

Happy Labor Day



Let Your Dog Celebrate Labor Day Safely

It's true Summer is almost over but we still have plenty of nice days ahead and a big Labor Day weekend right around the corner so keeping our dogs safe outside is still important. Basking in the sun, swimming in the lake, going for boat rides and long walks, are not only fun for us but for our dogs too! If you plan to take your pup on a mini vacation this weekend or on an outdoor picnic on Labor Day, we've put together some safety tips to ensure that safety is number one for our little friends.

1. Stick to Dog Treats

Giving dogs bones from your meal is tempting, especially while they are sitting there looking at you with those sad eyes. But bones can be life-threatening and extremely dangerous for dogs. For starters, gristle and fat should always be avoided and never given to your dog. Bones can splinter and break during chewing and they're known for getting stuck in the esophagus or intestines causing life-threatening issues for the dog. Pack dog treats perfect for your dog's diet and size and share during your meal or afterwards instead of giving a bone.

2. Take your Pet with You

We all know not to leave our kids in a hot car and the rule applies to pets too! Pets can easily develop heat stroke and suffocate in a car just like a child. If you have to take him with you, take him wherever you go as well. Don't leave your pet in the car. If you're going on a vacation for Labor Day, it might be worth looking at some Dog Friendly Retreats. That way, your dog can come along and enjoy the Labor Day celebrations with you!

3. Make Sure Tags are on, secure and current

Dogs love going on outings with their owners. Be sure to make sure your dog's tags are on and they are secure. In case they wander off, you want to make sure whoever finds him/her can call you and make a happy return.

4. Say No to Fireworks

As people, we love a good fireworks show, but our dogs? Some dogs are terrified of them. The explosive sounds and flashes of light quickly scare dogs and will give them anxiety. Some might get so scared they run off and hide. That's not a good way to end your night. If you are going to be where there will be fireworks, plan ahead by consulting with your veterinarian to see about medical or non-medical treatments that can help calm your dog.

5. Have Plenty of Water

If you always keep a full bowl of water at home, then be sure to do it during your outing or travels. If playing outside more than usual or playing in the heat, or both, your dog will need to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water. Water cools them down too so don't forget an extra bottle or two for your furry friend.

6. Plan Ahead for Shade

Fun in the sun is always a good idea for us and our dogs but too much sun can cause heat stroke. Plan a fun day outside but be sure breaks in the shade are incorporated into your day. Your dog will stay cool and happy causing you to stay cool and happy too!

There you have it. Six easy safety tips for you and your dog for Labor Day and Labor Day weekend. It's the perfect occasion for everyone to enjoy the outdoors safely.

Tips On Good Dog Etiquette



We may love dogs, but not all of our neighbors feel the same way!

Follow these simple etiquette tips to help create a safe, happy, and harmonious community for dogs, dog owners, and everyone in the neighborhood, no matter what their pet preferences may be.

PETTING OTHER PEOPLE'S DOGS

It's hard to resist a cute dog or puppy, but not all dogs love to be approached or touched by strangers. Avoid staring, which can upset some fearful or shy dogs. To avoid snapping or other dangerous behavior, always ask the owner for permission to approach or touch their dog.

MANAGING DOG-TO-DOG INTERACTION

Most dogs interact well with other dogs, but some prefer not to be approached by their canine counterparts. The best way to avoid trouble is to manage YOUR dog's interactions. Be aware of growls or barks, which are signals to keep away, and be sure to give other dogs space initially. Only allow your dog to approach another if you are sure the other dog is comfortable and can cope.

ADEQUATE CONTROL OF DOGS

Dogs are pack animals that look for direction from the decision maker, their leader. By asserting yourself as the leader and controlling your dog's actions towards others (rather than letting them dictate the situation), you can keep your dog, your neighbors, and their dogs safe and comfortable.

CLEAN UP THE MESS

In the interest of public health and a clean environment, be sure to carry dog waste bags and immediately clean up any "packages" left behind on walks or during playtime.

CURB BARKING AND ANY ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

While barking is natural for dogs, they can be trained to not bark at every noise they hear. Start your dog's education by not over exciting your dog when you return home; remain calm and don't interact with your dog until it relaxes. Peace is possible with training, patience, and consistency.

BE CAREFUL WITH RETRACTABLE LEASHES

Retractable leashes pose a big risk to dogs, especially around elevators. The small diameter lead is not big enough to reopen elevator doors if a dog enters an open elevator and the doors close before the owner can enter. This situation can be fatal to the dog if the owner holds on to the leash on the outside with their dog inside and the elevator starts descending or ascending. Be careful with your dog around elevators and advise other dog owners to do the same.

SUPERVISE DOGS AND CHILDREN

Never leave dogs and children unsupervised together. Children can over excite dogs and may be nipped or bitten in the excitement. For everyone's safety, monitor all interactions between dogs and kids.

Recent Adoptees!



Bingo
Tucson, AZ



Emma
Virginia Beach, VA



Maggie Moo
Austin, TX



Dexter
Waco, TX



Holly
Colorado Springs, CO

Attention Adopters!!!

If you haven't already submitted your Happy Beginnings story, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take some time to do it now!
Yes, I am begging. We really would like to have your stories on the website and make you a star here in the NewSpots!!
What are you waiting for? Submit your stories and a new photograph of your fur kid(s), and yourself if you want, to me today!

Karl@dalmatianrescueco.org

I reckon there were actually 102 Dalmatians.
But the other one was never spotted.

Yesterday I spotted an albino Dalmatian.
It was the least I could do for him.



DEAF DOG AWARENESS WEEK - LAST FULL WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

Deaf Dog Awareness Week is the last full week of every September. It's estimated there are about 35,000 dogs in the United States who are deaf in both ears. Dogs who are deaf in just one ear are more common, about 120,000.

More than 30 breeds of dogs have a known susceptibility for deafness. Some of those breeds include Australian shepherd, Boston terrier, cocker spaniel, Dalmatian, German shepherd, Jack Russell terrier, Maltese, toy and miniature poodle, and West Highland white terrier.

In most of these dogs, the deafness is hereditary. And for nearly all, it is associated with piebald or merle coat patterns. (Merle is a pattern in a dog's coat. Merle comes in different colors and patterns. The merle gene creates mottled patches of color in a solid or piebald coat, blue or odd-colored eyes, and can affect skin pigment as well.) So, almost any dog with white in its fur or any "blue" dog is at least more likely to be deaf.

The Deaf Dog Education Fund says, "The most common cause of congenital deafness is pigment-related. If there is unpigmented skin in the inner ear, the nerve endings atrophy and die off in the first few weeks of the puppy's life, resulting in deafness." Click here to learn more: <https://www.deafdogs.org/faq/>

Training

Other than the loss of hearing, deaf dogs behave normally. They make all the regular sounds just like hearing dogs. Dogs who lose their hearing or are born deaf, are also fully trainable, social, and eager to please. Trainers give commands using sign language. As with hearing dogs, hand signals are an effective training tool.

Since they cannot hear cars or other dangers approaching, a deaf dog should never be allowed to roam freely outdoors. Owners should provide a secure fenced enclosure instead. In some cases, electronic signaling devices are used to communicate with the dog.

HOW TO OBSERVE #DeafDogAwarenessWeek

Learn more about deaf dogs from the [Pet Health Network](#).

Learn more about rescuing a deaf dog.

Contribute to an organization that cares for deaf dogs.

Follow on social media. Use #DeafAwarenessDogWeek #NationalDeafPetWeek to join the conversation



Responsible Dog Ownership Day

Third Saturday in September

#CelebrateEveryDay

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY - SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

On the third Saturday in September, Responsible Dog Ownership Day reminds pet owners to make a promise to your forever friend.

#ResponsibleDogOwnershipDay

The observance encourages current and future pet owners to commit to being responsible for their loyal hound. Being responsible protects not only the dog but all those who may be affected by him, too. Dogs bring many benefits to our lives. Ensuring they remain healthy, happy, and safe is a vital part of our job as dog owners.

The pawsabilities for excellent pet care include:

- veterinary care
- training
- grooming
- exercise
- proper disposal of waste
- identifying household risks and dangers
- acceptable socialization
- registration according to local and state ordinances

We need to be on the lookout for their well-being and the well-being of those around them. It may come as a surprise to many how much care dogs require. Keeping them healthy and safe includes many considerations. Their size, energy, medical care, temperament, and many other needs are the dog owner's responsibility. Often, dogs bring unexpected expenses. We need to be prepared to make decisions regarding their care when illness or injury occurs, too.

HOW TO OBSERVE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

Dog owners know how rewarding a canine companion can be. At the same time, a responsible dog owner knows they are accountable for their dog's behavior and health. Those rewards require effort and genuine commitment. Share your tips and suggestions for those considering adding a dog to their family. Pose questions for others regarding how they maintain a canine relationship. Give a shout out to your vet, groomer or another service for helping you to be a responsible dog owner. For more information on responsible dog ownership, visit www.akc.org. Use #ResponsibleDogOwnershipDay to post on social media.



NATIONAL PET MEMORIAL DAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

On the second Sunday in September, National Pet Memorial Day offers a moment to remember pets who have passed.

Pets play an important role in our lives. Not only are they companions, but pets become part of the family, too. Pets keep us responsible and remind us to play. When we are too serious, they lighten up our lives. Many pets keep us healthy, too. When we lose a beloved pet, the pain is genuine. Whether furry, feathered, or an uncommon variety, the loss is felt deeply. They become family and a familiar part of our lives. However, everyone mourns differently. Some pet parents plant a memorial. Whether they plant a tree, shrub or perennial flower, the plant offers an annual reminder of their pet. Others may create a stepping stone with a paw print, placing it in a garden. Still, others may create a tattoo of their pet's paw print. These actions offer a tangible way to cope with their grief.

The day also offers an opportunity to remember the pets who've passed through our lives. We remember the companionship and comfort they provided to us. Don't forget that part of the relationship included care provided by you. Memories replace the empty space left by the loss of a cherished pet.

HOW TO OBSERVE PET MEMORIAL DAY

Keep both past and present pets in your mind. Share your memorials. If you're seeking a way to memorialize your pet, here are some additional ideas:

- Get or design a memorial tattoo.
- Donate to a local shelter in your pet's name.
- Create a photo album.
- Write a poem.
- Plant a flower, garden, or tree (any of which may be donated to a local park).
- Donate training time to a local shelter – animals with behavioral training are more likely to be adopted into forever homes. Your time with them will be a lasting memorial to your beloved pet.
- Volunteer to help keep local parks clean for other pet lovers – pick up fallen limbs, debris, trash.
- Design, develop and build a pet exercise park. Be a part of getting it organized and built.
- Donate to a local fire rescue or police department's canine unit in your beloved pet's name. Your donation will help train animals for rescue and recovery.
- If you hold a memorial service, share these ideas.

Use #NationalPetMemorialDay to post on social media.



National Hug Your Hound Day | Second Sunday in September
#CelebrateEveryDay

NATIONAL HUG YOUR HOUND DAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

On the second Sunday in September, National Hug Your Hound Day dedicates a furry hug to our canine companions. All day long, be sure to give your pooch your full attention. Even spend the day much the way your dog spends it.

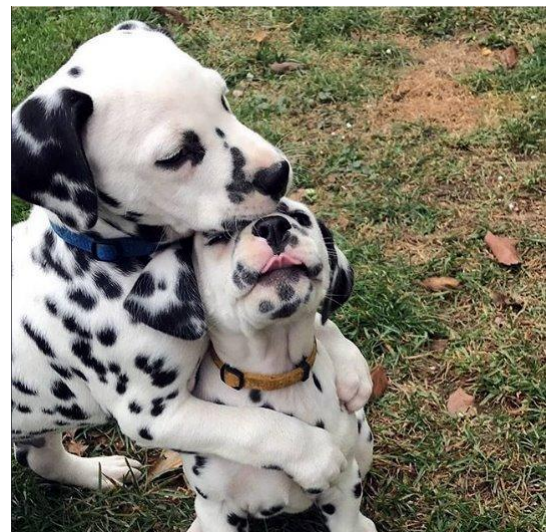
The idea of Hug Your Hound Day is about observing your dog (from his point of view). That means, explore your dog's world from his perspective. Investigate his environment and habits. You may discover some hazards as you roam around the house or yard. For example, you might find broken chew toys that have become choking risks. Perhaps your fur baby leads you to realize he has access to toxic chemicals.

Look for items or places that put your forever friend in danger. Place childproof locks on cabinets. Discard or repair any broken items. Our yards can be surprisingly risky, too. Check for toxic plants or holes in the fencing.

Not only will your pup enjoy the companionship, but he will also be safer for all your exploring, too.

HOW TO OBSERVE HUG YOUR HOUND DAY

Spend a little extra time with your pups. Get down to their level. Make sure their environment and the places you take them are warm, comforting, inviting and safe. Oh yeah, and give your hounds some hugs! Use #NationalHugYourHoundDay to post on social media.



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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!

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For Colorado supporters (or anywhere King Soopers or City Market operates), Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado has also enrolled in the King Soopers and City Market Community Rewards Program.

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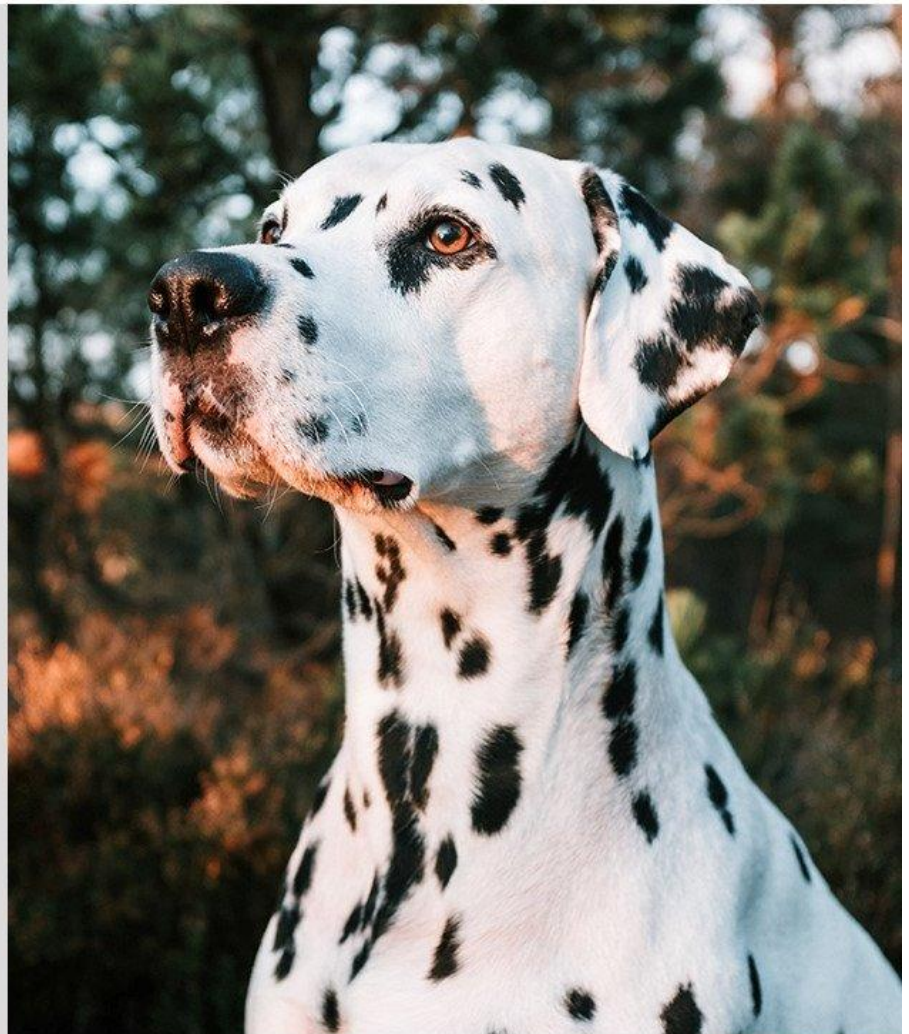
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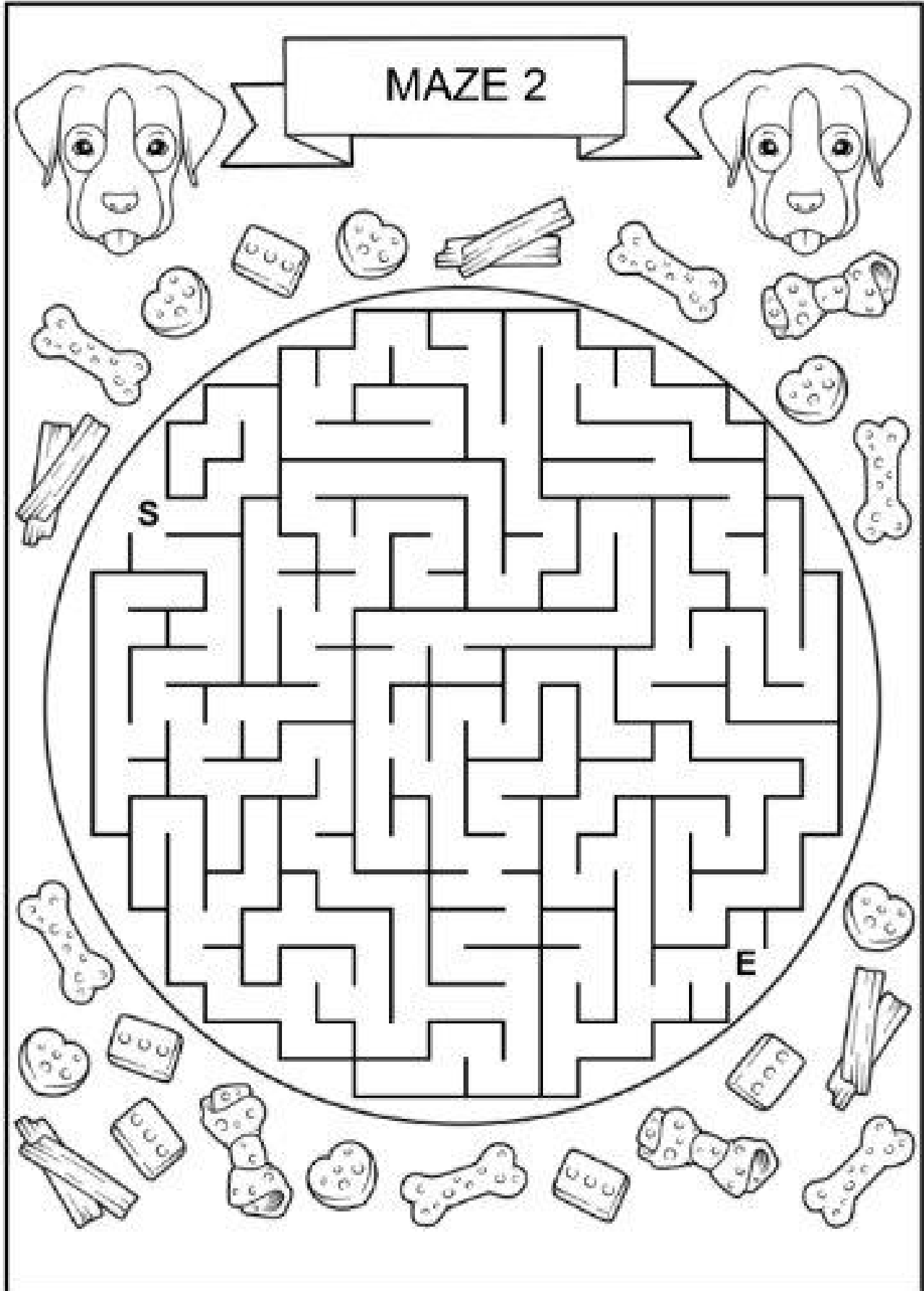
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For The Kids *(or adults who are kids at heart)*





Trainer Tips

“When Your Dog ‘Only Does It When I Have A Treat’

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I've heard it many, many times. My dog will do everything I want. . . as long as he knows I have a treat in my pocket (or hand, or bait bag, etc.) I could write an entire book chapter on this subject, but in this post, I will give you just one tip.

If you are one of the people who makes the above statement, I am willing to bet that if you have a treat in your pocket, you give it to your dog. If you do not have a treat in your pocket, your dog does not get a treat. Is that correct?

So here is your tip: For the next week, make yourself far less predictable. Sometimes have treats in your usual treat pocket. Sometimes reward your dog with that treat, and sometimes just praise, pet or reward in some way other than with the treat in your pocket.

Sometimes have treats in a different pocket. Again, sometimes reward with that treat, sometimes not. And sometimes, make sure you have treats hidden in convenient places but NOT in your pocket. Sometimes rush to get that hidden treat and reward your dog. Sometimes reward in other ways.

Here's the point. Your dog should not be able to predict when he will get a treat and when he will not. Up to this point, he has been pretty accurate in figuring out when treats will come and when they won't. We want to keep him guessing and expecting that a treat COULD always be given regardless of whether or not it's in your usual pocket. But he WON'T always get a treat, regardless of whether he knows you have one in your pocket or not.

Happy training!

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

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Bits & Pieces

Advertising in NewSpots! is FREE!!!

Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify about 1800 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for **FREE!**

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

Foster Homes Needed!!

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

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

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

Reader Recommendations and Tips

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

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

Mandy



6 Year Old, Black, Spayed Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Denver, CO

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 furever 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

Pat

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

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

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



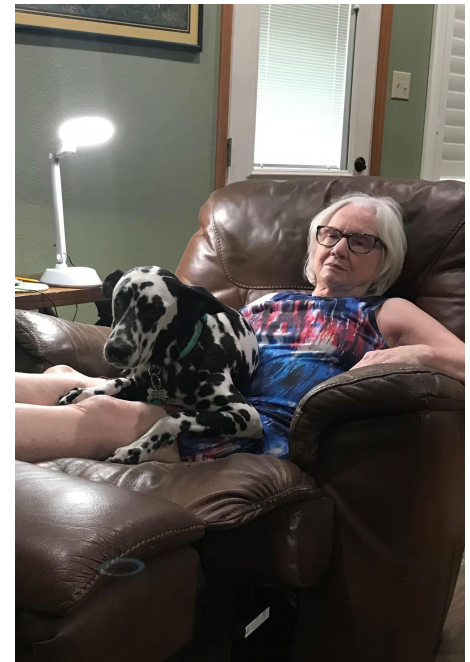
Happy Beginnings Stories

Dexter

Welcome to the family Dexter!



My parents lost their beloved Beagle on Mother's Day a few years ago. It took several years for my mother to open her heart to a new doggie. They had never had a Dalmatian but were experienced Dalmatian grandparents (I have two). I would send them various available Dals I would find on the DRC website as I knew the cuddly nature of a Dalmatian was just what my mom would love; one day I sent them Dexter's posting. They made an appointment to meet him and that was it - they were in love immediately! Dexter is such a good boy. My mother writes in a text to me, "Dexter is a lap dog. Prefers to be in someone's lap, not like a dog but like a baby, head on chest and body in lap. He loves to go on walks and ride in the car. He is a wonderful addition to our household." My dad writes, "Dexter is so friendly with a great personality. I'm very impressed with the Dalmatian



Rescue Organization. They are dedicated to doing what is best for the dog and the adoption family."

Thank you DRC for everything you do for the precious doggies!

Sincerely,
Jessica D.

It's never too late to see your story in print!

We got three Happy Beginnings Stories submitted last month!!

Let's keep them coming! If you have adopted your pup from us, regardless of when, and have not submitted their Happy Beginnings story yet, please do it now while it's fresh on your mind.

These stories are the "pay" that fosters get for all their hard work!

About Us

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Send submissions to the Editor at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org.

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