

## Dog Food Labels...

Mike Sagman, from The Dog Food Advisor <https://dogfoodadvisor.com>

Ever heard the expression... "Where's the beef?"

In case you haven't... These now famous words came from a legendary Wendy's TV commercial that aired back in the mid 1980s. As the commercial opens we find 3 older ladies staring down at a GIGANTIC hamburger bun. A bun containing only a teeny-tiny hamburger. And one of the ladies is angrily complaining "Where's the beef?"

Now, I know what you're thinking. What's this got to do with dog food? Unfortunately a lot more than you think. That's because many dog foods contain a LOT LESS MEAT than their packaging and advertising want you to believe. And if you're like most dog parents you probably already know that.

But... what you may NOT know is the words used to NAME every pet food are regulated by federal law. Which is why I want to warn you about a little-known FDA labeling regulation known as "The With Rule". Understanding the "With Rule" can help you avoid buying an inferior, meat-deficient dog food.

To illustrate how this rule works, take a look at the following dog food names:

- Beef Dog Food
- Dog Food with Beef

They look pretty much the same. Don't they? But trust me. They're not. They're WAY different. That's because by law a recipe that's called "Beef Dog Food" must contain at least 95% beef. But a recipe that places the word "with" in front of the main ingredient in its name like "Dog Food with Beef" is subject to a special naming regulation known as "The With Rule". A rule that allows the beef ingredient to make up just 3% of the food's total pre-cooking weight.

Bottom line... The product called "Beef Dog Food" contains a whopping 30 times more beef than the one named "Dog Food with Beef". And if that's not shocking enough, wait until you hear about "The Flavor Rule".

The Flavor Rule allows a recipe to include the words fish, lamb, chicken... or just about any other protein in its name even if there's only a trace of that ingredient in the food. And it's all completely legal. As long as the word "flavor" is included in the name of the food.

So what are the chances "Prime Rib Flavor Dog Food" actually contains ANY prime beef? Probably zero. Crazy, huh?

So, the next time you're shopping for dog food don't forget to watch out for the words "with" or "flavor" included in the name of the recipe, or in the marketing. Because they can help reveal a LOT about what's inside the package. And that way you won't be wondering Where's the beef?

Finding the Best Dog Foods

Over the years the Dog Food Advisor has rated the names and labels of over 5700 different recipes.

So why not use our detailed ratings to help you find the Best Food for Your Dog... in each of 37 dog food categories.

Mike Sagman, Editor  
The Dog Food Advisor  
Saving Good Dogs From Bad Dog Food

# Springtime Safety Tips

<https://aspca.org>

Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your furry friends.

\*If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center immediately at (888) 426-4435.

## Easter Treats and Decorations

Keep lilies and candy in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies can be fatal if ingested by cats. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration. Moreover, while live bunnies, chicks and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy them—these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!

## Screen Yourself

Many pet parents welcome the breezy days of spring by opening their windows. Unfortunately, they also unknowingly put their pets at risk—especially cats, who are apt to jump or fall through unscreened windows. Be sure to install snug and sturdy screens in all of your windows.

## Buckle Up!

While most dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets riding in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

## Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all cleaning products, even all natural ones, contain chemicals that may be harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage. Please visit our Poisonous Household Products page for more information.

## Home Improvement 101

Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

## Let Your Garden Grow—With Care

Pet parents, take care—fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients may be dangerous if your pet ingests them. Always store these products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully. Many popular springtime plants—including rhododendron and azaleas—are also highly toxic to pets and can prove fatal if eaten. Check out our full list—of toxic and non-toxic plants for your home and garden.

## Ah-Ah-Achoo!

Like us, pets can be allergic to foods, dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause itching, minor sniffing and sneezing, or life-threatening anaphylactic shock to insect bites and stings. If you suspect your pet has a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian as soon as possible.

## Pesky Little Critters

April showers bring May flowers—and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet. Please visit our Fleas and Ticks page for more information.

## Out and About

Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks and more chances for your pet to wander off! Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information.

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# Dog Days of... Spring???

April Showers do bring May Flowers and just in time for some great celebrations for the month of May. Spring is now in full bloom and the weather is much nicer so it makes it a great time to get outdoors and enjoy some activities just for you and your dog.

There are a lot of dog centered celebrations in the month of May. Let's take a look at some of them:

## Month-Long Celebrations

- National Chip Your Pet Month
- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- National Responsible Animal Guardian Month
- National Service Dog Eye Examination Month
- National Pet Month

## Week-Long Celebrations

- May 3rd - 9th National Pet Week
- May 3rd - 9th Be Kind To Animals Week
- May 4th - 10th Puppy Mill Action Week

## Daily Celebrations

- May 1st National Purebred Dog Day
- May 3rd Mayday For Mutts
- May 3rd National Specially-abled Pets Day
- May 9th National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
- May 14th National Dog Mom's Day
- May 20th National Rescue Dog Day

We'll take a closer look at a couple of these celebrations later in the newsletter so be sure to read on!



## NATIONAL DOG MOM'S DAY

During the second Saturday in May, National Dog Mom's Day sends out a chorus of yips, barks, and howls of praise for all the dog mommas!

Our dogs are our family members, whether they came into our lives unexpectedly or as carefully planned additions. We adopt them as puppies, adolescents, or fully mature animals with a bit of baggage, and yet, we find common ground, a connection, and bond like families do. They know our moods, and we know theirs. We care for them, shelter them, and share an immeasurable loyalty with them.

National Dog Mom's Day recognizes the bond women share with their fur kids. When they humor us, charm us or even when they are naughty, they are like any other child to us.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #DogMomsDay

Celebrate by making sure to get some extra cuddles. Bake up some yummy homemade puppy treats. Plan for some double pampering – a pedicure for you and the puppers. Then take an extra special selfie with your fur baby to mark the occasion. Use #DogMomsDay to share on social media.

# Recent Adoptees!



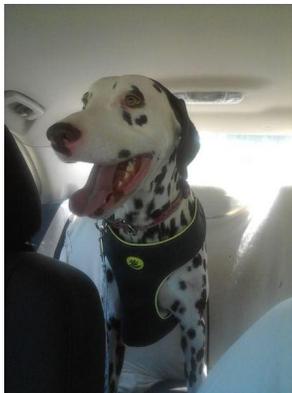
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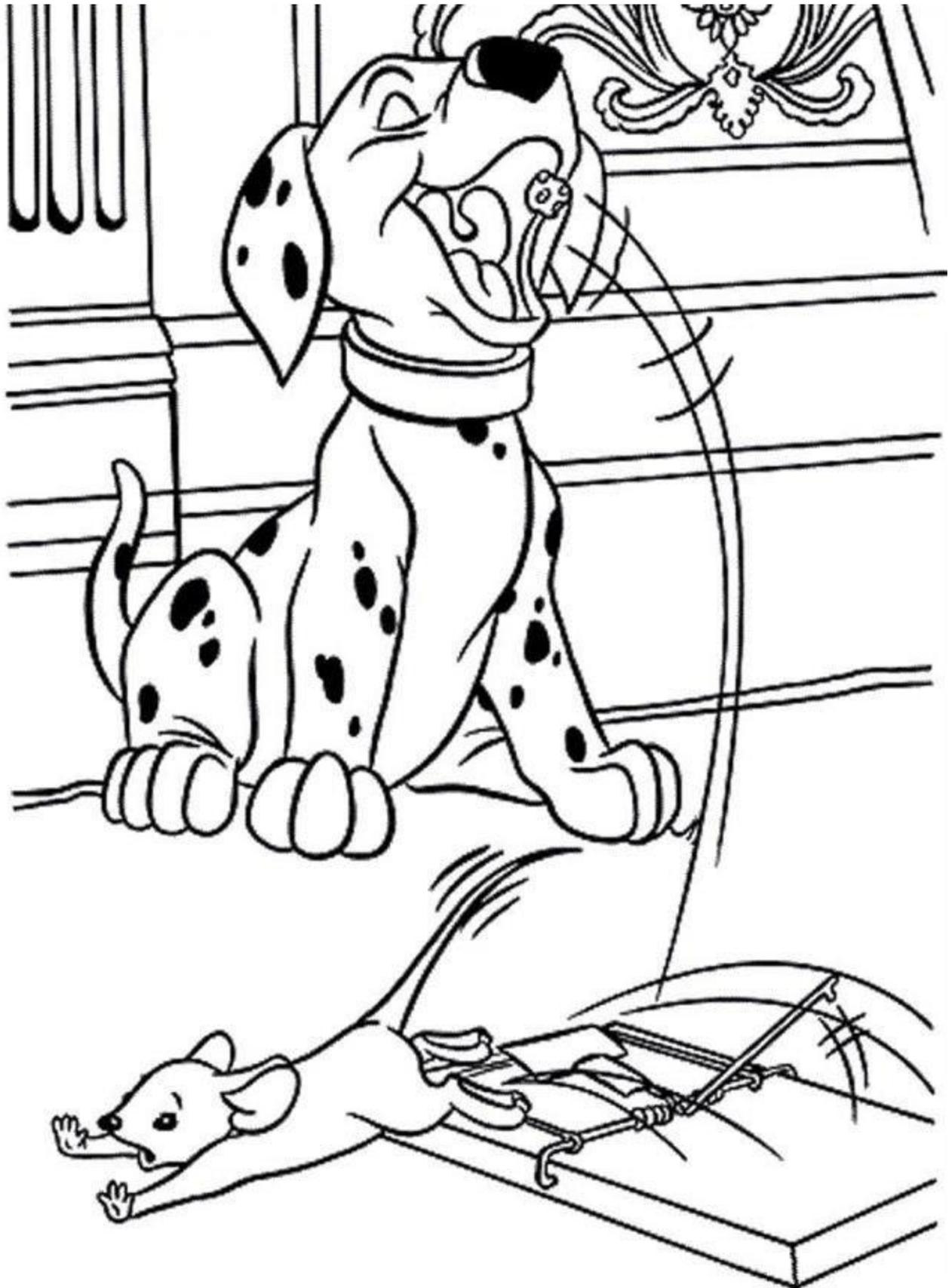
## Attention Adopters!!!

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!  
[Karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:Karl@dalmatianrescueco.org)

*Dogs, for a reason, that can only be described as devine, have the ability to forgive, let go of the past, and live each day joyously. It's something the rest of us strive for.*

*~ Jennifer Skiff*

# For The Kids



# 6 Things You Didn't (Or Maybe Do) Know About the Dalmatian

By Katherine Ripley <https://www.akc.org/>



Header photo courtesy of Sharron Podleski, AKC Breeder of Merit

Dalmatians won our hearts when Disney made a whole movie about them. But do you know where Dalmatians came from? Here are six interesting facts you didn't know about this breed:

## 1. Their Origins Are Mysterious

No one knows exactly where the Dalmatian originated. This may be because Dalmatians have often traveled with Romani people, who are historically nomadic. The Dalmatian takes his name from a place called Dalmatia, a province of Austria on the Eastern shore of the coast of Venice. We know for sure that the breed had a stronghold there, though we cannot be positive that it was their country of origin.

## 2. The Breed Is Very Old

Even though we don't know exactly where they came from, we do know Dalmatians have been around for a long time. Spotted dogs have been found painted on the walls of Egyptian tombs, running alongside chariots.

## 3. They Have Served Many Different Purposes

In times of war, Dalmatians served as sentinels at the borders of Dalmatia and Croatia. They have also been herding, ridding, and hunting dogs. The Dalmatian is also the only dog breed that was bred for "coaching," which means running alongside a stagecoach and clearing crowds out of the way, so the horses could pass through.

## 4. Fire Departments Used Them as Coach Dogs

Dalmatians are famous for being firehouse dogs. This is because Dalmatians used to serve as coaching dogs for horse-drawn fire coaches. With the invention of fire trucks, the Dalmatians weren't really needed anymore. But many firehouses still keep Dalmatians as mascots.

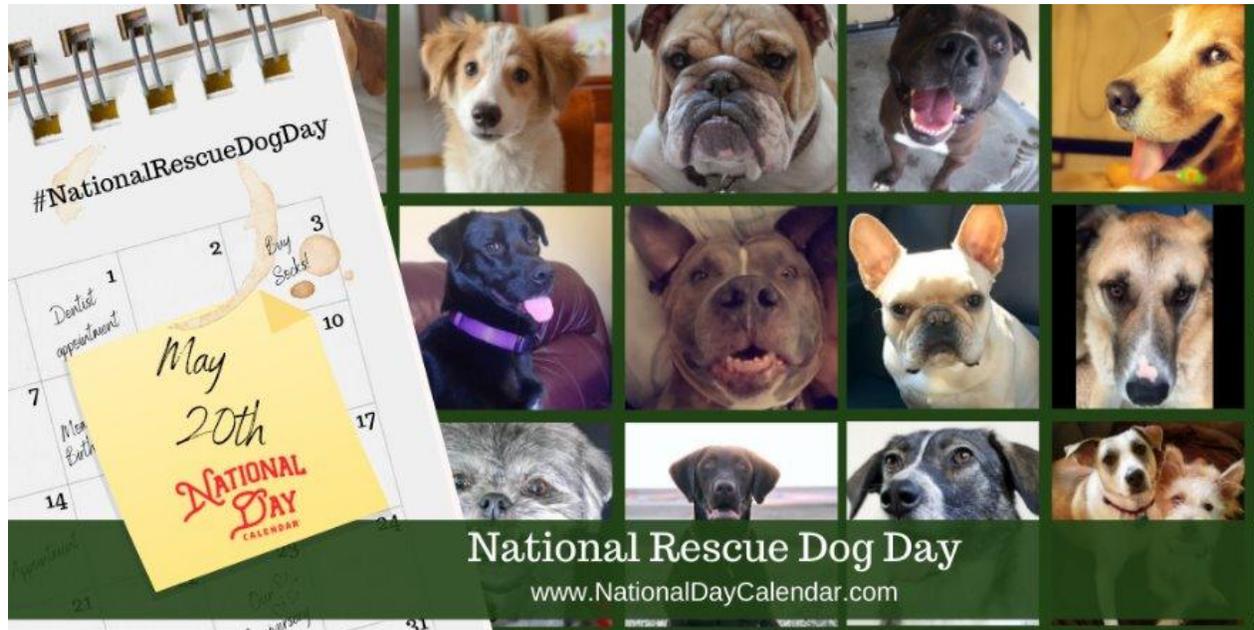
## 5. Dalmatian Puppies Have No Spots at Birth

If you've seen "One Hundred and One Dalmatians," you may remember that Pongo and Perdita's 15 puppies are all white when they're born. Like real Dalmatians, they only get their spots as they grow older.

## 6. Their Coats Are One-of-a-Kind

Just like no two people have the same fingerprints, no two Dalmatians have exactly the same pattern of spots. Someone should have told Cruella de Vil that Dalmatians are not good coat material, because every section of the coat would have been different.

# NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY - May 20, 2022



On May 20th, National Rescue Dog Day recognizes all the benefits of allowing a four-legged canine to adopt you into their immeasurably lovable life.

According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year. When these abandoned and abused animals find their way to a shelter, each one needs a forever home and their potential is limitless. They're rescue dogs. No matter their size, color, or breed, dogs will find a way to nuzzle, fetch, or beg their way into your heart. You will find it hard not to scratch one behind the ear.

Rescue dogs often overcome extreme obstacles. And yet, they provide comfort, security, and friendship as family pets. Rescue dogs are also capable of much more. With training, they contribute to the independence of people with disabilities as service animals and give comfort to the elderly. In these circumstances, they become our eyes, ears, or legs as well as our best friend.

Rescue dogs provide a variety of therapeutic benefits, too. Children, teens, and adults with autism may benefit from services provided by trained rescue dogs. As emotional support companions, rescue dogs help to relieve anxiety, depression, and PTSD among the military or those who suffer from mental illness. They make excellent teachers, too. Rescue dogs show children about caring and kindness. Rescue dogs can even be trained to rescue us from dangerous situations or help to investigate the cause of a fire.

When it comes to four-legged friends, they improve the human condition by leaps and bounds, barks, and yips. It is hard to imagine a more helpful, worthy companion. It's time to give them a treat!

## HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalRescueDogDay

Get involved in the lives of rescue dogs. There are a variety of ways to share puppy love.

- Volunteer at your local shelter. Taking dogs for walks, grooming, and giving them plenty of affection improves their socialization.
- Shelters always need donations. Financial donations are always welcome. Most shelters have a list of constant needs, such as blankets, bleach, toys, treats, and leashes.
- If there is room in your life for a rescue dog, consider adoption and giving one a forever home.
- Consider fostering. Many dogs abandoned in shelters require some medical care or rehabilitation in a home setting before an adoption can take place.
- Remember to spay and neuter your pets. Overpopulation is the number one reason shelters exist.

Is there a rescue dog in your life? Share your rescue dog stories and use #NationalRescueDogDay on social media.

## NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY HISTORY

Tails That Teach founded National Rescue Dog Day on May 20 to honor the inspiring ways rescue dogs become a part of the human family. The day also increases awareness about the number of dogs in shelters. Given a chance, they fill their forever homes with unconditional love and unabandoned joy with every belly rub.

# NATIONAL PET WEEK - First Full Week of May, 2022



Beginning the first full week in May, National Pet Week celebrates the relationship and the circle of life between pet and human. The week is also an opportunity to review your pet's health to help ensure a long and lasting relationship.

The relationships between animals and humans have developed for thousands of years. Dogs provided protection and improved hunting. They also rid farms and homes of vermin as do cats. Pets also provide companionship.

Taking care of our pets is part of the relationship between humans and animals. They require our care to feed, shelter, and care for their health. Having a pet is a long-term commitment involving training, grooming, nutrition, exercise, and visiting the veterinarian. This cycle continues daily throughout the life of the animal.

Despite all the responsibilities that come with pet ownership, homes with pets are on the rise. So, National Pet Week serves to provide resources and support to pet owners to guide them on their way to a happy and healthy relationship.

## HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalPetWeek

- Check-in with your vet and confirm your pets are up-to-date on their care.
- Share stories about your pet.
- Volunteer at a shelter and consider adoption.
- Take your dog for a walk.
- Inspect your pet's toys and throw out any that are damaged.
- Visit [www.petweek.org](http://www.petweek.org) to find out how to celebrate.
- Share your favorite pet stories and use #NationalPetWeek to share on social media.

## NATIONAL PET WEEK HISTORY

The [American Veterinary Medical Association](http://www.avma.org) founded National Pet Week in 1982 and continues to provide healthy tips, tools, and resources to help your pet live a longer and healthier life.

# Help Us Raise Money While You Shop!!

## What's It All About?



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## KING SOOPERS/CITY MARKET COMMUNITY REWARDS



For Colorado supporters (or anywhere King Soopers or City Market operates), Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado has also enrolled in the King Soopers and City Market Community Rewards Program.

To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program, simply visit the appropriate link below.

For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>

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## Trainer Tips

# “Jumping - When A Dog Is Too Excited To Sit”

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### Question:

My dog gets so excited when we return home. We've tried making him sit before petting him but we're not seeing any success. Help!

### The Trainer Answers:

Whenever a dog has a behavior we don't like (such as jumping on us) we want to make sure they are not getting what they want (in this case our attention) by performing the unwanted behavior. Ignoring the unwanted behavior is only one step, but many people stop there. We also need to teach our dogs what TO DO in place of the unwanted behavior. If we do not teach an alternative behavior, we leave a void for the dog to fill.

You have done the right thing by trying to replace jumping with a sit. It's always best to choose a replacement behavior that is incompatible with the unwanted behavior. Your dog cannot jump and sit simultaneously. In some cases, this can take time to change. If your dog has been reinforced with attention in the past or is still

reinforced some of the time for jumping, then it can be a challenge to end the behavior. Be very consistent about not rewarding the jumping with ANY kind of attention – even saying “no” or “off” to try to stop the jumping.

The other piece to consider is whether sit is the best choice for your dog. While it's what most dog trainers advise, it's not the best choice in every situation or for every dog. If your dog is over-the-top excited, and sitting calmly is next to impossible, consider a more active alternative. He's excited, so give him a more appropriate outlet for his enthusiasm.

Let me give you just one example of a possible alternative. My Greyhound Jahzara used to get very excited when I arrived home and would jump on me. Sitting was not a good option for her since she was so excited and sitting was something she could do but was not comfortable holding for long. Instead, I taught her to direct her enthusiasm in a different direction. She loved to chase as well as to play with stuffed toys. So I taught her to chase a tossed stuffed toy and bring it back to me as soon as I walked in the door. At first I had to have the toy with me or right at the door. Later, she learned to go pounce on a toy and bring it to me when I opened the door.

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# Why Do Dogs Lick You?

By Cheryl Hall



If, like me, you have wondered why do dogs lick you, then this brief article will answer your question, along with other dog related licking matters!

## **A lick of love?**

Licking is instinctive to dogs. They would have been licked by their mother and will see licking as normal behavior. We don't know the exact reason dogs like to lick their humans, but it could easily be they are licking you to show you respect and possibly affection.

## **Licking for Attention**

Licking could also be a sign of your dog trying to get your attention. In my house, licking is not uncommon around the evening meal time. I'm in no doubt that licking at 1730 – 1800 hours is food related and the message my dogs are trying to convey is FEED ME .... NOW! I am also confident the reason they lick me in this instance is for attention.

## **What does it all mean?**

No one actually knows for certain why dogs lick you, but we do know that our skin will taste a bit salty to them and dogs will no doubt like the savory taste on their tongue, so that could be one element.

Dogs are pack animals and feel at their most comfortable when they know their place in the pack. If your dog sees you as their pack leader, it is possible they lick you to show respect by grooming you, in the same way their mother would have licked them as puppies.

In dog language, one dog licking another dog's face is a mark of respect and polite submission. The dog who is licking is saying they consider themselves to be subordinate in rank. If the dog being licked then licks the subordinate back, it is a signal they respectfully accept the submission exhibited.

## **Dogs take their cue from us**

Dogs learn very quickly. If we react when they lick us, they will see that as a sign to behave in the same way. A dog will not understand that you don't want them to lick you if you say no and push them away as that is still attention. If you do not want your dog to kiss you, the best way to convey this message is to pointedly turn away. At the precise moment they stop trying to lick you, reward them with a treat. If the message needs to go up a notch, then (stand up and) walk away from your dog. They will soon associate this with undesirable behavior.

The overriding message to your dog is to deliberately ignore or walk away from poor or undesired behavior and reward your dog when he displays desired behavior. Make sure the message is consistent, whatever the behavior, so that your dog doesn't become confused.

## **Kissy kissy**

If you don't mind your dog licking you and want to encourage the behavior, then show them you like the behavior by rewarding them and maybe attach a cue word, such as 'kisses'. Your dog will want to please you and in the same way we should not reward for undesired behavior, clear signaling means we should let our dogs know (by praise or reward) when they have behaved in a desired way.

## **Other considerations**

There aren't any documented incidences of humans catching anything nasty from dog 'kisses' but contrary to popular myth, a dog's mouth is not full of good bacteria. Just think of the things they lick or eat given half the chance!

Dogs can also suffer from compulsive behavior and licking is one way of this manifesting itself. Excessive licking could be a sign of anxiety, so just take a moment to consider if there could be any underlying reason your dog's licking seems excessive.

Animal Behaviorists could help if excessive licking is a problem and you are flummoxed as to the reason. I have sought the advice of an Animal Behaviorist in the past, even though I am an experienced dog owner and am first in line to sing their praises – they can often see things in dogs we can't, so if you think you could do with the services of one, don't hesitate to call one in.

## Bits & Pieces

### *Advertising in NewSpots! is FREE!!!*

Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify about 700 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!

Simply contact the editor, Karl Schill, at [dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net](mailto:dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net) and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

## *Foster Homes Needed!!*

*\*\*\*\*\* 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 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](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org) for inclusion in the next issue.

*We NEED your participation to make the Reader Recommendations and Tips segment a successful segment. We finally received a couple recommendations. It is nice to be able to pass along information, tips and suggestions that you have found useful or helpful so that others can benefit as well, but without your participation it doesn't work! So please submit your ideas!!*

*Stop telling me he's just a dog. My dog has more character, compassion, loyalty and honesty than most people I know.*

*~Unknown*

## In The "Spot" Light... Our Featured Dalmatians

### Killian



**6 Years Old, Black Neutered Male**  
**Reason Available: Owner Surrender**  
**Foster Home: Lenexa, KS**

Killian is a very beautiful, happy male Dalmatian. He gets along with other dogs and really loves people -- all people. And he loves to just run in the backyard.

Killian is a very sweet boy and definitely wants to please you. He actually climbed into his foster's lap the first night and I mean all of him. She was so surprised and delighted at the trust which he showed.

He loves earning treats and they started working on some simple commands. It appears the only thing he knew was sit. He has proven to be a quick learner + is highly motivated.

His foster Mom has called him a complete joy!!

### Mandy

**3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female**  
**Reason Available: Stray**  
**Foster Home: Englewood, CO**

Great News! Mandy was tested for Heartworms and is now negative!!! She is fully ready for her forever family!

Sweet Mandy is a lovely little Dalmatian Wannabe who was very frightened by all the noise and barking in the shelter in Texas. Picked up as a stray, neighbors said her kids threw rocks at her and yelled a lot. She was terrified and responded by chasing the kids. Mandy has become a sweet, loving companion since she has had time to decompress and find out that everyone is not bad. She gets along great with the resident dogs at her foster home. Mandy loves to play and chase Breton in the backyard and respects Mojo's boundaries. She is a very loving dog who loves to sit in your lap. Mandy is very quiet unless she is distracted by the squirrels in the backyard running along the fence - then she yells at them to go away. So if you want a quiet dog, Mandy is the perfect dog for you! She just loves being the center of attention. Mandy is mostly white with nice spots on her ears and lots of freckles under her white fur. She is still a little skittish about loud noises and yelling but is a lot better than when she first arrived. A quiet home with all adults or teens would probably suit her best. For more information, contact Karl at [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org). Adoption \$250



# Happy Beginnings Stories

## Bernie Louise



Thought I'd take a minute to update you on Bernie Louise, a Dalmatian I adopted from you last fall. She's the light of my life and has helped to make me happier than I've ever been. I love her more than anything else in my world. Here are a few of our favorite memories together.

She's my best friend. Thank you for letting me adopt her.

Laura N.  
Denver, CO

### 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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