



To each and everyone of you!

Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado Auction Fundraiser a great success!

RAISED
\$9,492.82

GOAL \$8,000.00

118.7%
REACHED!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado Auction Fundraiser. We set out with a goal of \$8,000 as our target. We surpassed that goal by more than 118%! Your generous donations allowed us to exceed our goal and we raised just shy of \$9,500!! It is thanks to the generous donations from people like you that we are able to continue to help the Dalmatians and wannabes, year after year!

Holiday Pet Safety Tips

Holiday Decorating Safety Tips:

- 1. Tinsel and broken ornaments:**
Pets are curious. They love tasting and touching things. Make sure tinsel and ornaments are placed on the tree well out of their reach. Check daily for anything that might have fallen or been knocked down. Remove tinsel and broken ornaments immediately. Ingesting pieces of tinsel or broken ornaments can cause internal bleeding or digestive tract blockages. Either of these can lead to an unexpected and expensive trip to the emergency veterinary hospital.
- 2. Tree Safety:**
If your celebrations include trees or bushes, the best way to keep your pets safe is to put up a barrier like a gate or playpen at the base of the tree or bush. This will prevent your dog or cat from playing with it or climbing it. Also, stagnant water in the tree stand can contain bacteria and fertilizers that drip down from the tree.
- 3. DIY Dough Ornaments:**
Salt dough ornaments contain very high concentrations of salt. Your pet might be attracted to the smell of the dough and eat the decoration right off the tree, which can lead to salt toxicity. See above to keep them from the dough ornaments.
- 4. Snow Globes:**
- 5. Some snow globes contain antifreeze, which is highly toxic to pets.** Antifreeze has a sweet smell that can attract pets if the snow globe breaks open. So make sure to clean up any accidental snow globe breaks immediately and completely.
- 6. Candles:**
Open flames can ignite fur and burn curious animals. Also, scented candles with certain essential oils can be toxic if inhaled. If your pet knocks over a candle they could start a house fire or at the very least be burnt by hot wax. NEVER leave burning candles unattended.
- 7. Gifts And Wrapping Paper:**
Small toys are choking hazards and can obstruct your pet's airway. Wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows can also create choking hazards, blockages and be toxic, depending on the materials used, if consumed.
- 8. Electrical Cords:**
Pets might chew through electrical cords from decorative lights and could get electrocuted. They may also simply become tangled and trapped in the cords. If this happens they might panic and pull the tree or other objects over on top of them and suffer injuries.

Toxic and Dangerous Foods To Pets:

- 1. Xylitol:**
Xylitol is a sweetener that is highly toxic to dogs and is commonly found in candy, chocolate, some peanut butters, sugarfree chewing gum, medicines and makeup products. If enough is ingested (and it can be as little as one piece of gum or candy) it can result in liver failure, low blood sugar levels and death. **DO NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THIS!**
 - 2. Turkey bones:**
While turkey bones are not toxic, they are still dangerous to dogs because they can get stuck in their digestive system or throat, in turn causing choking, blockages and internal bleeding.
 - 3. Onions, Garlic Chives and Leeks:**
Whether cooked, raw or in powdered form, ingesting these foods can damage your pet's red blood cells, which carry their oxygen.
 - 4. Chocolate:**
The darker the chocolate, the more dangerous it is for dogs. But ANY chocolate can be fatal. So best to err on the side of caution and not allow your dog to consume any chocolate. Ingesting toxic amounts can result in symptoms like vomiting, elevated heart rate, seizures, and death.
 - 5. Alcohol:**
You should NEVER give your pet alcohol, but some are curious enough to drink it right out of your glass if it's left unattended. Ingesting alcohol can lead to alcohol poisoning in pets. Make sure to remind your guests not to leave their glasses unattended and to NEVER give any alcoholic beverages to your pets.
 - 6. Raisins, Grapes and Currants:**
These are toxic to your dogs. Do not give them to your pets. They can harm your dog's kidneys.
 - 7. Nuts:**
Due to their high fat content, nuts can cause pancreatitis. They pose an even greater risk if coated in other toxic ingredients like garlic or chocolate. Macadamia nuts are toxic for dogs, leading to weakness, vomiting, tremors, and other clinical signs.
 - 8. Milk products:**
Most pets are lactose intolerant, so ingesting milk products can create gastrointestinal issues for your pets.
 - 9. Unbaked Bread Products:**
Unbaked bread dough can expand in a pet's stomach and cause bloat. Pets can also get alcohol poisoning if they consume uncooked yeast.
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10. Caffeine:
Ingesting a moderate amount of coffee grounds, tea bags, or diet pills can lead to death in small animals.
11. Fatty Meats:
Excessive amounts of fat may lead to diarrhea, stomach pain, vomiting, and even pancreatitis.
12. Salt:
Consuming too much salt, especially without water, can trigger symptoms like vomiting, lethargy, muscle weakness, seizures and even death.

Toxic Plants For Pets

1. Lilies:
Even a bite or two of the flower or stems can lead to acute kidney failure in cats. Sniffing the pollen or drinking the water they are stored in can have the same result.
2. Amaryllis:
An amaryllis flower's leaves, stems, and bulbs can cause vomiting, low blood pressure, and abdominal discomfort.
3. Yew:
Often used in wreaths for the holidays, yew can cause symptoms like drooling, difficulty breathing, tremors, coma and death.
4. Holly and Mistletoe:
Eating holly or mistletoe can lead to severe gastrointestinal issues, like vomiting and diarrhea. Pets will also smack their lips, drool, and head shake because the spiny leaves are painful to swallow and ingest.
5. Poinsettias:
Poinsettias are only mildly toxic to cats and dogs, but can irritate the stomach, mouth, and skin.

To prevent your pet from eating any of these common holiday plants, avoid bringing them home, inspect gifts from guests and share a list of plants and flowers to avoid.

What To Do If Your Pet Eats Something Toxic

If you suspect your pet ate something they shouldn't have or are showing signs of poisoning, seek medical assistance immediately. Call your vet, local veterinary emergency hospital for advice. Remember, when you have a pet, preparation is the best way to have a fun holiday. During holiday parties, keep your pet in a secure room to prevent them from escaping or eating something toxic when you're not looking. Whether you're traveling or staying at home, it's a good idea to note what vet clinics and emergency services are open during the holidays. If something does happen, you'll be prepared.

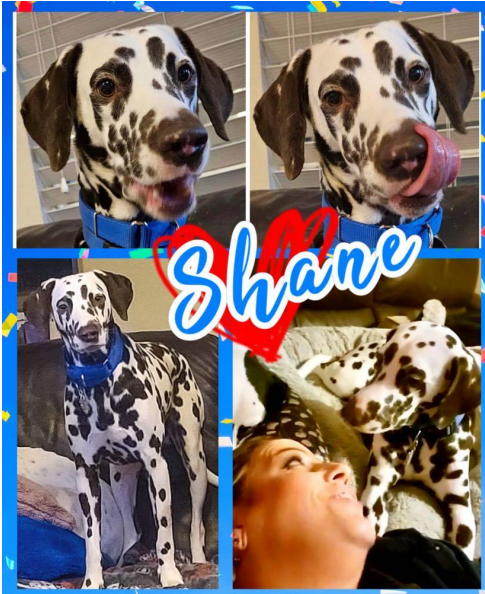
Safety Tips For Dressing Up Cats And Dogs:

Just like at Halloween, costume safety for the holiday season is a must!

1. If Your Pet Doesn't Like Their Costume, Take It Off:
It's fun to include your pets in the festivities by dressing them in costumes. But not all pets like to wear clothes or accessories. If they show any signs of discomfort or distress while wearing something, take it off of them immediately!
2. Make Sure Your Pet Can See And Move In Their Costumes:
Avoid outfits that cover your pet's eyes, limit their vision, or restrict movement. They should be able to walk, bark, meow, hear, eat and/or drink without issue.
3. Don't Leave Your Pet Unsupervised While They Are Wearing A Costume:
Always monitor your pet when they are in costume, so you can quickly remove it if necessary.
4. Don't Take Off Your Pet's ID Tag
Your pet's ID tag is crucial for safety, especially during the holiday season. Always ensure your pet's tags are secure and visible regardless of their outfit. If your pet happens to get out, possibly due to the chaos of guests and entertainment, their identification will be key in ensuring a safe, and quick, return home. For your pet's safety, please keep them in a safe, secure room when guests are over to prevent them from escaping, getting into troublesome or toxic foods or drinks. Most importantly, this holiday season, is to keep their identification tags on them at all times.



Recent Adoptees!



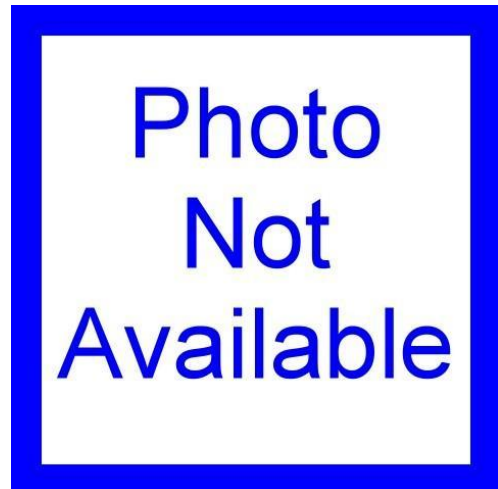
Shane
Friendswood, TX



Sage (aka Layla)
Arvada, CO



Tucker
Divide, CO



Eddie (aka Darryl)
Alpena, MI

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

May your Howlidays be as joyous as a pup's tail wagging.

9 Days Left!!!!!!!

***Announcing
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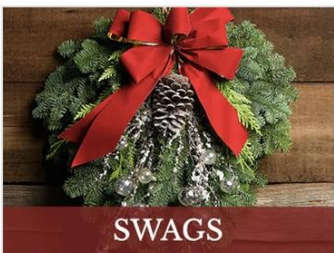
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Great news! We have started an online fundraising campaign for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado 2023 at Lynch Creek Farm. Every time you shop online through our group's fundraising page we receive 15% back from your qualifying purchase. It really is that easy! You can support our efforts via our online storefront at: www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/300736 OR by heading directly to www.lynchcreekwreaths.com and entering our Campaign ID #300736 during checkout. I know that with your support we will meet our goal in no time! Thank you for your support!

Blackberry Biscuit Holiday Dog Recipe

By Lucy Pearl at 24petwatch.com



Blackberry Biscuit is the perfect holiday dog recipe for those who want to keep their trusted companion safe and healthy during the festive season. This delicious biscuit is made with natural ingredients that are known to be safe for dogs, and it is also Vet proof! You can relax knowing that your dog won't suffer any damage while enjoying this wonderful gift.

Why making your own dog treats is a good idea.

- You know exactly what ingredients are going into the treat
 - You can control the quality of the ingredients
 - You can choose ingredients that are safe for your dog
- You can make treats that are tailored to your dog's individual needs and preferences

Ingredients you'll need for Blackberry Biscuit:

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup oats
- 1/2 cup blackberries, mashed
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons honey

A little about blackberries

Blackberries are not only a delicious fruit, but they also contain vitamins A and C, antioxidants, and a lot of fiber, which promotes good health. All these nutrients work together to support a healthy immune system, making blackberries an ideal ingredient for a holiday dog treat.

How to make the blackberry biscuit dog treat

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Mix each ingredient in a sizable bowl until everything is properly combined.
3. Place spoonfuls of batter on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Flatten slightly with the back of a spoon.
4. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
5. Allow to cool completely before feeding to your dog. Enjoy!

Tips for storing and serving your homemade Blackberry Biscuit

1. For up to a week, keep your blackberry biscuits in the refrigerator in an airtight container.
2. These treats are best served cold, so put them in the freezer for a few minutes before giving them to your pup.
3. If you're feeling extra generous, you can top each biscuit with a little dollop of all-natural peanut butter or yogurt.

Nutritional information of Blackberry Biscuits

Whole wheat flour, organic rolled oats, organic blackberries, organic peanut butter, organic honey, and filtered water.

Calories 62 calories

Fat: 0.7g

Carbohydrates: 13.8g

Protein: 2g

Fiber: 7.6 g

Sugar: 7g

It's important to remember that dogs are not exempt from the risks associated with holiday sweets. Many popular holiday foods, such as chocolate and raisins, can be poisonous to dogs. It's crucial to make sure that any holiday goodies you give your dog are approved by a veterinarian.

What kind of desserts can dogs have?

Homemade desserts such as blackberry biscuits, sweet potatoes, pumpkin flavored cakes, and cookies are great for dogs.

What kind of flour is safe for dogs?

Wheat flour is a popular choice of flour for dog treats that can be found in grocery stores. It is made from whole grain wheat, making it a healthy and nutritious option for your pet.

There's no need to worry about your pet missing out on the holiday fun this year. With some advanced preparation and a tried-and-true recipe, you can make sure that your dog has a safe and delicious holiday season. From all of us here at 24Petwatch, we hope you have a pawsome holiday.

Train your dog the leave it cue

The leave it cue is a way to protect your dog from picking something poisonous or otherwise dangerous that they may find interesting or even delicious. To teach leave it, start with a lower value treat. Show your dog the lure treat and place it on the floor, covering it with your hand. Your dog will try to get to the treat, as soon as they stop trying, mark and reward. However, never reward with the lure treat as you want to teach your dog that the item is off-limits totally. Offer a higher value treat from your other hand.

When your dog is successful at consistently controlling their urge to go for the lure treat, upgrade to removing your hand – but be ready to cover again quickly if needed. Do not allow your dog to get the lure treat. When your dog shows disinterest or restraint in not going for the lure treat, mark, and reward.

When you're successful at this level, upgrade to the same exercise but with you standing. Put your dog on a leash so you can stop your dog from getting to the lure treat. Once your dog can consistently refrain from going for the dropped lure treat, you're ready to add the verbal cue of saying 'leave it'. Your dog should have a solid understanding at this point but keep them on the leash for training sessions. Say 'leave it' and drop the treat, mark, and reward.

Train your dog the drop it cue

If your dog hasn't yet mastered 'leave it, using the drop it cue can get your dog to drop whatever they have in their mouth. To teach drop it, start with a fun game of tug-of-war. After a few moments, let go of the toy and remain unengaged. Your dog will quickly become bored and will drop the toy. Mark the behavior with a happy "yes!" or with a clicker and immediately offer them a treat. Start up another game of tug. Once your pup is consistently dropping the toy when you let go, add a verbal cue by saying 'drop it' as they drop the toy, marking and rewarding the behavior. With enough practice, your dog will happily trade something unsavory they picked up on your walk for a known high-value treat and praise from their favorite person.

Train your dog no

No is a common human response to unwanted behaviors, and you can teach it to your dog. With plenty of high-value treats, consistency, and patience, teaching your dog 'no' is a simple task. When your dog does something you'd rather they didn't (say digging in your pile of fresh towels you're folding) say a firm, but not loud 'no'. Immediately mark and reward as soon as they stop the behavior. Keep treats on you so that when opportunities arise to practice 'no' you are prepared to mark and reward your dog when they understand the cue.

Learning not to do something is more challenging for dogs than learning to do something (like sit). Take care not to yell or become angry when teaching the no command. Dogs cannot learn when they are afraid, and it will only set back your training. Have patience and stay consistent.

Train your dog the recall cue

Teaching and maintaining a strong recall can prevent accidents and even runaway dogs. To teach recall, you'll need a reward that your dog finds irresistible (think chicken or cheese) and a low-distraction environment. First, show your dog a treat or toy (whichever they're more motivated by), and as soon as they begin coming to you, mark and reward them. After a few rounds, upgrade to adding a verbal cue (come, home, etc) only when your dog is moving towards you. Slowly increase the difficulty by asking your dog to come before offering the treat or toy. Always mark and reward with a high-value treat. Using special treats for this cue only will help motivate your dog to always choose to come to you.

Once you've mastered this level, begin adding distance and then distractions. Move from your home to your yard, and then out in public. Slowly work up in difficulty so your dog is set up for success.

Even if your dog has a perfect record with their recall, an up-to-date ID tag and microchip are always recommended. If your dog ever becomes lost, [the Lifetime Protection Membership Plan](#) gives you the tools you need to find your dog.

The benefits of a trained dog

The benefits of a well-trained dog are limitless. Training your dog is a way to communicate in ways your dog can understand, creates a stronger connection with your dog, and provides mental stimulation (leading to less destructive behaviors).

Whether you choose to do DIY training, join an in-person training class, or opt into online training classes like [Petcademy](#) - included in the [Lifetime Protection Membership Plus](#). Training your dog is one of the best things you can do for them, teaching them the skills to live their best life.

FOSTERS SAVE LIVES!

Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado desperately needs foster homes. We have four dogs currently needing foster care and two or three more waiting to come in. We can't help these needy Dalmatians without assistance from our community. We are looking for active, out-doorsy people who have secure fences and no cats and who are willing to give these beautiful dogs some time and attention. Visit www.dalmatianrescueco.org to see the Foster Application which can be completed and submitted online.



NATIONAL MUTT DAY - July 31 and December 2

NATIONAL MUTT DAY - DECEMBER 2, 2023

National Mutt Day encourages us to embrace, save and celebrate mixed breed dogs twice a year on July 31st and December 2nd. Desperately longing for a new home, millions of loving and healthy mixed breed dogs in shelters and rescues wait for someone to come and adopt them. National Mutt Day provides an excellent opportunity to find the perfect canine companion. Despite the name, a mutt learns, obeys and trains much like purebred animals. While their lineage cannot be traced and their features are a bit murky, their companionship will be faithful.

According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters (and more enter rescues) every year. When these abandoned and often abused animals find their way to a shelter or rescue, each one needs a forever home. Whether you know it or not, their potential is limitless. Some of the benefits of adoption are often hidden. Humans and canines both enjoy increased physical activity. Another boost is social interaction through daily walks. While humans develop patience, their four-legged companion learns trust and new limits. For example, as dogs explore the many scents of the human lifestyle, they usually discover shoes are off-limits.

No matter the breed, size or demeanor of the human, er, canine, the shelter or rescue will take the time to find the right home for their animals. They schedule visits and have procedures in place to promote healthy adoptions for families and individuals. While some dogs experience injury or illness, the shelters work with veterinarians to heal the animals before making them available for adoption.

Of course, shelters and rescues always welcome donations and volunteers. Dogs love walking, playing and being loved even if they haven't found their forever home. Every moment they spend socializing increases their opportunity for adoption.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL MUTT DAY

Visit a shelter; if you are unable to adopt a dog, you can always volunteer. Post on social media using #NationalMuttDay and encourage others to join in.

NATIONAL MUTT DAY HISTORY

Celebrity Pet Expert and Animal Welfare Advocate, Colleen Paige, founded National Mutt Day in 2005. Celebrate the day on both December 2 and July 31 of each year. Learn more at www.nationalmuttday.com.

Do You Shop Online?

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](http://www.igive.com)

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

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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>

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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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and Happy Holidays!





Trainer Tips

“Introducing A New Dog To The Resident Dog”

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Question:

We are planning to adopt a second dog. What's the best way to introduce the two dogs?

The Trainer Answers:

A successful first meeting between your resident dog and a new dog can help to ensure an easier integration of your new dog into your household. Some planning will help this first meeting to be a success.

First, how does your resident dog do when introduced to new dogs? Do you have a friendly dog with good social skills? Some dogs are very friendly but have poor social skills which can cause problems! Is your dog territorial at home or even in your neighborhood? If your dog has poor social skills, any potential dog-dog issues, space issues or territorial issues, then you will need to be more careful. The same questions apply for the new dog.

If there are any doubts, it's best to err on the side of caution and set yourself up for success. It's best to have one person to handle each dog. Rather than bringing the new dog into your house, with your other dog waiting just inside, it's best to bring your new dog into the house with your resident dog safely elsewhere. Give the new dog a chance to check out the new surroundings and check out the smells without a face-to-face meeting at the door.

The actual dog to dog introduction is best handled outdoors. If there are any concerns about territoriality or space issues, plan for the dogs to meet outdoors in neutral territory where there is plenty of space, such as a local park. If your dog is territorial in your neighborhood, a park that you do not frequent is best.

Start by having one person walking each dog, on leash, apart from each other. Rather than approaching head-on, you should gradually join up with the other dog walking in the same direction. Start by walking farther apart, so the dogs can see each other but not get too close. Gradually walk closer together until you are walking side by side. This gives the dogs a chance to get used to each other and check each other out without the pressure of coming at each other head-on. It is very important to keep the leashes as loose as possible but still keep hold in case you need to separate the dogs. If each person holds tightly to the leashes, you create tension for the dogs and could cause a problem that might not otherwise have occurred because they are picking up on your tension.

If you have a dog with any leash aggression issues, then a walk will not be the best way to introduce the two dogs. How to introduce them will depend on whether your dog does well off leash with other dogs or needs extra time to acclimate to another dog without being able to make contact. That situation will need to be addressed differently and is not discussed in this particular article. When you bring the dogs home, allow them to meet again outside the house, and then bring one in at a time. Do not walk them in together, as tight doorways are prime locations for dog-dog scuffles. Bring one all the way in away from the door, and then bring the other one inside.

Provide close supervision at first to ensure there are no problems. In particular, keep an eye on doorways and other tight spaces, as well as anything that might be considered a valuable resource, such as food bowls, bones, toys, beds, or even you. Put away potential problem items, such as bones, when first bringing both dogs in the house.

If you detect any potential problems, address it in a positive manner quickly to prevent escalation into a fight. If you are not sure what signs to look for or how to address early warning signs, contact a professional who will help you to address it appropriately. Punishment – even if it seems to work in the short term – is not the best way to address these issues, as you could make matters worse in the long run. Also, assuming that dogs will work things out themselves – although some will – is not always the best approach either.

Help your dogs to make good choices rather than assuming everything will work out without your assistance. Prevention is much easier than addressing problems that build up over time.

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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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 1800 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 have no reader recommendations or tips to share this month.

If you have a recommendation or tip to share with our readers, please send it to me at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org today!

This section of the newsletter depends on you, the wonderful readers. Without your contributions, this section of the newsletter will fail. We don't want that, because it can be a very valuable asset for all of the readers. So please support the Reader Recommendations and Tips section today.

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

Bailey A



10 Year Old, Black, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

BAILEY A URGENTLY NEEDS HIS FUREVER HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!!! HE HAS BEEN IN FOSTER CARE FOR OVER FOUR YEARS (THAT'S 40% OF HIS LIFE)! AND THAT IS WAY TOO LONG WITHOUT A FAMILY TO CALL HIS OWN!

THIS BOY NEEDS HIS OWN HOME! HE HAS BEEN IN A DRC FOSTER HOME SINCE 2019! Sweet, lovable Bailey is an active 10-year-old neutered mixed breed dog, ready to give you lots of love and devotion. He likes to go for walks and gentle runs and would love to go on hikes. Bailey doesn't take long to warm up to new people. Bailey is also a cuddler, and a kisser. He is a true velcro dog, always wanting to be by your side.

Bailey is not fond of cats. He is a caretaker and watches over his family and house from a deck or patio during the day and captures your bed at night. Bailey would like a home with another laid-back companion for company and play-time, and a good fence for security. For more information, contact friends@dalmatianrescueco.org. Bailey is currently in Falcon (Colorado Springs). Suggested adoption donation: \$250. Please submit an application for adoption for Bailey at: www.dalmatianrescueco.org.

Pat

7 Year Old, Black, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Deseret, VA

HERE'S ANOTHER LONG-TERM FOSTER WHO WOULD LOVE A FAMILY OF HIS OWN FOR CHRISTMAS! HE ASKED SANTA IN HIS LETTER THIS YEAR WHY NO ONE WANTS HIM????

Pat is a loving, gentle & playful boy. He loves learning new things & being with People and other dogs. Pat has had a very difficult earlier life. He ran away four times and ended up at the local humane society. Pat was brought there again after his owner died. He is gradually losing his hearing and is very nervous about this. He does not like a lot of shadows or flashlights. He is learning hand signals and has just learned to stop, to sit and to shake paws.

Pat loves to share cuddles and craves human contact. He'd be thrilled at the opportunity to be a velcro dog - a very Dalmatian trait! If you are looking for a very handsome, smiling love bug and are interested in him, please contact sandy@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$300.00. The adoption application can be found at: www.dalmatianrescueco.org.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Celia



Meet Celia. We just celebrated her 10th adoption year (adopted September 2013). We were looking to adopt another dog to join our family and to be a best friend to our other adopted dog. I grew up with dalmatians and no dog is quite like them.

Celia quickly gained the nickname "Silly". Her early years were spent sneaking pillows out the dog door, swimming, and playing as much frisbee as she could. She is also known for the tap dance she has always done with her front paws before every meal.

She has slowed down in her later years, but still loves being part of the family. She loves car rides, snuggles, and carrying toys around the house.

Our family would not be the same without her and we are so grateful to the Dalmatian Rescue and her initial foster family for bringing her into our lives.

-Holly and Pete I.
Lakewood, CO

Logan



A Happy Beginnings story for Logan. He was the one that got loose in Weatherford, and I tracked him to Mineral Wells. After 37 days we had to dart him but had that scared boy safe with us on July 6th, 2020. We officially adopted him in October of 2020. He's the perfect angel now and teaches our fosters and puppies how to be dogs.

Sincerely,
Kacy H.
Allen, TX

If anyone needs me, I'll be decorating the tree with tinsel and dog hair!

If you haven't already sent in your dog's Happy Beginnings Story, this is the perfect time to do it!

Start the year off right, by sending your dog's story to me at:

karl@dalmatianrescueco.org

**Wouldn't it be great to see your story in the newsletter and on our website?
The only way to do that is to submit it today!!**

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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