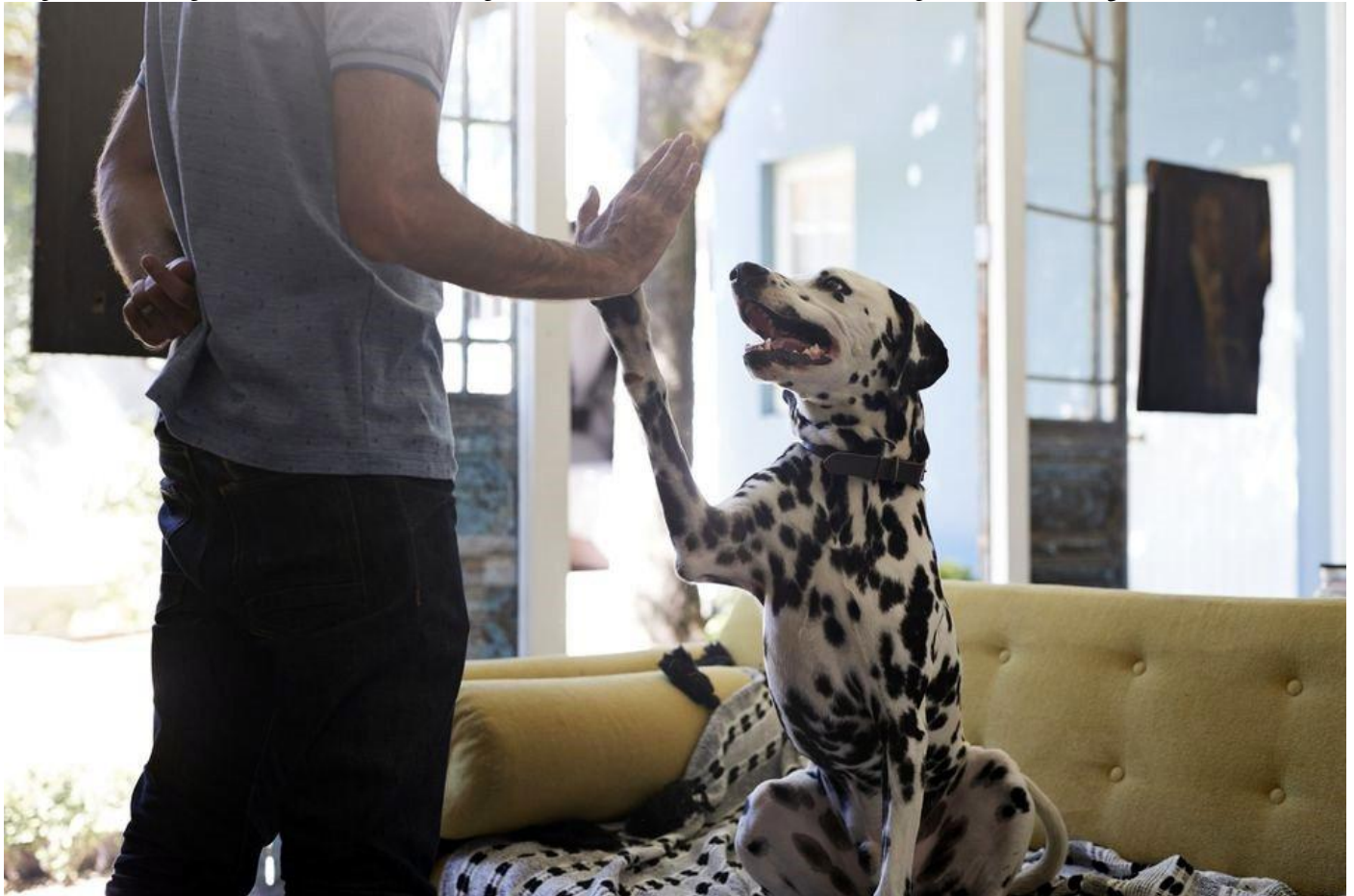


Why Dog Training Is Necessary For Your Dog



Dog training is the process of teaching a dog to behave in specific ways and follow certain commands. It involves teaching the dog obedience, good manners, and socialization. The goal of dog training is to help the dog become well-behaved, safe, and happy in their environment, and to establish a strong bond between the dog and their owner.

Dog training can include a range of techniques, from positive reinforcement to negative reinforcement, and can be taught by professional trainers or by the dog owner themselves. Positive reinforcement training involves rewarding desired behaviors, such as giving treats or praise when the dog follows a command. Negative reinforcement training involves correcting undesirable behavior, such as using a firm voice or withholding treats when the dog does not follow a command.

Dog training can cover a variety of areas, including obedience training, behavioral training, agility training, and socialization training. The specific training methods used will depend on the individual dog's personality, temperament, and needs, as well as the goals of the owner or trainer. With patience, consistency, and positive reinforcement, dogs can learn to follow commands and become well-behaved members of their family and community.

How To Train Your Dog

Training your dogs can be a rewarding experience for both you and your furry friend. Here are some tips to help you train your dog:

Start with basic commands: Begin by teaching your dog basic commands such as sit, stay, come, and heel. Use positive reinforcement such as treats and praise to encourage good behavior.

Use consistent cues: Use the same cues and gestures for each command to help your dog understand what you want them to do.

Keep training sessions short: Dogs have short attention spans, so keep training sessions short and frequent. Aim for several short training sessions throughout the day, rather than one long session.

Gradually increase difficulty: Once your dog has mastered basic commands, gradually increase the difficulty of the commands to keep them challenged and engaged.

Be patient: Training takes time, and every dog learns at their own pace. Be patient and persistent, and celebrate small successes along the way.

Socialize your dog: Socializing your dog with other people and animals is an important part of training. Take your dog to obedience classes or dog parks to help them learn appropriate social behavior.

Address problem behaviors: If your dog has problem behaviors such as chewing, barking, or jumping, address these behaviors through positive reinforcement training and consistent discipline.

Reinforce good behavior: Use positive reinforcement to reward good behavior, such as treats, praise, or playtime.

Be consistent: Consistency is key in training. Use the same commands and cues, and be consistent in your training methods.

Keep it fun: Training should be a fun and rewarding experience for both you and your dog. Incorporate playtime and fun activities into your training sessions to keep your dog engaged and motivated.

Dog training is essential for many reasons, and here are a few:

Establishing good behavior: Dog training helps your dog understand what is expected of them and establishes good behavior patterns. With proper training, your dog learns to follow commands, such as "sit," "stay," "come," and "heel," and learns to exhibit good manners such as not jumping on people, not chewing on inappropriate objects, and not begging for food.

Enhancing the bond between owner and dog: Training provides an opportunity for owners to build a stronger bond with their dogs. It fosters mutual understanding and respect, and it helps to build trust and communication.

Ensuring safety: Training your dog helps to ensure their safety as well as the safety of others. When your dog is well-trained, they are less likely to run away, get into fights with other dogs, or behave inappropriately in public places.

Encouraging socialization: Training provides an opportunity for your dog to socialize with other dogs and people. This helps them to become well-adjusted and friendly, reducing the likelihood of aggressive behavior.

Reducing stress: Dogs that receive proper training are less stressed and anxious, as they know what is expected of them and can navigate their environment with confidence.

Top 20 Benefits of Dog Training

1. **Builds a Stronger Bond:** Dog Training strengthens the bond between a dog and their owner.
2. **Improved Communication:** Training teaches dogs to understand human communication and commands.
3. **Better Behavior:** Training can help dogs develop better behavior and manners, making them easier to live with.
4. **Reduces Stress:** Dogs that receive training are less stressed and anxious than those that don't.
5. **Enhances Socialization:** Training helps dogs socialize with other dogs and humans.
6. **Increases Confidence:** A well-trained dog is more confident and self-assured.
7. **Provides Exercise:** Many training activities provide exercise and mental stimulation for dogs.
8. **Improves Safety:** Training helps dogs learn important safety commands, such as "stay" and "come."
9. **Reduces Aggression:** Training can reduce aggression in dogs and prevent conflicts.
10. **Increases Obedience:** Training helps dogs become more obedient and responsive to commands.
11. **Reduces Destructive Behavior:** Training can help prevent destructive behavior in dogs, such as chewing on furniture or digging holes.
12. **Provides Mental Stimulation:** Training exercises can provide mental stimulation for dogs, helping to prevent boredom.
13. **Increases Adaptability:** Training can help dogs become more adaptable to new situations and environments.
14. **Encourages Good Health:** Training can encourage dogs to have good health habits, such as eating and exercising regularly.
15. **Helps with Separation Anxiety:** Training can help dogs cope with separation anxiety when their owners are away.
16. **Helps with Potty Training:** Training can help dogs learn good potty habits and reduce accidents in the house.
17. **Improves Performance:** Dog training can improve a dog's performance in competitions or other activities.
18. **Reduces Vet Bills:** Training can prevent behavior problems that could lead to expensive vet bills.
19. **Enhances Companionship:** A well-trained dog makes a better companion and can provide emotional support.
20. **Creates a Happy Home:** Training can create a happier home environment for both the dog and their owner.

Overall, dog training is necessary for your dog's mental and physical well-being and for their harmonious coexistence with you and others.

New Dog Tips - DOs And DON'Ts

DO

- **UNDERSTAND** THE DOG DOES NOT KNOW YOU – THEY DON'T KNOW THEY ARE SAFE – AND THEY WON'T FOR AWHILE
- **ASSUME THEY WILL TRY TO ESCAPE** AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY
- **ALWAYS SECURE THEM IN A VEHICLE.** WHEN YOU OPEN THAT DOOR IS A HIGH RISK TIME OF ESCAPE
- PLACE A **MARTINGALE COLLAR AND SLIP LEAD** ON THEM WHEN TAKING OUTSIDE - EVEN IN THE BACKYARD
- **IN THE HOUSE PLACE LEASH ON** DOG FOR FIRST WEEK OR AS NEEDED
- **CLOSELY SUPERVISE CHILDREN** SO THEY WON'T LET THE DOG ESCAPE
- CREATE A **QUIET, SECURE SPOT** IN THE HOME WHERE THEY CAN GO TO EAT, SLEEP, DECOMPRESS OR RELAX
- **BE PATIENT**, DO NOT CROWD THEM OR FORCE THEM TO BOND WITH YOU – THEY WILL DECIDE WHEN TO
- ENSURE YOU **HAVE A GATE/BARRIER** IN FRONT OF EVERY DOOR LEADING OUTSIDE. IF POSSIBLE INSTALL SCREEN DOOR
- WALK AROUND ENTIRE YARD AND **SECURE GATES AND BLOCK ANY AREAS** THAT THEY COULD DIG OUT
- **SECURE** ALL DOOR LATCHES AND HANDLES

DO NOT

- **ASSUME THEY KNOW THEY ARE SAFE**, YOU MEAN NO HARM AND WILL HAVE A HAPPY LIFE – THEY ARE SCARED
- **OVERWHELM THEM** BY IMMEDIATELY HAVING EVERYONE COME OVER AND MEET THE NEW PUPPY
- **OVERWHELM THEM** BY IMMEDIATELY GOING TO THE LOCAL DOG PARK OR PLAY GROUP
- **LET DOWN YOUR GUARD** THAT THEY ARE HIGH FLIGHT RISK. KEEP UP BARRIERS AND BE CAREFUL AROUND DOORS LEADING TO THE OUTSIDE
- **ASSUME** THEY WILL NOT TRY TO JUMP THE FENCE.
- **HAVE THEM OUTSIDE DURING** STORMS, FIREWORKS, HIGH WINDS OR LOUD NOISES
- **FORCE THEM** TO BE SOCIAL RIGHT AWAY. TRUST AND BONDING TAKES TIME. THE WAIT IS WORTH IT !!!!!
- **BOTHER THEM** WHEN EATING OR SLEEPING
- LEAVE ANY EXTERIOR **DOORS AJAR OPEN** EVEN FOR A MOMENT
- **START TRAINING THEM ON DAY ONE.** LET THEM RELAX AND DECOMPRESS.

“Before you get a dog, you can't quite imagine what living with one might be like; afterwards, you can't imagine living any other way.”

- Caroline Knapp

Recent Adoptees!

There were, sadly, no new adoptees to report this month. 😞

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



NATIONAL DOG MONTH – August

All during the month of August, National Dog Month celebrates our loveable canine pals smack in the middle of the dog days of summer. Dogs are the #1 most commonly owned pets on the planet, and with good reason. Did you know that scientific studies prove our pawsome companions make us happier, less stressed, and more optimistic? The list of benefits to spending time with a dog goes on and on, but it all proves one thing—that a month-long celebration of our furry best friends has been a long time coming. Whether your dog burrows under the blankets with you at night, plays in the sprinkler, or alerts you to a health need, we know they are constantly improving our lives and making them more fun. Not only that, but the companionship and affection we share with them make their lives better, too. Dog lovers know a life without dogs is a life missing something special, and that's a fact worth celebrating.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalDogMonth

This is the easy part. Celebrate with your best pal. Take an extra-long walk. Play fetch or spare an extra Milk-Bone treat. Get your dog the toy he's been wanting or visit the dog park. Speaking of visits, make your next veterinarian appointment to ensure your pet stays healthy and strong. Donate to your local shelter or to a larger dog nonprofit. You can also volunteer your services. Not only will the dogs appreciate the support, but so will their future human companions. However you celebrate, be sure to use #NationalDogMonth to post on social media.

NATIONAL DOG MONTH HISTORY

[Milk-Bone](#) brand (The J.M. Smucker Company) founded National Dog Month in 2020 to recognize all the ways dogs make our lives better.

How To Keep Dogs Safe In The Car

Keep your pets safe during your summer road trip with these tips and vet-recommended products.

Written by Beth Ann Mayer — Medically reviewed by Dr. Michelle Diener

The importance of car safety for dogs

Nothing says Americana like a road trip. About three-quarters of adults consider their pets their fur babies, so it's no surprise you may want to bring your pup along for the ride.

As you plan for your road trip, you'll want to put dog car safety on your itinerary. Here are just a few reasons why:

Veterinarians treat hundreds of car injuries each year. One sure reported that 71% of 141 Massachusetts veterinarians had treated a total of 592 dogs in one year due to injuries from riding in a truck bed.

Unrestrained dogs are a form of distracted driving. One in five drivers admits to driving with an unrestrained dog. AAA believes this distraction may cause tens of thousands of car accidents every year. Even if they're not the cause of an accident, your pet may be critically injured in a crash or an escape from one.

Heatstroke can be avoided. Every year, hundreds of pets die of heat exhaustion from being left inside parked vehicles. Temperatures rise quickly - even if the window is cracked.

You'll want to brush up on car safety for dogs and put a few items on your packing list for all these reasons and the fact that you simply love your dog.

4 Veterinarian approved accessories

Humans buckle up before hitting the road - the same should go for pets. A restrained pup - one limited from moving around the cabin - reduces distraction and the risk of injury or death if a car crash happens. Make your trip safer for your pet by investing in the right products.

1. Dog crates

When used in the house, crates are like dens to dogs, but they can be life-saving in the car. Position a dog crate in the backseat of your vehicle, and secure it with a seatbelt. You can cover the front of the crate loosely with a light blanket to reduce the risk of motion sickness and ease your pup's anxiety. You'll want a sturdy crate that's the right size for your pet.

Impact Stationary Dog Crate

Made in the U.S., this dog crate is designed from 99% recycled material. The dog crate is high-impact and boasts a sturdy and durable design.

Good for: Medium or large dogs. The sizes run from 34 to 48 inches long. Pet parents who have to carry the crate or load it into the car will love the lightweight construction and sturdy handles.

Why our vets love it: Impact's stationary dog crate is sturdy and durable. Impact's website is also loaded with human-friendly features, like the ability to see how the crate would look in your car and a sizing guide. The right-size crate is essential in ensuring your pup remains safe and sound. Also, Impact's lifetime warranty gives vets and pet parents additional confidence.

We love the Diggs Revol Dog Crate for smaller pups. It's made of sturdy, high-grade aluminum. The crate is also collapsible, so it's easy to stash in the car or hotel room when you're not using it.

2. Harness and seat belts

Dog car safety harnesses and seat belts are good to have, regardless of other safety measures you're taking. A dog seatbelt works like a human one, but it clips to the pup's collar. A safety harness works with your car's seat belt system. It goes around the chest and body of the dog and restricts movement even more.

Sleepypod Clickit Sport

Your pet is your baby. Sleepypod's Clickit Sport received a five-star rating from the Center for Pet Safety after it underwent the same rigorous evaluation as safety restraints for human children.

Good for: Any breeds that won't be in a carrier or crate. The Center for Pet Safety five-star rating applies to dogs 18 to 90 pounds. It's dynamic, too, because it doubles as a walking harness.

Why our vets love it: The CPS certification means the product received an objective, comprehensive review by safety experts. Pet parents can trust that this dog car safety harness will likely provide maximum protection. The harness restricts lateral and forward movement to keep your pet secure in case of a sudden stop or crash.

The Kurgo Tru-Fit Enhanced Strength Harness was crash-tested for dogs up to 75 pounds in a university setting using child car-seat standards. It comes with a seatbelt tether and lifetime warranty and is machine washable.

3. Carry boxes

Carry boxes are great for small breeds.

Henkelion Dog Carrier. More than 30,000 people have given Henkelion's dog carrier a 4.7 star rating on Amazon.

The Henkelion dog carrier is lightweight and foldable, so it fits easily alongside your suitcase. It's also durable, so your pet will be safe and secure.

Good for: Henkelion's dog carrier is ideal for small dogs prone to anxiety. It keeps them in one safe space so they won't pace. Place a loose blanket over the top of the carrier to reduce anxiety further, and they'll be able to breathe thanks to the carrier's mesh material.

Why our vets love it: Our vets like the high marks from previous buyers - they lend credibility to the product. The durable, lightweight mesh and polyester material ensure it's breathable and comfy.

4. Backseat hammocks

Hammocks typically have belts and tabs that pet owners can secure to the vehicle's backseat. A car safety dog harness or seat belt is still necessary when using these hammocks to keep dogs secure so that they cannot move around throughout the car or run away after a car accident.

Frisco Quilted Water Resistant Hammock Car Seat Cover.

This easy to install hammock is water-resistant and machine washable, so it's ready for messy adventures. It fits snugly around the backseat of most models. The quilt fabric provides optimal comfort in the backseat.

Good for: Large dogs because they may feel cramped in a crate. Frisco's hammock gives them some breathing room. They'll stay secure when used in combination with a seatbelt or harness. The three-step installation and compatibility with most car models make the Frisco hammock an option for pet parents with medium to large breeds.

Why our vets love it: The hammock is easy to install and keeps dogs secure with a seatbelt or harness. The hammock also minimizes shedding to other areas of the car.

What to look for in dog car safety equipment

Vacations can get expensive, and you understandably want to save as much money for fun adventures with your pet. But it's important not to sacrifice quality for a lower price when it comes to safety. Here's how to navigate shopping for car safety products for dogs.

Look for CPS Certification. The Center for Pet Safety (CPS) is a non-profit that evaluates pet products, travel conditions, testing practices, and policies to keep your animal safe and sound. CPS tests products in a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) lab, which helps make sure the evaluations are objective and not influenced by the manufacturers. The testing is rigorous, meaning CPS-certified products are likely to be safe.

Read reviews. Fellow pet parents who have used a product can provide valuable insights in reviews. Read them carefully and consider reasonable criticisms, particularly about dog car safety and your particular breed. For example, a dog car safety harness may not be the best fit for a barrel-chested Boxer. Look for reviews from verified buyers who did not get the product for free as part of a promotion.

Ask your vet's advice. Your vet can be a valuable resource on dog car safety. Consult with them to get recommendations for your specific dog. For example, a crate may be better than a dog car seat belt or harness if your pet has certain breathing conditions, arthritis or escapes restraints easily.



Impact Stationary Crate



Sleepypod Clickit Sport Bundle



Henkelion Dog Carrier



Frisco Quilted Hammock

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

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

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



Breton relaxing in the RV while on vacation in Kentucky!

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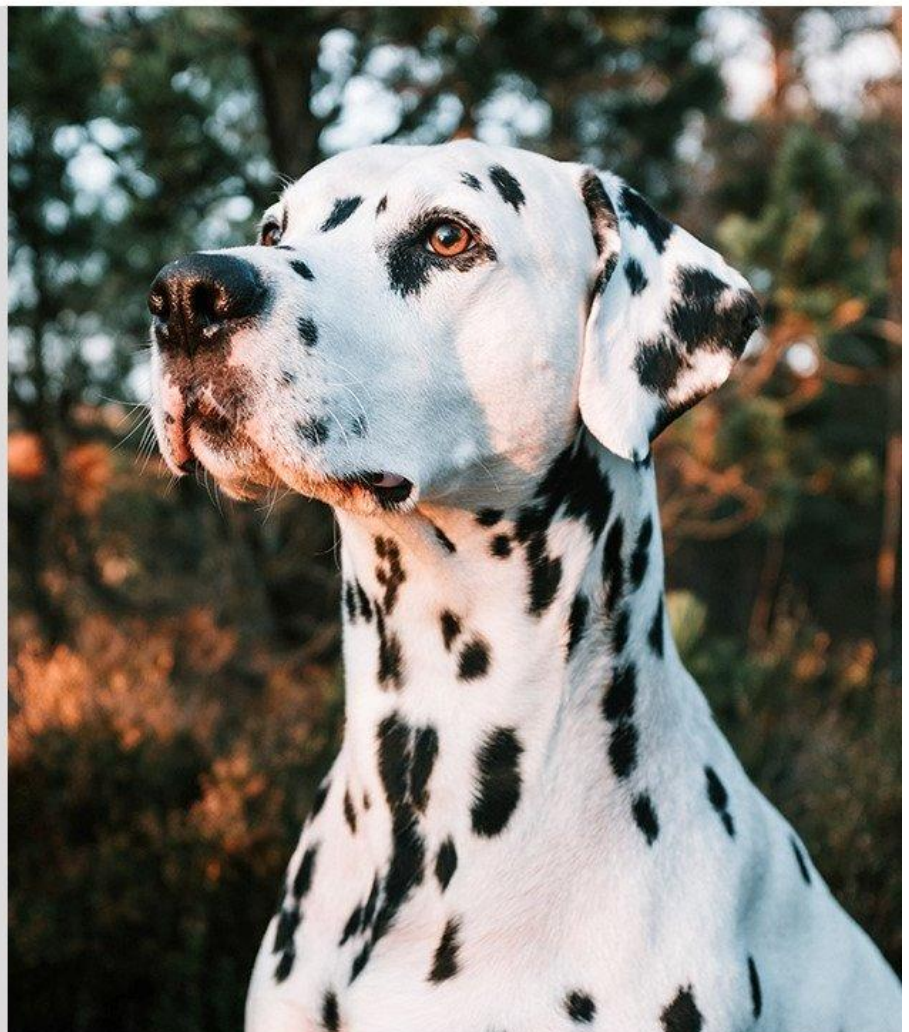
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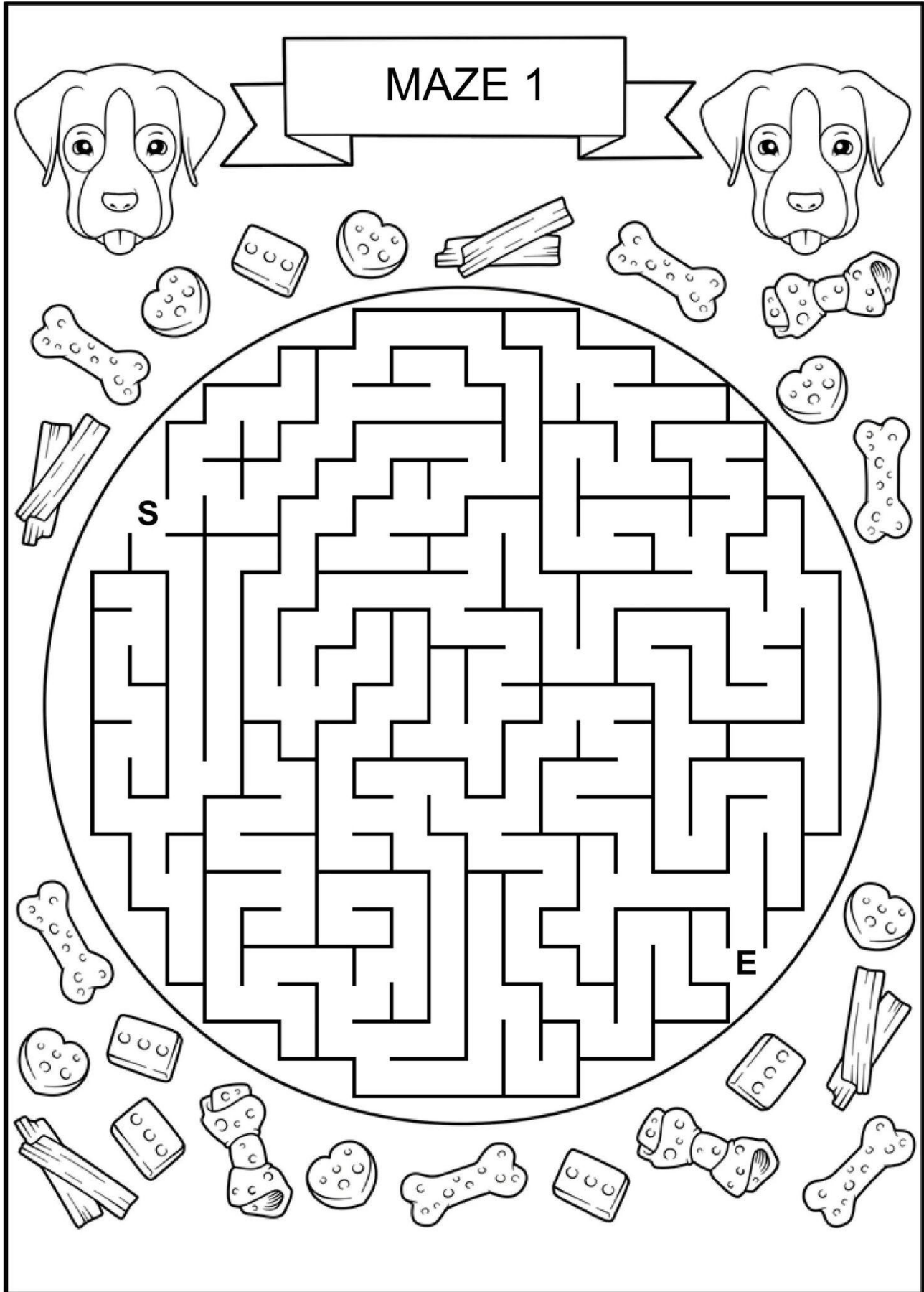


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NEVER BEAN BETTER DAY - AUGUST 22nd



If you've waited for a Never Bean Better Day to enjoy the unconditional love of your canine companion, August 22nd is the day! Just like our ever-joyful pets, the day casts away the worries and spreads enthusiasm for life.

#NeverBeanBetterDay

The celebration encourages both the spirit of generosity and sharing the joys of life with delight. Go out into the world with your family pet and plant the bean of love everywhere you go. Share it generously, like dogs do when they take care of us when we are sick or down. They give us all their love with abandon in the forms of licks and snuggles. Sometimes our furry friends do tricks and antics only canines know how to do. Other times, they even perform their

own love song or woo woo. Every day should be a Never Bean Better Day to share all the love your dog stores up!

HOW TO OBSERVE NEVER BEAN BETTER DAY

In recognition of the celebration, share the Bean wuv. Fetch up some fun and make a difference like Bean, a very special therapy dog, does every day in providing comfort and joy to so many through his physical and virtual presence. Help someone by sharing your time, talent or treasure or just by making someone's day by getting them to play ... human or canine!

Follow Bean's tail on [Facebook](#) at Never Bean Better @neverbeanbetterwoo, [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Be sure to spread the Bean wuv by using the #NeverBeanBetterDay and @neverbeanbetter to share your never bean better moments on social media. Get out and fetch up some fun! Make every day a Never Bean Better day!

NEVER BEAN BETTER DAY HISTORY

The Drager Group, Inc. founded Never Bean Better Day to recognize the unconditional love dogs bring to human lives. The observance honors the birth of a special therapy dog, Bean, who eagerly spreads his Bean wuv everywhere he goes. Bean improves the lives of those who need it most. Visit NeverBeanBetter.com to learn more about Bean and his many talents, canine and not so canine.



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 its” 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!

For additional training tips and information, you can read our blog at <https://thelightofdog.com/read/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Bits & Pieces

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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 1800 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for **FREE!**

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

Foster Homes Needed!!

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

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

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

Reader Recommendations and Tips

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

Just want to share:

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

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

JoAnne F.

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

Snoopy



3 Year Old, Black, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Confiscated by Animal Control from Abusive Home

Foster Home: Littleton, CO

Snoopy (and his cohort, Spike) were confiscated for neglect early in December by the sheriff in a small town in Central Texas. Having no place to put them, the sheriff contacted Dal Rescue to ask us to take them in, which, of course, we did. Snoopy was filthy and covered with fleas, having been living in a 4 X 6 kennel for who knows how long! Snoopy and Spike are friends but apparently not bonded, so will be adopted separately. Over time, the two boys cleaned up well, but our fosters in Texas are full and summer was coming. Snoopy came to Colorado in late June and is in foster care in Littleton, CO. He is a happy, contented boy who would benefit greatly from some obedience classes. Gets along well with other dogs - not tested with kids or cats. Snoopy's suggested adoption donation is \$400.

Please contact jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org.

Spike2

6 Year Old, Other Color, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Confiscated by Animal Control from Abusive Home

Foster Home: Littleton, CO

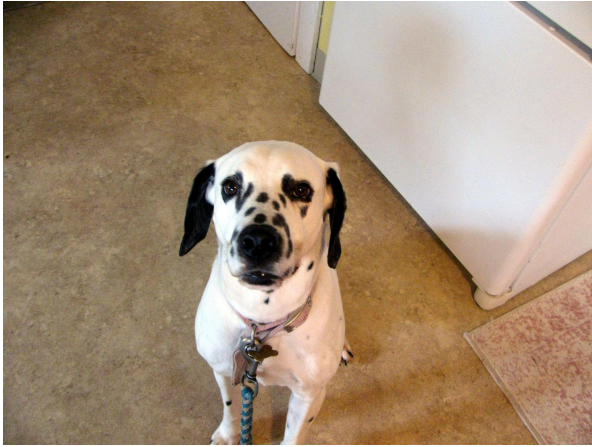
WHOA! Spike is not a "spot"! But Spike was a part of a twosome (his cohort was a Dalmatian, Snoopy) that was confiscated for neglect by the Sheriff in a small town in Central Texas. Having no place to hold these dogs, the Sheriff contacted Dal Rescue to see if we would help them out, and, of course, we did! Spike was filthy and flea-covered, having lived in a small 4 X 6 kennel for who knows how long. Dal Rescue has a rule that we don't leave any dog behind. Because the other half of this duo was a Dal, we couldn't leave Spike behind to fend for himself. So, we have this lovely mixed breed doggo who is the best dog! He is friendly, gets along with everyone, and even has some manners! He loves to be petted and will wriggle his whole body when someone strokes him. He's a medium-sized boy who would make a good family dog. Can be a little bossy around other dogs, but corrects easily and moves on. Spike's suggested adoption donation is \$350.



Please contact jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org.

Happy Beginnings Stories

Gordy (aka Gordie)



Gordy is getting the hang of being a pet. He is a happy, happy boy. The daily routines have become the norm for him. He sticks to me like glue, earning him the nickname of Pegamento (Spanish for glue). His favorite things--eating of course, going for walks, playing. He is still afraid of the dark and ocean waves. Rain is not acceptable--Gordy says he is a dry clean only model. I look forward to many years with him. Allie has accepted him and 16-year-old Ranger appreciates Allie's focus removed from him.

Sincerely,
Sadie J.

Kona



I adopted Fiercy five years ago, and Kona a year ago. Older happy healthy dals rescued from bad circumstances they were in.

They are the best of friends and when not resting, play with each other. Both are well behaved. Or as well behaved as a Dalmatian will be. They LOVE car rides and the attention they get! It's like having twin teen cheerleaders. They show off and ham it up. Their favorite treats are baby carrots. I had an autistic foster son for several months. Before I adopted Kona. Fiercy was the only dog he loved. Fiercy was always calm with Solon and would quietly sit by him. We still see Solon several times a year and that includes Fiercy.

Sincerely,
Robert D.

Stella



A little over a year ago my wife and I decided to get another Dalmatian. We had been hunting for a long, long time and just by accident, ran across Stella's picture at Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. We began to inquire about her adoption, and Tena was extremely helpful in steering us in the right direction. After our approval, Stella finally came to live with us. It's been about a year now and there's not a day goes by that we are not blessed with her presence in our lives.

We could not be more pleased with Stella. She has become an integral part of our family and is a delight and a joy to both my wife and me. She is a family member not just a pet. I am sure all of you know the joy that a very happy Dalmatian in your home can bring. We found Stella to be an absolute delight. She makes us feel younger, and of course we have to be energetic just to keep up with her. All good things!

We are both amazed at how teachable Stella is. She learns very, very quickly and has been able to adjust to life with us, and us with her.

Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado is a very competent organization run with a lot of care towards making sure that each adoption is perfect. All Dalmatians certainly deserve a fresh beginning and Stella has added a first beginning for us and hopefully we for her. I hope the pictures that I've included will give you a sense of the joy we have in our home now.

Sincerely,
Glen and Norma

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!

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