

How to Remove Pet Odor and Stains

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Pet ownership is filled with joys, but it's also filled with plenty of smells. Having a dog or cat can mean pee and poop on the carpet, muddy paw prints on your sofa and a variety of other stains and odors. Unfortunately, removing these unsightly messes can be tricky too. And in the case of bathroom accidents, not removing them properly can mean these messes will happen again. Here's how to remove pet odor and stains!

Carpet and Upholstery

If the stain is new and still wet, soak up as much urine possible. Do this by placing a thick layer of paper towels on the mess and then put a hefty layer of newspaper on top of the paper towels. If you can, also put newspaper under the mess too. Then stand on the top layer of newspaper for approximately one minute and repeat this step until the wet spot is hardly damp. Put the urine-soaked paper towels and newspapers where your pet is supposed to normally go to the bathroom. This will encourage them to urinate in the proper place. Lastly, rinse the soiled mess with cool clean water and blot dry.

Stains that have already set will require a different course of action. Use a carpet cleaner and high-quality pet odor neutralizer. Get a carpet stain remover if the area still looks dirty after you've completely extracted, neutralized and dried the mess. Don't use a steam cleaner to remove urine odors from fabric or carpet. The heat from the steam will permanently set the stain and smell by fusing the protein into the man-made fabric. Also avoid using ammonia or vinegar as these products may encourage your pet to pee in the same area again.

Machine-Washable Articles

Thank goodness for washing machines! If your pet has soiled something that you can just throw in the washing machine, first add a one-pound package of baking soda to your detergent. Then wash the dirty item as you would normally and air-dry it if you can. Afterward, check to see if you can still see or smell the stain. If it's still not completely clean, wash the article again with an enzymatic cleaner. Enzymes break down the odor and stain.

If the soiled item is bed sheets or blankets, cover your bed with a flannel-backed vinyl tablecloth. This will protect your mattress while you trail your pet not to leave accidents. The tablecloth is cheap, washable and will help prevent your animal from repeating any accidents.

Hardwood and Paint

Sometimes wood, varnish or paint reacts to acid in urine. In cases like these, you might need to replace the varnish or paint entirely. If you choose this route, make sure you choose a new paint or varnish that is pet-safe. If you have washable paint or wallpaper, try simply using an enzymatic cleaner.

Tile

If the mess consists of poop or pee, only use an enzymatic cleaner. However, if the mess is simply drool or muddy paw prints, feel free to use a steam mop or vinegar. While these products set urine and poop stains and encourage further messes, they are fine to use on drool and mud.

National Dog Day - Aug 26, 2020



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NATIONAL DOG DAY

National Dog Day on August 26th encourages dog ownership of all breeds. While seeking a new companion, be sure to consider the mutts, mixes, purebreds, and everything in between.

Whether mixed or purebred, embrace the opportunity for all dogs to live a happy, safe, and abuse-free life. They all give us companionship. Additionally, they keep us safe, and they aid those in need. Dogs play. Well, they play many roles in our lives, too! They keep us healthy, both physically and mentally.

While many days aim to find loving homes for dogs, this day expands that consideration to look beyond the breed. Look into the heart of the animal. The purpose of the National Dog Day Foundation is to rescue 10,000 dogs each year.

Purebreds are animals whose parents were both of the same breed. While the American Kennel Club (AKC) recognizes official breeds, not all dogs with parents from the same breed are considered official by the AKC. One benefit of purebred animals is that characteristics such as behavior and size are predictable.

With mixed breed animals, the genetics becomes uncertain, and some of the predictability is lost. However, when it comes to choosing a dog to add to your family or for training one to join a team, both purebred and mixed breeds may still fit the bill. Both types of dogs, young and old, find their way to shelters.

Many popular breeds fill shelters due to recent films or television shows. Families buy an animal imagining they will make the perfect pet but are unprepared for the training, care, and other responsibilities that come with canine care. Regardless of their genetics, all dogs require care and training. If there's a particular breed that has captured your heart, check the shelters. You might be surprised to find either a purebred or one that is a mix of the kind you're fond of.

When dogs find a forever home, their companionship creates lifelong benefits. They bring with them joy, loyalty, and devotion. Eventually, no matter the breed, these pets become family.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalDogDay

Listen to Dog Walking by The Knits from their album Pixel Parks.

When considering adoption, adopt, don't shop. If you have your heart set on a purebred companion, consider visiting a website like bestfriends.org or petfinder.com to find one at a shelter. Learn how organizations like these are changing the way we adopt. As you search for your new family member, get prepared. Keep in mind the needs of a small versus large dog. Until you find your forever companion, consider volunteering at your shelter or becoming a foster parent.

Use #NationalDogDay and post photos of your dog on social media. Take your dog for a walk. If you do not have a dog, ask to take your neighbor's dog for a stroll, or volunteer at a shelter. Be sure to stock up on plenty of Dog Treats as well.

NATIONAL DOG DAY HISTORY

Colleen Paige, pet lifestyle expert, founded National Dog Day in 2004.

5 Health Tips For Your Pet

From Michelson Found Animals <https://www.foundanimals.org/5-health-tips-pet/>

1. Keep Up With Grooming

Just as humans require good grooming habits, so do our pets. While monthly baths are important, people often neglect the other dirty details that contribute to your pet's overall health.

- **Brushing (every couple days):** Stimulates the skin and allows natural oils to circulate. It also lessens chances of matting, irritation, or hairballs. Brushing removes excess fur from the coat, reducing the amount you find on your clothes and furniture.
- **Nail Trimming (2-4 weeks):** Overgrown nails are more likely to snag, break, or crack which could lead to greater discomfort or injury.
- **Haircuts (varies):** Some breeds require regular hair clipping or shaving. This helps to avoid matting and depending on your local weather, can avoid overheating in the summer.
- **Ear Cleaning (1x a week):** Keeping the inside surfaces of your dog's ears clean will not only feel good to your dog, but is good way to help prevent wax build up and ear infections (cue funky odor).

2. Maintain Oral Hygiene (brushing 2x/week)

Fun fact: Dental disease is one of the most common preventable illnesses in dogs and cats! Daily tooth brushing is the most effective way to minimize: tartar, cavities, inflammation and receding gums. It can also help avoid bigger issues like periodontal and heart disease, as well as more invasive procedures (i.e. tooth extractions, ouch!) Some of the more common signs of poor dental health include loose teeth, foul breath, pain, and trouble eating. If your dog/cat is not a big fan of the brushing, try dental chews, treats, rinses and wipes. As animals enter their older years, you'll want to avoid anesthesia as it becomes increasingly risky, so better dental health now will save you time, money, and peace of mind later on!

3. Reassess My Pet's Diet

Sure a little table scrap here and there may seem harmless but feeding your pets random bits from your plate can cause more than just an incessantly begging companion. Inconsistent diets can cause diarrhea, and the added calories could lead to weight gain. A poor quality diet can directly affect the immune system, eyes, skin, muscles, joints, and intestinal health. Feed your pet meals that you will feel good about. Do a little research on their current food and make sure there is a healthy balance of protein, fats, fiber, and vegetables. (Added bonus if you choose sustainable, organic, and certified humane.)

Stay Away From: grain fillers, artificial preservatives, additives, chemicals, and genetically modified foods. Your pets will notice the difference and so will you!

4. Provide an Enriched Environment

Mental stimulation is often underestimated when thinking about the health of your dog and cat. Sure they love their daily exercise routine, but what else can you be doing to engage their mind and improve the bond you two share?

For Dogs: this can mean introducing new types of toys, teaching tricks that engage their agility and memory, or allowing opportunities for socialization.

For Most Cats: sudden changes in environment can cause anxiety, so in an effort to avoid this type of stress, aim for less dramatic changes in atmosphere. This might also include new toys, scratching posts, or simply encouraging them to mimic natural feline activities like climbing to a high spot or hunting 'prey' in the form of a cat toy.

5. Start An Emergency Pet Fund

A pet emergency can happen at anytime and having that extra cushion will ensure that you never have to compromise when it comes to getting your pet the best care possible. Vets will recommend setting aside \$20 per paycheck. Especially as your pets grow older, their medical needs can be quite expensive, so start saving up now!

Luckily none of these health tips are difficult to carry out. Focus on preventative care instead of only going to the vet when there's an emergency. Your dog or cat will thank you!

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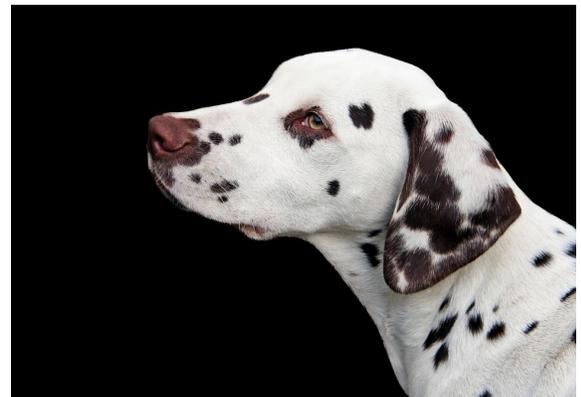
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DalmatianRescueOfCO@comcast.net

We are still running drastically behind on Happy Beginnings Stories!! We have adopted more than 40 dogs already in 2020 and only have 8 Happy Beginnings Stories posted to the website. Even those of you who adopted in previous years, if you still haven't submitted your story, it's never too late!

So I am asking everyone, if you have adopted your dog or dogs from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado and you haven't sent in your story yet...PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send it in today! We would love to be able to post your story (with pictures) and show the world how your dog is doing in his or her new 'forever' home! Please check out the stories on our website if you need any ideas on what or how to write your dog's story. You can check them out by clicking this link:

https://dalmatianrescueco.org/cgi-bin/dr_happy_beginnings.pl

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Trainer Tips

“Puppy Toys For Human-Puppy play - Go Big Or Go Home”

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When it comes to puppy toys for the purpose of human-puppy play, our philosophy is the bigger the better! Or at least, go bigger than you would think to do.

Or in some cases, go LONGER than you would first think.

My goal is to ensure I have toys large enough that I can easily deflect those razor-sharp puppy teeth to a toy and always away from my hands. If toys are too small, it is far too easy for a puppy to get your hands instead of the toy. And that is when they are actually aiming for the toy. That says nothing about when they are aiming for your hand in the first place.

In part, of course, it depends on what game you are playing.

For Fetch, then a toy that your puppy can easily carry makes sense. A ball, a frisbee, a rope toy, etc. that easily fit in your puppy's mouth and can easily carry makes sense.

For Tug, I want a really long toy so I can hold one end and my puppy can tug from the other end, no where near my hand.

For Chase, if your puppy is chasing you (or one of the kids) I want a really long toy again so you can give your pup a moving target that is NOT your ankles.

For Wrestling-type play, I prefer puppies play with other puppies who also love to wrestle and have a similar energy level as my puppy. But those are not always readily available. In that case, enter the BIG STUFFED TOY!

When Zooka was a puppy, he LOVED to wrestle and when he hit that evening stretch of the Zoomies or the Witching Hour when puppy energy was on full blown maximum level, there was no stopping the “launch at your playmate with full force” other than removing him. But we didn't want to do that unless we had to.

We wanted to give him an outlet when he did not have a visiting dog to play with. So it was us. Well, let's be honest, it was usually ME. (Though sometimes I could get Ed to take a turn.) So I needed some way to save my skin AND provide an outlet for that wild puppy energy.

Enter the giant stuffed dog toy. I could “wrestle” with Zooka by using the other dog – I was essentially controlling the stuffed dog as his “playmate” and making sure I could insert that stuffed dog whenever Zooka tried to launch at me. He learned to play well with the stuffed dog. He still loves it a year later, but does not play with it like he did then except for once in a while when he gets amped up. I have included photos. One is of Zooka (at 14 months old) with the big stuffed toys. Imagine him much much smaller with those toys. I also included a photo of the toys we use for Tug or Chase – the long toys. Again, the photo is of Zooka at 14 months, not as a puppy, so those toys were proportionately much larger to him when he was a youngster.

While the long toys are dog toys, the larger stuffed toys are mostly NOT dog toys. These are toys I have collected from other places, mostly the children's section of various stores over the years when I find them. I wish they made more of these toys for dogs, but they are few and far between.

Does your dog have the right selection of toys for playing WITH you? If not, it might be time to do a little shopping!

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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Crafty Mom Collection - Personalized Dalmatian Tumblers!

My name is Kayla Fenton and I am the owner of Crafty Mom Collection. We make custom tumblers and personalized items. My biggest seller has been my Spot On Custom Dalmatian Tumbler. The Dalmatian tumbler is a 20 oz stainless steel tumbler that is coated in a beautiful white glitter or can be left a solid white and is sealed with FDA compliant epoxy. I use a picture of the owner's Dalmatian and turn it into a vinyl decal and apply that and any wording to the cup as well as generic Dalmatian spots all around. These are very unique and special because no two cups are the exact same and it's the owner's actual dog on the cup and is "spot on". I didn't expect these to ever blow up the way they have but the love I have received from these is truly amazing. I run my business from home alongside my 4 year old and 1 year old so the fact I have created these and they are known all over the country now is just amazing to me. I will donate a portion of each sale to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. I am a dog lover so the least I can do with these creations is pay forward to a rescue. You can check out my Facebook page Crafty Mom Collection and my Instagram @craftymomcollection.



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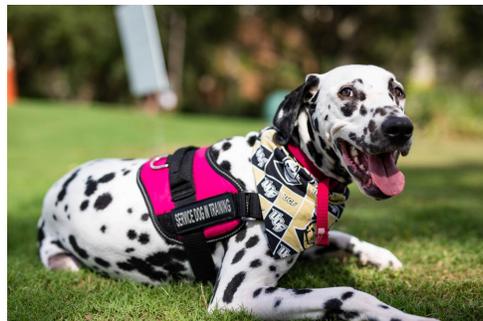
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We thank you and you know any dog you help your local rescue save will be eternally grateful! PLEASE submit a foster application if you can possibly help your local rescue and them! PLEASE take your cookie... good boy/girl!

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 "Spot" Light... Our Featured Dalmatians

Joleen

5 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: San Antonio, TX

LOCATED IN SAN ANTONIO, TX Joleen is a 5 yr old Dalmatian, excited to find her new home. Joleen loves everyone she meets and is especially affectionate giving kisses. She's a typical Dalmatian with lots of energy but also lots of love! Sometimes she wags her tail so hard it "helicopter spins"! When out on walks she often seeks out the sounds of children playing, standing sweet and gently while taking in all of the attention they give her. She walks great on the leash, not pulling and listening to instructions. Joleen is housebroken, and she's happy in her crate or sleeping on her bed or your bed! Joleen loves to play fetch and will even bring the ball back to you. She does find it great fun to be chased when she has the ball but does well playing alone and entertaining herself with toys too. Like most Dalmatians, she's a power chewer. Her favorite toys are Benebones. Princess Joleen is looking for a kingdom of her own. We don't know her history before she came to us but it has left her aggressive with other dogs. Her foster family has received guidance and worked with her for some time, but Joleen still sometimes reacts negatively. This means no dog parks or play dates with other pups. And cats are a no-no as well. Some people may find this disappointing but Joleen assures us she is very excited to have a family's love all to herself, and we think she deserves it! Joleen is located in San Antonio, TX. Contact Mary at marygduke@gmail.com or Tena at tjp@grandecom.net for more info. Adoption \$400.



Xena

2 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Lubbock, TX



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. 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. Adoption \$300.

Happy Beginnings Stories

Bigsby (aka Buddy10)



BIGSBY (AKA BUDDY10) I have been a dog walker, boarder, and foster for a number of years, providing pet services and helping lost dogs in the community find their way home. After inquiring to foster for the CO Dalmatian Rescue, I heard about Buddy10 and his rocky past – being sworn to live in a confined, outdoor pen most of the time due to his large size and aggression. I knew immediately I wanted to help train him to become a good dog and help find him a forever home where he would be endlessly adored. A kind lady had taken Buddy in after his original family had surrendered him. One day I drove from Denver to a small town in Kansas to meet her and Buddy. It was immediately clear that Buddy lacked training and was very rambunctious. Yet, when I introduced myself to him, he knew I was there for him and he began licking my face; I almost cried, as I was overwhelmed by the sadness he had been through, yet so happy his new life was going to be incredible. From that moment on, I became his and he became mine. After rigorous training during his two -month period as my foster dog, he transitioned into a great dog, full of goofiness. Also, I renamed him Bigsby – given he is just so big! Bigsby loves anything comfy, being cuddled tightly, waiting outside of Trader Joes and saying hello to everyone in line while I shop, long walks around parks, and generally just being a real dog. Oh, and sleeping, he sleeps sooo much... During our time together, we both grew extremely attached and I have now officially adopted Bigsby. I look forward to continuing to give him the life he always deserved. He makes me smile every day. Many thanks to the CO Dalmatian Rescue for bringing this “little cow dog” into my life. The years to come with Bigsby will be filled with fun and love !

Pongo (aka Pyro)

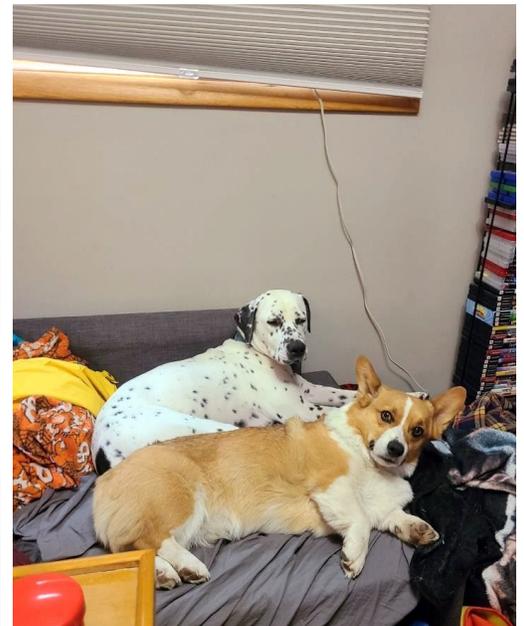


Pongo was adopted on May 2nd, 2020. I knew he was the one from the second I saw his post. After a long trip from Denver to Vegas and back (in which he was an angel), he was finally in his forever home. He quickly realized how much we loved him and has such a calm and affectionate personality. His absolute favorites things are cuddles with Mom and fetch. Him and his corgi brother (Bean) love to play fetch and tug of war together and he always looks forward to our Sunday morning hikes.

When we got Pongo, we was scared of a lot of people and things, but the longer we have him, the more he opens up. We look forward to watching him grow into the very social dog you can tell he wants to be. Thanks so much to the DRC for everything you did throughout the process!

-Felicia & Eric, Denver, CO

P.S. I love taking pictures and am obsessed with my dogs, so I am going to post a bunch.



Kai



Kai was adopted on April 11th, 2020 and has been getting more affectionate every day! Car rides sure can be stressful and the drive from Laramie to Denver was no exception, but as soon as she is out of the car, she is a cheerful ball of love! She is loving every new person she meets and is the perfect companion for any sad mood. She loves to go running and hiking along Horsetooth Reservoir, and any flavor bone you have she will devour! Getting your first pet can be stressful but she is a wonderful companion.

Thank you, Dalmatian Rescue, for helping me find this new addition to my family!

— Charlotte in Colorado

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

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

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