

Happy Independence Day!!!



Here Come The Fireworks, How To Keep Your Pets Safe And Happy This 4th Of July

[4th of July fireworks: How to keep your pets safe and happy : NPR](#)



Fireworks, barbecues and activities with friends are all staples of the Fourth of July. But for pets and their owners, this holiday weekend may present some added stress.

For some pets, especially dogs and cats with particularly noise-sensitive ears, the sound of fireworks can cause intense fear responses. Some pets will go to extremes to hide, others get startled and run away, and general anxiety caused by unexpected loud sounds can have long-lasting effects on animals.

Fortunately, there is plenty you can do to keep pets safe and relaxed over the holiday. Here, veterinarians and other animal experts weigh in on some of the best ways for pet owners to prepare for a stress-free Fourth.

1. Know your pets and make a plan based on their needs.

Before making your plan, evaluate what your pet might need this weekend. Pet reactions to loud noises or crowds can vary greatly, and each animal has its own way of coping with anxiety and fear, says Dr. Douglas Kratt, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association. If your pet

has a history of anxiety, see a vet early about possibly prescribing medication to help the animal relax.

Having a plan in place and practicing it can ease stress and reduce the chance of danger in the case of an unexpected reaction, says Dr. Candace Croney, director of the Center for Animal Welfare Science at Purdue University.

"We should assume that even the pets that don't show an overt fear response (where they may be restless or panting) ... we should have a plan for those animals," she tells NPR. "If you have a new pet, assume that things will not go well, because then what we can do is act proactively."

2. Make sure pets can be easily identified.

It's not uncommon for pets to have the impulse to run when they're startled. Kratt says lost pet reports spike around July 4-5, and many wind up at shelters.

"The vast majority of them are owned animals that got away because they were nervous or someone left the door open, so we want to make sure that we're going to maximize the potential to get those animals back with us," Kratt tells NPR.

Make sure you have a current picture of your pet on hand. Check that your pet's ID tags are secure and up to date with your pet's name and your contact information. If your pet is [microchipped](#), make sure all the information is current.

If a pet does [run away](#), call your local and surrounding county shelter and leave a missing pet report, says Meghan Herron, senior director of behavioral medicine education at the nonprofit Gigi's shelter for dogs. Post on social media, including local Facebook pages, and don't underestimate the power of missing pet flyers, she says.

3. Don't bring pets to fireworks displays.

Kratt recommends leaving pets at home if you're planning to go out to see the fireworks. Not only can pets be overstimulated by crowds, he says, but fireworks can cause damage to their sensitive ears and cause fear.

"For the repetitive loud bangs — if that's making your ears ring or hurts your ears, it's definitely going to hurt your pet's ears," he says.

If your dog needs to go out, Kratt recommends a long walk before fireworks begin to wear your dog out and allow it to sleep or rest better in the evening.

4. Create a quiet, calm environment at home.

Croney says that one of the most important things you can do for your pet ahead of the weekend is to create a safe environment inside your home.

Croney recommends closing and covering windows, relocating pet crates, beds, or kennels to quieter places in the house, and putting on sounds other than fireworks, such as the TV, radio, or white noise. Bring outdoor pets inside for the evening, and make sure they have plenty of room.

For pets that tend to hide when afraid or nervous, she says, allow them to do so. You can even set up places for them to go where they can feel safe.

"If you have cats who are known to retreat to certain places if they are scared, set them up there with a bed, their food and water," she says. "If you have dogs and they are crate trained, now is a great time to maybe move their crate to a part of the house that is least disruptive by noise."

No matter where your pets go to feel safe in the house, Croney recommends allowing them to come and go from their safe space as they please. Locking them in a single room or small space, she says, can sometimes increase anxiety. In extreme cases, Kratt adds, it can cause them to hurt themselves or damage items trying to escape.

5. If you're staying home with your pets, keep calm.

It's easy to feel the urge to frantically pet or speak to your pets to calm them down when they are anxious, but one of the best ways to relax them when they are nervous is to remain relaxed yourself, Croney says. Worrying about how a pet might react to fireworks can actually affect the pet's feelings as well.

"Because our pets are so often attuned to our reactions, our anxiety about managing their potential anxieties around the unpredictable noises associated with Fourth of July fireworks can actually exacerbate the stress they might be experiencing," Croney says.

For pets that respond well to positive interaction when they're feeling nervous, Herron recommends distracting them with toys or treats. For dogs, she recommends puzzle toys that dispense kibble or treats to keep your canine focused for longer periods of time. Above all, create an environment that's positive and as close to normal as possible.

"You want to act very normal, and together, and act like this is the best day of your life," Herron says. "And so we get our treats, we play their favorite games, we find their favorite toy, we take it to your safe space and we try to have the best time that we can."

Please Make Sure Your Dog's Tags Are Up To Date With Your Current Information!

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.



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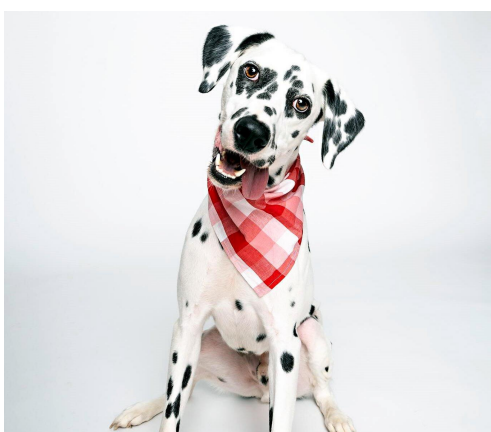
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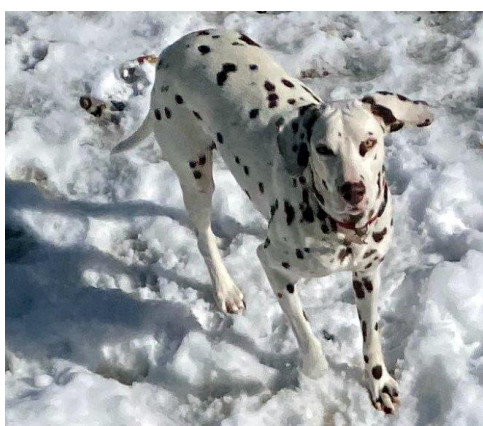
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How To Find A Lost Dog

Tips & FAQs To Help Your Search

<https://www.24petwatch.com/blog>

When your beloved pup is usually by your side, the sudden realization that they have gone missing is a terrifying experience. Sadly, it's an all too common situation that approximately 15% of pet owners will go through. The good news is, if your pet has an ID tag and a microchip, they have a good chance of finding their way back to you. Microchipped dogs are twice as likely to be returned home compared to an unchipped dog.

Why do dogs run away?

Whether losing track of their surroundings in pursuit of an interesting scent, getting spooked by a loud noise like fireworks, or giving in to their instinct to run, there are a number of reasons why your dog might run away.

What should I do if I lost my dog?

First things first – if you've lost your pet and they are microchipped, you should report them as missing ASAP with 24Petwatch. That way, our Lost Pet team can start the recovery process and check that your registration is up to date so that you can be contacted with any updates about your dog. Submit [a lost pet report here](#), or log in to your account at mypethealth.com. Our Lost Pet team will run a real-time search of all the animals reported found in our database to see if there's a match. Before panicking, take a moment to thoroughly search your home and yard. Has your dog gotten accidentally locked in a closet or garage? Once you're sure they are not on your property, ask your neighbors if you can search their yards too.

How to find a lost dog?

When searching, consider these do's and don'ts to help you investigate efficiently.

Do:

- Bring strong-smelling, irresistible treats like cheese or hot dogs and items from home, like a blanket or favorite toy to help coax your dog to you if spotted
- Bring a leash or crate so that you can safely transport your dog home if found
- Search at different times of the day, including early morning and early evening
- Look under sheltered spaces, like decks, porches, or sheds. If your dog has been injured or feels vulnerable, they may seek refuge there
- Stay easily contactable. If someone found your pet, you'll want to be able to respond quickly. Keep your phone charged and with you at all times
- Check listings at your local shelter regularly to see if any dogs matching your pup's description have been posted
- If you have more than one adult family member in your home, have one person remain home while you search. It's possible your dog will find their way back on their own, and you'll want someone ready to catch them if they do

Don't:

- Don't chase your loose dog. This can kickstart their instinct to run and cause them to wind up even farther away
- Don't leave food outside to try to lure them home. This can attract wildlife and scare off your dog

What do I do if I see my lost dog?

A lost dog on the run will behave very differently than the beloved pet you know and love. They likely feel vulnerable and scared, and their fight or flight instincts will be in full effect. If you do catch a glimpse of your pet it's important to remain calm. Get low and try to coax them to you in a non-threatening way. If you've brought supplies like items from home or food, try gently offering these to lure them to you.

If your dog is being elusive and not responding to your efforts, put in a call to your local animal shelter, animal control agency, or rescue groups. They may be able to come and help you with special tools and equipment. Try to keep tabs on your dog from a distance until they arrive.

Where should I search? How far do dogs travel?

The distance your dog may be able to travel depends on their size, breed, age, health, and the local environment. Oftentimes, dogs are found within a few blocks of their home whereas other times, dogs have snuck into delivery trucks or somehow found themselves miles from home! In general, unless you have reason to suspect that your dog has traveled far, start searching in their last known location, and then begin to broaden your search radius from there.

Consider your dog's personality and breed to try to narrow down their reason for wandering. Are they a friendly, social Australian Shepherd who is always looking for someone to play with? In that case, they may be no farther than your neighbor's house or the park. Are they an active endurance runner, like a Husky that can cover incredible distances at a time? Your search may be a little more complex. Are they a nervous, timid Chihuahua? You may want to consider hiding spots, like decks, shrubs, or other covered

spaces.

How to create and distribute an effective lost pet poster?

If you've searched and searched and your dog is not immediately found, it's time to enlist help. A lost pet poster is one of the easiest ways to put your community on alert. Here's [a generator that you can use to make a quick and effective poster](#).

A good lost pet poster should include a clear, bold heading declaring your dog as lost, a recent color photo of your dog, your contact information (including your phone number), your dog's name, last known location, and any relevant behavioral or medical information.

Post flyers to your neighbors, and distribute them at local parks and dog parks, bus shelters, grocery stores, local bulletin boards, and telephone poles. Place some at kid height – children are naturally curious and engaged and will be more likely to keep an eye out for your missing dog. Consider dropping copies off at your local pet supply stores, animal shelters or kennels, and vet clinics as well.

You can also post your posters online. Some online spaces to consider include:

- Local lost and found pet Facebook pages and groups
- Buy and sell apps, such as Kijiji, Craigslist, or Next-door that allow you to hone in on your neighborhood
- Your Twitter or Instagram accounts, using location hashtags and tagging any local lost pet accounts that will repost or re-tweet your poster

How to find a lost dog without a microchip?

If your dog is not microchipped, you'll need to be more proactive in your search as finders won't have a surefire way to know that your dog belongs to you, especially if they are not wearing an ID tag. Check found pet and adoption listings at your local shelter, animal control, or pet rescue every day. Call the facilities to let them know your dog is missing and provide a description with any unique identifying details. Your lost pet poster becomes even more important in case a Good Samaritan finds your pet. With no other forms of identification, the poster could be the only way of tracing your dog back to you.

Should I offer a reward?

The decision to offer a reward is a personal one. On one hand, it can encourage more people in your neighborhood to actively search for your pet, especially kids. The more eyes on the situation, the better. On the other hand, it can unfortunately make you a target of lost pet scams as scammers try to take advantage of your desperate situation.

If someone is asking for money in exchange for your lost pet, do your due diligence first. They should be able to send you a photo of your pet (not the same photo from your lost pet poster, or a photo you've posted on social media already) or meet in person with your pet. Bring a friend with you and opt to meet in a public space, like a mall or the parking lot of a police station.

When to seek professional help?

If you feel like you've exhausted all your options, and your search has yielded no sign of your beloved dog, there are paid and volunteer services that can help. Pet detectives, pet trackers, and recovery specialists may be able to help. Sometimes they use tracker dogs to help follow your pet's scent, other times they use equipment like live traps, aerial surveillance, or trail cameras to catch an elusive dog.

There are also volunteer networks that mobilize large community-wide search parties and create custom search plans based on your dog's behavior, circumstances of becoming lost, and sightings. These groups operate on a volunteer basis, relying on donations to continue their efforts, and can be an invaluable source of information.

What do you do when you've found your dog?

If you've found your dog – hooray! There's no better feeling than being reunited with a beloved pet who you feared lost. Although you probably want to head home and put this whole stressful ordeal behind you, there are a few things you should do first:

- Take your dog to the veterinarian's office – even if they look fine, it's important to have them checked out by a professional. In addition to a nose-to-tail assessment, your vet may want to check for parasites, fleas, ticks, or any other less obvious sign of stress or injury
- Ease them back into the transition home – especially if you have other pets at home, you'll want to make sure your found dog hasn't picked up any bugs during their adventure that can be spread to your resident pets
- Spay or neuter your pet – if your dog has not been spayed or neutered, you may want to discuss this procedure with your vet. Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to run away in search of mates
- Check their collar and ID tags – if slipping out of their collar is what caused your dog to get lost in the first place, it may be time for a new one! Visit your local pet store to get a properly fitted collar. Make sure that their ID tags haven't become lost or illegible during their time on the run

Preparing for the worst

Unfortunately in some situations, lost animals become injured. There are all kinds of hazards they can come into contact with, from wildlife, to traffic, to exposure to the elements. Although you shouldn't jump to the worst-case scenario, it's important to mentally prepare yourself for this outcome. If a shelter or animal control service comes across a deceased pet, they will usually scan the pet

for a microchip to provide the family with closure. Some shelters also post listings of pets that they have found deceased, as do many local lost and found pet groups on social media. Although it can be difficult to look at these listings, it is ultimately better to know what became of your beloved pet so that you can begin to heal.

If you've lost your dog, we know how scared, stressed and emotional you may be feeling. Time is of the essence, so move quickly to report your pet as lost with 24Petwatch, begin searching the area, and spread the word to your community. Remember, our Lost Pet team is available 24/7/365 to report your pet as missing and help facilitate a happy reunion if they are found.

We wish you the best of luck in your search, and hope for a speedy, safe reunion with your beloved dog.

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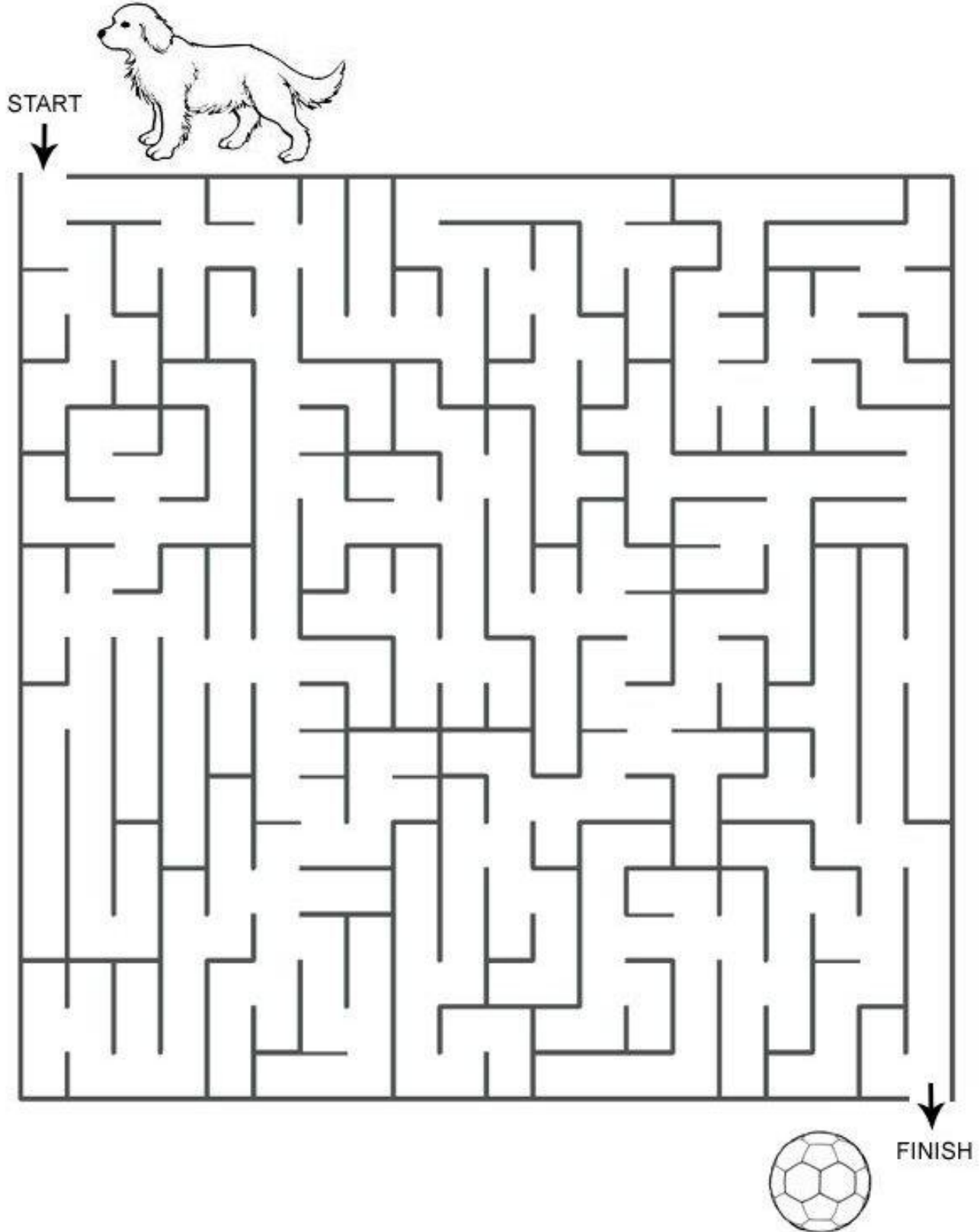
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NATIONAL PET FIRE SAFETY DAY - JULY 15th



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

PET FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL PET FIRE SAFETY DAY

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

NATIONAL PET FIRE SAFETY DAY HISTORY

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



Trainer Tips

“Is This A Behavior Or A Medical Issue?”

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I received a phone call from a client I had not heard from in a year or two. They had taken a Puppy Preschool Class with me and had since added another dog to the family. They had been having some trouble over the past six months. One family member was ready to relinquish their dogs. The other called me for help in an effort to resolve the issue and maintain harmony in the home.

I was told the newer of the two dogs was urinating in the house – as often as a few times per day. They were rarely, if ever, able to catch the dog in the act, so they were having a difficult time resolving the issue.

Sometimes what seems to be a behavior issue really is not. The first order of business was to send them to their veterinarian. You would be surprised how often what seems to be a behavior issue really is a medical issue. Sure enough, the newer dog had a urinary tract infection (UTI). I advised the client to resolve the medical issue first and then see if they were still having trouble.

I received another call a couple of weeks later. The UTI was resolved, but the urinating in the house was not. Since it had been going on for so long, what started as a medical issue had also become a behavior issue. While we were not able to set up a video camera to catch the culprit in the act, I believe what was happening was the newer dog started urinating due to his UTI which developed into a habit. In addition, the other dog was marking over the spots where the dog with the UTI would urinate.

Within a few weeks of following my advice, the client called to report there had been no more urinating in the house. The issue – while still needing some close supervision – was now under control. There was no longer any discussion of re-homing the dogs. The clients were happy.

This is just one of many cases where people contact me to address what they believe to be a behavior issue but there is a medical component to the problem. This is why most of my referrals for business come from veterinarians. I like to know that possible medical causes have been ruled out in cases such as this before we begin behavior modification work.

If your dog has a sudden change in behavior that you cannot attribute to a specific incident, the first order of business is a medical check with your veterinarian. While there are plenty of behavior and training issues that have no medical component, there are plenty that do. That is why I like to work in collaboration with veterinarians. We both want your dog to be healthy – both medically and behaviorally. By all of us working together, we can help you achieve that.

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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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

Bingo



5 Year Old, Black, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Confiscated by Animal Control from Abusive Home

Foster Home: Allen, TX

Bingo is quite a handsome boy and he has gorgeous markings. He might be a showbred dog because he sure looks like a show dog. His foster mom saw him being beaten in a local park and intervened. She was offered Bingo and then the owner walked off, leaving Bingo with a stranger. Bingo was taken to a home where the foster mom adored him and vice versa. She would cuddle him, and let Bingo sleep with her. It was a happy time for Bingo, but his foster mom developed a health condition so Bingo was moved once more. In the next home, poor Bingo found that the young man in the home would kick and hit him each time he would be near Bingo. The mother didn't stop the cruel actions of her son and one day, Bingo said no more. He growled at the young man and then bit his leg probably while he was kicking him. Animal Control then contacted Dalmatian Rescue and we took Bingo under our wing. AC felt that Bingo

should not remain in that home. The poor dog had been set up to fail.

Bingo is such a lovely dog who needs to be settled in one home and can get comfortable with the people there. He's been working with a trainer/behaviorist at an Indiana kennel to move past the pain and cruelty he has experienced his entire life. Wonderfully he has succeeded!! He loves being with other dogs and playing! Sadly Bingo does not have a person he can call his own and is more than ready!!! Dalmatians do not make good kennel dogs as they need human attention. WE ARE LOOKING for a foster-to-adopt home for Bingo. Or even an adoption home where the people will give Bingo the time needed to regain his charming personality. Could that be you? Bingo is located in Indiana. His adoption is \$300. Please submit an adoption or foster application and contact Sandy at sandy@dalmatianrescueco.org. Bingo has been considered as ready for family life with a very experienced Dal family. He loves to be with and play with the other dogs! Bingo sure needs someone, and if you take him, you'll find that he is lovingly worth it.

Mandy

6 Year Old, Black Spayed Female

Reason Available: Shelter Stray

Foster Home: Denver, CO

MANDY NEEDS A FOREVER HOME!

SHE'S BEEN IN RESCUE FOR THREE YEARS!!!

I'm Mandy! Nobody thinks I'm pretty or cute! And I'm not a puppy anymore. But I am one of the sweetest dogs you will ever meet! All I want is a forever home, and I keep getting overlooked. I promise I will be your best walking companion, I play gently with other dogs, and I love children. I am heartworm free and current on all my vaccinations. Sweet Mandy is a lovely little Dalmatian Wannabe who entered a shelter in Texas as a stray and was terrified by the noise and barking in the shelter. Since coming to Colorado, Mandy has become a sweet, loving companion, once she has found out that everyone is not bad. She gets along great with the resident dogs at her foster home and enjoys kids. Mandy loves to play and chase the other dogs in the backyard and respects their boundaries. She is a very loving dog who loves to sit in your lap. Mandy is very quiet unless she is distracted by the squirrels in the backyard running along the fence - then she yells at them to go away. She loves being the center of attention. Mandy is mostly white with nice spots on her ears and lots of freckles under her white fur. She is still a little skittish about loud noises and yelling but is a lot better than when she first arrived. A quiet home with all adults or teens and a doggy friend would probably suit her best. For more information, contact Jeannine at jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org. Mandy is located in Denver, CO. Adoption \$250



Happy Beginnings Stories

Gracie



Austin is camera shy and Gracie is posing for the camera

Did I want an older dog with a seizure disorder? Not really. Am I glad we adopted 8-year-old Gracie? Absolutely! Gracie came to rescue weighing 36 pounds and is now a healthy 60 pounds. Even though she went through hell and back, she does not have a mean bone in her body, is very well trained, loves people and other dogs, and can't resist lounging in a ray of sunshine. After several visits to the vet and vet chiropractor, her seizures are under control. Would she win a confirmation class? Nope. Her legs are too short and body too long, but who cares? She is a Dal though-and-though...loves long walks, food, sleeping, food, snuggles and food. "G-dog" is here to stay, and we love having her! My advice to all is do not overlook that older dog who may/may not have a health issue because you just might be missing out on a gem! A big thank you to Tena, Beth, Mary Francis, and Victoria for helping me find my shadow, a.k.a. Gracie.

Marj S.
Fort Collins, CO

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!

We need your stories! So far we have adopted more than 50 dogs this year, yet we only have 1 Happy Beginnings Story. I know that all these dogs are happy in their new homes. Please share their stories with us!!

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