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## FDA Warns Pet Treats Maker Due To Safety and Sanitary Violations

From The Dog Food Advisor <https://dogfoodadvisor.com>



Example Pet Center Product

**IMPORTANT  
THIS IS NOT A RECALL**

April 19, 2022 — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [posted a Warning Letter](#) to Pet Center, Inc., of Los Angeles, California. The letter was originally issued to the pet treats maker on February 28, 2022 but not made public by the FDA until April 19, 2022.

Pet Center produces a sizable number of dog treats, including Bully Sticks (bull pizzles), Chicken Breast Tenders and multiple flavors of SuperChews.

### Editor's Note

The FDA did not provide a list of the more than 100 pet treats made by Pet Center, Inc. A complete catalog can be found on the [company's website](#).

Some readers have reported technical problems when attempting to access the Pet Center website. You may need to try again later.

### What Caused the FDA Warning?

The inspections were conducted on various dates in 2021 and revealed violations of the FDA's [Current Good Manufacturing Practice](#) requirements for animal food, which caused the maker's products to be adulterated.

### Partial List of FDA Inspector Details

FDA Investigators noted evidence of significant violations of its Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements. A limited sampling of the inspector's observations includes the following:

"Flies were present throughout the facility and were landing on raw, in-process bull pizzles and chicken."

"...an employee used a high-pressure hose in a manner that caused blood and raw animal tissue present on the processing floor to splash onto cooked, work-in-process SuperChews that had been removed from the ovens to cool."

"Animal feces in the meat washing room, approximately five feet from an open screen door."

"You did not take effective measures to exclude pests from the manufacturing, processing, packing, and holding areas and to protect against contamination of animal food by pests..."

"Plastic clamps used to clamp bull pizzles to dry them into a curled shape were covered in dark brown to green filth material."

## Full FDA Warning Letter

The warning letter continues by documenting additional violations.

[View the full FDA Warning Letter here.](#)

## Reporting Pet Food Problems

U.S. citizens can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the [consumer complaint coordinator](#) in your area. Or go to the FDA's "[Report a Pet Food Complaint](#)" page.

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# Don't Feed The Same Food All The Time

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

Dear Fellow Dog Lover,

I'll be the first to admit it. I've never been a big fan of feeding my dog the same food every day for life. It's just too risky. And there are lots of reasons WHY I feel this way.

Here's one alarming example.

Since 2009 at least 63 different dog foods have been recalled for the exact same defect. Each was found to contain excessive levels of vitamin D. Which meant that dogs eating one of these defective foods were at grave risk of kidney failure. Even death.

Unfortunately the pets in greatest danger were those eating one of these defective diets... continuously. At every meal. For week after week.

Here's the point. There's no such thing as a "perfect" dog food. In fact it's best to assume that any food you feed your dog could possibly be defective. Too much of one nutrient, too little of another. Or the food may contain hidden toxins or industrial contaminants. Flaws not yet discovered by the manufacturer. Or the FDA. And you'd never even know it.

What's worse, the effect of consuming any defective food tends to be magnified and compounded whenever you feed the same food continuously. Day-after-day. For a lifetime.

## Use Diet Rotation to Lower Risk

Unlike a regular feeding plan where the same food is fed endlessly year after year, [Diet rotation](#) involves switching to a different flavor or brand on a periodic basis which can help lower the hidden risk of accidentally feeding an imperfect dog food.

Of course, as you'd expect, Diet rotation is not for every dog. That's because some animals can't tolerate diet changes as easily as others. But for those who can [Diet rotation](#) can help lower your dog's risk. It keeps you from putting all your eggs in one basket and all your trust into a single recipe.

## To Learn More

Be sure to visit my newly updated "[Diet Rotation for Dogs](#)" page.

In that article, I answer 3 important questions:

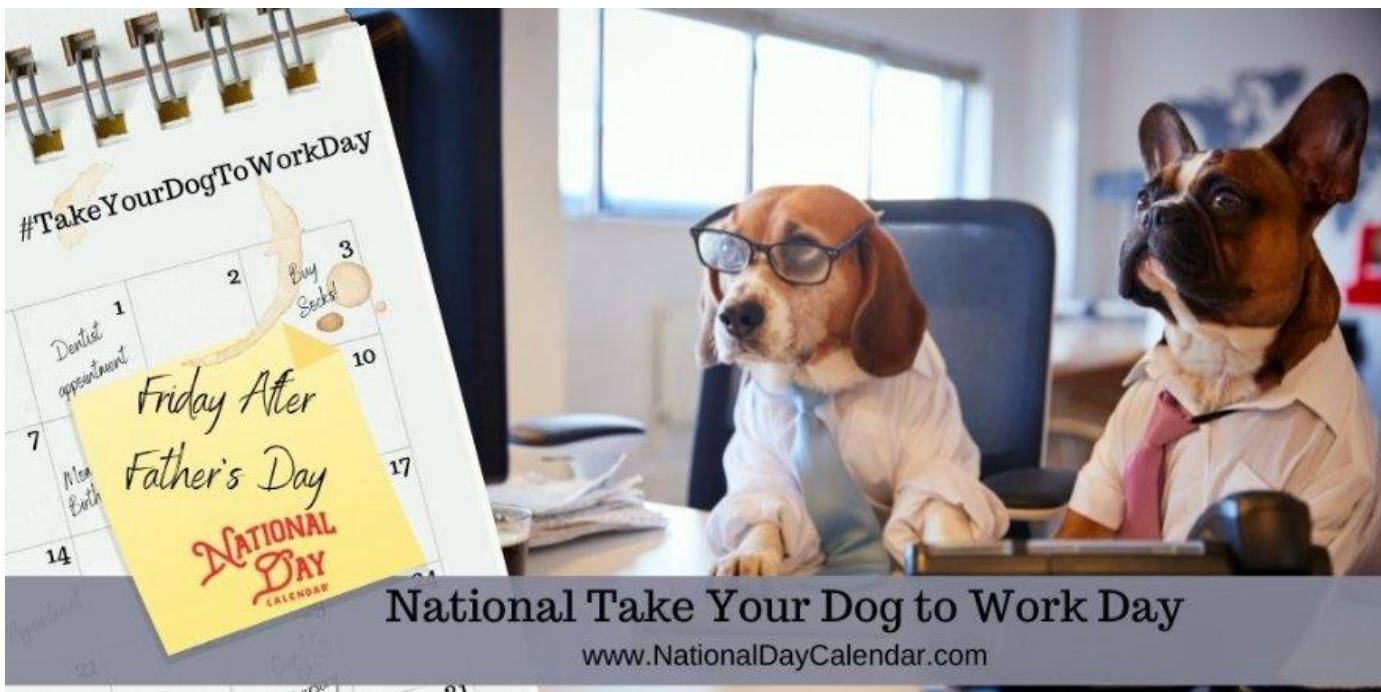
1. How often should you "rotate" your dog's food?
2. What are the 2 most common problems with diet rotation?
3. How to safely switch to a new food without making your dog sick?

[Read the article here](#)

Please feel free to share this helpful feeding tip with other pet parents.

Long live dogs.

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



## National Take Your Dog to Work Day

[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)

# NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY - JUNE 24, 2022

Every year employees across the country bring their dogs to work the Friday after Father's Day. It's National Take Your Dog to Work Day. A celebration of the companionship between canine and human, National Take Your Dog to Work Day hopes to inspire others to adopt from shelters and humane societies. Those in the pet supply business may find this to be an everyday occurrence. With pets being central to their business platform, employees bring their dogs to work frequently. Companies such as Petco, Petsmart, Mars Petcare, Trupanion, and Nestle Purina Petcare all have pet-friendly policies. So, every day is Take Your Dog to Work Day at these companies.

However, not only pet companies are dog friendly these days. Tech and marketing businesses seem to be next in line for offering this perk to employees. Amazon, Airbnb, Procore Technologies, Vungle, and Radio Systems Corporation are just a few of the companies across the nation supporting pet-friendly policies.

Are there benefits to having a dog by your side all day? As any business knows, policies like these come with pros and cons.

### Pros of Pet-Friendly Policies

- Perhaps the number one benefit of dogs at work is the reduced stress for most employees. [Studies](#) have shown pets in the workplace not only reduce stress but also increase productivity.
- Which brings us to the second benefit. Employees who take breaks to care for their dog tend to be more productive than those who plow through their work. They come back to their desk refreshed and energized, ready to refocus.
- Employees are healthier and so are their dogs because both are getting more physical activity.
- The pet also gets more social interaction, not only from the dog owner but from the entire office.
- Overall, dogs bring a morale boost to the entire office. Not very many can resist the affection of a loveable pup.
- Pet-friendly businesses retain their employees longer and are more attractive to future employees.

### Cons of Pet-Friendly Policies

- The job satisfaction of employees with allergies or phobias are greatly affected.
- Risk of injury to employees or other dogs increase the legal risk.
- Dogs that are not well-trained lead to distractions in the office.
- What do potential clients think? If dogs on the premises continually turn away dollars, the pros may not matter.

While not all businesses can participate in #TakeYourDogToWorkDay, those who can have a terrific opportunity to see if a pet-friendly policy would work. It also provides some insight into your employees' desire for this type of policy.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #TakeYourDogToWorkDay #TYDTWD

Host an event at your place of business. To find participating employers and to download a toolkit visit [Pet Sitters International](#).

Share your pet-friendly workplace experiences by using #TakeYourDogToWorkDay or #TYDTWD on social media.

### NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY HISTORY

The celebration originated in the United Kingdom in 1996. Then in 1999, Pet Sitters International founded the first day in the United States.

# Recent Adoptees!



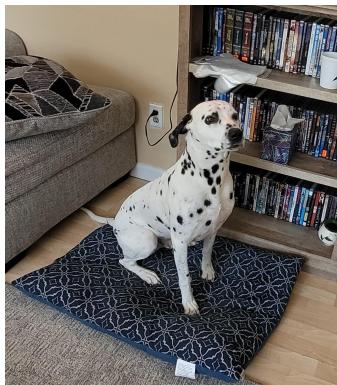
**Maya A (aka Whitley)**  
Fort Collins, CO



**Purdy**  
Cordova, TN



**Aaron A**  
Cheyenne, WY



**Monte**  
Canon City, CO



**Willow**  
Lafayette, CO



**Stella**  
Wimberley, TX



**Link**  
Denver, 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!

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

# For The Kids



# SUMMER PET SAFETY TIPS

Beat the heat and keep your pets safe this summer!

**SUN PROTECTION**  
Don't forget the sunscreen and have your dog wear clothing. Dogs that are white, hairless and with light colored fur are most likely to suffer from sunburn.

**SHADY**  
Prevent overheating with breaks out of the sun into a shady retreat every 30 minutes or so.

**TIME TO BE COOL!**

**HOT CAR**  
Even with the windows cracked, the inside of a car can heat up to 120 degrees! Ouchies!

**COOLER HOURS**  
Exercise your dog in the morning or evening. The intense heat of midday can overwhelm your dog.

**HOT PUP PAWS**  
Dog booties to the rescue! Be a friend to those paw pads with dog shoes to prevent burns and blisters. Avoid hot surfaces such as pavement, concrete, wood, stone, metal and sand.

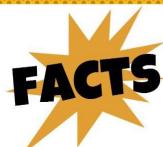
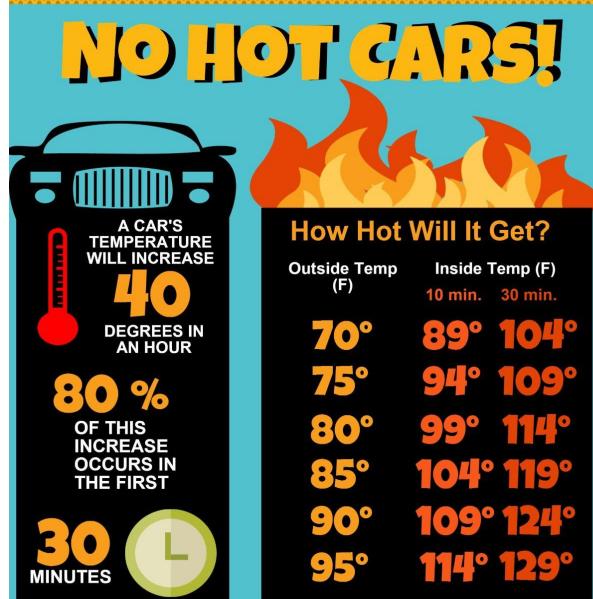
**STAY HYDRATED**  
Refill your dog's water bowl more often than usual on hot days. Add ice cubes to cool down your pup and prevent vomiting.

**SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE**  
Keep your eyes peeled for excessive panting, weakness, drooling, lethargy, vomiting, dark red gums, incoordination, rapid heart beat and seizures.

Sources:  
<https://suite.io/adrienne-farricelli/6sqzwq5>  
[http://www.akc.org/public\\_education/summer\\_safety.cfm](http://www.akc.org/public_education/summer_safety.cfm)

Want more pet paw-some info?  
Visit [BLOG.FURLOCITY.COM](http://BLOG.FURLOCITY.COM)

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Dog bites increase in summer months.

Pets are more likely to get lost in summer months.

Fleas thrive in warmer weather.

Pets can get sunburned too!

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## What's It All About?



## AMAZON.SMILE

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To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

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Once logged in to your King Soopers or City Market account, search for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Inc., either by name or FR415, and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card.

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REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our organization until after you have registered your loyalty card (the same card that you use to build fuel points). You must swipe your registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card or use the phone number that is related to the registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card when shopping for each purchase to count. This does not affect your fuel points!



## Trainer Tips

# *"Is A Tired Dog Really A Good Dog?"*



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We've all heard the "a tired dog is a good dog" mantra. Is a tired dog really a good dog? It depends. Some of you already knew I was going to say that, didn't you?!

If by "a tired dog" you mean a dog who:

- has had the right amount of energy burned off,
- IN THE RIGHT WAY,
- and, the dog is tired but not exhausted:

Then, yes. In that case, a tired dog is a good dog.

They are tired but not overly tired. We should avoid dogs being overly tired. It can make any of us sore and crabby.

Completely exhausted from too much activity is also not good. Especially for young dogs who are still growing and whose joints are still developing. You can cause injury or long-term problems if you overdo it.

But my dog will stop when he's tired, right? Not so fast. Some will. Some will go until they drop. Some dogs do not know when to stop. Sometimes they need our help with that.

It's not just HOW MUCH exercise they get but what KIND.

When we want to tire out our dogs, we tend to think of physical activity. Dog park. Play dates. Day care. Walks. Playing fetch in the back yard. Physical stuff.

But what about mental stimulation? Are the dogs using their brains? Are they burning energy constructively?

Sure some dogs like a lot of physical activity. Some not so much. For some, increasing physical activity will not be better. At some point, you are making things worse not better. Some will become frantic and overstimulated. These dogs might LOOK like they need more activity to wear themselves out, but they really need the opposite.

Most dogs need a combination of physical and mental stimulation. Mental stimulation might be things like training sessions, learning new things, interactive food dispensing puzzle toys, or even walks in new areas where they are exposed to new sights, smells, sounds, and other stimulation.

Using their noses also burns energy. What's better, a fast-paced walk without any stopping or a leisurely sniffing walk with frequent stops to check out all the interesting smells? Well, if you are the one trying to burn energy, then the former walk is better. But if you are trying to burn off energy so your dog is calmer, then the latter one is actually better for most dogs. All of that sniffing is usually going to burn more energy than that fast-paced walk.

Now, if you have a high energy dog, then more physical activity will be needed than for lower energy dogs.

However, if you also have a SMART dog, then that mental stimulation will be critical as well. I don't care how much physical activity you give a smart dog, if they do not get chances to use their brain when burning off some energy, you are missing a critical component for a happy well-adjusted dog.

All of that being said, it's also critical that your dog get some good solid down time. Some quiet time to rest and rejuvenate. Dogs who do not get adequate rest can also be overly tired due to lack of sleep.

Some dogs do not need more activity but rather work at being calm and relaxed. So good solid rest is important but some dogs need help at learning how to just hang out, be calm and relax. Seems like something they should just be able to do, right? Sometimes. Some dogs need help with that too.

Are you tiring your dog out in a good way? With the right combination of physical and mental stimulation? AND quiet relaxing rest time? If your dog is not happy and content, is potentially causing some problems (destructiveness around the house, or other things), then they probably are NOT getting the right amount or combination of these things.

So, is a tired dog a good dog?

Just like for us, if it is a "good tired" that makes you feel content and happy, then yes. If it's that tired that leaves you exhausted, possibly crabby and impatient, and maybe even sore, then it's not a "good tired" after all. I know it's not quite as catchy, but perhaps the saying should really be something more like: An appropriately exercised, stimulated and rested dog is a good dog.

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

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This photo was posted to the DRC Alumni Facebook Group... I thought it was too good not to share with everyone. I hope you all agree.



Photo by [Kory Mehrer](#)

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*"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience."*

*~ Woodrow Wilson*

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## 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!!**

**The love of a dog is a pure thing. He gives you a trust which is total. You must not betray it.**

*~Michel Houellebecq*

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

## Mika



**6 Years Old, Black Spayed Female**

**Reason Available: Stray**

**Foster Home: Live Oak, TX**

Hello Everybody! My name is Mika (mee-kuh). I'm a Dalmatian mix, and a little bit bigger girl (because I am tall), but I only weigh about 55-57 pounds. I could stand to lose another couple of pounds, but the food is good here and we have yummy treats! I'm not telling, but I am probably mixed with either a larger hound or something like a Great Pyrenees because I have dewclaws on my back feet and a tiny bit of an undercoat. I am getting along well with my foster sisters and with a boy dog that was fostering with me for a while.

I am kind of bold, and a bit rowdy, when meeting new dogs, so slow introductions will be required. Once I learn to trust you, I will play with you all day. I do like to set the rules among the four-leggeds, so I have some opinions about sharing the water bowl, guarding my space, and occasionally wanting to keep my bones or my person to myself. I won't get

too upset though if you just understand my rules. My foster Mom is working on this with me. I do great hanging around the food bin while Mom gets our dinner, and I am very considerate when the treats are being doled out, but my new parents need to continue working on this resource guarding thing with me. I have not been around cats or kids, but I do very well leaving the resident house bunnies alone (well, except to eat the bunny berries. Those guys are like regular treat dispensers, it's kinda cool!). I love to be with my person, and I follow her everywhere. Sometimes I climb in her lap or jump on her, but I am working on that. I am also a very good girl and can stay in my own room even when Mom leaves the house, but I do well lounging in my crate when I have to. I have very good potty habits although I did do a little submissive peeing when I first got here because I was scared about being in a new place. I haven't done that in a long time though. I would love a home where I am either an only dog or have one or two more submissive buddies. I do love to play, so a play buddy would be nice. I don't think I would like the dog park. Please contact my foster mom Tara @ [spotteddogs91@hotmail.com](mailto:spotteddogs91@hotmail.com) or our friend Ms. Tena at [tjp@mygrande.net](mailto:tjp@mygrande.net) and ask more about me. I am so looking forward to my new forever home!

Mika is located in Live Oak (San Antonio), TX. Adopter must pick up. She is spayed, HW Neg, and current on vaccinations. Adoption fee \$350.00 Applications may be submitted at [www.dalmatianrescueco.org](http://www.dalmatianrescueco.org)

## Zuke

**15 Months Old, Black Male**

**Reason Available: Owner Surrender**

**Foster Home: Alvin, TX**

Hey! I'M ZUKE! THIS IS ALL CAPS BECAUSE I AM A VERY ENERGETIC DALMATIAN WITH A LOT OF POSITIVE ENERGY AND A DRIVE TO PLAY, PLAY, PLAY! The great news is, I am UNDER CONTROL. I love to do basic obedience with my foster family and they even taught me the words "OUT" and "LEAVE IT" because I love to try and eat EVERYTHING. My foster family says I would do best in a home as a performance dog. This means I would really benefit from a dog sport: agility, Flyball, Lure work, etc. A good fit would be someone who has access to professional trainers/classes to work in dog sports. I need a job to help me feel fulfilled. Although I am VERY dog friendly, I haven't learned to have an "off" button and have some work to do unless my playmate is a perfect match. I am the silkiest, softest boy and I absolutely love affection! Zuke is a gorgeous 15-month-old Dalmatian with so much potential to learn new skills. He needs a home that can provide mental and physical stimulation, a "job" with someone experienced in high drive dogs. Zuke offers a great opportunity to build a wonderful partnership. Zuke is neutered, current on vaccinations, and heartworm negative. For more information, contact Tena at [tjp@mygrande.net](mailto:tjp@mygrande.net). Zuke is located in Alvin, TX. (south of Houston) Adopter must be willing to meet Zuke, along with any other dogs in the household. Zuke is an amazing dog, looking for an amazing home. Applications may be submitted at [www.dalmatianrescueco.org](http://www.dalmatianrescueco.org). Adoption fee \$450.



# Happy Beginnings Stories

*Sadly... There are no Happy Beginnings Stories to share this month. If you haven't submitted yours yet, please do so today!!!*

## **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!**

### *About Us*

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Send submissions to the Editor at [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org).

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