



Happy New Year!!

A Special Note From The Treasurer

By Jeannine Holt

Happy New Year and Thank You!

With your love and support, as of the end of November 2019, Dalmatian Rescue has taken in more than 90 homeless Dalmatians and Wannabes, and, as of the end of September 2019, we have found "forever" homes for more than 75 "spots." That's a huge number of four-legged critters who have come in off the streets and out of shelters into loving homes throughout the country! We look forward to reporting the final numbers to you in January.

We are also very grateful for your financial support in 2019. We have overcome many challenges as more and more of our intakes have had severe and on-going medical issues—broken legs, missing feet and toes, significant stone forming, and cancers, among others. Without your assistance, many of these dogs would not have survived. You are our and their heroes! You give us the encouragement and strength to continue rescuing our precious charges! Thank you!

Best wishes from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado for a prosperous and happy New Year.

Winter Weather Pet Tips

By Justine A. Lee, DVM, DACVECC

As [winter](#) approaches, we want to make sure our four-legged friends are safe from the elements. After all, people can bundle up, but our pets can't add extra layers on a whim. As I'm based out of Minnesota (where it's winter 6 months out of the year), I know how severe cold injuries can be to pets. Here are some cold weather tips that I hope you will utilize to protect [dogs](#) and [cats](#) this winter:

1. Bundle up your dog

If your dog doesn't have a thick, plush [hair](#) coat consider a winter jacket when temperatures drop below 20°F. Make sure the jacket is snug and that your male dog doesn't [urinate](#) on the bottom belly strap (which can then worsen [frostbite or cold injury](#)).

2. Watch where you salt

While ice salt is only mildly [poisonous](#) to dogs, it can cause irritation to the [skin](#), paws, and gastrointestinal tract when directly ingested. Make sure to use pet-friendly ice melts (which don't contain salt). More importantly, since you don't know what your neighbors have put down, make sure to use a damp cloth to wipe off your pet's paws after coming into the house.

3. Check under the hood

[There are a myriad of reasons why it's advisable to keep your cat indoors at all times](#). Still, even if you know your cat is in the house, make sure to bang on your car hood before starting the car (this is particularly important if you see paw prints on your hood). Stray cats often hide under a vehicle's hood when it's warm and can develop severe fan belt injuries (including broken jaw bones, severe lacerations, etc.) when the car is started.

4. Avoid space heaters

Avoid the use of space heaters, and other sources of external heat, due to the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning, accidental fire, or thermal injury to your pet.

5. Keep an eye out for frostbite

20 minute walks outside are unlikely to result in a problem, but if you take your dog [skijoring](#) (skiing behind your dog) or running for prolonged hours at a time when it's less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or with a significant wind chill, ice crystals can develop in peripheral tissues (like the [ears](#), prepuce, vulva, tail tip, and toes). Keep a careful eye out for the following signs:

- Redness
- Coolness to touch
- [Swelling](#)
- Eventual sloughing of the tissue

If you do notice any signs of frost-nip (the stage immediately before frostbite) or frostbite, make sure to bring your pet into a sheltered, warm area immediately. Most importantly, avoid touching or actively heating the area aggressively; rather, slow re-warming of the tissue with lukewarm water is best. This will prevent further injury with rapid thawing of the ice crystals in the tissue. Do not rewarm the area until it can be kept warm. Warming and then re-exposing the frostbitten area to cold air can cause worse damage. If no water is nearby, breathe on the area through cupped hands and hold it next to your body. Seek immediate attention from your [veterinarian](#) to make sure pain [medication](#), salves, or antibiotics aren't necessary. Keep in mind that once tissue has undergone frostbite, that tissue is more susceptible in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.



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10 Ways to Entertain Your Pet When You're Not Home

A problem facing many working pet parents is what to do with your animals when you're not home. How do you keep them entertained? After all, pet boredom and separation anxiety can manifest in negative behaviors like scratching, barking, chewing and digging. Here are 10 ways you can keep your pet busy when you're away from the house.

Television

Simply turning on the television might be all it takes to keep your pet from getting bored when you're not around to play with them. Some cats love watching bird documentaries. Some dogs love watching a good film about other pooches. We even know one little dog who loves watching the Home Shopping Network!

Hyperfetch Ultimate Throwing Toy

Fetch is the perfect game for dogs because it's fun and stimulates their bodies and brains. The exercise keeps their bones and muscles strong and burns excess calories. But fetch requires you to throw the ball, right? Wrong. The Hyperfetch Ultimate Throwing Toy plays fetch with your dog for you!

Laser Cat toy

There are also automatic cat toys on the market to keep your kitty entertained while you're at work or running errands. The CA&T Diamond Laser Cat Toy casts 360-degree laser beam patterns all around the room that your cat can chase. You can even set the device to "Slow" "Fast" or "Random" so your pet is always challenged and never gets bored.

Tether Tug

Tug-of-war is another classic dog game for a reason and pooches love the Tether Tug. This ingenious device plays tug-of-war with your dog for you — and all without batteries! We love the Tether Tug because it's a great toy for outdoor dogs, although there are indoor Tether Tugs too. They even come in different sizes so you can find the right sized one for your pooch. You can also choose from various toy attachments like balls and ropes.

Furbo

Sometimes the trick to keeping your pets busy when you're not home is making it seem like you never left home in the first place. All that is possible with Furbo. This gadget lets you see your pets, talk to them and even toss them treats. Furbo even lets you know if your dog is barking so you can check on them and see if anything is wrong.

Kong

Most dogs are natural-born chewers and love a good treat. Kongs combine treats with chew toys and are some of the toughest toys on the market. They come in a variety of sizes and chew strengths so you can find the perfect one for your pooch. We recommend stuffing them with kibble, cheese or peanut butter.

Second Pet

Adopting a second animal is a big responsibility. It doubles your workload petcare-wise but it can also make your life easier in some ways. In fact, some pet owners find that adopting a second pet helps ease the boredom and anxiety experienced by the first animal when their owner isn't home.

Treat Puzzle

Treat puzzles are great for stimulating your pet's mind and keeping their brain sharp when you're not home. They're also fun because your pet loves the treat reward. Look for puzzles that suit your dog's skill level. The smarter the pooch, the trickier the puzzle!

New Toys

Sometimes you just need a bunch of new toys to keep your dog or cat occupied. Buy your pet a variety of new toys to keep their mind curious. For dogs, try rope toys, squeakers and plushies. Cats might have fun with mouse toys, feathers and catnip.

Cat Hammock

Even the most timid indoor cat might still enjoy gazing outside. However, not all of us have window sills that are big enough to accommodate larger felines. This cat hammock wall mount will let your kitty stare at birds and passersby.

How do you entertain your pet when you're not home?

Frustrated On Leash?

By Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA

Does your dog go bananas on leash when he sees another dog and really wants to meet or play? Here are some exercises that will help you both calm down!

You've probably seen them. Maybe you even have one – a dog who happily plays with his canine pals in the dog park, but the instant he's on leash and sees another dog he turns into a barking, lunging, lunatic hound-from-hell. What on earth is it that turns a canine social butterfly into Cujo, with a human hanging onto the other end of the leash for dear life?

Oh, wait. That's it. The leash. He's leash-reactive. But why?

REACTIVITY

Reactive behavior is defined as an abnormal level of arousal in response to a normal stimulus. In other words, the dog overreacts strongly to something that most dogs can handle calmly, offering behavior described as barking (sometimes screaming), lunging, snapping, and sometimes biting. It can refer to dogs who overreact to visitors at the door, people passing by the car window, trucks, skateboards, and a variety of other stimuli in addition to other dogs. Reactivity often involves aggressive behavior, but not always. The three types of dog-to-dog leash reactivity we commonly see are:

- **Offensive Aggression Reactivity.** The dog who truly wants to go attack other dogs because he really doesn't like them and wants to get them.
- **Defensive Aggression Reactivity.** The fearful dog whose display is meant to keep scary dogs away.
- **Frustration Reactivity.** The dog who loves to engage with other dogs and is immensely frustrated when not allowed to do so. It is the third type, frustration reactivity, that we will discuss here.

DOG-TO-DOG LEASH FRUSTRATION REACTIVITY

Frustration reactivity can be the hardest of the three for a dog's caretakers to understand. It's easy to grasp that some dogs just don't like other dogs, or are afraid of them, and the resulting displays make sense.

But when your dog clearly loves other dogs, it seems counterproductive for him to put on a show of behaviors that are usually quite off-putting to humans and other dogs alike. Why is he doing something that is likely to make other dogs want to avoid him, rather than approach? Because he can't help it!

This behavior is most often seen in dogs who have a history of being able to approach other dogs whenever they want, on-leash or off. It may be the dog who simply has never been on-leash around other dogs – he grew up in an environment where dogs were off-leash and mingling all the time. This might have been a shelter, hoarder, or rescue situation where dogs were communally housed, or a rural community where dogs were allowed to regularly run loose. It might even be a dog imported from a street-dog colony in another country.

Alternatively, it might be a dog whose human routinely encourages him to "Go say hi!" to other dogs when walking on leash, even allowing the dog to drag her up to other dogs for greetings, often to the dismay of the owner of the dog being greeted.

In any case, this reactive dog is frustrated when he is thwarted from his desired goal of greeting the other dog, and his frustration results in an emotional display that can be quite impressive. This is often described as "low tolerance for frustration" or "lack of impulse control," and the leash-reactive dog may well demonstrate these behaviors (perhaps to a lesser degree) in other frustration-causing situations as well.

Where the solution for a defensively or offensively aggressive-reactive dog is usually to move farther away or out of sight, this often only upsets our frustrated greeter even more, increasing the intensity of his emotional display as he sees the object of his desire disappearing from view. So, what to do?

POSSIBLE TO PREVENT

Prevention is always better than modification; that's why I have a "no on-leash greeting" policy at my Peaceable Paws training center as well as for my own dogs. To interact with other dogs, we go to a safely enclosed space where my dogs can socialize without the constraints of leashes, where we are not creating expectations of on-leash greetings.

If it's too late for prevention, you have a variety of training and behavior modification options.

CLASSICAL CONDITIONING

Classical conditioning involves creating associations that result in emotional and physical responses. When Pavlov's dogs salivated at the sound of the bell, it was because their brains had made an association between the sound of the bell and the arrival of the food. Their behavior wasn't deliberate and it wasn't under their control – they simply responded because their brains had come to

realize that the sound of the bell reliably predicted the arrival of food.

The aggressive-reactive dog has a negative association with the presence of other dogs, and reacts accordingly – with aggression. The frustrated-reactive dog has a positive association with the presence of other dogs and reacts accordingly, with excitement. Counter-conditioning changes an already existing association. In most cases, we are working to change a negative association to a positive one. In the case of a frustrated greeter, we are working to change an out-of-control positive association to a less exuberant but still positive association. Our goal is to have a dog who is happy to see other dogs but can still be calm and controlled about his happiness. This is a relatively simple procedure, and I have had a lot of success using it with frustrated greeters.

The easiest way to give most dogs a new association is with very high-value, really yummy treats. I like to use chicken – frozen strips, canned, baked or boiled, since most dogs love chicken and it's a low-fat, low-calorie food. Here's how the process works:

1 Determine the distance at which your dog can be in the presence of, alert and aware of another dog, but reasonably calm. This is called the threshold distance.

2 While holding your dog on leash, have a helper present a calm, leashed, neutral dog at your dog's threshold distance. Or, alternatively, position yourself and your dog so that a leashed dog appear at threshold distance. The instant your dog sees the other dog, start feeding bits of chicken to your dog. Pause, let him look again, feed again. Repeat as long as the other dog is present.

3 Continue pausing and feeding until the other dog is out of sight. (Or, after several seconds, have your helper remove the other dog and stop feeding your dog.)

4 Keep repeating steps 1-3 until the presentation or appearance of a dog at that initial threshold distance consistently causes your dog to look at you with a happy smile and a "Yay! Where's my chicken?" expression. This is a conditioned emotional response (CER) – your dog's association with the dog at threshold distance is now about chicken instead of excitement and arousal.

5 Now, increase the intensity of the stimulus (the other dog) by decreasing the distance between the other dog and your dog. In small increments, move your dog closer to the location where the other dog(s) will appear, achieving your dog's goal CER at each new distance, until your dog is happy to be very near to the other dog. Note: It may take a number of trials over a number of days or longer to achieve this!

6 Then return to your dog's original threshold distance, and work on increasing the intensity of the other-dog stimulus. You can do this by having your helper encourage her dog to be more active (perhaps by jogging by, or playing fetch or tug), or by increasing the number/frequency of dogs appearing. Gradually decrease distance and attain your goal CERs along the way, until your dog is delighted to have the more active/increased number of dogs in close proximity while remaining calm.

Caution: Because your dog wants to greet the other dog(s), she may become more aroused when the other dog(s) goes farther away or out of sight. If this happens, have your helper keep the neutral dog in view. Alternatively, engage your dog in other activities that she loves (such as targeting, playing tug, or catching a ball) to take her mind off the missing dog when the other dog is out of sight.

BEHAVIORS THAT CAN MODIFY REACTIVITY

You can also use operant conditioning – teaching deliberate behaviors – to modify reactivity using a procedure known as Reverse

CAT (Constructional Aggression Treatment).

The CAT procedure uses negative reinforcement (wherein the dog's behavior makes an unpleasant thing go away). Say the dog is stressed and unhappy about seeing other dogs. The handler sets up a situation that exposes the subject dog to another dog – and moves the other dog away from the subject dog in response to any increase in the subject's calm or relaxed behavior. The subject dog learns that behaving in a calm and relaxed manner will keep other dogs away. Once he is calm and relaxed, he no longer feels the need to keep other dogs away, and no longer displays aggressive behavior. (For more about this, see "Build Better Behavior," WDJ May 2008.)

In contrast, a frustrated canine greeter is reinforced by any opportunity to move closer to another dog. So the Reverse CAT procedure uses positive reinforcement (wherein the dog's calm behavior makes a good thing happen); when he's calm, he gets to move closer to the other dog. The procedure also uses negative punishment (wherein the behavior we don't want – his aroused behavior – moves him farther away from the dog).

Note: Don't worry about the technical terms; they are confusing to even some very experienced trainers! I've included them for the sake of those who want to understand what behavioral constructs are at work here.

Start at your dog's threshold distance (close enough to the other dog for him to notice, but not so close that he begins any frantic or excited behavior). Start walking toward the other dog. As long as your dog is calm, keep moving forward. As soon as he starts becoming aroused or excited about getting to greet the other dog, turn and walk away to whatever distance it takes until he is calm. As you repeat this multiple times, he will hopefully come to realize that the only way to get close to the other dog is to remain calm. If your dog remains calm all the way up to the other dog, go on a nice, calm, parallel walk with the other dog. Sometimes (not every time!) at some point in the walk, find a safe, enclosed area where you can drop leashes and let the dogs play with a "Go play!" cue. (You don't want to drop leashes and play immediately when your dog calmly walks up to the other dog, as this will again reinforce

your dog's belief that he gets to play with every dog he walks up to.)

This is not a simple procedure and is best implemented under the guidance of a behavior professional who is experienced with the protocol. When it works, it can happen amazingly quickly for a frustrated greeter. But for some dogs, the frustration of constantly being walked away is just too great, and they may only become more frustrated. In this case, the other protocols described here would be better.

BEHAVIORS THAT HELP WITH MANAGEMENT

If your dog is a frustrated greeter, you know that management is key to a low-stress existence. Often, management just means keeping your dog far away from other dogs. But there are times when some operant (trained) behaviors can help you through unexpected or unavoidable encounters. Here are two such useful behaviors:

- Find it! This is the easiest behavior you will ever teach your dog. Just drop a high-value treat between your feet and cheerfully say, "Find it!" If necessary, point to show your dog where the treat landed. Repeat many times, until when you say "Find it!" your dog runs to your feet to look for the treat. Your dog will have a very positive classical association with the "Find it!" cue, so it will put his brain in a happy place when he hears it.

Note: Always drop the treat at your feet, so when he hears the cue, he will orient to your feet, taking his attention away from the other dog.

- Walk away! This is an emergency escape cue that you will associate with a fun game: "Do a 180-degree turn and run the other way with me!" This protocol also installs a positive association with the cue, puts your dog's brain in a happy place, and gives him something fun to do instead of reacting to the other dog.

BEHAVIORS THAT TEACH FRUSTRATION TOLERANCE

These are things you can practice with your dog to help him learn to better tolerate frustration. Teach them in the absence of other dogs so that eventually they will contribute to your dog's ability to remain calm in the presence of other dogs.

- Wait. This is easiest to teach with a food bowl. Have your dog sit. Hold up your dog's food bowl, say "Wait," lower it a few inches, give a click or other marker, raise it back up, and feed a treat from the bowl. Gradually lower a little farther each time until you can set it on the floor without him getting up. You can also use it at doors and any other time you want your dog to pause and wait. (See "Wait and Stay" WDJ May 2018.)
- Leave it. Say "Leave it!" in a cheerful voice and place a durable high-value treat under your shoe. Wait for your dog to stop trying to get it; do not use corrections, and do not repeat the cue! When your dog backs away from the treat, click (or use some other marker), and feed him a different treat.

Continue to use a high rate of reinforcement (click and treat a lot!) as he continues to leave the treat under your alone. Eventually, uncover the treat, with your foot ready to cover it again if your dog dives for it. Do not correct or re-cue! Continue to click and treat until you can eventually leave the treat uncovered without him trying to get it. (See "Leaving for Good," WDJ June 2018.)

- Sit. Yes, even a simple "Sit" can be an impulse-control exercise. We teach "Sit" as a default behavior – the thing a dog does when he doesn't know what else to do. It becomes a default behavior because he has been so highly reinforced for it that it is his automatic behavior choice. If, in addition to using a very high rate of reinforcement for offered sits (as well as ones you have cued), you also increase duration of the sit (gradually waiting longer and longer after he sits before you mark and treat), your simple "Sit" becomes a very valuable impulse control behavior.

GET HELP IF STRUGGLING

Even though your dog's frustrated greeting reactivity comes from a happy place, it's still not easy to live with and not always easy to modify. If you're struggling, don't despair. There are ever-more qualified force-free training professionals out there waiting to help you. Find one!





Trainer Tips

“Address your dog’s real behavior problem not the symptom”

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I often have clients contact me after their attempts to resolve a behavior problem on their own have been unsuccessful. What I often find is that people are attempting to address the symptom (which itself is a problem for them) without addressing the underlying problem. Let me explain with an example.

I recently met with a new client for a behavior consultation. One of the issues they are having is their nearly two year old dog spends a great deal of time watching out the windows for people and dogs passing by on the sidewalk. Once he spots someone he barks and will race from window to window to follow them. If he has the opportunity to go in the backyard, he will race back and forth along the fence line barking at them.

For my clients, the problem is their dog barking at everyone who passes by. As we discussed the other issues they want to address, the dog's training thus far and his daily routine, I discussed with them that the “problem” they were seeing was merely a symptom of the real problem.

In this case, the real problem was the dog's lack of exercise and outlets for his energy level. This is a fairly high energy breed and a young dog. After examining his daily routine, I realized that this dog was not getting enough physical and mental stimulation. His watching out the window and barking at passersby is really a symptom of not having enough appropriate outlets for his energy. This dog is BORED!

Now, from the client's perspective, I understand that barking out the window and racing along the fence line outside is a problem.

And I most certainly can help them address that issue. However, the problem with addressing the symptom and not addressing the underlying problem is that a new issue will replace the current issue. This is why so many people continue to have problems with their dogs. They address a symptom but not the underlying issue. If we stop the dog from barking out the window, but he is still bored, what will happen?

If the real issue is not addressed, the dog will simply find another outlet. He might stop barking out the window, but the boredom will express itself in a new way. Barking out the window might be annoying, but at least it's not destructive. What if the dog now decides to express his boredom by chewing up the couch cushions, stealing laundry, surfing the counters, or digging in the trash? We solved the barking problem but now we have a new problem.

Many people will see this as an entirely new problem and think their dog is doing these things to spite them. That's simply not true. Our dogs are not out to get us, take over the house, or make our lives miserable. They are simply being dogs. It's our responsibility to ensure we are meeting their needs and providing appropriate outlets for them.

The next time you are addressing a behavior issue with your dog, consider whether or not you are addressing the real problem or only a symptom of it.

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

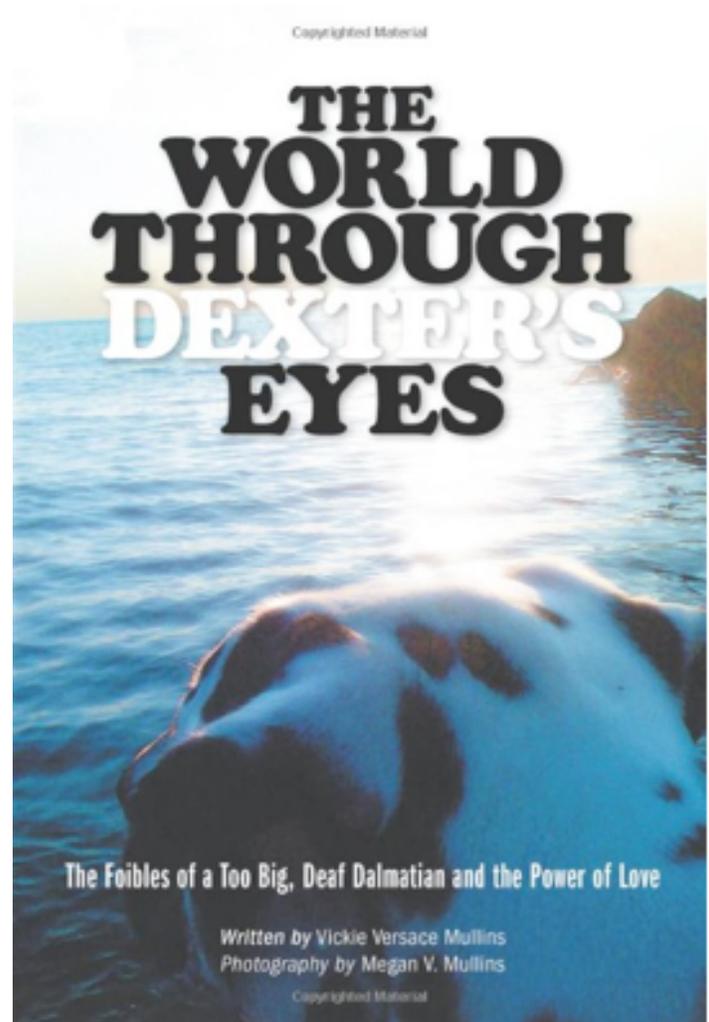
Dexter comes into the world with many problems, and he turns his family’s life upside down. Outside and lonely, he pulls the siding off the house, destroys the back door, chews up the cable wires and wood patio furniture. Inside, he does more of the same. He appears to not be trainable, so out of frustration,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

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

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

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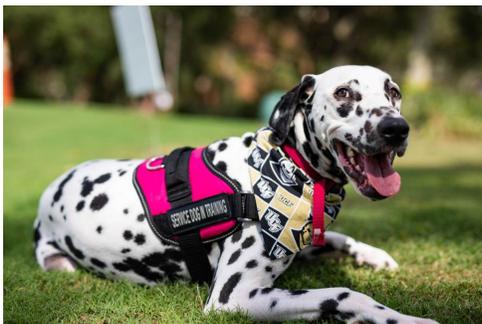
PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the 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 karl@dalmatianrescueco.org for inclusion in the next issue.

Sadly, There are no reader recommendations or tips this time around. If you have any that you think might be helpful or informative for our readers, please send them in and see your recommendations and tips in our next issue!



In The Doghouse...Our Featured Dalmatians

Mikko

2 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Shelter Drop - Owner Moved
Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

Mikko purchased as a young puppy to be a stud dog and make puppies. Then the owner discovered that Mikko was deaf, so that, fortunately, ended that career. Since he was being crated 8-12 hours a day and was not useful, Mikko came to DRC. Now in Greeley, he is happily playing with other dogs, asking the cats to play with him and not spending much time in the crate. Mikko is house trained and uses the dog door. He is timid in new situations, but that often comes with the age and he is currently (3/27/19) a year and a half old. Mikko has learned to respond to some hand signals and has been to training with Lorraine May Springer. He is very food motivated, affectionate and loves his toys. He has MASTERED fetch and return and loves to do it! While Mikko has made great progress, he would do best with an adopter that has experience with deaf and fearful dogs. For more information, contact Barb at Barbara.Flores@colostate.edu. Adoption \$250.



Bristol

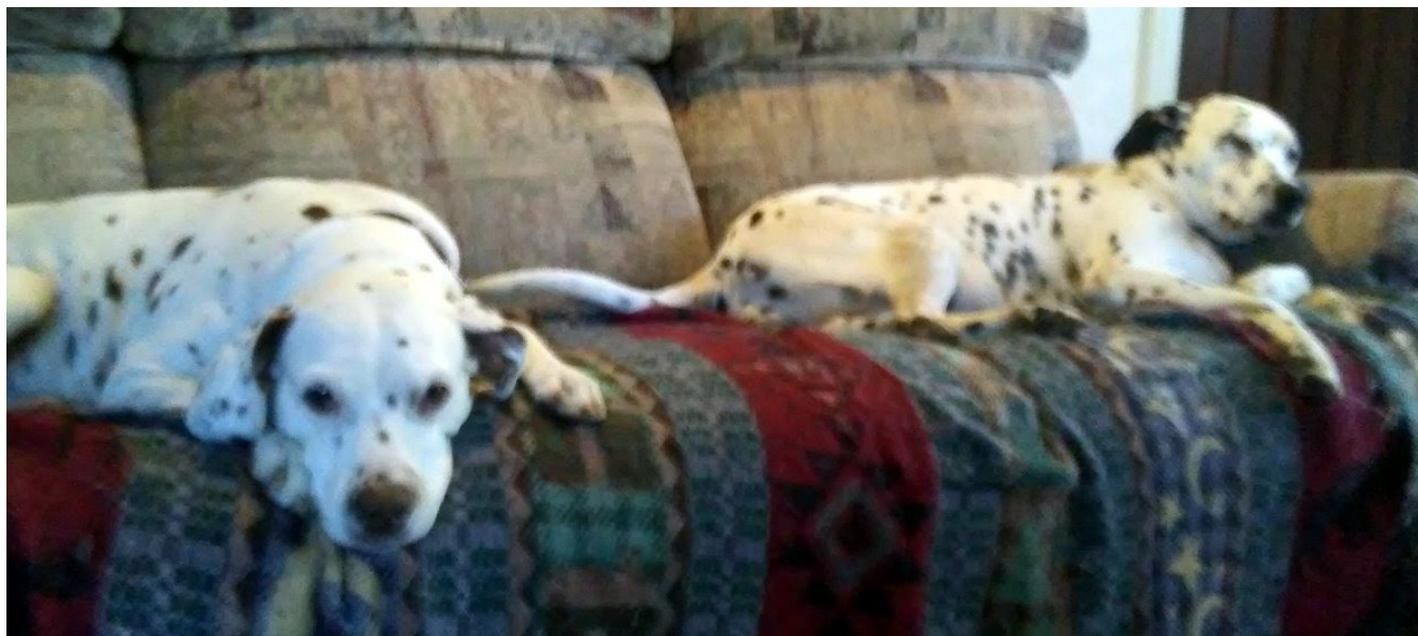
6 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Houston, TX

Bristol Babe is in northeastern IN, waiting for that super duper home that she knows she deserves! Well, when you are as nice a dog as Bristol then you do deserve the best. Bristol is a bundle of curiosity and affection and she is an adorable 40# Dalmatian Wannabe. Bristol loves it when her belly is rubbed, lying quietly with her legs straight in the air. How cute!! She is generally fine with the foster dogs, but she does prefer the boy dogs. Probably best with only male dogs, altho she can be okay with quiet female dogs. On walks she does love to meet new dogs coming along. The neighborhood girls (8-11 yrs) are her favorite young people and they love her too. Her fun time is going to the woods to run. She does have a naturally high prey drive when it comes to wildlife critters but with cats she is unknown. Bristol walks well on the leash and our queen prefers fluffy beds but all she really wants is to be with "mom". Bristol is a very smart girl with PERFECT house manners. She is not a dog toy fanatic and she does not chew what she shouldn't, but she does love tennis balls and will fetch them! Our girl is vocal about things outside, as nothing gets by her guarding instinct. One hind leg seems to have been broken once and maybe healed improperly so does cause her some discomfort but does not slow her down!, We are getting her leg evaluated. Bristol sits for meals or whatever she might want. Good girl! For more information, contact Chris at dalpal@rocketmail.com. Adoption \$300.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Ivy and Juliette



Ivy is a five-year-old, black-spotted Dalmatian we adopted from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado on May 3rd, 2019 – her new birthday. She became a Louisiana puppy mill reject because she was getting older and had developed a tumor on her leg that was going to cost them money to remove so they dumped her at a kill shelter. Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado saved her, removed the tumor and spayed her. She has probably had more puppies than any dog should, but I am sure they were beautiful and sweet and calm like she is. So, much thanks to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado who love these wonderful dogs and help them get to a forever home. Ivy's long journey to us started at that nasty kill shelter. From there she went to Texas, then to a foster home in Colorado Springs, CO. Then she had a nice plane ride to get to our home in California. She always seems to know the right thing to do, and we can take her anywhere. She is full of joy, and her tail wags constantly, especially when she hears us. She is a sweet, loving and happy dog. It is impossible to pass by without petting her. She is very good at snuggling and loves to just be with us. She is such a wonderful addition to our family. We are so fortunate to have her.

A few months after she became a part of our family, our older dal died. Ivy was lonely, so we turned to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado again. This time we were lucky enough to get Juliette, a small liver spotted Dalmatian who started her long journey in South Texas, by way of Colorado Springs, CO, all the way to California, at her new forever home. Juliette had been in a home in Texas where she was outside all the time and neglected. When the family moved, it was too much of a bother to take her, so they took her to a kill shelter and she was in sad condition, especially her skin. Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado took her in and loved her and brought her back to health. At 8 or 9 years of age, she is older than we had planned to adopt, but her big brown eyes drew me to her. As I told my husband, I want someone to want me when I am old.

We rescued her on September 23rd, 2019 – her new birthday. She is about eight-years-old and as sweet as they come. She will get on the couch next to me and lean her head on my shoulder. Juliette loves to crawl under the covers when it is bedtime and curl up there for the rest of the night. She still gets a little nervous when we leave, but with time, I am sure that will ease. She is a lovely girl, and we love her very much.

These two have become fast friends and are wonderful members of our family. We are so grateful for the wonderful efforts Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado makes on behalf of these dogs to find them forever homes. Our lives have been enriched because of them.

Honestly, I have had dogs my whole life, and these are two of the sweetest, calmest ones I have ever had. They make me never want to go anywhere so I won't miss a day with them.

Sincerely,
Sharon G.
Los Gatos, CA

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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