

Springtime Pet Safety Tips



Spring is almost here. And with the change of season, our thoughts turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning, much-needed home improvement projects and of course - spending more time outdoors with your pets. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your furry friends.

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

Easter Treats And Decorations

Keep lilies and candy in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies can be fatal if ingested by cats. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe

vomiting and dehydration. Moreover, while live bunnies, chicks and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy them—these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!

Screen Yourself

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

Buckle Up!

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

Spring Cleaning

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

Home Improvement 101

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

Let Your Garden Grow—With Care

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

eaten. Check out ASPCA's [full list](#) of toxic and non-toxic plants for your home and garden.

Ah-Ah-Achoo!

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

Pesky Little Critters

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

Out And About

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

Ease Into Activity

If you and your pet have been inactive all winter, ease slowly into activity. Start with leashed walks, and shorter play sessions and gradually work up to maximum activity. Starting all at once can lead to injuries and sore muscles.

Unpredictable Weather

Weather this time of year can be a wonderful respite from the cold of winter, but it can also be extremely unpredictable. Make sure you're prepared for any unexpected inclement weather by taking along the right gear like a rain jacket, umbrella, rain boots in wet weather and a water bottle or collapsible bowl for frequent hydration breaks when you venture out for a hike, walk, run, or bike ride with your dog or cat in the heat. In the event that your area is experiencing extremely inclement weather such as a hurricane or tornado, it doesn't hurt to keep an eye on the forecast and prepare a go bag so you can scoop up your pets and go before disaster strikes.

Beware Of The Sticks

The grounds, parks, and driveways are beginning to thaw when spring arrives. This means a few extra sticks for your furry friend. Even if you do not ask your canine friends to bring you sticks they will because now they can find some just lying around. Sticks can be a choking hazard for dogs and in some cases even lead to death. The solution is quite simple, pack some chew toys or Frisbees to keep your dog engrossed. Moreover, if you are planning to play in your backyard then remove any sticks that may attract your furry friend. Pay close attention if you are outside, a dry stick is a threat as well, but a wet stick can be more of a problem.

Keep An Eye Out For Dog Park Bullies

All the dogs are probably seeing the dog park for the first time in months. This can be a cause of dogs bullying each other and even harming them. Keep an eye out for any such occurrence when your dog is at the park. If you see a dog bullying other dogs, LEAVE! Don't even let them have the chance to bully your dog.

Watch For Thawing Ice

That same lake you dog raced across when the ice was two feet thick is becoming less safe by the minute. Keep pets on a leash and off the lakes, ponds and streams where they could break through thinning ice.

Bring The Calm Before (And During) The Storms

If your dog becomes unglued when the thunder rolls, talk to your veterinarian about medications that can help ease your dog's fears. Setting up a "safe room" away from doors and windows where your dog can curl up with his or her favorite toys may also help.

Bee Stings

Like people, some dogs can have an allergic reaction to bee stings, especially if stung by multiple bees. Talk to your veterinarian about how you can keep your pup safe from bee stings, and what to do if your dog is stung.

“The dog has seldom been successful in pulling man up to its level of sagacity, but man has frequently dragged the dog down to his.”

— James Thurber

12 Spring Activities That Your Dog Will Love

<https://www.petside.com/>

The spring flowers are starting to bloom, the sun is getting warmer and the harsh winter chill is fading away; now is the time to get outside and start enjoying the warmer spring season with your pooch! Spring is the perfect time of year to find high-energy activities to do with your dog before it gets too hot and they start to become easily fatigued in the summer heat. It is the time of year for us humans to come out of hibernation, stretch our legs, and bond with our dogs outside in the warm spring air.

We've compiled a list of some of the best activities you can do with your dog during the spring to make the most of this beautiful season.

1. Go Out Camping

Probably the top of most people's lists as the seasons change is to go camping! A camping vacation in the spring is perfect; the sun isn't too hot, but the days are still long, so you can get plenty of hours of entertainment in before settling down for the night. Dogs are naturally drawn to the outdoors, so camping with your dog is ideal for them; not only are they getting to spend most of the day running around with their family, but this time spent outside together is the perfect bonding opportunity. If camping isn't really your thing, you can book out cabins for you and your family to draw you away from town or city life and help you to enjoy the beauty of nature without being quite so exposed to the elements as you would be in a tent.

2. Head to The Dog Park

If you're not able to go camping, you could always head down to the local dog-friendly park for a stroll with your pup and give them a chance to stretch their legs and enjoy the sunshine. Most dog parks have an area designated for letting dogs off their leash and giving them a chance to really test their stamina, ideal for energetic dogs that need to blow off some steam. Dog-friendly parks also give your dog a chance to see some of its friends and have a good run around with them, something winter often deprives them of, through no fault of their own.

3. Throw a Frisbee Around

Simple, but effective. Throwing around a dog frisbee for your little buddy is easy for you, but a workout for them, which means you could keep it going for hours and really help your dog to run out some excess energy after all those lazy weeks over the winter. Dogs get excited about the warm weather too, so let them enjoy it. Plus, if you've never been great with frisbees before, this is the perfect time to perfect your technique.

4. Take Them to a River

Paddling around in a river is perfect for helping your pooch to keep cool if it is getting a little warm. So if you're out on a walk and you spot a river or stream for them to enjoy, let them wet their paws in the water, whilst you enjoy the relaxing sounds of the water babbling. If you're lucky enough to have a lake nearby, this would also be a fantastic fit for your pup and a great chance to get one or two pictures of your pooch by the water's edge.

5. Go Hiking

Hiking with your dog in the hills (or mountains if you're lucky enough to have them) gives you both the opportunity to get some real fresh air and start the summer off on the right note. Dogs enjoy walking very much, as it gives them a chance to be out in nature whilst offering them a good workout at the same time, so taking your pup for a hike is perfect.

6. Go For a Picnic

Pack a bit of dog food, some food for yourself, and a few treats, and take your dog over to the local fields, or even just your backyard, to bask in the sunlight and enjoy good food in great company. Many people would not think of picnics as dog activities, but we all know pups love their food and love their exercise, so a picnic is the best of both worlds. Plus, you have to admit, a doggie photo would make an extremely cute photo for prosperity.

7. Go to The Beach

The perfect place for a swim! You could also take your pup to the lakes if the beach is a little bit out of your reach, as a lake has all the same advantages. With the springtime smells of the sea and sand in the air, why not go walking to the beach, look for a perfect spot, pitch a couple of lawn chairs and let your dog feel the sand and water between its toes? The fantastic thing about the beach is that there is a lot of fun things a dog can do to pass the time, including digging, swimming, walking, and thinking of the best ways to cover you in sand, and if you get the timing just right, you could capture the perfect sunset photo of your furry friend.

8. Go to The Woods

Taking your furry best friend to the woods will give them a fantastic sense of adventure. A walk through the trees will give you both a sense of calm and relaxation, as well as giving your dog the opportunity to look for a new toy, as we all know sticks are a bit part of the fun for dogs in the woods. Taking yourself and fido away from the city to soak in the sights of the local woodland can be revitalizing and ideal exercise for your pet dog, as wooded areas are often hilly, giving a woodland walk a hiking element, as well as usually having water around for them to paddle in if they get too warm.

9. Take Them to an Agility Course

Jumping posts, ducking bars, running through tunnels, hopping hula hoops, and climbing frames; everything a dog needs for a thorough workout. Taking your pup to an agility or obstacle course gives them a chance to learn something new and find new ways of working through their energy. Intelligent dog breeds often benefit massively from agility training as well, as it helps you and your pup to bond with each other, and improves on trust (curbing potential behavioral issues in the future). Taking your furry friend for such an intensive class in the spring is best to start with, as they can focus on learning what to do, and keeping pace, without becoming distracted by the heat.

10. Teach Them a New Trick

Spring is a great time to teach your dog a new trick! You could even teach them to do an Easter egg hunt with friends as a way of teaching them to scope out an area and track some treats. The arrival of spring means time for some fun new activities to switch up that lazy winter routine, and seeing as most animals use the time to prepare themselves for the year ahead, it's unsurprising that dogs feel that same urge too. Training is known for being a great activity between owner and pet, and plenty of training is always required to keep a new pup in check during those early, more troublesome years.

11. Go Shopping

Sometimes just heading out with your pup on the leash for a walk around the high street is plenty to give them a way of exercising without over-exerting them. This is perfect for the ones that perhaps don't have the mobility they once did, as they can still be out in the sunshine for a bit of fun with their beloved owner without being pushed to move more than they are comfortable. It's also the perfect chance to treat your pup to one of two treats of their own whilst you are out and about (and perhaps a little something for any other pets you might have whilst you're at it).

12. Play With Them!

As dog lovers, we can't get enough of being around our pooch, so why not keep it simple and just play with them? Now that the lethargy of winter has worn away and we're all feeling more active, break out the tennis balls, and toys and have a bit of fun!

Enjoy the Season

Spring is many people's favorite time of year, with flowers in full bloom and summer in the atmosphere, and who can blame them? The new year starts fresh when the days become longer again, so grab your dog, and head outside to enjoy some fun springtime activities and start the year right.

Dog ID Tags - A Reminder

With spring coming, your dog will be spending more time outside, make sure your dog's identification tags are up to date with the most recent phone numbers to contact you should your dog get lost or stolen and later abandoned. Below are examples of what we, the great folks at Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, recommend your dog's tags should look like... of course I am talking about the information on them - not the actual shape of the tag.



We recommend putting "**NEEDS MEDS**" - whether or not your dog actually needs medications - to appeal to people's basic sense of compassion. Also, most people would not want to keep a dog that is sick and might require expensive medication to keep them healthy. So they are more apt to return the dog to their rightful owner.

We also recommend "**REWARD**" to appeal to people's sense of greed. They will be more likely to return the dog if they think they might be handsomely rewarded for doing what's right. You don't have to set a monetary value of the reward - hence the genius of the plan. The reward doesn't have to be monetary, either!

"A house is not a home until it has a dog."
— Gerald Durrell

Recent Adoptees!



Kona A
Boise, ID



Russ2
Gainesville, FL



Wren
Dallas, TX



Pongo20
Wiggins, 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

"If you don't own a dog, at least one, there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life."

— Roger A. Caras



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Hi everyone,

Hope your New Year is off to a great start.

Just wanted to fill you in on a couple new things with us. I know a lot of you have seen and shared our Valentine's Day collection already, thank you for that! In case you want to check it out, here is a link:

<https://dalmatiancoffeecompany.com/collections/valentines-day>

Furthermore, we have a special blend of coffee that we just released. It's available for a limited time only, now through the end of February. It is Whiskey Barrel aged for a total of 30 days. Probably one of our most unique blends yet, it's delicious! We're running a promo for that now, I've attached a graphic below in case anyone wants to share.

<https://dalmatiancoffeecompany.com/products/whiskey-barrel-aged?variant=43621091737848>

We have a lot of new things planned for 2023. Hoping we continue to grow and our whole team here is looking forward to supporting you guys again this year.

Take care,

Oliver

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

Dog Breed Word Finder

Find the words in the right-hand column in the grid.
Words can run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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- Affenpinscher
- Airedale
- Akita
- Basenji
- Beagle
- Chow
- Collie
- Dalmatian
- Malamute
- Mastiff
- Papillon
- Pekingese
- Pointer
- Poodle
- Pug
- Retriever
- Samoyed
- Schnauzer
- Setter
- Sheepdog
- Terrier
- Vizsla
- Weimaraner

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

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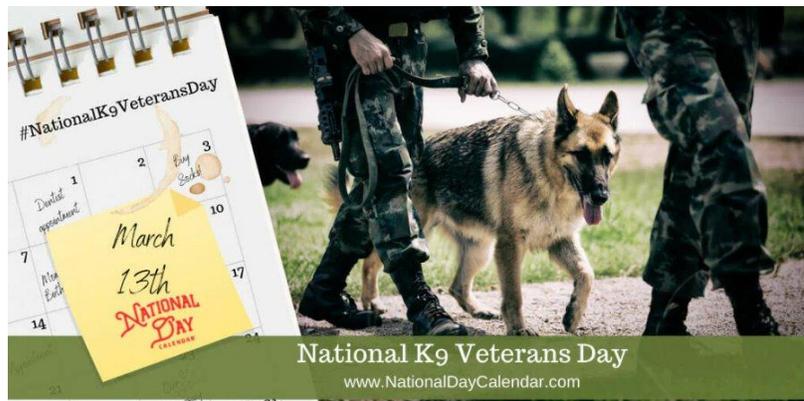
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Once logged in to your King Soopers or City Market account, search for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Inc., either by name or FR415, and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email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

*Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card account to link to our organization. If you do not yet have a King Soopers or City Market loyalty card, they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market.

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!

NATIONAL K9 VETERANS DAY - MARCH 13th



March 13th recognizes National K9 Veterans Day and the dedicated K9 units who've served since World War II. A lot of things changed after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. We rationed oil, leather, and rubber. The military drafted men into service. Women rolled up their sleeves and built war supplies. And dogs were called to duty. During the first world war, the United States took notice of the European use of canines as sentries, message carriers, and several other functions.

A private citizen, Mrs. Alene Erlanger initiated a program called Dogs for Defense. Along with the American Kennel Club and a handful of breeders, the group aimed to train the dogs for military use. By November of 1942, the military prepared the first Dogs for Defense for duty in North Africa.

While they were gun shy at first, they proved to be well trained. As the war progressed, Dogs for Defense was unable to keep up with the demand, and the Remount Branch, Service Installations Divisions took over the training of the dogs.

Over the years, the military, police, and rescue have developed a variety of training methods for K9 units. Their training is tailored to meet the demands of the job, and each animal and handler carries out his or her duties to the fullest.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalK9VeteransDay

- Recognize a K9 veteran.
- Learn more about their service, history, and training.
- Attend a ceremony honoring the working dogs in military units and working dogs across the country.
- Use #NationalK9VeteransDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL K9 VETERANS DAY HISTORY

National K9 Veterans Day is celebrated on March 13th on the official birthday of the [US Army K9 Corps](#), which was formed in 1942. Joseph White, a retired military working dog trainer, originated the idea for the day.

March Is Pet Poison Prevention Month

March is National Pet Poison Prevention Month and it's always a good time as pet owners to educate ourselves on the dangers of accidental pet poisonings and most importantly, how to prevent them.

Project PAWS relies heavily on the guidance from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and would like to take this opportunity to review some of the most common household threats to your pet.

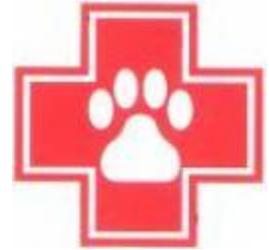
This chart shows the TOP 20 threats to dogs in Colorado and the top symptoms, according to the toxicology experts at Pet Poison Helpline who analyzed five years of proprietary call data.

Top 20 Toxins

1	Chocolate	13.5%
2	Xylitol	4.9%
3	Antidepressant and Antianxiety medications	3.8%
4	Grapes and Raisins	3.7%
5	Ibuprofen	3.6%
6	Bromethalin	3.5%
7	Carprofen	3.0%
8	Vitamin D3 supplement	2.7%
9	Anticoagulant Rodenticides	2.4%
10	Marijuana	1.8%
11	Thyroid hormone medication	1.5%
12	Amphetamine combos and Methylphenidate	1.5%
13	Lilies (Lilium species)	1.4%
14	Onions (Allium species)	1.3%
15	Acetaminophen	1.2%
16	Joint supplement: with manganese	1.1%
17	Garlic (Allium species)	1.1%
18	Melatonin	1.0%
19	Allergy medications	1.0%
20	Beta-blockers	1.0%

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with things that can be toxic to your dogs and cats (or any other pets that you might have). If you have read NewSpots! for any length of time, you know that I have included many articles in the past about things that are poisonous to dogs. If you can't remember what is toxic... do a simple online search and you can learn all about it.

Note that the 2nd most common toxin in Colorado is Xylitol. This may not be the most common... but it is definitely deadly!



Top Clinical Signs

1	Emesis/Vomiting
2	Drowsiness/Lethargy
3	Ataxia
4	Diarrhea
5	Agitated/irritable
6	Salivation/drooling
7	Tachycardia
8	Anorexia
9	Shakiness/trembling
10	Panting
11	Vocalization
12	Mydriasis (dilated pupils)
13	Increased thirst/polydipsia
14	Fever/hyperthermia





Trainer Tips

“How Spring Gardening May Lead To Your Dog Digging And How To Prevent It”

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While we generally encourage you to include your dogs in your activities as much as possible, spring planting or gardening might not be a good group activity because it can lead to your dog digging.

If you are doing some spring planting, it might seem like a no-brainer to have your dog with you so he can enjoy the outdoors at the same time. However, this particular activity might backfire on you. Let me share a story about a client with a Goldendoodle. This was an adolescent Goldendoodle who loved to be with her family and participate in the family activities. A very nice dog, who was doing well with her training.

One day, this family had several large trees brought in to be planted in their backyard. These were good sized trees, maybe 8-10 feet tall. While they were planting them, of course, they had their dog in the backyard to play and hang out with them.

With the trees planted, they left the dog in the backyard to continue her enjoyment of the fresh air while they left to run a few errands. A couple of hours later, they returned. They discovered, in that time, that their dog had dug up each and every one of those freshly planted trees.

They were not happy, to say the least. When they shared the story with me, I could understand their dismay. However, I was also quite impressed with the dog's ambition!

While their intentions were good – they loved to have their dog participate in as many family activities as possible – the result this time was not so pleasant. The dog had enjoyed being part of the activity. So much, in fact, that she continued with the planting activities while they were gone.

The lesson here is that if you plan to have your dog participate in the spring gardening, just keep in mind that their idea of helping might not be the same as yours!

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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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. 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!!

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

Mika



6 Year Old, Black, Spayed Female

Reason Available: Stray

Foster Home: Live Oak, TX

Hello Everybody! My name is Mika. I'm a Dalmatian mix weighing in at about 55-57 pounds (I don't really eat that much!). I am probably mixed with either a larger hound or something like a Great Pyrenees because I have rear dew claws. I love my 36-inch crate. I am getting along well with my foster sisters and I have had a chance to meet a bunch of new dogs while here and it's been going pretty good. I am kind of bold, and a bit rowdy, when meeting new dogs. I have gotten along with every new dog I have met, but sometimes we have to work on it for a day or two. My initial greeting behavior is a bit rude, so I am working on it. I sometimes resource guard things from the other dogs, but we came to an understanding a while back so this hasn't really been a big deal. My new parents need to be aware that I have this tendency and be willing to work with me on it. I have no problems sharing anything with Mom.

I have not been around cats or kids, but I do very well leaving the resident house bunnies alone. I love to be with my person, and I follow her

everywhere. Sometimes I climb in her lap or jump on her, but not too often. 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 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. Please contact my foster mom Tara (spotteddogs91@hotmail.com) or our friend Ms. Tena (tjp@mygrande.net) to 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

BaileyA

6 Year Old, Black, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Owner Surrender

Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

**Bailey has been in foster 3.5 years!!!!!!!
He really needs his own forever home.**

Sweet, lovable Bailey is an active 6-7 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 can be a little reserved when he first meets you, but doesn't take long to warm up. Bailey can be independent, so his new owner should work with Bailey's current foster to set boundaries at the start. Yet, Bailey is a very mellow dog, a cuddler, and a kisser. He is also a true velcro dog, always wanting to be by your side. He is crate trained, although he has good house manners, and loves car rides. 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 romping, and a good fence for security. For more information, contact Jeannine at jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$250. Please submit an application for adoption for Bailey at www.dalmatianrescueco.org.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Sadly, we have no Happy Beginnings Stories to share with you this month.

If you have adopted a dog from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado (at any time) and have not submitted their story, please take some time (and photos) and submit it 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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