

Dehydration in Dogs

By Wendy Bedwell-Wilson



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After a rigorous game of catch, Sid, the usually frisky Labrador Retriever, is panting heavily. He has been playing in the hot sun for hours, but his water bowl is on the other side of the park. His nose and mouth are dry, and his owner notices that Sid appears lethargic. If Sid doesn't drink something soon, he may go into shock.

Vomiting, diarrhea, excessive panting, or playing in the scorching sun with no water can cause dehydration in dogs. The body loses valuable fluids and electrolytes that are essential in maintaining proper organ function.

When a dog's bodily fluid drops just five percent, you may begin to see signs of dehydration. The dog may be lethargic and his eyes, mouth and nose may appear dry. His skin may lose its elasticity. In severe dehydration, your dog's eyes may appear sunken into his skull. He might show signs of shock, which include rapid heart rate, weak pulse, bright red gums and mucous membranes, weakness, shivering, listlessness, unconsciousness, and in extreme cases, death.

Dehydration Test

Perform the following tests to gauge whether or not your dog is properly hydrated:

1. First test his skin's elasticity. With your thumb and forefinger, gently pinch your dog's skin between his shoulders, grasping just enough to lift it an inch or two from his body. When you release it, the skin should retract immediately. As the skin loses moisture, it loses its ability to pull back. In extreme cases, the skin does not pull back at all.
2. Another method for determining dehydration is to check your dog's gums for capillary refill time. First, lift your dog's lip and look at the color of his gums. Next, press the gum with your index finger so that it appears white. Release your finger and watch how quickly the color returns, or how quickly the capillaries in the gums refill. The gums of a normal dog refill immediately, and the gums of a dehydrated dog could take up to three seconds to refill.

Slowly Re-hydrate

Severely dehydrated dogs require immediate emergency care. If your dog shows signs of shock, heat stroke, or severe dehydration, call your veterinarian immediately, who will likely request that the dog be brought in so that the doctor can re-hydrate him with intravenous fluids. If your veterinarian recommends it, offer the dog small amounts of water on the way to the clinic. Offer a mildly dehydrated dog small sips of water every few minutes. You can also mix electrolyte replacement powder with the water or offer him pieces of ice to lick. Too much water too quickly, however, could cause him to vomit, exacerbating his dehydration. Contact your veterinarian for additional recommendations.

Preventing Dehydration

Offering your dog plenty of fluids will prevent dehydration, unless the condition is due to severe illness. Place several bowls of water around the house so that your dog can drink whenever he wants. If you're going to the dog park or for a ride, bring a portable bowl and bottled water with you.

After strenuous playing or exercise, offer your dog water in small amounts. Pour a little in his bowl, replenishing it every few minutes. No matter how tempting, don't let him drink too much too quickly.

Automatic water bowls, pet fountains, and hardware that attaches to an outside spigot are options for dog owners who work all day and aren't home to fill up the water dishes. Always offer your dog a bowl of clean, fresh water with every meal as a back-up.

If your dog refuses to drink for any reason for extended periods of time, contact your veterinarian immediately. As with humans, it's important for dogs to maintain their fluid levels for proper bodily function. A good rule of thumb: if you're out playing in the heat and you get thirsty, your dog is probably thirsty, too.

Pet Food Recalls

Over the past 60 days, the FDA has announced 2 dog food recalls:

- Thogersen Family Farm recalled its raw frozen pet food due to contamination with Listeria bacteria (4/8/2019)
- Hill's Pet Nutrition recalled multiple lots of Prescription Diet and Science Diet wet dog foods due toxic levels of vitamin D (3/20/2019)

Thogersen Family Farm Raw Frozen Pet Food Recall

April 7, 2019 — Thogersen Family Farm of Stanwood, WA [is voluntarily recalling](#) raw frozen ground pet food because it has the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.



What's Recalled?

The following 2-pound packaged varieties are included in this recall:

- Coarse ground rabbit frozen raw pet food
- Coarse ground mallard duck frozen raw pet food
- Ground llama frozen raw pet food
- Ground pork frozen raw pet food

Recalled product labels did not contain any lot identification, batch codes, or expiration dates.

Products were packaged in 2-pound flattened, rectangular clear plastic packages and stored frozen.

The front of each package contains one large white square label with the company name, product type and weight.

About Listeria

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

Listeria monocytogenes infections can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Anyone experiencing these symptoms should immediately contact a health care provider.

Pets with Listeria monocytogenes infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting.

Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain.

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

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

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Where Was It Sold?

Thogersen Family Farm stated the affected products were either sold to individual customers or two retail establishments that have

been notified.

Some of the product has not been distributed and held at the manufacturing location.

What Caused the Recall?

The recall is the result of samples collected by the Washington State Department of Agriculture and revealed the finished products contained the bacteria.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

What to Do?

Consumers who have purchased affected product should discontinue use.

For questions, consumers may contact the company at 360-929-9808.

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](#).

Hills Pet Nutrition Recall

Recall Updated 5/22/2019

March 20, 2019 — [Hill's Pet Nutrition is expanding its voluntary recall](#) of canned dog food products due to elevated levels of vitamin D.

This recall expansion relates to the same vitamin premix that led to [the January 31 voluntary recall previously announced on The Dog Food Advisor website](#).

Update: [Additional expansion announced by the FDA May 20, 2019](#).

Vitamin D, when consumed at very high levels, can lead to serious health issues in dogs including kidney dysfunction.

What's Recalled?



The following products and lot numbers are affected by the recall.

Items marked with * are new product SKUs that were added to the list on March 20, 2019. The item marked with ** is one additional lot code of recalled product updated on May 15, 2019.

*Hill's® Science Diet® Adult Perfect Weight Chicken & Vegetable Entrée dog food 12 x 12.8oz cans	*2975	*092020T28
*Hill's® Prescription Diet® c/d® Multicare Urinary Care Chicken & Vegetable Stew Canned Dog Food, 5.5oz, 24-pack	*3388	*102020T18
*Hill's® Prescription Diet® i/d® Low Fat Canine Rice, Vegetable & Chicken Stew 24 x 5.5oz cans	*3391	*092020T27
*Hill's® Prescription Diet® r/d® Canine 12 x 12.3oz cans	*7014	*092020T28 *102020T27 *102020T28
*Hill's® Science Diet® Adult Beef & Barley Entrée Canned Dog Food, 13oz, 12-pack	*7039	*092020T31 *102020T21
*Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Healthy Cuisine Roasted Chicken, Carrots & Spinach Stew dog food 12 x 12.5oz cans	*10449	*092020T28
*Hill's® Science Diet® Healthy Cuisine Adult Braised Beef, Carrots & Peas Stew Canned Dog Food, 12.5oz, 12-pack	*10451	*102020T28
Hill's® Prescription Diet® c/d® Multicare Canine Chicken & Vegetable Stew 12.5oz	3384	*092020T29 102020T10 102020T25
Hill's® Prescription Diet® i/d® Canine Chicken & Vegetable Stew 12.5oz	3389	*092020T28 *102020T24 *102020T25 102020T04 102020T10 102020T19 102020T20 **102020T21
Hill's® Prescription Diet® i/d® Canine Chicken & Vegetable Stew 5.5oz	3390	102020T11 112020T23 122020T07
Hill's® Prescription Diet® z/d® Canine 5.5oz	5403	102020T17 112020T22
Hill's® Prescription Diet® g/d® Canine 13oz	7006	*092020T22 112020T19 112020T20
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Hill's® Prescription Diet® j/d® Canine 13oz	7009	112020T20
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Hill's® Prescription Diet® w/d® Canine 13oz	7017	*102020T24 *102020T25 *112020T09 *112020T10 092020T30 102020T11 102020T12
Hill's® Prescription Diet® z/d® Canine 13oz	7018	102020T04 112020T22
Hill's® Prescription Diet® Metabolic + Mobility Canine Vegetable & Tuna Stew 12.5oz	10086	102020T05 102020T26
Hill's® Prescription Diet® w/d® Canine Vegetable & Chicken Stew 12.5oz	10129	*112020T11 *112020T05 112020T20 112020T24
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Turkey & Barley Entrée 13oz	7057	112020T19
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult Chicken & Barley Entrée Dog Food 13oz	7037	102020T14 112020T23 112020T24
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult Turkey & Barley Dog Food 13oz	7038	102020T06
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult Chicken & Beef Entrée Dog Food 13oz	7040	*112020T10 *112020T11 102020T13
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult Light with Liver Dog Food 13oz	7048	112020T19
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Chicken & Barley Entrée Dog Food 13oz	7055	092020T31 102020T13
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Beef & Barley Entrée Dog Food 13oz	7056	*102020T28 092020T31 112020T20 112020T24
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Turkey & Barley Entrée 13oz	7057	112020T19
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Healthy Cuisine Braised Beef, Carrots & Peas Stew dog food 12.5oz	10452	*102020T28 102020T14 102020T21
Hill's® Science Diet® Adult 7+ Youthful Vitality Chicken & Vegetable Stew dog food 12.5oz	10763	102020T04 102020T05 112020T11

[Click here to view a text-based follow-up bulletin](#) posted by the U.S. F.D.A. at a later date.

About Excessive Levels of Vitamin D

While vitamin D is an essential nutrient for dogs, ingestion of elevated levels can lead to potential health issues depending on the level of vitamin D and the length of exposure.

Dogs may exhibit symptoms such as vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, excessive drooling, and weight loss.

Pet parents with dogs who have consumed any of the products listed and are exhibiting any of these signs should contact their veterinarian.

In most cases, complete recovery is expected after discontinuation of feeding.

For More Complete Information

On March 21, 2019, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [published an announcement](#) containing more complete information about this recall.

What to Do?

If your SKU, Date and Lot codes are found in the list above, you have an affected product.

You should stop feeding it and should return to the place of purchase for a full refund.

If you have questions, you may contact Hill's Consumer Affairs at 800-445-5777.

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If you are not currently subscribing to their dog food recall notices, we strongly suggest that you sign up at <https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall-alerts/>

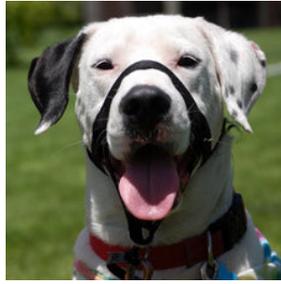


My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3 a can.
That's almost \$21 in dog money. Joe Weinstein

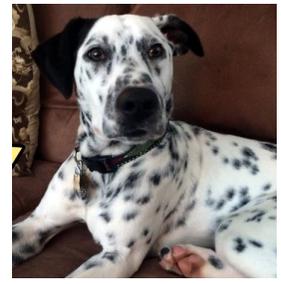
Recent Adoptees!



Ivy2
Los Gatos, CA



Jordon
Undisclosed by request



Buddy (aka Oakley3)
Loveland, 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!

DalmatianRescueOfCO@comcast.net

10 Best Tough Dog Toys

Editor's Note: For space concerns, this article is broken into two parts. Part two will appear in the July issue of NewSpots!

Every dog is different with what they like to play with. Some dogs love toys and treat them like little babies, carrying them around like a comforter, taking them to bed and occasionally nibbling on their ends.

Other dogs love something they can chew on, they may have very strong jaws and be prolific destroyers and they get great enjoyment from chowing down on the toys that they have. A soft toy is unlikely to last with this type of dog. They may be a dog that is very high energy, particularly smart and needs lots of stimulation. [Durable treat dispensing toys](#) can be a great option for keeping them entertained.

Often a toy is advertised as being very tough and when it comes to the crunch, literally, they don't actually last five minutes with your power chewing dog. You may have invested quite a bit of money on it and that can be frustrating but, more of a worry is the fact that your dog could pull a chunk of the toy and this could present a choking or blockage risk.



No Toy Is Truly Indestructible

You sometimes see a toy branded with claims of being indestructible or chew proof. Honestly, there is actually no such thing. No toy is truly unbreakable. If a dog has super power jaws, is a very determined chewer and is left with to their own devices with the toy for long enough, most can end up being destroyed or at least damaged eventually.

Supervision is Often Still Required

Regardless of how tough a toy is there is always an element of risk. The dog could eventually manage to break a piece off or, depending on the size of the toy, there is a small risk that they could get the toy trapped in their mouth also causing a potential choking hazard. Whilst some of the very tough treat dispensing toys may be suitable for leaving your dog with unsupervised, generally, we would always recommend keeping a weather eye on your dog when they are playing with a toy.

You will need to make a calculated judgement based on how well the toy is withstanding your dog's attention as to whether it seems safe enough to leave them with. If they are not a power chewer it is likely going to be okay to leave a dog with the likes of a Kong unsupervised. If they are an extreme chewer but they are more inclined to try to chew on less safe objects around the home or garden then leaving them with a safer tough toy may be the more sensible choice.

Some Tough Toys Can Pose a Risk to Teeth

Some of the very hard chews that do not have any give, like a Nylabone, can actually pose a risk to your dog's teeth. They could chip or break a tooth or eventually grind the tooth down if they are aggressively chewing on a hard toy. It can often be difficult to know that your dog has damaged their tooth but it can cause them pain or possibly even cause them to develop gum disease or an infection.

It is important to keep a close eye on them, be aware of the risk and make regular tooth inspections if you do decide to give them this type of toy.

Tough Toys Can Be Important in Helping Keep Your Dog Stimulated

If you have a dog that is particularly high energy or has high intelligence and needs a lot of extra mental stimulation, along with lots of appropriate exercise and training, interactive toys can be extremely useful in helping to stave off boredom and, consequently, potential problem behaviours. If your dog does not have an appropriate outlet, they can turn to your slippers, pillows, duvets or table leg. A bored dog can also start to exhibit other mischievous or attention seeking behaviour.

It is important to remember though that if you have a dog that needs a lot of stimulation, just providing them with a heap of interactive toys and expecting this to be enough is not the solution. It can help but you do also need to consider what other regular exercise and training you are going to introduce. Perhaps you and your dog could start taking part in an organised [dog sport](#), maybe you can both run together, perhaps you need to start integrating a few 5 or 10-minute training sessions into your dog's daily routines.

Having a selection of different toys that you can rotate can also be important to keep your dog engaged and excited. You don't want them to get bored if they always only have the same ones day after day.

Some Dogs Have More Desire to Chew Than Others

Some breeds often have a stronger desire to chew, some have stronger jaws than others so can more easily destroy toys and there are some dogs that are just so determined that they will pick away until they make some headway in doing damage.

[Terriers](#) often love to 'rag' soft toys. This relates to their instinct to hunt vermin and, once caught, they will shake them violently to kill them. They can often make quick work of soft toys as a result and may need something a bit tougher to keep them going. Sometimes, if they cannot 'rag' the toy though they may lose interest meaning some of the more solid toys in this list may not necessarily be as attractive for them.

There are breeds that just have extremely powerful jaws, so when they do bite down on a toy it can cause much more damage than the bite of other breeds. Some of the Bully Breeds are known for their toy destroying ability.

Some dogs are super smart and they quickly work out where the weak points are in a toy. They find the loose stitching and pull all the fluff out of a soft toy in super fast time or know how to hold onto a tennis ball and pull all the fluff off faster than other dogs. Busy dog breeds that always like to be occupied can be prolific chewers. Breeds like the Australian Shepherd or the Malinois are known for their destroying capabilities.

The retrieving breeds that like to have something in their mouth can also often be enthusiastic chewers so it is important to give breeds like [Labradors](#) and Golden Retrievers plenty of appropriate toys to satisfy any urges they may have. Sometimes they may just want to 'baby' the toy with a soft mouth but sometimes they may turn to chewing. You need to teach your dog what is appropriate for them to hold, play with and chew and if they don't have any acceptable alternatives they may turn to your slippers, cushions or table legs!

Every dog is an individual though and there may be some trial and error (and a few destroyed toys) whilst you work out what your dog likes to play with and how destructive they can be.

If Your Dog Is Destructive Because of Anxiety Issues, Giving Them Tough Toys Is Not the Solution

Dogs that suffer from [separation anxiety](#) can also be known for being destructive when they are left alone. Generally though just giving them a chew toy will not be enough to solve the problem unless their anxiety is very mild. You will likely need to work on a behaviour modification programme to treat the problem and get your dog feeling more relaxed being left on their own.

Pick the Right Size

It is really important that when you pick a toy that it is the right size for your dog, this is even more so true when you are selecting a tougher toy.

If you go too small this poses a choking hazard if the whole toy gets stuck in your dog's mouth, or even swallowed. Picking a toy that is too small also makes it easier for your dog to damage it. If they can get their chops right around it they can often exert more pressure or get a better grip. Selecting a bigger tough toy minimises the chances of your dog managing to damage it.



Trainer Tips

“Keep These Things In Mind About Training Your Dog And You’ll Keep Your Sanity”

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Question:

My dog has started digging holes in my back yard. How do I stop my dog from digging before he destroys the entire lawn?

The Trainer Answers:

First, examine why your dog is digging. Where is he digging? When does it occur?

Dogs dig for a variety of reasons: to dig out under the fence and escape the yard; to catch burrowing rodents or something else buried underground; to bury objects, such as bones; to create a cool place to lie down in warm weather; to burn off excess energy; as a social activity; and because it's fun!

Digging is a natural behavior for dogs, so it is not unusual for your dog to decide to take up digging as a new hobby.

Once you have figured out WHY your dog is digging, you can better address the issue. For example, if your dog is digging to escape the yard, it might mean he needs more physical exercise and mental stimulation. Dogs that consistently look for

ways to escape are often bored in their back yards. Take your dog for more adventures around the neighborhood so he can explore with you instead of without you. Give him more activities to engage in while he is in the backyard, such as eating his meals from interactive toys, playing fetch, or games like hide-and- seek.

Some dogs will start digging as a social activity – they want to join in the activities of someone else. Has your dog been outdoors with you when you were [planting or gardening](#)? If so, he might think he is helping out by digging up the flowers you just planted. He's not being a bad dog. He's simply trying to participate in an activity you initiated. If this is the case, you might want to do all of your gardening when your dog can't see you.

In many cases, dogs are digging because they have energy to burn, and they enjoy it! If this is the case, you can greatly reduce the digging for most dogs by providing other outlets for their energy. Longer walks, more play time, additional training time, and other activities to wear your dog out will give him less energy to devote to digging.

However, my favorite option for a dog who loves to dig – or is simply bored – is to provide him with a digging pit of his own. Set aside a spot that your dog is allowed to dig. Take him there, start to dig yourself, and encourage him to join in. Or partially bury toys or bones for him to dig up. If you see him digging in an inappropriate spot, redirect his attention to his new digging pit. He will love having a place to dig and you can save the rest of your yard: a win-win situation

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

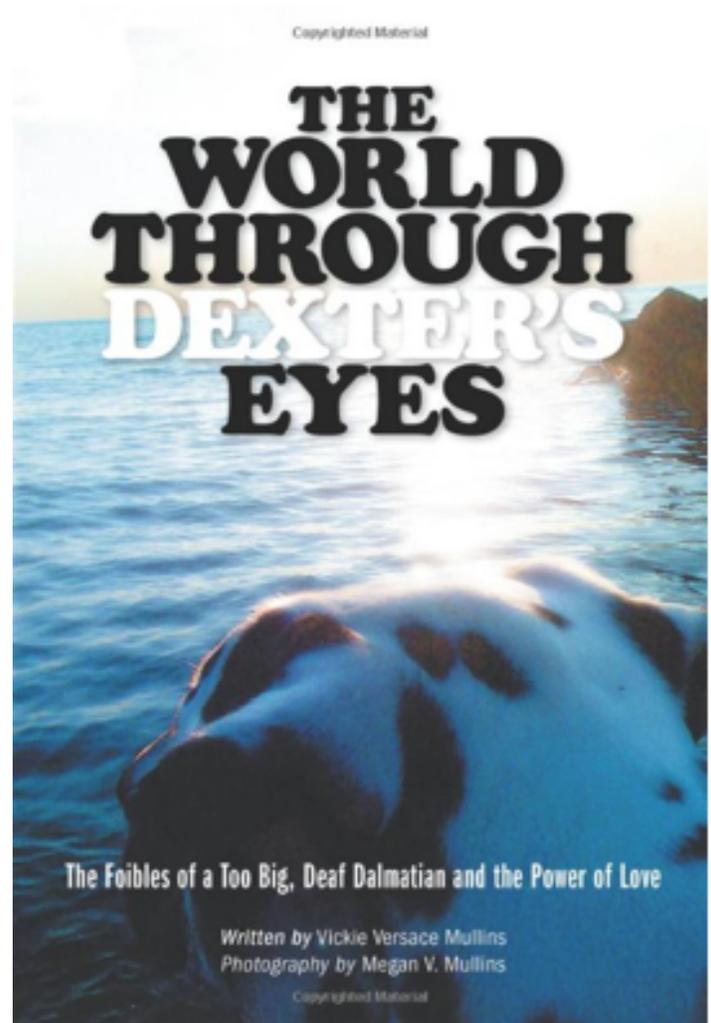
Dexter comes into the world with many problems, and he turns his family’s life upside down. Outside and lonely, he pulls the siding off the house, destroys the back door, chews up the cable wires and wood patio furniture. Inside, he does more of the same. He appears to not be trainable, so out of frustration,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

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

Bits & Pieces

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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.

******** Be a Pal, Save a Dal ********

PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the one closet to where you now live, so they can save lives like they saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog who can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and get ready for a new home. PLEASE help rescues and the dogs so that others might have a dog that is well socialized, trained and ready to love. PLEASE think about this... Dalmatians are everywhere and are literally dying to meet you or someone willing to give them a "spot" to LIVE until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for rescue and for them?

We thank you and you know any dog you help your local rescue save will be eternally grateful! PLEASE submit a foster application if you can possibly help your local rescue and them! PLEASE take your cookie... good boy/girl!

Reader Recommendations and Tips

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A dog has drown because its collar was caught on the hook (see pix) and she could not get her head out of the water. I have water buckets but they do not have this dangerous hook. The handle is screwed into the bucket...no hook.

In The Doghouse...Our Featured Dalmatians

Boomer?

2 Years Old, Black Neutered Male

Reason Available: Shelter Drop - Owner Moved

Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

*****URGENT*****

BOOM! You just hit a home run with Boomer! Boomer is a Dalmatian Wannabe who is looking for his furever home. Boomer is a muscular, sweet, friendly, and VERY energetic 2-year-old (approximate) neutered male who really wants to please. After a rough start to his life, and nearly losing it in a Colorado Shelter, he has made a dramatic turn-around with his foster family, living with two other dogs, a cat, two kids, and a couple of birds. He spent a week with a trainer and did extremely well in a pack situation. He loves running outside with his doggy brother but settles down inside to watch TV and snooze. He'll sleep on your bed, if you let him. Boomer has had some basic obedience training but would benefit greatly from some additional training with a trainer who uses positive reinforcement exclusively. This will also increase the bond between you and this amazing dog! He also walks well on a leash and is easy to manage outside the confines of his yard. Boomer is strong and muscular and might be too much for young children. He is looking for an active household (walking, running, hiking, etc.) who will integrate him into all the fun activities. A doggy companion who is also very active would be ideal as he does not want to be an only dog. Boomer is being fostered in Colorado Springs. For more information, contact Jeannine at jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$250.



Jazzy

6 Years Old, Black Spayed Female

Reason Available: Owner Surrender

Foster Home: Houston, TX

Check out Jazzy's video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YbPDeSiNCs&feature=share>.

Meet Princess Jazzy, a beauty in her own right and in her own mind...and everyone that meets her! This pretty lady was mishandled before she came to us, but her puppy like spirit is now shining very brightly. It's especially endearing when she does her vertical jumping from a standstill to see her food being prepared on the counter. When once she was scared of all humans, now she can be out in public without being intimidated. Indeed, she has attended outdoor festivals and has gone into dog friendly restaurants. She is good with other dogs and is crate and house trained. Her only real "problem" is that she can be insistent on receiving affection from her human. Currently in a foster home in Houston, Jazzy is hoping for an experienced dog owner with a gentle hand willing to help her continue her growth. Weekly transports can bring her from Houston to CO too! For more information, contact Charles at charless787@yahoo.com. Adoption \$300.



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CoCo (aka Aurora)

This beautiful girl was once called Aurora but now is CoCo Channel. She is a blessing to us! She is building up her endurance to run and her muscles seem to be getting stronger, her open wounds are almost healed, she is ALMOST house trained, she lifts up her top lip to smile when you sweet talk her, she clicks her teeth together if she's excited or if she gets scolded and she's not afraid to use her bark when someone comes through the door. Contrary to previous info, so far, she's been very good with children. She knows our routine and is getting more comfortable every day.

Thank you for all of your endless hard work,

- Anna
Alabama



Dean



Dean has made such a wonderful impact to my life!! I am a Disabled Veteran and have several medical issues, and with Dean coming into my life, I have been feeling a whole lot better with my health. As we walk and play outdoors, my body and mind have changed enormously, and I cannot wait for Spring and Summer come! Dean keeps me laughing and has me experiencing feelings I haven't had in such a long time. I invested in a little folding bicycle, so that I can keep up with him this summer, on the bicycle trails.

Here are a few pictures of us right now, and when I acquire more over the Summer, maybe I can add them to our Happy Beginnings, as an addendum.

Sincerely, Laureen and Dean Mitchell

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.

These stories are the "pay" that fosters get for all their hard work!

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