

# Possibly The Worst Thing To Do If Your Dog Bolts

**By Dr. Karen Shaw Becker**

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In the U.S., an estimated 15 percent of dog or cat owners have lost a pet in the past five years. The majority – 85 percent – were recovered, but not in the way you might think. It's often assumed that if your dog runs off, the best way to find him is by calling local animal shelters.

But, while you certainly should contact them if you've lost a pet, only 6 percent of dog owners and 2 percent of cat owners actually find their lost pets in a shelter, according to a survey conducted by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Among dog owners, the most common method that led to their dog's safe return was searching the neighborhood (for cats, most

of them ended up returning home on their own). "Searching immediately when one knows the pet is lost, and searching within the neighborhood first through visual searches as well as posters and internet opportunities proved to be key," ASPCA noted, which is a sentiment echoed by "professional" dog-finding group The Retrievers.

## The Retrievers Find Lost Dogs Across The US

The Retrievers, formed in 2014, is a group of 40 volunteers who donate their time and expertise to finding others' lost pets. Though they are based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, they locate dogs across the U.S., living by their motto, "Come Back Home, Puppies Stay Warm, Puppies."

The group's founders are also volunteers for Retrieve a Golden of Minnesota (RAGOM), a golden retriever rescue organization, during which they saw firsthand that dogs in transition are often the same ones who become "lost". According to The Retrievers:

"Thanks to a surge in rescue organizations over the past decade, more shy and fearful dogs are being rehabilitated instead of euthanized as unadoptable. But we're also seeing a corresponding increase in the number of dogs going missing.

Barely a day passes when we don't see a new listing on our Facebook feed for a missing foster dog, newly adopted dog, or dogs that bolted during transport. A skittish dog – or any dog under stress – is a flight risk. Because rescues routinely transition dogs from one living situation to another, the odds of losing a dog are high."

Rescued dogs are not the only dogs who get lost, but it is important to use extra caution if your dog is in a transitional stage. The group provides free phone consultations to anyone in the continental U.S. whose dog has gone missing, but for those in Minnesota, they also provide assistance with live trapping. In one success story, reported by The Bark, Lindsey, an Australian Shepherd mix went missing during a Minnesota camping trip when she was spooked by thunder and lightning from a storm.

Her owner, John Lundquist, searched for her for two days until he had to return home, more than 300 miles away. Lundquist posted the story on social media, which alerted locals to be on the lookout for Lindsey. The dog wandered into a campsite a couple of weeks later and was captured by a father and son, who took Lindsey into town, where she was set to be reunited with her owner. Lindsey, however, ran off again, but by this time The Retrievers were on the case, mapping sightings of the dog and driving in a live trap for dogs. The Bark explained:

"A baited trap can be extremely helpful when a skittish dog resists capture (even by her family, as Lundquist can attest) but continues to frequent certain areas. The Retrievers have invented several styles of live traps, including a large enclosure called the Missy Trap.



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For Lindsey, they used their smaller Cash Trap, which was named for the first dog caught in it. All are triggered by the Rayripper, an electronic sensor beam/magnet system that drops the trap's gate when the dog steps into its invisible infrared beam."

The trap worked, and within about a month Lindsey was caught and returned to her owner – and likely not a moment too soon. The dog has lost about 10 pounds, caught tapeworm and had last been spotted running away from a wolf. Today, "She's fine and healthy, gaining the weight," Lundquist told The Bark. "Most of the time, she's sitting on someone's lap on the couch."

### If Your Dog Goes Missing, Act Fast

One of the greatest mistakes that pet owner make, according to The Retrievers, is not acting fast enough. Owners often search for their dogs for hours, or give them a chance to return home on their own overnight before taking action, but this wastes valuable time that you could be on your dog's trail. They urge pet owners to take immediate action by posting lost dog signs around the neighborhood and posting on social media.

"With thousands of followers who are eager to help reunite lost dogs and their owners, Facebook's lost dog pages can be a very effective resource, not only to help spread the word about your dog, but also for recruiting help with flyering," The Retrievers note. "Be sure to give them that chance by reporting your lost dog and posting a personal plea in the comments." At [HelpingLostPets.com](http://HelpingLostPets.com), you can report a lost dog or cat and it will automatically post it on your state's lost pet Facebook page.

You can also do this directly as well as post a notice of your lost pet on Craigslist and other local lost pet websites. The Retrievers recommend doing the following within the first hour that your pet goes missing:

- Call local police departments/law enforcement (city, township or county, as appropriate), vet clinics, animal control agencies and shelters. Be sure to include those in your surrounding counties/communities.
- Contact impound facilities in your area.
- Place missing dog ad on local Craigslist Community > Lost & Found > Pets
- Report dog on Facebook lost dog pages for your area (i.e., Lost Dogs – MN)

Within the first four hours that your pet goes missing, they recommend making brightly colored lost dog flyers that include text large enough for drivers to see from the road and a photo of your dog. Within eight hours, the signs should be posted at nearby intersections, where the dog went missing and begin to be distributed around the area, including door-to-door.

### Don't Chase The Dog And Other Search Strategies

If your lost dog doesn't turn up immediately, keep searching and don't give up hope. You can place lost dog ads in your local newspaper's lost and found section, ask your local radio station to broadcast an announcement about your missing dog and even pay for an automated robocall to be placed to alert neighbors that your pet has gone missing (Findtoto.com and petamberalert.com are two examples).

The Retrievers also recommend continuing to visit animal shelters in your area and also contacting purebred rescues (if your dog is or appears to be a purebred).

If no sightings are reported, they advise expanding your signage and flyer hand-outs by a mile per day. If your dog is spotted and appears to be frequenting the same area, The Retrievers have live trap diagrams to help you make your own live trap to help capture your dog. If you happen to spot your dog, resist the urge to chase him, which can make a frightened dog run away. Instead, run away from your dog and call his name, in the hopes that he'll pick up on the fun "game" and start to chase you back.

### How To Prevent A Skittish Dog From Getting Lost

If you've recently adopted a dog, be on alert that this is a high-risk time when he may be prone to taking off – and getting lost. In addition to making sure your dog is wearing a collar with proper identification, RAGOM recommends taking extra precautions like not stopping for potty breaks for your dog on the way home from the initial adoption and crating your dog while in the car.

Once home, they suggest pulling into your garage and closing the door before letting your dog out of the car (if possible). In the first two weeks, you can help keep your dog safe by using two leashes when going for walks (holding one in each hand), not allowing your dog to charge your door when people are entering or leaving your home and securing gates and fences in your yard. Also, be sure there are no "hidden" escape routes in your yard (like a snowbank against a fence that could allow your pet to jump over).

If you need more help on how to find a lost dog, [TheRetrievers.org](http://TheRetrievers.org) offers flyer templates and directions for making intersection signage, along with a lost dog action plan and videos on how to use Google Maps to help find your lost dog. They provide a wealth of resources to reunite pets with their owners, but hopefully you'll never need to use them.



# 10 Things You Didn't Know About CBD Oil

By Dana Scott

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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 crucial 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 a lot to like. And just as CBD oil had 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:

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- Decreasing pain (including neuropathy and nerve-related pain)
  - 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 had 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 Dog 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, hemp-based CBD products for humans and animals are legal in all 50 states.

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 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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– From Beth White, President of Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado: I can tell you that my Rayna had six good months on CBD oil, and I wish that I had learned about it sooner. My husband Jack started taking CBD oil just days before his surgery and he will return to it when he gets home. He said it was one of the few things he tried that actually helped his pain. Some bodies need time like Rayna who didn't show a difference for two weeks, but Jack felt it within days. And he is a non-believer! Well, was. Just sharing because there is so much good in the CBD. Many people use the bites or the gummies but with the dogs it is easiest to use the oil. Keep it in mind if you have a dog with pain or anxiety, etc.

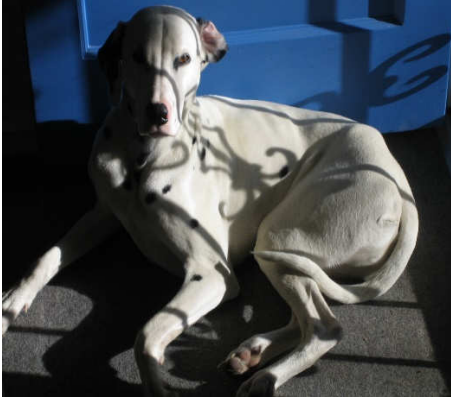
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# Pet Memorials: A Good Goodbye

**By Jean Stracy**

**“We who choose to surround ourselves with lives even more temporary than our own, live within a fragile circle, easily and often breached. Unable to accept its awful gaps, we would still live no other way.” – Irving Townsend**



Willie

People love their pets and consider them members of their family. They live beside us without judgment, they accept us, unconditionally, teach us, and keep us connected to the natural world. Pet owners celebrate their pets' birthdays, consider them equal companions on the hiking trail, confide in their animals, and even carry pictures of them in their wallets. When your beloved pet dies, it's not unusual to feel overwhelmed by the intensity of your sorrow. Animals provide companionship, acceptance, physical and emotional support, assistance, and unconditional love during the time they are with us. Our animal friends serve as our most important and primal connection to nature, and remind us daily of that aspect within ourselves. When we understand and accept this precious bond between humans

and animals, we've already taken the first step toward coping with pet loss: knowing that it is okay to grieve when a pet dies.

It is a growing trend for pet owners to have a personal memorial service for their friend and family member in order to pay tribute to a pet's life. Ceremony offers ways to celebrate our pets and animal companions throughout their lifetimes. This special ceremony offers comfort, allows family members and friends to express themselves, embraces the grieving and transition process, and acknowledges their relationship with their pet. It is an opportunity to remember all the wonderful times, unique qualities of their pet, and to look back at their life together, celebrating the companionship. My name is Jean Stracy. I am a Certified Life-Cycle Celebrant. I assist my clients in creating meaningful and satisfying ways to celebrate and mark their personal achievements, transitions, and life events. I write and perform weddings, funerals and memorials for people who wish to celebrate or honor their lives or the lives of those beings they love in a personal and authentic way. Each ceremony that a Celebrant composes is unique and is customized to serve our clients' needs and beliefs. One of the main reasons I chose to study Celebrancy was to design and offer ceremonies that would honor animal lovers and their relationships with their beloved animal companions.

As the proud “parent” of an energetic rescued Dalmatian, Willie, I understand the amazing bond we humans have with our canine companions. I also have mourned the loss of a much loved pet, including my first rescued Dalmatian, Chester, and I find that this work I do as a Celebrant – helping others deal with this very real and many time overlooked milestone in life – brings me great satisfaction.

## End-of-life Ceremonies

Our animal companions cannot speak in words, but we can hear their pain. As caretakers of our pets, we are in the difficult position of choosing when and how to relieve their pain. Some people opt for humane euthanasia, surrendering to the inevitable that comes to all, whether animal or human. Whether euthanasia occurs in the office of your pet's vet or in the comfort of the family home a memorial service offers comfort, embraces the grieving process and acknowledges your relationship with your pet.

Memorial services with family members and friends who knew your pet can be held after the death of your pet. These planned services are especially helpful when children are involved. A funeral or memorial service provides an opportunity to celebrate the life of your pet and to remember all the wonderful times and special qualities of your pet. It is a way to share stories, create a memorial space or simply meditate with your memories. However, you affirm that your pet has died, remember your pet through shared stories and release your pet by saying goodbye, our beloved pets' spirits live on in our hearts forever.



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# Recent Adoptees!



**Holly**  
Dallas, TX



**Cleopatra**  
Greeley, CO

## 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](mailto:dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net)

## Want To See Your Dog In Print?

### (or on our website or advertising flyers, etc.)??

We are seeking reader submitted photos! So, get busy with your camera and start sending the photos in today. We prefer either TIF or JPG format and sized no smaller than 640 x 480 pixels. Please include some descriptive text to help identify what's happening in the photo(s) and be sure to include your dog's name(s), your name, city and state (so that I can give you credit for the photo). Send photos to me at [dalguy@comcast.net](mailto:dalguy@comcast.net). I cannot guarantee that we will use all photos submitted. The more interesting and unusual the photo, the better the chance of it being used. Some ideas of photos could be your dog 'reading' a newspaper (hint, hint) – even better if he'll wear glasses while doing so; your dog watching television; sitting in the driver's seat; wearing a harness (this one could be used for a safety article); costumed up ready for Halloween. So, there you have it... time to get busy with the camera and submit your photos today!

*People who say  
"money can't buy  
you happiness"  
have never paid  
an adoption fee*



# Trainer Tips

## “Is Your Dog Marking In The House”

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There are two general acts dogs commit that are deal-breakers for many households. The first is biting people, especially if there are young children in the house. The other is an act that requires clean-up. In some cases, this is destructiveness, in others it's urinating or defecating or marking in the house.

If a dog is peeing in the house, it might be a medical issue, such as a urinary tract infection. In other cases it's a housetraining issue. In yet other cases, it's a marking behavior. While I consider a marking issue to be a housetraining issue in part, there is another level of complexity to it that often needs to be addressed.

Marking in the house is often considered a sign of “dominance” – a dog who is saying “this is mine.” Though it often is confident dogs who are marking, I have also seen cases where it appears to be more an issue of insecurity than confidence. Not so much the “alpha” dogs as the “wanna-be-alpha” dogs.



In one such case, there were two dogs in the household. After some sleuthing on our part, we determined that BOTH dogs were actually participating in the urinating on furniture. In the case of the newest dog to the household, the issue was really one of a lack of housetraining. However, the resident dog, who'd been there longer, was clearly marking in the house. When the newer dog would pee, the older dog would pee over the top of it.

In this particular case, we started over with Housetraining 101 for both dogs. More regular trips outside, closer supervision, and a lot less freedom in the house. In addition, though, we added some other steps, especially for the dog who was marking in the house. In his case, he needed to understand this was not his house and not his furniture to mark. We set up some new rules and “jobs” for him to do. We started having him earn the valuables in his household, such as meals, treats, walks, etc. Anything of importance to him, we started to give him simple jobs to do. We also put both dogs under closer supervision, so if the new dog did something, we helped the older dog understand that it was not his job to correct him, show him he was in charge, or in any way order around the new dog.

With some stronger management, closer supervision, and new rules in place, the housetraining and the marking in the house

were entirely eliminated within a few weeks. The entire household was more relaxed, less stressed and much happier!

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For additional training tips and information, you can read our blog at <https://thelightofdog.com/read/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.



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# Bits & Pieces

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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](mailto:dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net) and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

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## \*\*\*\*\*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!

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## Reader Recommendations and Tips

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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 [dalquy@comcast.net](mailto:dalquy@comcast.net) for inclusion in the next issue.

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**Unfortunately, we have no Reader Recommendations or Tips to include this month.**

**If you have something to recommend or a tip to share that works with your dogs, please send it to me for the next newsletter!**

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# In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

## Chireno

4 Months Old, Black Female  
Reason Available: Abandoned  
Foster Home: Omaha, NE

Chireno is one smart little lady! At only four months old she is nearly perfect in crate, is almost fully potty trained, and has mastered 'sit' and 'down'! Chireno is 1/2 Dalmatian, but the father is unknown. We suspect Mr. Romeo might be a border collie due to the markings. Chireno, named after a TX town, is a rambunctious, playful girl who is looking for a home of her own. Now in Omaha, NE Chireno is being fostered with her brother Bowie, an adult male Dalmatian, and two cats. For more information contact Erin at [erinholste@yahoo.com](mailto:erinholste@yahoo.com). Adoption fee is \$150 plus a \$200 deposit that is refundable once you show proof of spay, which can be done once she is 6 months old.



## Xena

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



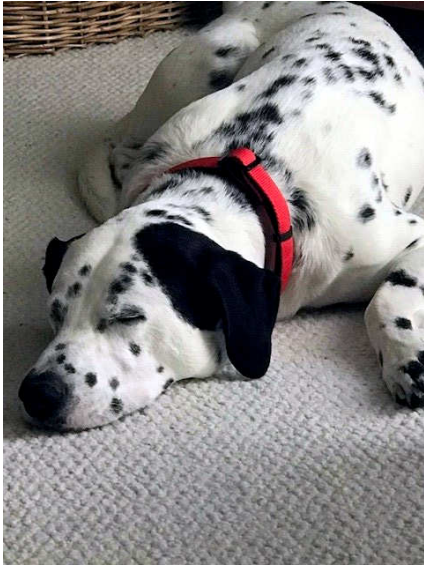
Xena Warrior Princess Dog, or Xena for short, was taken into animal control as a stray. Xena was severely underweight, covered in fleas and heart worm positive at that time. She has gained weight and is on heart worm treatment, and her health has greatly improved since arrival in her foster home in Concordia MO. 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 counter tops 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](mailto:js86bacon@gmail.com). Adoption \$300.

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# Happy Beginning Stories

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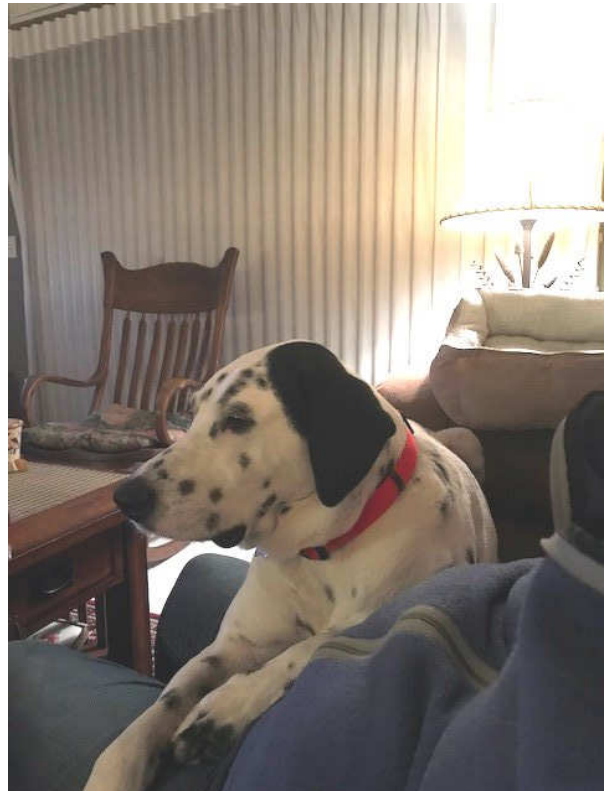
## Toby (aka Tobias)



My wife, Marie, and I adopted Tobias from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado in December. Marie had seen Tobias (we call him Toby) on a local news segment and instantly fell in love. After the very thorough but efficient application and adoption process, we met Toby last Saturday at our home and knew that he was the right dog for us. He hasn't proven us wrong! He's very affectionate, obedient (most of the time) and well-behaved considering that everything around him is new for him. While he was crate trained, leash trained, and house trained he didn't seem to know basic commands like sit, stay and come but he's learning fast. He's trying to make friends with our only other pet, a 10-year old cat named Harley. Harley's not quite ready although she's moved out of the hissing stage! Toby's starting to make friends with the other dogs in our neighborhood when we go on walks and is fascinated by the rabbits who live around us.

Most of all, Toby loves being around family and seems very happy in his new surroundings after less than a week. We're beginning to forget what life was like without him already!

– Marie & John D.  
Centennial, Colorado



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**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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