

Happy Halloween!



Wow! Thank you! DALMATIAN RESCUE OF COLORADO

Is very grateful to each of you who donated to DRC's Summer Fundraisers! We were able to raise nearly \$7,000, which will provide medical care to many of our foster "spots" in need.



For example, precious Cassie was found running on the tarmac at the McAllen, TX, airport, when daytime temps were around 109. The vet thought she might have mastitis, so the shelter released Cassie on a medical hold, along with her stray hold, which was up on June 16. One of DRC's fabulous fosters in Albuquerque agreed to take Cassie in, so volunteers hit the road to transport this little girl to her new safe place. Upon arrival in Albuquerque, poor little Cassie didn't have mastitis but tested positive for ehrlichia. Then, after receiving treatment for the ehrlichia, this unfortunate baby came down with kennel cough! Seems like she couldn't catch a break! But, thanks to all our supporting army who came to the rescue, Cassie is now doing well and thriving in her foster home. She will be available for adoption soon.

Unfortunately, Cassie was not the only "spot" in need. This has been a tough summer with more and more Dals needing to be rehomed, many of whom needed to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, or required additional medical help. The list is almost overwhelming. Fosters are in short supply. We struggle with who to accept and who we cannot help. It doesn't seem fair that so many of these beautiful dogs have no place to go! With your continued backing and assistance, we will do all we can for as many as we can.

Your encouragement and financial backing mean the world to us and plays a vital role in our mission to get as many homeless Dals and Wannabes as we can into permanent, loving, and safe homes. Together, we are making a significant difference in our communities and beyond. Your ongoing donations will help us continue our work with even greater determination and passion. Thank you for being a beacon of hope and believing in our cause.

If you have already contributed to the support of our dogs, we are so grateful. If you have not and wish to continue the flow of support dollars to the spots, it's not too late. Please visit our website – www.dalmatianrescueco.org – and use the "DONATE" button. Of course, checks are also gratefully accepted (Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, c/o Jeannine Holt, 1675 Fair Oak Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918).

Halloween Pet Safety

By Ryan Llera, BSc, DVM; Lynn Buzhardt, DVM

TRICK OR TREAT!! Halloween is an annual event that most children, and lots of adults, look forward to enthusiastically, anticipating a day and evening filled with masks, candy, and pranks! But this holiday can be particularly spooky for the furry children in your family. To make Halloween fun for all of your family members, take note of these Halloween safety tips for your pet.

Leave your pet at home

"No tricks, no treats" is the best Halloween plan for your dog. That may not sound like fun for your dog, but if your neighborhood is particularly busy on Halloween and the sidewalks are overflowing with exuberant parents and screaming children, it is best to leave your pet at home. Why expose him to the chaos and risk upsetting him?

You may be thinking, "Fido loves kids and knows this neighborhood like the back of his paw!" Even kid-loving dogs, intimately familiar with their normal exercise route, can be thrown off by extra people on the street and may become agitated. Scary-looking costumed humans that approach for a friendly pat on the head may frighten your dog. This fear reaction can be unsettling for dogs and downright dangerous for trick or treaters. Scared dogs, even the nicest ones, may growl and bite when they feel threatened.

If you do decide to venture out with your dog, make sure he is on a secure leash. Keep him close to you (no retractable leashes) at all times. Be vigilant as you observe your surroundings and assess people approaching you. Guard against friendly, excited children who want to pet your dog. Too much physical contact from strangers who do not look like normal humans, combined with the natural desire to protect his owner, can instigate an aggressive reaction from dogs.

Dress carefully

Just because your dog stays home does not mean he can't participate in Halloween. Lots of pets wear costumes. Just remember that it is important for 2- and 4-footed children to wear comfortable, safe clothing. Costumes should be loose enough to provide freedom of movement, but not loose enough to trip up little feet. On the other hand, costumes that are too tight can restrict breathing and make movements difficult. Make sure that your pet's costume does not interfere with his vision or hearing.

Also, beware of small parts, like buttons or loose strings, that can be chewed off and swallowed. Steer clear of any hair dyes or paints that your pet could lick off their fur, because they may become toxic if ingested. Check the label of any such product to ensure it is non-toxic if you absolutely must use it. Lots of pet owners opt for Halloween-themed bandanas as a safe, yet stylish, way for your pet to celebrate the holiday.

Provide your pet with a calm, secure area to stay

Dogs that stay at home are not always fans of the neighborhood candy hunt. The doorbell constantly rings and strangers in weird costumes invade their domain. Too many sights! Too many smells! Too many sounds! Even dogs that normally love children can be thrown off by the constant ringing of the doorbell or knocking, the sheer number of visitors, and the weird appearance of their human friends! Yesterday, Billy from next door was in play clothes with a smile on his sweet face; tonight, he is a scary pirate. That can be difficult for your dog to process and it may be difficult for him to recognize normally familiar faces.

So many people invading your dog's territory can be problematic. This "strange" looking person is trespassing on their home turf, which automatically sets off your dog's protective canine defense mechanism. Then the strange-looking person gets close to you (your dog's favorite person) as he reaches for candy, which further heightens your dog's defensive tendencies. What happens if Fido gets so protective, scared, or nervous that he barks, growls, or even snaps at Billy?

Unless your dog is extremely mellow, let him rest in a room away from the frenzy with the door closed. Turn on a TV, radio, or white noise machine to dull the sound of the doorbell and exuberant trick or treaters. Or better yet, pre-empt the doorbell by sitting outside and intercepting children before they reach your front door.

Secure any potential escape routes

If your dog stays with you and is calmly greeting the trick or treaters, keep him safely on leash. That way he cannot dart out the door after the visitors and you have control over his movements, in case something triggers an aggressive action.

If your dog historically becomes agitated when strangers visit, Halloween will only exacerbate his anxieties. Some dogs get so worked up that they pace, bark, and whine all evening. It is no fun for you or your poor dog for him to be miserable and anxious all evening. You may consider asking your veterinarian to prescribe a mild sedative. As a practice run, give the medication before Halloween night to assess the impact on your dog.

Keep Halloween treats away from your pet

"Chocolate in all forms and candy or gum artificially sweetened with xylitol can be very, very dangerous for dogs"

Resist the temptation to share Halloween candy with your pet. In fact, keep all candy safely out of reach. Chocolate in all forms and candy or gum artificially sweetened with xylitol can be very, very dangerous for dogs. Plus, dogs may gobble up candy... wrappers

and all. Cellophane or foil wrappers are big trouble when swallowed. Even natural treats like caramel apples should be off limits. Intestinal upsets, GI blockages, and pancreatitis can result from eating items not normally on your pet's menu.

Decorate with safety in mind

Festive decorations set the Halloween mood but can pose health risks for your dog. While non-toxic, pumpkin and pumpkin seeds can upset a pet's stomach, especially when consumed in large quantities. Lit candles in Jack-O-Lanterns become fire hazards when toppled by a curious canine. Fall-colored corn cobs are pretty, but they can obstruct the intestinal tract and often require surgical removal. Decorative holiday lights may brighten your porch, but remember to keep both lights and power cords out of your dog's reach. Nibbling on electrical cords can be shocking!

Halloween can be lots of fun. It may be your favorite holiday! So, go ahead. Buy the candy. Plan the costume. Map out your Trick or Treat route. Decorate the house. Just keep your dog in mind as you prepare for Halloween, so that the entire family has a good, safe time.



“We are in Ruidoso at the Ruidoso Motorcoach resort. Rusty and Roxy (Liver Dalmatians) have been traveling all over with us since 2014. They love loading up and going to fun places. Angel Fire is next, then Breckinridge. We took them to the new Margaritaville resort in Crystal Beach and Port Aransas this spring. They love people, dogs, food, treats, napping, walking, smelling, and attention. We are not full-timers, so they enjoy 'fur kid' vacations.” —Patty Perk

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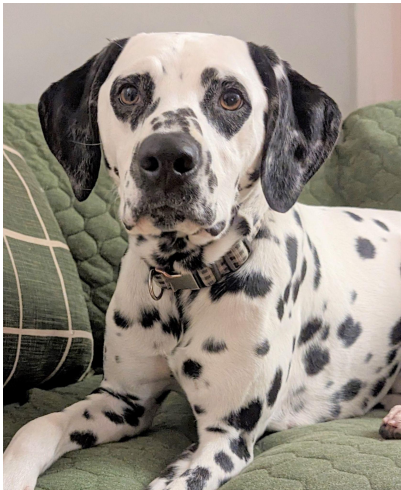
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If you haven't already submitted your Happy Beginnings story, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take some time to do it now!
Yes, I am begging. We really would like to have your stories on the website and make you a star here in the NewSpots!!
What are you waiting for? Submit your stories and a new photograph of your fur kid(s), and yourself if you want, to me today!
Karl@dalmatianrescueco.org

"A Dalmatian's energy is like a river, constantly flowing and impossible to stop."

- Anonymous

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Dates for this fundraiser are October 4 - December 1, 2023. Candy can start shipping November 10, 2023. Visit the link below to start shopping.

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October Is Pet Wellness Month

10 Tips For Dog Wellness

By Vicki Clinebell

We all want our canine companions to live long, happy, healthy lives. [October is National Pet Wellness Month](#), a good time to remember the importance of regular wellness checkups and making healthy lifestyle choices for your precious pup. There's no better way to celebrate than by making sure you make positive choices that can help your dog live longer, have increased vitality, and thrive.

These ten tips will help you keep your pup healthy during National Pet Wellness Month and all year long.

Are you making any healthy changes for your dog during National Pet Wellness Month? What other wellness tips do you have for dog parents? Let us know in the comments below!

Tips For Dog Wellness

Focus On Nutrition

Adequate nutrition keeps a dog fit and healthy and helps prevent many diseases.

It's all about the [ingredients in the food](#) they get: high protein sources like chicken and eggs build muscle, and fruits and vegetables are natural sources of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that are necessary for a well-functioning immune system.

The old axiom "you are what you eat" applies to dogs as well as to humans, so choose a high quality food for your dog's optimum health. Talk to your vet and make sure your pup has the best diet for them.

Control Their Weight

Obesity in dogs can lead to problems from conditions like [Cushing's disease](#) to skin irritations, heart failure, cancer, and ligament and disc issues.

An overweight pet has a decreased quality of life. Many pet parents overfeed their animals, and this can often mean that their pets will die at an earlier age.

Be sure your dog gets the proper nutrition, but be aware that a dog who's at a healthy weight will have more energy and better overall health. If you're worried that your dog is overweight, talk to your vet.

Get Enough Exercise

Exercise burns calories directly, but there's another benefit; it also can provide a boost to the metabolic rate that lasts for hours after the dog has stopped to rest.

Regular exercise keeps the animal's muscles, tendons, and bones strong. It also provides a measure of mental stimulation.

Spend some time exercising with your dog -- walking, playing, and enjoying the outdoors. It will do you both a world of good!

Don't Skip Dental Care

Proper dental care can extend your dog's life.

Take the breath test! Sniff your dog's breath. While doggy breath isn't normally fresh and minty, if it's really offensive, there may be a problem, especially if accompanied by a loss of appetite, any vomiting, or excessive drinking or urinating.

Check your pet's mouth -- gums should be a healthy, pink color and teeth should look clean without signs of brown tartar. Use a special dog toothbrush or piece of soft gauze, and massage the teeth or gums. Once your dog gets used to this, you will be able to brush their teeth two or three times weekly as part of a regular routine.

If you see signs of oral disease, like inflamed gums, or notice loose teeth, it's time for professional help from your veterinarian.

Brush Their Fur

Regardless of the length of a dog's fur, regular brushing is great because it removes dead hair and distributes natural oils for a clean, healthy coat while stimulating the surface of the skin.

It's also an opportunity for you to become familiar with your pet's body, making it more likely that you'll notice any changes, like unusual growths or abnormalities, that need the attention of a veterinarian.

Brush your pet every couple of days, and make it a pleasant time you share together.

Don't Overdo The Bathing

Grooming is a big part of pet wellness.

Bathing too frequently will dry out a dog's skin, so unless your companion has rolled in something smelly or gotten very dirty in some other way, a bath every two to four months should be sufficient if you're brushing your pet regularly.

Make sure to use a shampoo made specifically for dogs, as human shampoo is too harsh for an animal's skin. Be sure to test the water so it's not too hot or too cold, and rinse completely to avoid leaving a dull soap residue that can cause itching. Avoid getting shampoo or water directly in the eyes, mouth, or ears.

Learn How To Take Care Of Nails

Many dog parents are intimidated at the thought of clipping a dog's nails, but overgrowth can be uncomfortable for your pet. If you can hear the "click" as your dog crosses the floor, the nails are probably too long.

Choose a pet nail clipper that feels comfortable in your hands and gives a clean line of sight to exactly where the blade is cutting. Less is more in this case, so don't clip too closely. Ask your groomer for tips if you don't feel confident.

Dogs' nails grow in a curve, so excessive length can cause the toes to splay as the animal walks. Regular clipping prevents this and reduces the risk of torn nails.

Check And Clean Those Ears

Clean ears feel good to your dog and are important for preventing ear infections. Examining the outside of the ears also alerts you to the presence of wood ticks, fleas, or anything unusual.

To clean your dog's ears, use a cotton ball, piece of gauze, or a baby wipe with an ear-cleaning solution -- water won't work because it evaporates too quickly.

Wipe the inside surface of the ear, going down only as far as your finger easily fits. Never force it, and don't use a Q-tip or put anything else further down the ear canal that could cause a painful injury.

It's best to ask your vet for advice when it comes to at-home care for your dog.

Don't Go Overboard With Supplements

Reputable pet food manufacturers go to great lengths to make sure that their products contain the right proportion of vitamins and minerals, so adding more without first consulting your veterinarian might throw this delicate balance out of whack.

Some fat soluble vitamins -- A, D, E, and K -- are not easily eliminated from the body and could build up to toxic levels. High levels of one mineral in a dog's diet can interfere with the uptake of another, as in the case of calcium, copper, and iron.

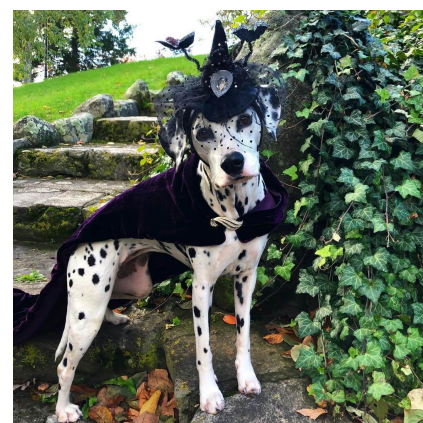
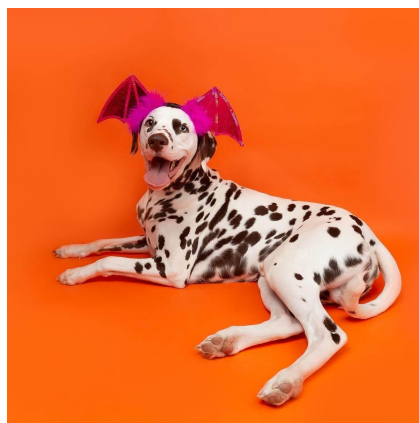
If your dog is healthy and eats well, a multi-vitamin mineral supplement should not be necessary. It's always best to ask your vet if you're concerned that your dog isn't getting enough nutrients from their regular diet.

Spend Quality Time With Your Dog

Happiness is an important component in your dog's overall wellness, so don't underestimate the benefit of spending time with your best canine friend.

Left alone without companionship or mental stimulation, animals can become depressed, act out in destructive ways, or even become lethargic.

Your pet is a family member. Interact with them -- talking, walking, playing together, stroking, and giving the affection and attention they so deserve. Your dog will benefit and reward you with unconditional love.





NATIONAL FIRE PUP DAY - OCTOBER 1, 2023

National Fire Pup Day on October 1st recognizes the canine firefighters that have long been members of fire departments across the country.

National Fire Pup Day

While the Dalmatian's origin is unknown, their use in firehouses began during the 1700s. Trained as a carriage dog, the Dalmatian's agility transferred quickly to horse-drawn fire engines. Even though Dalmatians weren't the only dogs fit for carriage work, they were the ones who mostly filled the role of fire dogs. They were also easily identified by their spotted and speckled coats.

In the days of the horse-drawn fire carts, they provided a valuable service, having a natural affinity to horses. The Dalmatian's duty was to run alongside the horses. They ran in front of or beneath the wagon axles clearing the way.

Long after the red engines replaced horse-drawn wagons, the Dalmatian remains a recognizable tradition in fire stations across the country. These energetic firehouse mascots serve to educate the public about fire safety. They also represent past fire pups in honor of their heroism.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL FIRE PUP DAY

Share photos of Dalmatians in fire department settings or on fire trucks and use #NationalFirePupDay to post on social media.

"The spots on a Dalmatian are the physical representation of their boundless energy."

- Jane Smith



NATIONAL MAKE A DOG'S DAY - OCTOBER 22, 2023

National Make A Dog's Day on October 22 is a Subaru holiday that invites dog-lovers everywhere to go the extra mile for their pup.

Today is a reminder to animal lovers everywhere to adopt a pet instead of buying a new one. In fact, we encourage everyone to visit a shelter (or Rescue) to see why adopting a four-legged friend will make the world a better place.

Why should I adopt a pet? Approximately 3.1 million dogs enter shelters (and many more enter Rescues) in the United States annually, many being relinquished by their owners. Worse still, approximately 15% of the animals that enter shelters are euthanized. While numbers continue to decline, the need for adoption continues to be overwhelming. One sure way to make a dog's day is giving them a new, loving home through adoption. Adoption is just one way to make a dog's day.

If your favorite canine companion could talk, they might tell us going for an extra-long walk would make their day. When was the last time you visited the dog park? Of course, a new chew toy might top their list. Sometimes, they just want to play. Throw the ball already! Another thing that tops the list of fur babies everywhere - don't stop scratching that itch.

HOW TO OBSERVE MAKE A DOG'S DAY (BESIDE ADOPTING!)

- Schedule regular check-ups for your dog with your veterinarian. Choose a schedule that fits you and your new animal friend.
- Vaccinate your dog according to what they need. Your veterinarian will make the correct recommendations to help you decide important vaccinations.
- Volunteer at a shelter by taking a dog for a walk or bringing them a new chew toy.
- Donate new blankets, treats, or other supplies to a shelter. You can check your local shelter needs by visiting their website or simply making a call.
- Stop by a participating Subaru retailer during the month of October and donate new pet supplies, which the automaker will be collecting throughout the month of October. Check your local Subaru retailers to join the effort.
- If you're already the owner of a beloved dog, take the extra time to make your dog's day. Repay that unconditional love with creative tokens of dog-gone appreciation.
- Subaru invites dog owners to do something special for the furry friends in their lives and share on social media using #MakeADogsDay. For those who are yet to be pet parents, Subaru invites Americans to consider adopting a shelter (or Rescue) pet or "Underdog."

NATIONAL MAKE A DOG'S DAY HISTORY

In 2019, Subaru founded National Make A Dog's Day to raise awareness for pet adoption. With the help of National Day Calendar, they set out to show the world just how good it feels to make a dog's day. 2022 is the fourth annual National Make A Dog's Day. Since its launch, #MakeADogsDay has reached 68 million people and helped find homes for nearly 60,000 dogs.

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We Have A Way For You To Help Us When You Do!

It's called iGive! They have over 1900 stores participating in their donation program! You're sure to find stores that you already shop at... walmart.com for example. It's really pretty simple. You sign up for free, then shop your favorite store from their link, complete and pay for your order. iGive then completes the donation process behind the scenes and each month they send a check to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. Sounds pretty good, right? You shop as you normally would and Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado gets much needed donations without costing you anything! That's what I call a win-win.

Check out iGive at [How iGive Works - iGive.com](https://www.give.com)

We hope you'll sign up and support Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado every time you shop online!

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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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For The Kids *(or adults who are kids at heart)*

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Trainer Tips

“Does your dog have a reliable Come / Recall?”

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When I ask, what is the most important thing you can teach your dog, what comes to mind? For many of my students, a reliable COME or RECALL is the answer.

So does your dog have a reliable Come when you call them? If not, what are you waiting for?! Some people have not worked on it much, Some people have, but have not been as successful as they would like. Now is the time to get to work on it if it's not very reliable.

If your Come is not reliable, you might need to start over. Some dogs have learned to tune out the word Come and it really holds little to no value for them. It doesn't mean what you want it to mean. In some cases, we can start fresh but still use the same word. In other cases, if it's been overused and largely ignored, then starting with a brand new word might be the better option. Either way, there is

no better time than now to get started on getting a reliable Come or Recall.

While we won't discuss HOW to go about it in detail here (since we have those details elsewhere) you might want to consider whether or not you actually want more than one cue for different situations or expectations.

When I ask what your expectation is when you say Come, and your answer starts with, “it depends” then you are a good candidate for having two or more cues.

For example, I have my urgent COME. And I have my everyday, less urgent, CHECK IN. Check in also is a cue for my dogs to come to me, but not in the urgent, as fast as you can, as my actual COME cue. Check in means, I need you to return to my left side, but you do not have to run as fast as you can and get here right now.

I can also use other ways to get my dogs to return to me, so essentially, Come to me, but without using my Come cue. For example, Touch (nose target to my hand) is another way to get my dogs to me. In order to touch their nose to my hand, they do have to return to me. I might use this as an alternative to Come when I need them to come. I might also use it when I need them closer than they are, but they are already nearby. In that case, sometimes Come does not seem to make a ton of sense to my dogs – umm, I am, like 6 feet away, what's the big deal?! But the Touch makes more sense to them in that context of closer proximity and I also do not need a full speed response when they are that close.

Another example I might use is Inside. I want you to get in the house and out of the backyard, but I do not need your full attention on me. I just need you indoors. I could use a cue like Inside instead of Come for this.

My dogs also know Heel. And they are quite good at it. I might use this if I want them to return to me and stay by my side. Or move with me if I am going somewhere.

I have lots of ways to get my dogs to me. Come is only one of those. How many ways do you have? And how reliable are they?

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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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.

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****** 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!

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Just want to share:

I am a full blown coffee snob. I'm fussy about the coffee I drink and even when threatened by a caffeine withdrawal headache, I won't drink just anything. I absolutely love the Dalmatian Coffee Co's French Roast.

I would highly recommend the Dalmatian Coffee Co's French Roast to any coffee snob you might need to impress!

JoAnne F.

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

Fred A



2 Year Old, Black, Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Littleton, CO

Fred is an absolute dream dog! Mostly white with some spots on his ears, he is quite relaxed and friendly, meeting other dogs nicely and walking well on a leash. Not much is known about his history, but he was a staff favorite at the shelter and was well-loved at one time, with a beautiful coat and some decent house manners. He was, unfortunately, heartworm positive and continues treatment for a few more weeks. (Dalmatian Rescue will continue to underwrite his treatment until he is heartworm free). He's cute and sociable and is going to make some family a great companion. At 40 pounds, he's not big and likes to play but is not super high energy. Adopter must be willing to follow veterinarian instructions and work closely with Dalmatian Rescue to ensure Freddy's heartworm treatment is complete and successful. For more information, please contact friends@dalmatianrescueco.org for more information. Suggested adoption donation is \$350.

Reese

1 Year Old, Multi-color, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Aurora, CO

Reese is a stunning young male who is seeking his forever home. Reese loves to play and is fairly high energy. He would benefit from a family who is active outdoors and who will include him in their adventures - running, hiking, mountain climbing, maybe biking. His age and energy level will require his family to have him out for extensive walks or runs daily. Although Reese was in a Texas shelter for about two months, he has proven himself to fit well in a home. He is also smart and wants to please. No information about cats or kids. Reese is located in the Denver area and his adoption donation is \$400. For more information, contact jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org.



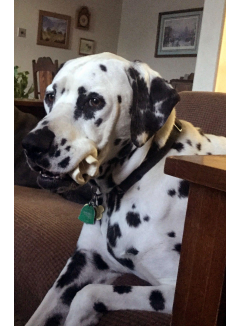
Happy Beginnings Stories

Luna and Jackson



Better late than never. We adopted Luna back in 2017 and Jackson a year later. Luna was supposedly hard of hearing but really only had selective hearing. I was away from home much of the time and wanted my wife to have a walking companion and company at home during my absence. Luna is part dal and part Catahoula leopard dog and has a very peculiar yell when she gets excited. Jackson is a typical Dalmatian, would rather be with people than other dogs, and lay in your lap or in your bed than anywhere else. We sweep up at least one dog's worth of hair every week and are constantly picking up toys. Both are super smart but stubborn and we have learned to doggie proof the house again after losing three remotes and two phones. I'm retired now and home most of the time but even when I get back from the grocery store or Home Depot, they still are so excited as if I'd been gone for months. Nice!

Sincerely,
John M.



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

We got three Happy Beginnings Stories submitted last month!!

Let's keep them coming! 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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