



*Happy
Independence
Day!!*



As we gather to celebrate our founding as the greatest nation in the world, let's remember that not all of us enjoy fireworks. There are those among us for whom fireworks elicit feelings of anxiety and fear. Please do not set off fireworks in your neighborhood... some American Veterans, first responders and others who are sensitive to loud noises suffer from fireworks explosions. They tend to try to stay away from public displays and thus cannot "hide" from it if they are at home and are subjected to it right outside their doors. Obviously this also applies to many pets as well. If you want to enjoy a fireworks show, please go out and enjoy the professional shows put on in your local communities.

Fireworks And Your Pets

Courtesy of Bijou Animal Hospital, Colorado Springs, CO



These tips will help keep your pets safe this Fourth of July. If you need calming medicine please call the office. The sooner you call the better that way the doctor can prescribe medication if needed, the medication can get filled and you have a chance to pick it up. We are closed for the Fourth of July.

Preparing in advance:

Make sure your pets have identification tags with up-to-date information.

If your pets aren't already [microchipped](#), talk with us about microchipping. This simple procedure can greatly improve your chances of getting your pets back if they become lost. If your pets are microchipped, [make sure your contact information in the microchip registry is up-to-date](#).

Take a **current photo** of all of your pets, just in case.

Make sure the environment is safe and secure. If your neighbors set off fireworks at an unexpected time, is your yard secure enough to keep your pet contained? Evaluate your options, and choose the safest area for your animals; and make improvements if needed to make sure the area is secure.

Safety during July 4 celebrations:

Leave your pets at home when you go to parties, fireworks displays, parades and other gatherings. Loud fireworks, unfamiliar places and crowds can all be very frightening to pets, and there's great risk of pets becoming spooked and running away. Consider putting your pets in a safe, escape-proof room or crate during parties and fireworks.

If you're hosting guests, ask them to help keep an eye on your pets to make sure they don't escape. Placing notes on exit doors and gates can help both you and your guests remain vigilant.

Keep your pets inside if you or your neighbors are setting off fireworks. **Keep sparklers, glow sticks, fireworks, charcoal and kabob skewers** away from curious pets.

Don't let pets get near your barbeque grill while it is in use or still hot.

Avoid the urge to feed your pets table scraps or other foods intended for people. Be especially careful to keep them away from these [common foods that are actually toxic](#).

Remember that too much sun and heat (and humidity!) can be dangerous to pets. Keep them inside when it's extremely hot/humid; make sure they have access to shady spots and plenty of water when outdoors; don't leave them outside for extended periods in hot weather; and know the [signs that a pet may be overheating](#).

[Never leave your pet in your car](#) when it's warm outside. Vehicle interiors heat up much faster than the air around them, and even a short time in a locked car can be dangerous to pets.

If you're traveling out of town for the holiday, consider leaving your pets at home with a pet sitter or boarding them in a kennel. If you need to bring them with you, be sure you know [how to keep them safe](#).

Please know that if your fur baby is not scared or spooked easily your neighbors babies might be. Please be respectful and talk to your neighbors so they can take the proper measures to keep their fur babies safe as well.

We all wish you a very happy Fourth of July!



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10 Best Doggie Blogs For Pet Parents

Jamie, from <https://trudog.com>

1. One of the best blogs out there for dog lovers, I Heart Dogs has something for everyone.

[I Heart Dogs](#)

2. If you're looking for sound advice on the health and wellness of your fur baby, look no further than the blog of Dr. Karen Becker, DVM.

[Healthy Pets by Mercola with Dr. Karen Becker](#)

3. This print publication turned digital is a solid source for pet parents concerned with a natural approach to parenting a pup.

[Dogs Naturally](#)

4. If you're not on Pinterest, you're really missing out. There's a special compilation of the best dog-related content that's always fresh and updated hourly here:

[Pinterest Dogs](#)

5. The Whole Dog Journal covers everything you need to parent a dog in today's world.

[Whole Dog Journal](#)

6. Bark Post is filled with entertaining doggie news stories and timely tips to help you stay abreast of what's current in the world of dogs. Plus, they review terrific products and treats that go into their monthly BarkBox subscription service.

[BarkPost](#)

7. Another digital print publication, Modern Dog Magazine publishes a nice selection of articles, tips, recipes, and doggie news posts.

[Modern Dog Magazine](#)

8. These world travelers and dog lovers have a large loyal following of dog lovers to interact with and talk about everything dog.

[Dog Tipper](#)

9. For the latest news on dog-related product recalls, as well as reliable, analytic dog food reviews, turn to Dog Food Advisor first.

[Dog Food Advisor](#)

10. 3 Million Dogs is a reliable source for funny, cute and timely dog posts with heart.

[Three Million Dogs](#)

And of course we recommend TruDog.com!

[TruDog](#) is the best dog blog!

What's your favorite dog blog?

Recent Adoptees!

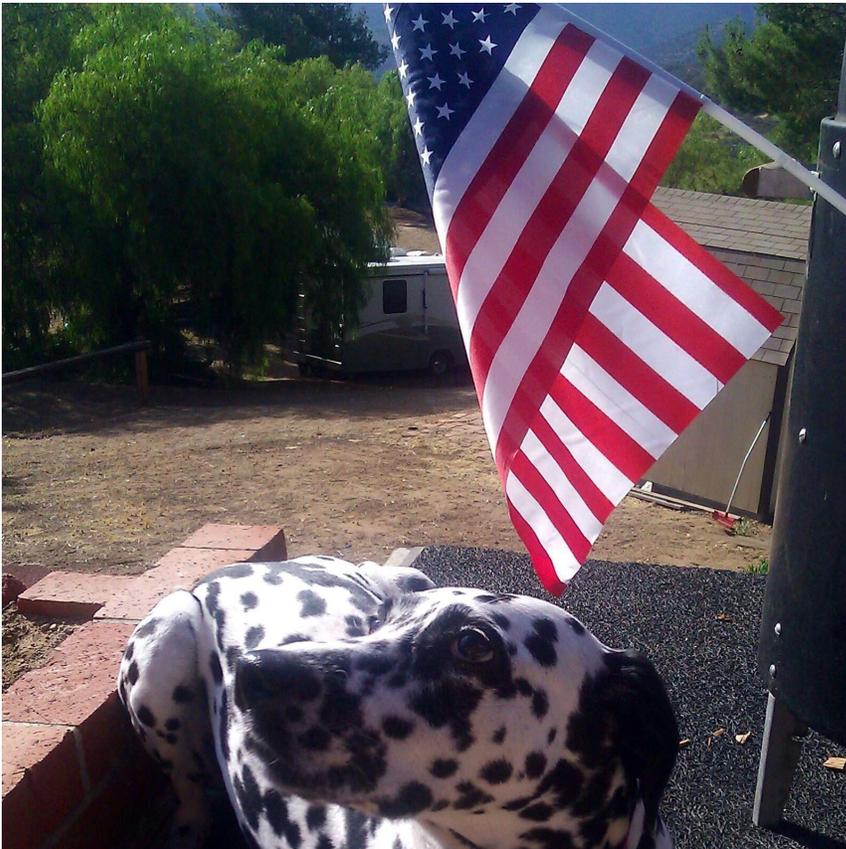


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West Monroe, LA

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!

Kari@dalmatianrescueco.org



Six Pet Safety Tips For The Fourth Of July

Written by [Dr. Laci Schaible, DVM MSL CVJ](#)



Ahhhh, the Fourth of July. The perfect time to have friends and family over to lounge around in the backyard and fire up the grill. Before you start the celebration, take some time to protect your pets from the dangers this holiday poses to them. Here are six Fourth of July safety tips for your pets.

1. Fireworks and dogs don't mix.

Period. If you plan to go to a fireworks celebration, leave Fido at home. If [fireworks can be heard near your home](#), keep your dogs and cats indoors for the evening, and give them a safe place to retreat, like a plush dog bed with blankets in a room without windows.

2. Secure your pet!

The rumor on the street is that more dogs go missing on July 4th than any

other day of the year. Pets, especially dogs, HATE FIREWORKS. It can be equally easy for your dog to slip through an open gate left unlatched by a party guest. An up-to-date tag and [microchip](#) greatly increases the chance of a lost pet being returned, but keeping your pet confined inside is the safest option.

3. It's incredibly hot.

If your dog is outside for the party all day, and you get caught up in the festivities, you may easily miss the warning signs that your dog is overheating. Take a moment to read the [signs of overheating in dogs](#). Make sure to keep your dog safe by providing plenty of cold water, shade, and the option to go inside.

4. Barbecues are for people, not pets.

People will drop food and spill drinks. The problem is that everyday people food and alcoholic drinks are unhealthy, or even poisonous, to your dog. Diverting from their regular food for even one meal can cause consequences from indigestion to punctured intestinal walls, or even a dangerously intoxicated pet at risk for respiratory failure and death. It is best to keep your pets away from these celebrations. Read this [list of summer BBQ foods](#) that are dangerous to pets.

5. Keep human sunscreen and bug spray products away from your pets.

Products with DEET are seriously toxic to our pets. There are [pet-safe sun protection products](#) on the market. If you are in doubt if a product is safe for your pet, it is best to find an alternative, such as the shaded and bug-free indoors.

6. Keep matches and lighter fluid away from curious pets.

We all know someone who gets overzealous on the Fourth of July. Matches contain hazardous chemicals such as potassium nitrate, which is an oxidizing agent. Matches can also contain charcoal or sulfur and coloring agents, which are potentially dangerous heavy metals. When ingested, pets can develop gastrointestinal issues like vomiting, a painful abdomen, and bloody diarrhea. Lighter fluid contains hydrocarbons, and can cause skin irritation upon contact, respiratory problems when inhaled, or vomiting and diarrhea when ingested.

Play it safe with this holiday. While pets are a part of the family, and it's only natural to want them around for the festivities, this is a holiday when it's best to find your pets a safe, secure spot in the home while you enjoy the day's festivities.

For The Kids





NATIONAL PET FIRE SAFETY DAY - JULY 15, 2022

National Pet Fire Safety Day on July 15th reminds us to consider our pets when planning fire routes and safety in our homes. Our pets are as much a part of our family as any other member. This day stresses the importance of protecting them. Taking preventable measures now can both save your home and your pet. Many times our pets can cause a fire if we don't take the proper precautions.

PET FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Extinguish open flames. Pets are curious and certainly not cautious. Wagging tails haphazardly knock over candles. Curious kitties will paw at sizzling grease, quickly sending a kitchen up in flames.
- Remove knobs from the stove. When not in use, they will not accidentally get turned on.
- Consider flameless candles for ambiance and backup lighting in the event of a power outage.
- Replace glass water bowls with metal or plastic. Outside on wooden decks, they can heat up and actually start a fire.
- Store leashes and collars near the entrance of your home. When away, have your pets in the main living area for easy rescue.
- Secure young pets when away from home. This can help avoid fire hazards. Pet kennels or in a pet-proofed room are options.
- Fire alert window clings help firefighters identify the room your pets are located and identify the number of pets in the home. Add one to the window of the room you keep your pets when you are away. Keep it updated with the number of pets residing with you and your current phone number.
- Have a plan when you are home. Know which family members will be responsible for each pet.

HOW TO OBSERVE #PetFireSafetyDay

Put the tips into practice and have a fire drill. Keep your pets and your humans safe! Use #PetFireSafetyDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL PET FIRE SAFETY DAY HISTORY

The [American Kennel Club](#) in association with ADT Security Services declared National Pet Fire Safety Day in 2009 to educate pet owners on how to take steps to prevent fires and to plan for unexpected emergencies effectively.

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Trainer Tips

“The Story Of The Magic Collar”

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I was chatting with a client one day and she was telling me about this amazing new collar!

The dog was walking much better this week and much better behaved around home even. All because she got this new collar. The transformation was amazing. Who knew a new collar could magically create a mellower, better-behaved dog!

I could not wait to find out what kind of collar this was that had such an effect.

This was an adolescent rambunctious dog. Typical teenager, he had lots of energy. No aggressive or problematic behaviors other than the typical adolescent who does not yet have great manners. And who typically was not getting as much exercise in constructive outlets as he really needed.

I asked about the rest of her week to see what else was going on. What besides the new collar had changed that week? Their vehicle was in for repairs that week. So the kids had to walk to school all week. Mom walked with them and took the dog along. Same with picking the kids up from school.

For a dog who was getting sporadic walks, he was now getting twice daily walks. And he was getting into a good routine. When I saw the new “magic” collar, I realized it was a regular buckle collar. Nothing special about it.

Perhaps, the dog was better behaved and walking better because he was getting regular walks and lots more exercise than he'd been getting previously?

Nah, must have been the collar!

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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Photo by [Kory Mehrer](#)

“Before you get a dog, you can’t quite imagine what living with one might be like; afterward, you can’t imagine living any other way.”

– Caroline Knapp

“The best way to get a puppy is to beg for a baby brother and they’ll settle for a puppy every time.”

– Winston Pendleton

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 1200 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 karl@dalmatianrescueco.org 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 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

Kona



6 Years Old, Liver, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Cortez, CO

Kona needs a new home! He is a friendly liver male, approximately 6-7 years old. Kona gets along with other dogs but much prefers the girls. He is a very out-doorsy sort (see his picture doing some cross-country skiing with his foster family) who likes to walk and hike with you, maybe even run, along with other fun activities. As with many Dals, Kona thrives on physical and mental activity, which he is missing right now. Kona's new family will be committed to remedial, positive-based training, lots of love and attention, and helping him slim down to a healthier weight. Because of his size, small children are not advised. Kona is ready for all kinds of fun with his new family. For more information, contact Jeannine (jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org). Kona is located in Cortez, CO. Kona's adoption donation is \$350.

Buddy10

6-12 Months Old, Black, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

Meet Buddy. He is an amazingly beautiful, big male Dalmatian who is still a puppy. We think he has stopped growing, but he still has all the fun attributes of a puppy. His perfect home will be one with a very active family who has runners or hikers in their midst because Buddy needs to run! He is definitely not a couch potato. In his past life, he did not have the training he needed for his size, so obedience classes are a "must" as he is VERY strong. He likes older children, but he is too big to be around little ones, and they make him a little uneasy. He doesn't mean to be so rambunctious, but he just can't help it! Do you need a companion who is ready to go at the drop of a hat? Buddy may be the one! Contact jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org for more information. Buddy's adoption donation is \$500. Buddy is located in the Colorado Springs area.



Happy Beginnings Stories

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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!

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