grippityphosa* and *L. Pomona* bacteria. Spirochetes are spiral, or corkscrew-shaped bacteria which infiltrate the system by burrowing into the skin. **Leptospirosis can impact dogs and humans alike!**

Leptospire spread throughout the entire body, reproducing in the liver, kidneys, central nervous system, eyes, and reproductive system. Soon after initial infection, fever and bacterial infection of the blood develop, but these symptoms soon resolve with the reactive increase of antibodies, which clear the spirochetes from most of the system. The extent to which this bacteria affects the organs will depend on your dog's immune system and its ability to eradicate the infection fully. Even then, *Leptospira* spirochetes can remain in the kidneys, reproducing there and infecting the urine. Infection of the liver or kidneys can be fatal for animals if the infection progresses, causing severe damage to these organs. Younger animals with less developed immune systems are at the highest risk for severe complications.

The *Leptospira* spirochete bacteria is zoonotic, meaning that it can be transmitted to humans and other animals. Children are most at risk of acquiring the bacteria from an infected pet.

Symptoms and Types of Leptospirosis in Dogs

- Sudden fever and illness
- Sore muscles, reluctance to move
- Stiffness in muscles, legs, stiff gait
- Shivering
- Weakness
- Depression
- Lack of appetite
- Increased thirst and urination, may be indicative of chronic renal (kidney) failure, progressing to inability to urinate
- Rapid dehydration
- Vomiting, possibly with blood
- Diarrhea - with or without blood in stool
- Bloody vaginal discharge
- Dark red speckled gums (petechiae)
- Yellow skin and/or whites of eyes – anemic symptoms
- Spontaneous cough
- Difficulty breathing, fast breathing, irregular pulse
- Runny nose
- Swelling of the mucous membrane
- Mild swelling of the lymph nodes

Causes Leptospirosis in Dogs

The *Leptospira* spirochete infection mainly occurs in subtropical, tropical, and wet environments. *Leptospira* spirochetes are more prevalent in marshy/muddy areas which have stagnant surface water and are frequented by wildlife. Heavily irrigated pastures are also common sources of infection. The infection rate for domestic pets has been increasing in the U.S. And Canada, with infections occurring most commonly in the fall season. Dogs will typically come into contact with the *leptospira* bacteria in infected water, soil, or mud, while swimming, passing through, or drinking contaminated water, or from coming into contact with urine from an infected animal. This last method of contact might take place in the wild. Hunting and sporting dogs, dogs that live near wooded areas, and dogs that live on or near farms are at an increased risk of acquiring this bacteria. Also at increased risk are dogs that have spent time in a kennel.

Diagnosing Leptospirosis in Dogs

Because leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, your veterinarian will be especially cautious when handling your pet, and will strongly advise you to do the same. Protective latex gloves must be worn at all times, and all body fluids will be treated as a biologically hazardous material. Urine, semen, post-abortion discharge, vomit, and any fluid that leaves the body will need to be handled with extreme caution.

You will need to give a thorough history of your dog's health, including a background history of symptoms, recent activities, and possible incidents that might have precipitated this condition. The history you provide may give your veterinarian clues as to what stage of infection your dog is experiencing, and which organs are being most affected.

Your veterinarian will order a chemical blood profile, a complete blood count, a urinalysis, an electrolyte panel, and a fluorescent antibody urine test. Urine and blood cultures will also be ordered for examining the prevalence of the bacteria. A microscopic agglutination test, or titer test, will also be performed to measure the body's immune response to the infection, by measuring the presence of antibodies in the bloodstream. This will help to definitively identify *leptospira* spirochetes and the level of systemic

infection.

Treatment for Leptospirosis in Dogs

Dogs with acute severe disease should be hospitalized. Fluid therapy will be the primary treatment, in order to reverse any effects of dehydration. If your dog has been vomiting, an anti-vomiting drug, called an antiemetic, may be administered, and a gastric tube can be used to nourish your dog if its inability to eat or keep food down continues. A blood transfusion may also be necessary if your dog has been severely hemorrhaging.

Antibiotics will be prescribed by your veterinarian, with the type of antibiotic dependent on the stage of infection. Penicillins can be used for initial infections, but they are not effective for eliminating the bacteria once it has reached the carrier stage. Tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones, or similar antibiotics will be prescribed for this stage, since they are better distributed into the bone tissue. Antibiotics will be prescribed for a course of at least four weeks. Some antibiotics can have side effects that appear serious, especially those drugs that go deeper into the system to eliminate infection. Be sure to read all of the warnings that come with the prescription, and talk to your veterinarian about the indications you will need to watch for. Prognosis is generally positive, barring severe organ damage.

Living and Management

A vaccination for the prevention of the leptospirosis infection is available in some areas. Your veterinarian can advise you on the availability and usefulness of this vaccine. Make sure to inspect kennels before placing your dog in one – the kennel should be kept very clean, and should be free of rodents (look for rodent droppings). Urine from an infected animal should not come into contact with any other animals, or people.

Activity should be restricted to cage rest while your dog recovers from the physical trauma of this infection. Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, transmissible to humans, and other animals via urine, semen, and post-birth or post-abortion discharge. While your dog is in the process of being treated, you will need to keep it isolated from children and other pets, and you will need to wear protective latex gloves when handling your dog in any way, or when handling fluid or waste products from your dog. Areas where your dog has urinated, vomited, or has possibly left any other type of fluid should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly with iodine-based disinfectants or bleach solutions. Gloves should be worn during the cleaning process and disposed of properly after.

Finally, if you do have other pets or children in the home, they may have been infected with the leptospira bacteria and are not yet showing symptoms. It may be worthwhile to have them (and yourself) tested for the presence of the bacteria. And, it is important to keep in mind that leptospire may continue to be shed through the urine for several weeks after treatment and apparent recovery from the infection. Appropriate handling practices will be the best prevention of the spread of infection, or of reinfect

*Why did the Dalmatian go to the eye doctor?
Because he kept seeing spots!*

*Why do dogs make terrible dance partners?
Because they have two left feet!*

*What does a Dalmatian say after dinner?
Thanks, that really hit the spot!*



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Dee Dee (aka Ginny)
Meridian, ID



Emma4
Cheyenne, WY



DemiA



Swirl
Independence, OH



Pepper
Diamond, IL



Pico
Naples, FL



Joy
Raleigh, NC



Paige
Grand Junction, CO

Attention Adopters!!!

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!! 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!
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inside.**



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**Please bring pets inside when it
cold outside**

This isn't directed at our adopters or adopted dogs.. We know you would never do something like leave your dog outside. Rather a reminder that you can share with others who may not be so thoughtful or caring.

**No dog should be
left out in the cold!**



Trainer Tips

“Male or Female? Does it matter when bringing home a new puppy or dog?”

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Do you have a clear preference – male or female?

I talk with some people who are convinced that males are better than females. Others are convinced of the opposite. Smarter, more loving, more loyal, easier to live with, etc. Some always get one gender over the other because they believe that gender better fits the criteria most important to them.

Out of curiosity, I asked some of my dog trainer friends if they have a clear preference when bringing home a new dog. Male or female? Some were clearly in the “always a male” camp. Some were clearly in the “always a female” camp. Some based their decision on the dog or dogs currently in the home and which is the best match for them. Others had other ways to determine which choice to make.

There is not much in the way of research. So far, I have not seen any research to really give us any definitive answers or even some tentative answers. Are males smarter than females? Are males more biddable or are females? Are males more loyal? Are females moodier? You’ll read all kinds of claims and

you will meet some people who absolutely are convinced of something or other. But there is really no proof of any of it at this point.

So, how do you choose? Well, there are some things we do know.

Males tend to be larger than females. Each dog is an individual and looking at the parents (if you know who they are) will give you the best idea of how big a puppy will grow to be. But yes, males on average are definitely larger than females. If you want a dog on the smaller side, then a female will be your better bet. Males tend to be known for marking behavior. Some prefer females since they don’t mark. Oops, hate to break it to you, but that is not entirely true. Yes, males do mark. But many of them do not. And neutered males can still mark too, contrary to what someone might try to tell you. Neutering does not eliminate that behavior. But I have known plenty of female dogs who mark as well. Spayed or not. It’s just not quite as obvious since they generally do not lift their leg to do so (but there are always exceptions).

If you are choosing one based on the gender being smarter or more affectionate or more loyal, or what-have-you, don’t be too quick to judge. I have not found that to be true. I see dogs of both genders who are very smart, very affectionate, very loyal, very whatever-you-want. Now, if you do just prefer males or females, that’s fine! Go with your preference. But don’t be too quick to make assumptions. You might be limiting your options for no real reason!

If you have another dog at home already, then do consider carefully if your dog would do better with one or the other. Some get along with everyone. Some have trouble getting along with anyone. Statistically speaking, the dogs in a household most likely to NOT get along are similar age and same gender. So, if you are looking for the best bet numbers-wise, then if you have a female, you’d be better off adding a male. Though you also should consider the [breed of dogs](#), their ages and their individual personalities. Certain breeds are going to be more of an issue than others when it comes to the potential for aggression/fighting. For example, I would be much more cautious in my decision if I had breeds that tend to have more aggression issues than a breed who generally gets along well with everyone. Do your research!

Personally, we typically get a female if we already have a male and vice versa. Going with the statistics, we choose the option that gives us the best shot at our household dogs all living peacefully together – in addition to all we do to ensure that already. However, we also look at each situation and are open to the right DOG regardless of gender.

Another consideration when choosing is to determine when you plan to spay or neuter. If you do so around six months, then you won’t need to worry about going through heat cycles or the possibility of your dog getting pregnant or impregnating someone else’s dog. However, more and more, research is showing the benefits of holding off on spay/neuter while your dog is still growing so we don’t impact the hormones before the growth plates are closed. If you decide to wait, as more of us are doing, then a girl means you

will have to deal with heat cycles until she gets spayed. With a boy, you just have to make sure you keep him under control and not give him chances to run loose and engage with any females in heat.

There's nothing wrong with preferring a female or a male. Just don't sell yourself short on the possibilities because of myths that have no proof to back them up.

So, which will it be for you next time? Boy or girl?

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Dalmatian Rescue Fundraiser



Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Inc. has once again partnered with Three Rivers Wreath and Plant Company to help raise funds this holiday season. Please visit the website to order your own live wreath or other holiday door decorations and support Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado while making your home festive this holiday season.

Please share with anyone who may be interested in supporting this fundraiser and may not have access to Facebook.

We are fundraising with Christmas Wreaths again. **The link is <https://threeriversfundraising.com/fund/drco-wreath2019>.**

Place orders 10/1/19 through 11/30/19. You can pick to have the wreath shipped the week of November 18-22, November 25-29, or December 2-6.

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

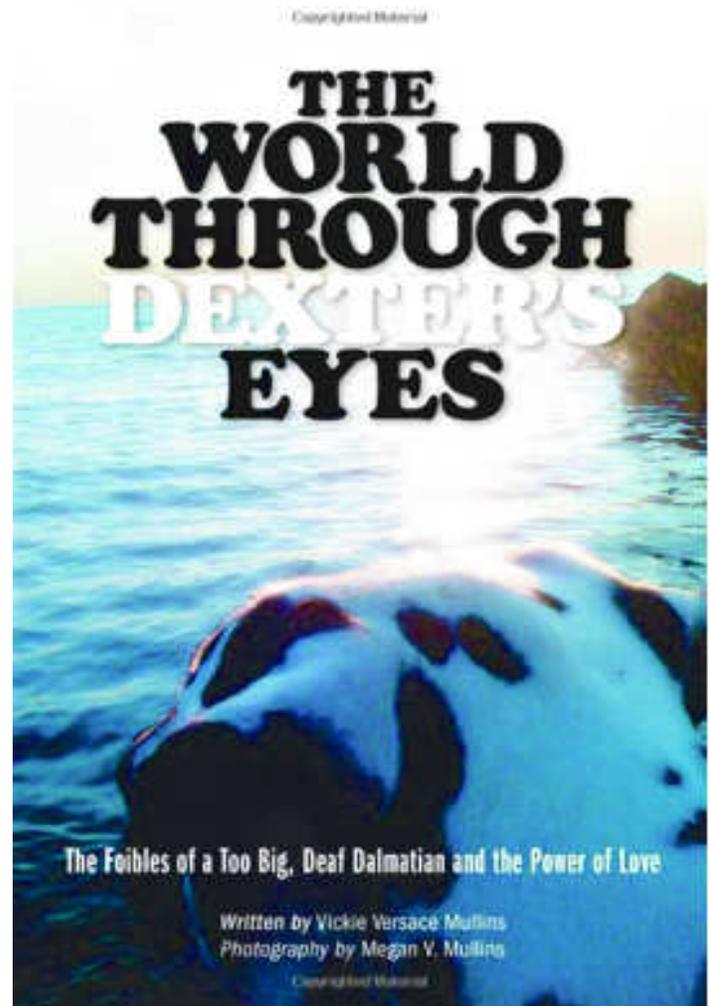
Dexter comes into the world with many problems, and he turns his family’s life upside down. Outside and lonely, he pulls the siding off the house, destroys the back door, chews up the cable wires and wood patio furniture. Inside, he does more of the same. He appears to not be trainable, so out of frustration,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

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

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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.

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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 closest 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 1800 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 dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net for inclusion in the next issue.

Reader Recommended Pet Insurance Plan

I use PetPlan and have for many years. You can choose your level of coverage and deductible amount. It has paid for ER visits, surgeries, therapies, acupuncture and holistic therapies and medicines. They are reimbursement based but I have had such a good experience with them.

I would highly recommend them.

- Carol N.

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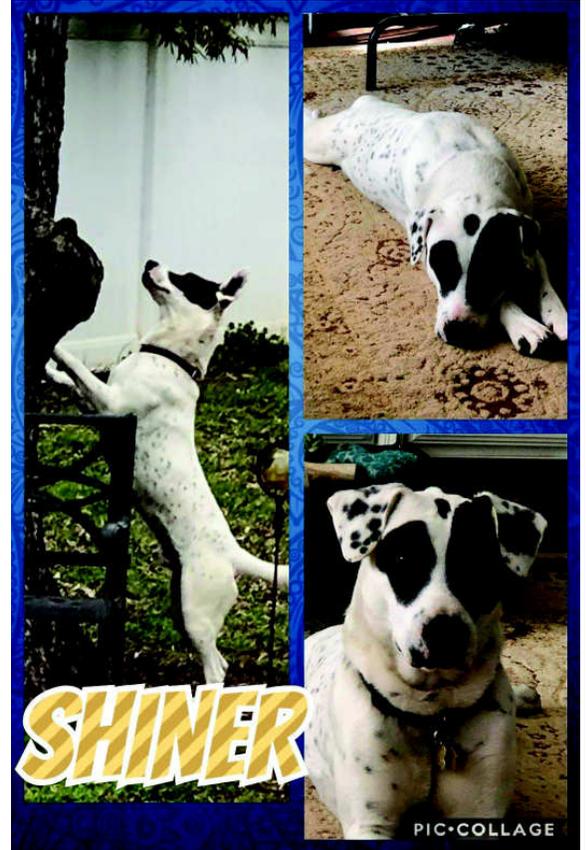
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In The Doghouse...Our Featured Dalmatians

Shiner

6-12 Months Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Fort Collins, CO

Shiner is so well named! He has two shiners but given by God and not by accident. This handsome young man is a very outwardly happy boy. He loves everyone and he loves other dogs too. Absolutely no aggression in Mr. Shiner toward people or dogs but he does not like cats. He really wants a home with another dog or ten to play with! He is great on the leash, housebroken, has good house manners and he uses a dog door. This boy will make you Shine when you introduce him to your friends! He, naturally, loves to chase squirrels in the yard (like most dogs do!) but he is a charming fella that you'll be proud to bring home. He does require a 6' fence, due to those darn squirrels. Shiner is currently in a foster home in Fort Collins, CO. For more information, contact Lisa at lisamschneider1@gmail.com Adoption \$300.



Jazzy

3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Concordia, MO

Xena has been in foster for nearly three years! All she wants for an early Christmas present is to find her forever family. Please help her out by either adopting her or referring her to your friends and family. Let's find this cutie a home of her own!!

Xena Warrior Princess Dog, or Xena for short, was taken into animal control as a stray. Xena was severely underweight, covered in fleas and heartworm positive at that time. If you want a companion with lots of personality, this is the girl for you! Xena is good in the house, does like to sit on the furniture at times and will check out the countertops and she is crate trained. Xena gets along well with other dogs, but she has not been around cats. She could be okay but we just don't know. Xena also does well in the yard because she doesn't dig or try to climb or jump the fence. She enjoys the sun and the space. For more information contact Jon at js86bacon@gmail.com. Adoption \$300.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Dee Dee (aka Ginny)

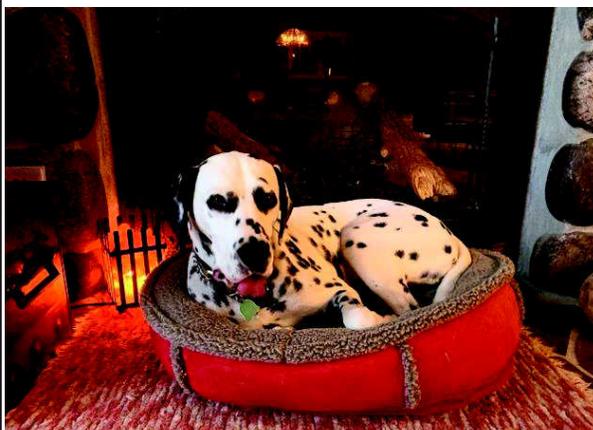
A rescue story of a cute little 12-pound mixed breed found roaming the streets of San Bonito, Texas on September 1, 2019. Afraid and alone, she had to be trapped to be saved. From San Bonito she was sent to a foster in Austin, TX and later to Waco, TX. From there she made her way to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. On October 7, 2019, her final leg was on a private plane with Pilots N Paws from Denver to Ogden, Utah. I drove from Idaho with my mother to get this sweet little girl who has already touched my life in so many ways with her silly personality, to being a great little sister to my 10-year-old Dalmatian girl. She was called Ginny after the woman who saved her first. I have decided to name her Dee Dee. It's like she was meant to be for me!

Thank you to Beth White, Beth Shields, Tena Price, Jeannine Holt, Ginny Reyes and Pilot N Paws for making this rescue happen!

– Kristi B.
Idaho



Sparky



Sparky arrived in Portland, Oregon just before Christmas, 2018, a long way from his prior home in Texas. It was Cold! But Sparky was happy to be out of the transport trailer and away from all those other yapping dogs. He immediately bounced into our car for the three-hour drive back to White Whiskers Ranch in beautiful Bend, Oregon.

Sparky was introduced to our pack of senior rescue dogs, all of whom call White Whiskers Ranch their forever home three Dalmatians, two Golden Retrievers, and a yellow Labrador. With the addition of Sparky, our pack became known as the Magnificent Seven.

Sparky loves the fully fenced ten acres he can freely roam about, having his own bed (which he seldom uses because he has claimed our bed as his bed), his six new playmates, the newly discovered joy of playing in snow, and all the attention he receives. Sparky received some basic canine training to refine his behavior and is much happier. He is a wonderful addition to our family, and, at eight years of age, brings some youthful spirit to our aged pack. Sparky is a very loving, cuddly, affectionate, and spirited happy boy. Sparky is always the first to greet visitors to his forever home with a wagging tail and bounding enthusiasm.

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Bend, OR

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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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