

Tick Facts... What You Need To Know

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Warm weather means sunny days, longer walks, and...ticks. Although small in size, ticks can cause big problems by spreading dangerous diseases like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. We've compiled some fast facts to help you stay ahead of this little critter and enjoy the warm weather with your pet, outside.

What Is A Tick?

Ticks are not insects, although they are often mistaken for them. Ticks are actually classified as arachnids, or relatives of spiders, scorpions and mites. If you look closely at a tick when identifying it, it kind of resembles a spider with its four pairs of legs and lack of antennae.

Where Do Ticks Live?

Ticks are common in the United States and they live outdoors in grassy, brushy or wooded areas. They are attracted to people and pets and can move easily between them. They don't live on their hosts, merely attaching to them when they want to feed.

Where Do Ticks Generally Attach To A Host Animal?

Ticks are drawn to dark, moist areas on the body. Common areas where you will find ticks are under the collar, between the front legs on the chest, between their toes, near their elbows, around their lower belly and under the tail. Regularly check your dog for ticks after outdoor playtime and walks.

What Diseases Do They Transmit?

Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis, Tularemia, Babesiosis, Tick Borne Relapsing Fever (TBRF) and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF).

What Should You Do If You Find A Tick On You Or Your Dog?

1. You may wish to take a picture of the tick, along with noting the date and time and place where the bite occurred. This will help you to remember details of the incident, especially if a rash or other symptoms associated with Lyme disease appear later. This information will be helpful to a veterinarian or physician when diagnosing an illness.
2. Use clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
3. Pull straight outward from the skin with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick as this can cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with tweezers. If you cannot remove the mouth with tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.
4. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.
5. Never crush a tick with your fingers. Dispose of a live tick by putting it in alcohol, putting it in a sealed bag or container, wrapping it tightly in tape or flushing it down the toilet.

Tick Prevention For Your Pets

There are many different types of tick preventatives available in the marketplace. Some products are available over the counter, while others are only available through your veterinarian. There are effective monthly preventatives that are typically applied to the skin at the back of the neck and represent a convenient method of control for these external parasites. Additionally, there are chewable products that are given monthly. To find out which option is best for your dog, consult with your veterinarian.

To further reduce the chances that a tick bite will make your dog sick: check your dog for ticks daily, especially after they spend time outdoors and if you find a tick, remove it immediately.

Tips For Traveling With Dogs This Summer

Summer is the perfect time to head out on the road with your family. Long days and starry nights invite you to play, explore, and make memories that last a lifetime. Many families wonder if they should bring their best four-legged friend with them on vacation. After all, your dog is a big part of your family, and would probably be much happier with you than cooped up in a kennel. While traveling with your dog can be a lot of fun, it can also be stressful for them. Careful planning and some common sense will ensure you and your dog can enjoy everything your summer vacation has to offer.

Health And Safety

Health Checks. Bring your dog to the veterinarian for a checkup before going on an extended trip. Make sure all his vaccinations are up-to-date; take shot records with you. Health certifications are required for airline travel. Older dogs may have an undiagnosed health issue that could make travel unsuitable. Your vet can screen for any potential risk factors. Ask your veterinarian if your dog is in proper mental and physical shape to travel. Remember that not all dogs will enjoy going on a trip.

To keep your dog healthy as you travel, bring along a supply of his regular food. Don't forget bottled water and be sure to bring any medications he needs. Bring their leash... and maybe even a spare leash!

Be prepared for an emergency. Find the number of the nearest 24-hour veterinary emergency hospital and program it into your cell phone, along with the office and emergency number for your regular veterinarian (in case the veterinarians need to speak with each other). That way, if there's a situation where your dog needs medical attention, you are prepared with the necessary information on hand. And don't forget to pack a pet first aid kit!

Old ID tags are often faded and scratched, making your contact information hard to read. Of course you hope your dog doesn't get loose and run off, but better safe than sorry. Also, if you haven't done so, consider getting your dog microchipped. Sometimes collars can get caught on things and slip off, leaving your dog without any way to be identified. Microchipping solves this problem. We recommend that you include the following information on your dog's tag: Call name followed by your last name, two phone numbers and the words "Needs Meds - Reward". Use the "Needs Meds" whether or not your dog actually needs medication. This will appeal to people's compassion that the dog might die without proper medication so they will be more inclined to call and return your dog. The "Reward" appeals to people's sense of greed. But you don't necessarily need to offer a cash reward. Any reward works, whether it's a gift card, cash or even just a heartfelt thank you.



Plan Ahead

Many hotels, motels and even some campgrounds don't allow pets, so it's important you call ahead and make sure your pooch will be welcome. Ask before you book your accommodations so you don't get any nasty surprises upon check-in. Make sure you let them know a dog or dogs will be traveling with you so they put you in the appropriate room.

You're so busy packing your stuff and the kids' stuff that you forgot Buddy's favorite toy! Oh no! It's important to plan ahead and make sure you bring everything your dog will need. This includes toys, bedding, plenty of food, a dog travel crate, medications and a first aid kit.

If your dog is going to be cooped up for hours on a plane, make sure you give them plenty of exercise before traveling with your dog. This will keep them calm so they can relax on the journey.

Dogs are creatures of habit. They actually love routines. So, even though you'll be in a new place, try and stick to that routine. This means taking them for walks at the same time, feeding them at the same times, and giving them plenty of attention. If you think this won't be possible, or you think they'll be cooped up in the hotel room alone all day, reconsider whether it's a good idea to take them with you.

Incontinence is a common problem in many older dogs, who require bathroom breaks every few hours. If you have a long trip ahead, consider doggie diapers. Your best pal won't mean to soil your car, but he or she just can't help it. Doggie diapers and belly bands (for male dogs) are washable and come in sizes ranging to fit the tiniest of teacup chihuahuas to the largest great Danes. Don't let messes mess up your holiday.

The great outdoors provide great messes. But, don't let dirty paws or a swim in the lake ruin your trip. Keep wipes with you to provide a bathless clean for your dog as you travel.

Traveling By Car

Make sure your dog is comfortable riding in the car before taking a long road trip. Avoid car sickness by letting your dog travel on an empty stomach. However, make sure he has plenty of water at all times.

Keep the car well ventilated. If the dog is in a crate, make sure that fresh air can flow into the crate. Consider a dog seat belt or dog car seat to keep your dog safe.

Do not let your dog ride with his head sticking out of an open window. This can lead to eye injuries. Never let your dog ride in the back of an open truck. This is extremely dangerous and can lead to severe injuries or death.

Stop frequently for exercise and potty breaks. Be sure to clean up after your dog. Car rides are boring for everyone, so instruct your children not to tease or annoy the dog in the car.

Your dog can't regulate his body temperature as well as you can. It only takes a few minutes for them to become overheated, which can cause them to become very ill and even die. Never leave your dog in a hot car, not even if you park in the shade. It only takes a few minutes for them to become overheated, which can cause them to become very ill and even die.

Flying

When traveling by plane, plan to visit your veterinarian before your trip. Certification of health must be provided to the airline no more than 10 days before travel. Rabies and vaccination certificates are also required. Your dog should be at least 8 weeks old and weaned.

Airlines make it clear that it is the owner's responsibility to verify the dog's health and ability to fly. Ask your veterinarian if it would be best for your dog to be tranquilized for the trip. Also, be sure to check the temperature of the flight's starting point and destination; it may be too hot or too cold to be safe for your dog.

Federal regulations prohibit shipping live animals as excess baggage or cargo if an animal will be exposed to temperatures that are below 45 degrees Fahrenheit or above 85 degrees Fahrenheit for more than four hours during departure, arrival, or while making connections.

Remember that each airline has its own variations on regulations and services. For example, if your crate doesn't meet its requirements, the airline may not allow you to use it. They may, however, allow your dog in the passenger cabin if your crate or carrier fits under the seat in front of you.

When making your reservations, you must make reservations for your dog. There are restrictions on the number of animals permitted on each flight. They are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Traveling by Train, Bus Or Boat

If you plan to travel by train or bus, you may be disappointed. Only dogs under 20 pounds are permitted on Amtrak trains (There is also a \$25 fee). Dogs are not allowed on buses operated by Greyhound and other interstate bus companies. (Service dogs are permitted.) Local rail and bus companies have their own policies.

You may fare better if you're taking a cruise. However, you should check the policies of the cruise line or ship you will be traveling on before making plans to take your dog on a cruise with you.

Best Practices When Traveling With Your Dog

Plan bathroom breaks. Before you leave home, teach your dog to relieve himself on multiple surfaces — not just grass! Having the ability to potty on different terrains, such as concrete, mulch, and gravel, will alleviate his discomfort as well as the possibility of accidents while you're on the road or otherwise. Bring a supply of bags to clean up afterward and a leash.

Bring games and toys. To make sure your dog doesn't get bored, provide him with a few new toys — and a couple of old favorites. You might want to include a puzzle-type toy to keep him occupied.

If your dog is allowed to stay at a hotel, respect other guests, staff, and the property. When checking in, ask the management where you should walk your dog, and then be sure to pick up after him. Do not leave any mess behind. Keep your dog as quiet as possible. Do not leave your dog unattended. Many dogs will bark or destroy property if left alone in a strange place. Remember that one bad experience with a dog guest may prompt the hotel management to refuse to allow any dogs. Be considerate of others and leave your room and the grounds in good condition.

Puppy-proof the vacation home (or room). Before you let your dog have free run of his home away from home, make certain it's safe for your dog to explore. Be sure that electrical cords are out of reach and that previous occupants didn't leave anything on the floor or under furniture that could be potentially harmful to your dog.

Remember, it's a vacation. Traveling can be stressful, but a calm owner usually has a calm pet. Our animals pick up on our stress, so if you're nervous and uptight, your dog may show stress and anxiety, too. Don't forget that some dogs don't enjoy traveling, and your dog may prefer to stay home with a dog sitter. If you follow these tips, everyone in your family should have a wonderful summer vacation.

Happy travels!

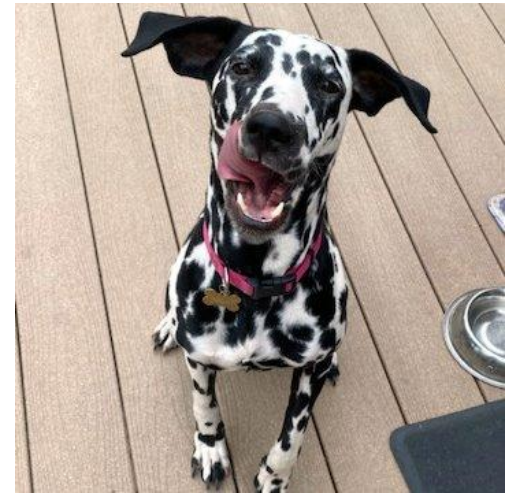
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Safety Tips For Keeping Your Dog Safe and Happy This Summer

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Summer is the time to have outdoor fun with our dogs. Longer walks in the park, ambitious hikes, beach days, or family travel — the sun is shining, and the outdoors is calling. But hot weather can also make us uncomfortable, and it poses special risks for dogs. From an increased exposure to ticks and other insects, to sunburn, and even heatstroke, all sorts of things can go wrong for your dog in summer. Keep the following safety concerns in mind as the temperature rises, and follow our tips for summer safety for dogs. They will help you keep your pet happier and healthier during the dog days of summer.

Help Your Dog Beat the Heat

- Give your dog a shady spot to hang out on hot days or keep him inside where there's air-conditioning. Dog houses are not good shelter in the summer because they can trap heat.
- Fill a child-size wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in.
- Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can reach 100 degrees in just 20 minutes.
- Provide plenty of cool, fresh water.
- Avoid exercising your dog strenuously on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.
- Avoid exposing your dog to hot asphalt or sand for any prolonged period; it can burn his paws.
- Be mindful of your dog's breed. Dogs that are brachycephalic (have a short head and snout), such as Bulldogs, Boxers, Japanese Chin, and Pekingese, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-nosed dogs. Keep your brachycephalic dog inside with air-conditioning.

Keep Your Dog Healthy in Summer

- Make sure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date, especially since dogs tend to stay outdoors longer and come into contact with other animals more during the summer months.
- Keep dogs off of lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours (or according to package instructions), and away from toxic plants and flowers.
- Ask your veterinarian for an effective preventive against fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes that carry heartworm.

Safety Tips for Taking Dogs to the Beach

- Give your dog a shady spot to rest, like a beach tent or his own outdoor beach pen.
- Provide plenty of fresh water.
- Protect him against sunburn. Dogs, especially those with short hair, white fur, and pink skin, can get sunburned. Limit your dog's exposure during the day and apply sunscreen to his ears, nose, and coat before going outside.
- Check with a lifeguard for water conditions. Dogs are easy targets for sea lice and jellyfish.
- Keep a check on his activity. Running on the sand is strenuous exercise. A dog that is out of shape can pull a tendon or ligament, and running on wet sand can make his paw pads blister.
- **Don't let your dog drink seawater;** the salt will make him sick.
- Rinse him off at the end of the day. Salt and other minerals in ocean water can damage your dog's coat.
- Check local ordinances before heading out. Not all beaches allow dogs, and some restrict the time they can be there.

Keep Your Dog Safe in the Water

- Let your dog go for a swim. Some dogs are natural swimmers; others won't get a toe wet. Never force your dog into the water. Follow these water safety tips and be mindful of your dog's preferences and skills before sending him out to ride the waves.
- Don't let your dog overdo it; swimming is hard work, and he may tire quickly. When swimming in the ocean, be careful of strong tides.
- Never leave your dog unattended in water.
- **Put your dog in a life vest.**

Traveling In Summer With Your Dog By RV

- Never leave an RV or motorhome completely closed up, even if the generator and air-conditioning are running. Crack a window or door or run the exhaust fan.
 - Even though there's lots of space to walk around, when you're moving your dog should be attached to a dog-safe seat belt or ride in a secured crate. If you have to make a sudden stop, he'll be protected.
 - Check out the location of the nearest veterinary office, if you plan to stay in one place for any length of time. You should also plan ahead and verify that campgrounds are pet-friendly.
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Be Alert to Dehydration and Heatstroke**Dehydration**

Dogs can become dehydrated when more fluids leave the body than it takes in. They lose fluids through panting, urinating, and even from evaporation through their paws. If you see any of the following symptoms, the dog needs rehydration and replacement of electrolytes right away:

- Panting.
- Dry gums and nose.
- Thick saliva.
- Lethargy.
- Sunken eyes.
- Loss of elasticity in the skin.

Just giving your dog a bowl of water may not be enough; electrolytes may need to be replaced, as well. Use a product like PedialyteR, electrolyte-enhanced water, or an electrolyte solution. Check with your veterinarian for dosage recommendations. You may also need to go to an emergency vet who can administer intravenous fluids.

Heatstroke

Heatstroke can be the serious and often fatal result of a dog's prolonged exposure to excessive heat. Heatstroke usually occurs when high ambient temperature overcomes the dog's ability to dissipate heat. The degree of damage is determined by how high a temperature is reached and how long the animal is exposed. Below are the signs of heatstroke and the actions you should take if your dog is overcome.

Early Stages:

- Heavy panting.
- Rapid breathing.
- Excessive drooling.
- Bright red gums and tongue.
- Difficulty maintaining balance.

Advanced Stages:

- White or blue gums.
- Lethargy, unwillingness to move.
- Uncontrollable urination or defecation.
- Labored, noisy breathing.
- Shock.

If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should try immediately to cool him down. Cooling methods include getting him into the shade, spraying him with cool or tepid water, and fanning him. Severely affected dogs require fluids, medication, support, and oxygen.

Check your dog's temperature regularly during this process. Once it's stabilized at between 100-to-102 degrees, you can stop the cool-down process. If you can't get the dog cooled down, and you begin to see signs of advanced heatstroke, take the dog to a veterinarian immediately.

The best treatment for heatstroke is prevention. Limit the time your dog works or exercises in hot weather. Choose cooler periods of the day for training and exercise sessions. Provide plenty of cool, fresh water, shade, and frequent rest periods when it's hot. Nothing beats canine companionship on vacations, in the great outdoors, and on the beach. As a responsible dog owner, you can ensure that your vacation with your best friend will be enjoyable for both of you.

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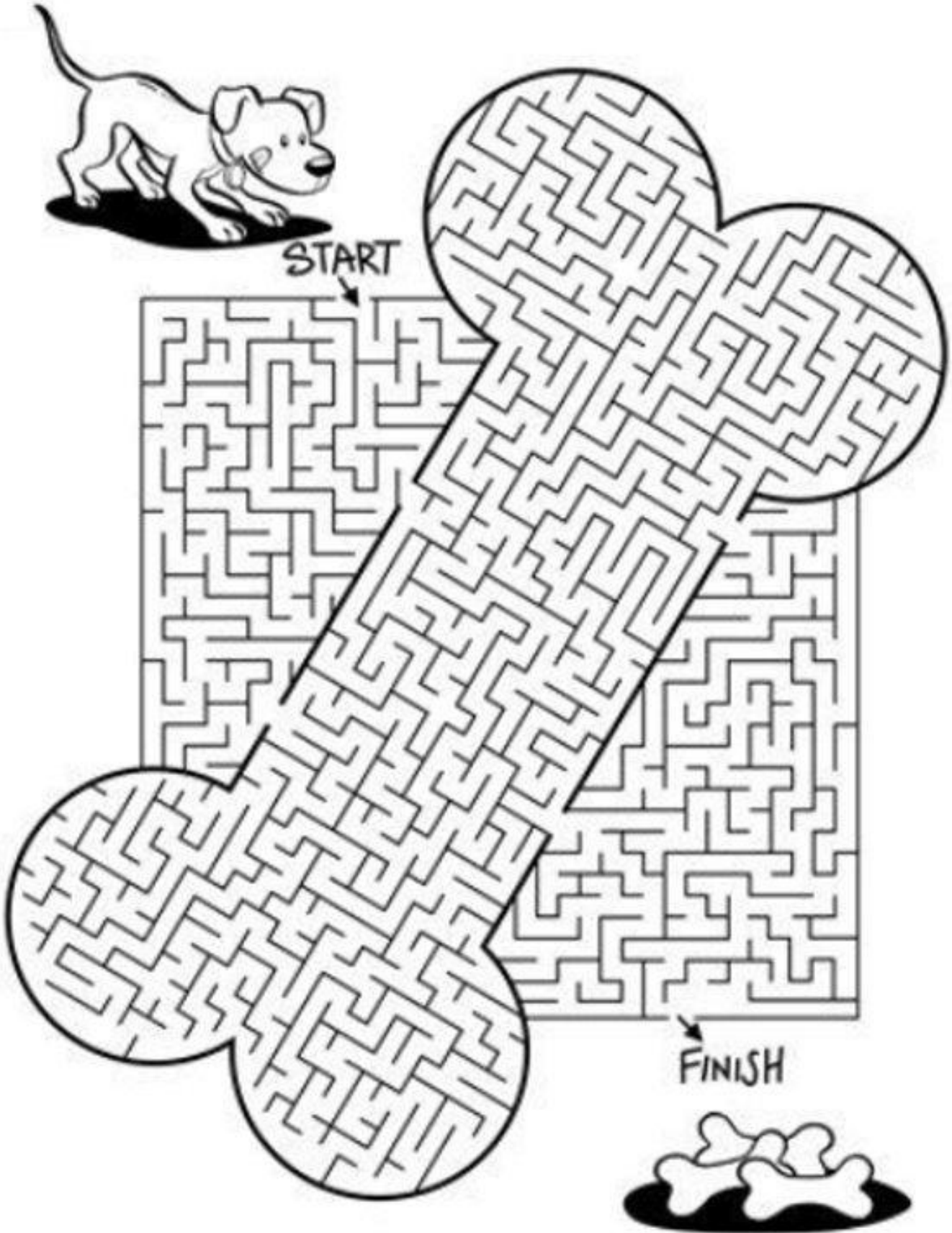
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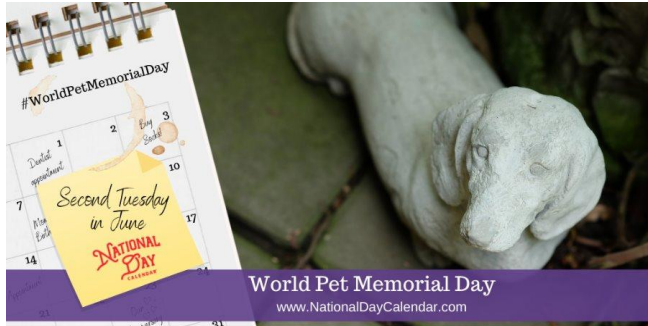
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WORLD PET MEMORIAL DAY - JUNE 13th



Every year on the second Tuesday in June, World Pet Memorial Day offers a time for pet owners to remember the furry companions that have passed away. It's also a day to do something kind for those who have recently lost their beloved pet. It's no secret that people love their pets. And rightly so. These wonderful creatures provide companionship, emotional support, and lots of joy. Pets are also beneficial for one's health. For example, those with pets have decreased blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Additionally, pets provide increased opportunities for exercise.

Not surprisingly, dogs and cats are the most popular pets in the world. According to recent stats, over 470 million dogs are kept as pets. There are also over 370 million pet cats. While some pet owners prefer either dogs or

cats, some like to have both. No matter what kind of pet a person has, these animals quickly make their way into their owner's heart. Because humans become so attached to their pets, it's very difficult when they die. It can sometimes take several months to get over the death of a pet.

During the time of mourning, pet owners might experience guilt, denial, and depression. Eventually, however, pet owners will feel acceptance and resolution. During this process, it's important for pet owners to not let others tell them how to feel. It is also helpful to reach out to others that have lost pets and to seek professional help if necessary. Some pet owners hold a memorial service after they cross the Rainbow Bridge.

HOW TO OBSERVE #WorldPetMemorialDay

On this day pet owners that have lost a furry friend are encouraged to take time to remember their pet. Other ways to participate include:

Create a memorial stone for your pet and place it in your garden or walkway.

Plant a tree or flower in memory of your pet.

Donate to your local humane society or animal rescue group in honor of your pet.

Gather photos of your pet and make a photo album.

Draw or paint a picture of your pet or have a picture painted by a local artist.

Get a tattoo in memory of your pet.

If you are helping your child cope with the loss of a pet, you may want to read *The Goodbye Book* by Todd Parr or *I'll Always Love You* by Hans Wilhelm. You can also share a picture of your pet on social media with #WorldPetMemorialDay.

NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY – JUNE 23rd



Every year employees across the country bring their dogs to work the Friday after Father's Day. It's National Take Your Dog to Work Day.

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

However, not only pet companies are dog friendly these days. Tech and marketing businesses seem to be next in line for offering this

perk to employees. Amazon, Airbnb, Procore Technologies, Vungle, and Radio Systems Corporation are just a few of the companies across the nation supporting pet-friendly policies.

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

Pros of Pet-Friendly Policies

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

Cons of Pet-Friendly Policies

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

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

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY

Host an event at your place of business. To find participating employers and to download a toolkit visit Pet Sitters International. Share your pet-friendly workplace experiences by using #TakeYourDogToWorkDay or #TYDTWD on social media.

NATIONAL FLAG DAY – JUNE 14th



On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. The holiday is a day that Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star-Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly.

While Betsy Ross has been given credit for stitching together the first American flag, there isn't any sound evidence supporting the story. At the same time, there isn't any to disprove it, either. Part of the conflict is there were several designs in consideration at the same time. Another who laid claim to the first design was Francis Hopkinson. His

request for compensation for his design was denied because others contributed to the final design. Since 1777, the design of the flag has been officially modified 26 times. For 47 years, the 48-star flag was in effect. In 1959, the 49-star version became official on July 4. President Eisenhower ordered the 50-star flag on August 21, 1959. Seventeen-year-old Robert G. Heft of Ohio designed the 50-star American flag. His was one of the more than 1,500 designs that were submitted to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Many people have died protecting our country. On National Flag Day, raise the flag and fly it proudly. Spend time learning more about U.S. flag history, too. **This is a good day to replace faded, torn or tattered flags.** Use #NationalFlagDay to post on social media.



Trainer Tips

“Good Leash Manners Prevent Injuries”

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Teaching your dog to walk politely on leash is one of the top reasons for people seeking training assistance with their dogs. Dogs generally like to walk a lot faster than we do and aren't particularly keen on walking in a straight line. Face it, we can be pretty boring walking partners for our dogs!

Most of us want our dogs to walk nicely so we can enjoy the walk too. However, there's another reason to work hard at teaching your dog polite leash manners. Convenience and enjoyment are good goals, but safety should also be on the top of that list. I've seen both people and dogs who have been injured as a result of a dog's poor leash manners. In particular, I have seen the worst problems when dogs are being walked on retractable leashes. But injuries can easily occur when dogs are on 6 foot leashes as well.

I was reminded of this when one of my clients mentioned that in her job in an ER she was seeing more people coming in lately with injuries caused when out walking their dogs. Most often injuries happen when the dog sees something he can't resist – a squirrel, a bunny, another dog, or something else – and lunges after it. People often get knocked off their feet and can injure knees, wrists, or other body parts when they crash to the ground.

While it takes some effort to teach those leash manners and “leave it” it is worth the effort if you can enjoy your walks AND prevent injuries to you, your dog or someone else who happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

If you've been avoiding teaching your dog polite leash manners, now is the time to resolve to work on it for the safety and enjoyment of you and your dog!

“Is Your Dog Biting The Leash?”

Do both you and your dog enjoy your walks? Developing good leash manners is one of the top requests I hear. One of the complaints is a dog biting the leash, grabbing it or tugging at it. In the majority of these cases, the dog in question is a Labrador Retriever. Sound familiar to anyone out there?

Anytime I get a request to help stop a certain behavior, I want to see if we can determine why it's happening. If we understand why the dog is doing it, it can be easier to address the issue more effectively.

There can be a number of reasons for a dog biting the leash. It's very common with Labs, and Labs are retrievers. Retrievers tend to use their mouths a lot. They like to have something in their mouths. In some cases, that's really all it is. The dog just wants to have something in his mouth to carry on the walk, and the leash is the easiest thing to grab. For these dogs, they generally won't tug at the leash, they just want to have the leash in their mouths. In these cases, it's often easy to just let them carry one end of the leash. An alternative is to give them something else to carry.

For other dogs, however, they are not satisfied with simply carrying the leash. Some will tug or chew on the leash. We clearly don't want a struggle on our walks, so this behavior needs to change. In some cases, the dogs are simply bored and looking for something fun to do. For these dogs, you might need to make the walks more interesting. Are you walking in new and different places? Finding new things to explore? Practicing your training skills along the way? Some dogs are getting bored doing the same walk over and over again and need more stimulation than they are getting.

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I think the reason we are born with two hands is so that we can pet two dogs at once.

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Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify about 1200 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!

Simply contact the editor, Karl Schill, at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

Foster Homes Needed!!

****** Be a Pal, Save a Dal ******

PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the one closest to where you now live, so they can save lives like they saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog who can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and get ready for a new home. PLEASE help rescues and the dogs so that others might have a dog that is well socialized, trained and ready to love. PLEASE think about this... Dalmatians are everywhere and are literally dying to meet you or someone willing to give them a "spot" to LIVE until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for rescue and for them?

We thank you and you know any dog you help your local rescue save will be eternally grateful! PLEASE submit a foster application if you can possibly help your local rescue and them! PLEASE take your cookie... good boy/girl!

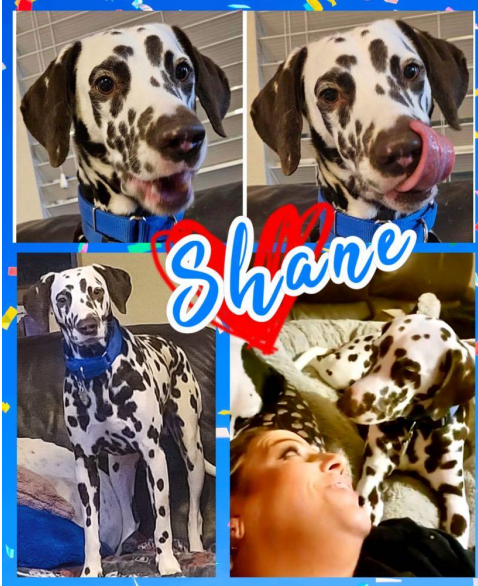
Reader Recommendations and Tips

This is where we share recommendations and tips from and for our readers. Our newsletter is read by as many as 1800 people each month. That number constantly increases as we have more adopters and adopters recommend it to their friends and family as well. So, go ahead... share your tips and recommendations. Please send along any information you want to share with others, like products that you would recommend, dog toys, great pet insurance, good vets (or bad ones to avoid as well), etc. Is there anything you wish someone had told you about that you have found? Pass it along. Send your ideas, recommendations and tips to Karl at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org for inclusion in the next issue.

If you want this section to continue... We NEED your help. We haven't had any submissions in months!! To make the Reader Recommendations and Tips a successful segment you need to submit tips and recommendations! It is nice to be able to pass along information, tips and suggestions that you have found useful or helpful so that others can benefit as well, but without your participation it doesn't work! So please submit your ideas!!

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

Shane



3 Year Old, Liver, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Allen, TX

Shane is one of the cutest and sweetest liver spotted Dalmatians. He spent 2 years abandoned on the street and was so scared at first. After showing him love and reuniting him with his best friend from the streets he began to blossom. He still gets a little nervous at times but is a happy boy and loves to play with other dogs. He is wonderful with puppies but we have not tested him with cats although they were around on the streets. He prefers to sleep with his people and dog siblings but can get spooked by sudden movements in the night. He is comfortable in his crate and will let you know when he needs to go outside. He walks great on a leash and will look back to make sure you're still there with him. Shane will need a secure fence and patience as he bonds. He's an amazing boy just looking for his forever home. Shane is current on vaccinations, heartworm negative, neutered and microchipped.

For more info, contact Shane's foster mom, Kacy at hopesrescueangels@gmail.com. Applications may be submitted at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption fee: \$400

Skittles

5 Year Old, Multi Colored, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender - Shelter
Foster Home: Waco, TX

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Sometimes we stretch the definition of Dalmatian when we accept dogs into our rescue. Skittles is one of these cases. We're calling him a hound mix with "a hint of Dalmatian". This five-year-old boy was saved from the shelter's euthanasia list with only minutes to spare! But he was so friendly and look, he has a couple of Dalmatian type spots on one ear!

Skittles is deaf but this happy boy doesn't let that hold him back. He will need a safe, fenced-in play area and lots of on-leash exercise. His new owner will be encouraged to train him with hand signals and preference will be given to adopters familiar with deaf dogs.

Skittles gets along well with other dogs. This happy, energetic young boy is guilty of jumping up and will need gentle training to stop this behavior. But Skittles is crate trained, and does know "sit" and he's very willing to learn more! His exuberance and need for training makes us feel Skittles should be placed in a home without young children. Adults, possibly with teenagers, would be preferred.

More than anything, Skittles loves cuddles and belly rubs. He came to us heartworm positive but is responding well to treatment which should be completed soon. To learn more about Skittles, contact Tena at tjp@mygrande.net. His adoption fee is \$250.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Dottie



My Dottie.... she came to me 1-15-22 as a foster dog, very standoffish, a little scared, and obviously not accustomed to my 'hands on' style of loving my dogs. I lost my beloved Cisco on 12-1-21 very suddenly, he was definitely a 'hands on' lover, Dottie and I both had to make some adjustments!

The first night, Dottie was still very standoffish, and understandably so, her world had been turned upside down! She quickly began to warm up, after a couple of nights snuggling on my bed, and cheating a little on tasty snacks. 😊😄

A week later, SURPRISE, I was presented with a Christmas puppy! Dottie stepped and became mom to Rosie, and in the process we all bonded.

On 1-17-23 we made it official, and I adopted her. Over the past year Dottie has become my shadow, I can't even take a shower without her resting on the bathmat❤️❤️❤️❤️. She, like me, can be a little grouchy at times, just normal life, lol, I can't imagine it without her!

She's right beside me right now, nuzzling me, telling me it's time for a lil lovin!
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It's never too late to see your story in print!

We got three Happy Beginnings Stories submitted last month!! Lily's story will be in the next issue! 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!

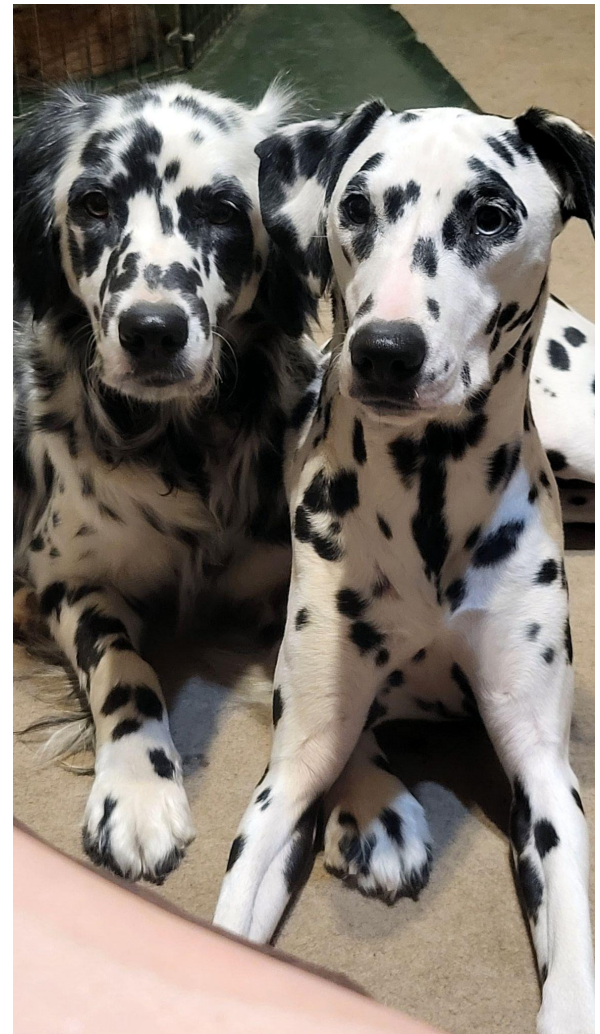
Carley



I was so not looking for another dog. At the time, I already had three, although one was very elderly and I knew, deep in my heart, that she would be leaving me soon. I am a foster home for DRC. When another foster home needed someone to pet sit for their DRC foster, they asked if I would be interested. I agreed. It was love at first sight as soon as she got out of the car. Carley was this little, petite, deaf, 28lb, 9-month-old Dalmatian. A pocket pup. How could you not love her?

My very first Dalmatian was deaf. I have, for a very long time, been thinking of getting another one. It adds a little bit more of a challenge, but not too much. Carley does keep life interesting living in a house full of dogs with a puppy wanting to play with everyone 24/7, but she is a lot of fun. We are learning together, and she is slowly catching up on all the things she missed in her early life. Needless to say, her former fosters never got her back after their trip. I guess you could say she is a pet sitting fail.

Tara W. and the Texas running spots.



Moose



We adopted Moose, formerly known as Dutton, on March 23, 2022. It has been the greatest year and nearly 2 months ever with our boy. He has genuinely brought so much light, warmth and love into our lives.

It's a funny thing, isn't it? One day a dog comes into your life and your life is forever better because of it. That is an understatement to make about my furry best friend, Moose. He really is my whole world and my best friend. We do everything together. I can never thank Kacy Hendricks (Moose's Foster mom) enough for allowing me to adopt Moose and to give him the best life I can. His transition into our lives and getting used to his new beginning was all done in his time, learning to trust and love us. We made the commitment to prove to him each day that he would never have to worry about us abandoning him or not giving him our unconditional love.

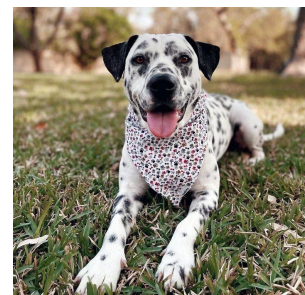
Sure enough, he came around fully and his beautiful and wonderful personality came through and our life as a family began. We've had endless, nothing short of amazing, adventures. We've had road-trips, beach days, and hikes on trails. He learned how to swim in our backyard pool, and then got his own personal sized pool because why

not? He deserves it as well as deserving the privilege of running free on our acre of land, besides having his daily neighborhood walks and tons of toys and treats. His first holiday as a part of our family called for a customized Christmas stocking hanging above the fireplace right next to all of ours... and SO much more. Spoiled? No. Deserved! Yes.

Moose has such a special bond with my parents. His Mimi and Pawpaw. They completely spoil him even more rotten with their love, just as he deserves. Moose gets along amazingly with all our best friends' dogs too. We can get together more often with our friends while the fur babies socialize and have fun on play dates.

Our newest dog park in town is the Texas Dog Co. It is a 2400-acre dog park with a beer garden, food trucks, and fun activities for all of us. It has officially become one of Moose's favorite spots. We go at least 3 times a week and Jack and I may or may not even love that place even more than Moose. Lol. We have many adventures planned for our summer of 2023. But looking back at that first day, driving to Dallas, picking up our spotted boy and driving him home with us, we have created so many incredible memories in this short time. We can't wait for Moose to be a part of our wedding one day (best man for dad of course) and the star of our party too, no doubt. We look forward to what every day brings from our silly, hilarious, and most loving boy who we have the privilege of being his fur-parents.

Thank you to all involved at Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. I have you all to thank for the commitment and fight y'all give for these fur angels needing rescue and adoption every day. I have found my soul-dog and when I truly think about it... he is the one who saved me.



DeeDee

Dear Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado,

I wanted to let you know that I am having the time of my life here in the mountains of New Mexico, along with my brother Riff and my cat sister Chloe. I was a little uncertain coming into this new life after spending almost a year with my foster mom Lynn Wright in Georgetown, Texas. However, my new mom introduced me to the new routine right away, which generally involves a lot of hiking and running around outdoors in the yard with Riff. I very quickly found my way to the human bed, which my mom seems to be OK with as long as the dog blanket is on the bed. Apparently, I make my mom feel like a rock star because I wag my tail so hard every time she enters the room. I guess I was a very scared little thing when I was first found running around ranch land in Texas, but Lynn and my new mom have helped me to not be quite so afraid of new people and experiences. I discovered I LOVE snow and get so excited when my paws hit the snow; I leap, jump, and run around in circles! Riff and I make a good brother and sister team in the way we can jointly sniff out the best smells of the forest. (Sometimes, though, mom doesn't seem to be too pleased with what we've found.) I love mealtimes, but I do think my choral singing with Riff drives mom a little bit crazy.



Thank you, Lynn, for being such a good foster mom to me and Tena, for finding me such a loving home.

Love,

DeeDee (sometimes known as Dee-da-Dee-da or just Dee da)



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