



Happy New Year!

As 2023 drew to a close, we took on a very special dog, Harvey. Many of you already know and are following his story. For those who don't know about him, I am going to introduce you to him on the next page. Please make sure, if you don't read anything else in this issue, you read this story. He will need the love and support of everyone to make a full recovery and go on to live the life he was meant to live. Needing the intensive veterinary care that he has had and will continue to need, will of course put a huge dent in our finances. If you can find it in your heart to make a New Years contribution to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, we and the spots - especially Harvey - will be eternally grateful. Now please read Harvey's story on the next page.

-Karl Schill

Harvey's Journey



Harvey is a three-year-old Dalmatian rescued from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. When two local women found him on the side of the road, he was a walking skeleton so severely emaciated it looked as though he could barely stand let alone walk. Their call for emergency help was answered by two local rescuers, Becca Isabell Chavez and Dee Chavez with Yaqui Animal Rescue. They immediately picked up Harvey and took him straight to a veterinarian. The vet determined that Harvey had a body condition score of 1/9 — the most severely emaciated possible. Harvey weighed only 24 pounds.

Tena Price, with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado (DRC), was contacted and she offered to take over Harvey's care. Becca and Dee agreed to be his medical fosters for a few days. In those first videos they shared, Harvey barely had the energy to lift his head, but in true Dalmatian form, he still wagged his tail and asked for belly rubs. His spirit had not been broken!

The next evening, we were concerned about Harvey's condition, so his temp fosters, Becca and Dee, took him to the emergency vet. At the ER, the veterinarian stated that, based on his bloodwork and other tests, there was no medical explanation for Harvey's emaciated state and that it was due to intentional starvation.

Harvey was not a stray. He had owners. And his owners intentionally starved him. While Harvey was at the ER Vet, the police informed Becca and Dee that they had confiscated two more emaciated dogs, both Huskies, from the same residence. (We are happy to report that the Huskies are both safe and cared for pending a decision on criminal charges.) As it turns out, even though Harvey was so severely emaciated, his escape led to the two Huskies being rescued! Our Harvey is a hero!

Harvey is now being cared for by Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado (DRC) medical fosters in Texas under the watchful eye of Tena Price, our VP and Texas Coordinator. Harvey is on a veterinarian-prescribed re-feeding program. His emaciated state — we have never seen a dog so severely emaciated — did not happen overnight: it is the result of many weeks of intentional starvation. And his recovery will not happen overnight.

Around December 7th. Harvey's visit to the emergency vet... Labs look good, some anemia, a couple of other values are off due to malnutrition. Snap4dx was NEG. Fecal was NEG. X-Rays are normal. Bowels and kidneys are working. He'll get a Vit B injection, wormer in case there are eggs, Petinic for anemia, a few cans of a/d, and a slower refeeding schedule. He will come home tonight! Whew!

Vet basically said he could not find a reason for his condition beyond starvation.

On December 10th Harvey began his trip to health and a happy life. Harvey is ready for his trip! He's feeling good this morning. We have our best team taking care of him. He even has a RN for a copilot! He has a comfy bed, lots of padding and a whole lot of love to ensure an easy trip. He'll be on the road for about 5 hours with a stop in between for his feeding. This will be a "no paws on the ground" trip to ensure he has no exposure to the cold (for Texas) or anything lurking on the ground, disease or parasites. We will keep you updated along the way. I'll be on the road right after his first stop so things will be quiet for a couple of hours this afternoon. I can't wait to meet him! Thank you, Becca, Dee, Bob, Carol, Darren, Lindsey and foster mom, Wynne!





Harvey enjoyed his ride north to his new foster. He got new chauffeurs in San Antonio as Bob and Darin handed him off into the capable hands of Carol and Linda. We can't thank Harvey's chauffeurs enough for their help today!

Road Trip!!!!!!!

Tena Price ok'd Harvey's special request to get out and stretch his legs a bit while his kennel got fresh padding and was fluffed for the rest of the ride north. He enjoyed the scenery, had some naps, and enjoyed the meals that Becca and D sent with him. They filled his belly and reminded him of their love. He promises he won't forget them.

After arriving, Harvey spent the night in his new foster home in a warm, comfy bed. The next day he went for his intake exam with a DRC vet.

Harvey's vet appointment went well. His food intake has been increased and we are weaning him over to another food as his needs change. He will continue on the Petinic (iron/vitamin supplement) to help with his anemia, along with the antibiotics. His wounds are healing well. He enjoyed the attention at the clinic.

It's amazing how friendly he is. He's not shy. He had a good night and really did not want to get up this morning. He LOVES his warm bed. But once he got moving, he wanted to explore!

Harvey had a good nap after his vet appointment this morning. The refeeding process is slow and he is such a patient baby. He is up to 8 meals a day with increased amounts. One day at a time...Harvey is on his way to recovery.

Harvey had a really good day. He's feeling much better! He's had far more energy and wags his tail a lot. He has also decided to bark for attention. He asks to go outside!

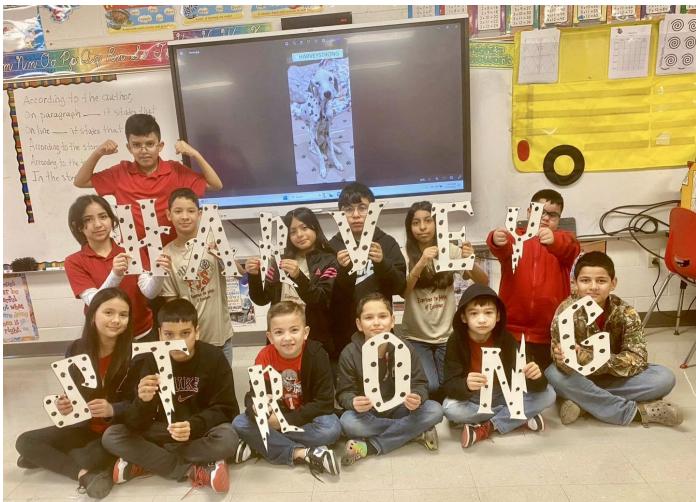
Harvey has really bonded with his foster dad as well as his foster mom. He likes to cuddle and be held.



I spoke with his vet this afternoon. She says his liver and kidney values are "excellent" and not compromised. We have to keep working on the anemia caused by malnutrition. This is going to take some time. We just have to keep giving him the best of care and try to be patient.

As of December 18th, Harvey weighed in at 26.2 pounds. His recovery is coming along slowly, but surely. Harvey loves his new vet and his new foster family that is giving him all the love and support he needs to heal.

We are so looking forward to seeing the real Harvey emerge as he gains weight and continues to feel the love and safety he's getting from our fosters and others who interact with him. And we are so happy that you're here to follow along! We will provide updates frequently and we encourage you to ask questions. Thank you for your support! You are all part of [#HarveysJourney](#). We can't do this without your love and support.

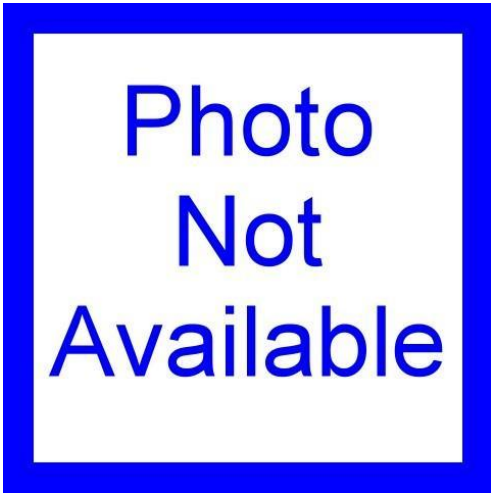


Be sure to follow Harvey's Journey on Facebook at [HARVEY'S JOURNEY](#)

Recent Adoptees!



Jetson (aka Snoopy)
Bozeman, NT



Charley
Graniteville, SC

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

"To own a Dalmatian is to have a live wire in the house, always ready to play."

"The Dalmatian: A perfect blend of spot, sprint, and spirit."

"If Dalmatians could power cities, we'd never have a blackout again."



National Dress Up Your Pet Day | January 14

NATIONAL DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY - JANUARY 14, 2024

National Dress Up Your Pet Day on January 14th provides a special day to celebrate with your pet and show off their fashion style. Pets do become part of one's family. Whether you take a visit to the groomer or take it a step further and dress up in matching outfits, be sure your pet companion is safe and comfortable.

Please make sure your pet is safe and comfortable in the pet clothing or costumes that you choose.

Tips for dressing up your pet:

- If your pet just doesn't like dressing up, let them sit this one out.
- Be sure it fits. Restricting movement or ability to breath can cause injury or illness.
- Many pets like to chew. Avoid loose or dangling pieces which can cause choking hazards.
- Make sure your pet can also eat and drink without assistance while wearing their costumes.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY

The name of the day tells you how to celebrate it; dress your pets up! Keep your pet's comfort first and foremost. A visit to the groomer for a bit of polish and trim always improves our pet companion's appearance. Get a snazzy bandana, bow, or collar to show off the fresh do. How about a sweater for chilly, long walks? If the tutu is too, too much, your pooch will let you know. Be sure to share your favorite pet poses with us. We love to see how you celebrate. Use #DressUpYourPetDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY HISTORY

National Dress Up Your Pet Day was founded in 2009 by Celebrity Pet Lifestyle Expert and Animal Behaviorist, Colleen Paige.

"If joy were a physical form, it would take the shape of a Dalmatian in play."

"A Dalmatian learns not by the books, but by the heart. That's his intelligence at work."

FOSTERS SAVE LIVES!

Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado desperately needs foster homes. We have four dogs currently needing foster care and two or three more waiting to come in. We can't help these needy Dalmatians without assistance from our community. We are looking for active, out-doorsy people who have secure fences and no cats and who are willing to give these beautiful dogs some time and attention. Visit www.dalmatianrescueco.org to see the Foster Application which can be completed and submitted online.

January Is National Train Your Dog Month: Here's What That Means

BY DOGTIME

Just barely into the New Year, people are hard at work trying to keep their New Year's resolutions. They're working out, or making a tighter budget, or maybe creating an online dating profile. But this January is also National Train Your Dog Month, so make a resolution to learn something new with your four-legged friend. Help spread the word all throughout the month of January! Here's what you need to know about National Train Your Dog Month.

What Is National Train Your Dog Month?

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) began their National Train Your Dog Month campaign in January 2010, hoping to raise awareness about the importance of proper pet training and healthy socialization to a dog's well-being. Why January? It's because so many dogs and puppies are adopted around the holidays, and because a good number of those dogs are given up to animal shelters or abandoned soon after. APDT understands training could be the one thing that makes or breaks a dog's chance to stay with their family and in their home.

Training Keeps Dogs In Forever Homes

Though most people who get a dog do so with the best intentions, those who wind up surrendering their new pets to the shelter often do so because they just can't cope with their dog's behavioral issues. Maybe the dog is hyperactive, yappy, or destructive. Perhaps they're fearful, shy, lashing out, or behaving aggressively. Most often, it's not because they're bad dogs. It's because they don't have the tools they need to know how to behave appropriately. Inexperienced pet parents might try temporary fixes that only make problems more severe, like isolation from the house and family, yelling, shock collars, or worse. By the time these dogs end up in a shelter, they're confused and ill-equipped for life in a home. That makes January the perfect month to remind pet parents, new and experienced, to take the time to train their furry friends. With consistency, well-timed praise and rewards, a level head, lots of practice, and the guidance of an experienced dog-training professional, you and your pooch will learn and grow all year long.

Finding A Professional Dog Trainer

Are you interested in finding the perfect dog trainer for you and your canine companion? Take the time to do your research. Ask a friend about the training class they took with their dog, or if they can recommend a trainer. Chat with your veterinarian or local rescue organization to see what trainers they vouch for. Word of mouth is a great way to find a trainer you can count on. Visit the websites of one of the several professional and education organizations for dog trainers and use their "find a trainer" databases to locate a reputable professional in your area. Some helpful organizations include the APDT, the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI), or the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), among others.

When you locate a trainer, ask them if you could sit in on one of their classes. While there, take time to observe a couple of things:

- Do the dogs seem happy? Their humans? Have a quick chat with some of the pet parents after class to get their overall impression of working with the trainer.
- What kind of skills will be covered over the duration of the class? What tools will be required (leashes, harnesses, treats, toys, clickers)?
- Does the instructor emphasize socialization in class? Do the canine participants get a chance to interact with one another?
- Is the training facility a safe and secure environment for you and your dog?
- Is the facility clean and sanitary? Does the trainer require proof of vaccinations from their students to ensure your dog will join a healthy class?

- Does the trainer use positive reinforcement techniques and denounce any sort of physical punishment? Talk with the trainer to get an idea of their training philosophy.

Learning Is Bonding

Lastly, remember that training your dog is not only beneficial; it's also a lot of fun. Dogs thrive on mental stimulation. They love the chance to learn and practice something new. However, more than anything, they will relish the opportunity to bask in your undivided attention as you work toward a common goal together. Time spent training is time spent bonding, making priceless memories, and building a strong relationship between you and your dog. Isn't that what having a dog is all about? If you would like to learn more about National Train Your Dog Month, then visit the campaign's website or the Association of Professional Dog Trainers on Facebook today. Do you plan to do some dog training during National Train Your Dog Month? Are you teaching your dog any new tricks?

Homemade Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Time: preparation - 25 minutes; Cook - 25 minutes; Total time - 50 minutes

The easiest homemade dog treats ever - simply mix, roll and cut. Easy peasy, and so much healthier than store-bought treats!

Caution: Use only peanut butter that is sugar-free and has NO Xylitol in it as Xylitol is TOXIC to dogs!

Bone-shaped cookie cutters are just so much fun to work with, but you can use whatever shapes you want. The bone shape cutters come in several different sizes, and they are just too cute.

INGREDIENTS

- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup pumpkin puree
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole wheat flour

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat; set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat pumpkin puree, peanut butter and eggs on medium-high until well combined, about 1-2 minutes.

Gradually add 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour at low speed, beating just until incorporated. Add an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour at a time just until the dough is no longer sticky.

Working on a lightly floured surface, knead the dough 3-4 times until it comes together. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough to $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut out desired shapes and place onto the prepared baking sheet.

Place into the oven and bake until the edges are golden brown, about 20-25 minutes.

Let cool completely.



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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

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

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

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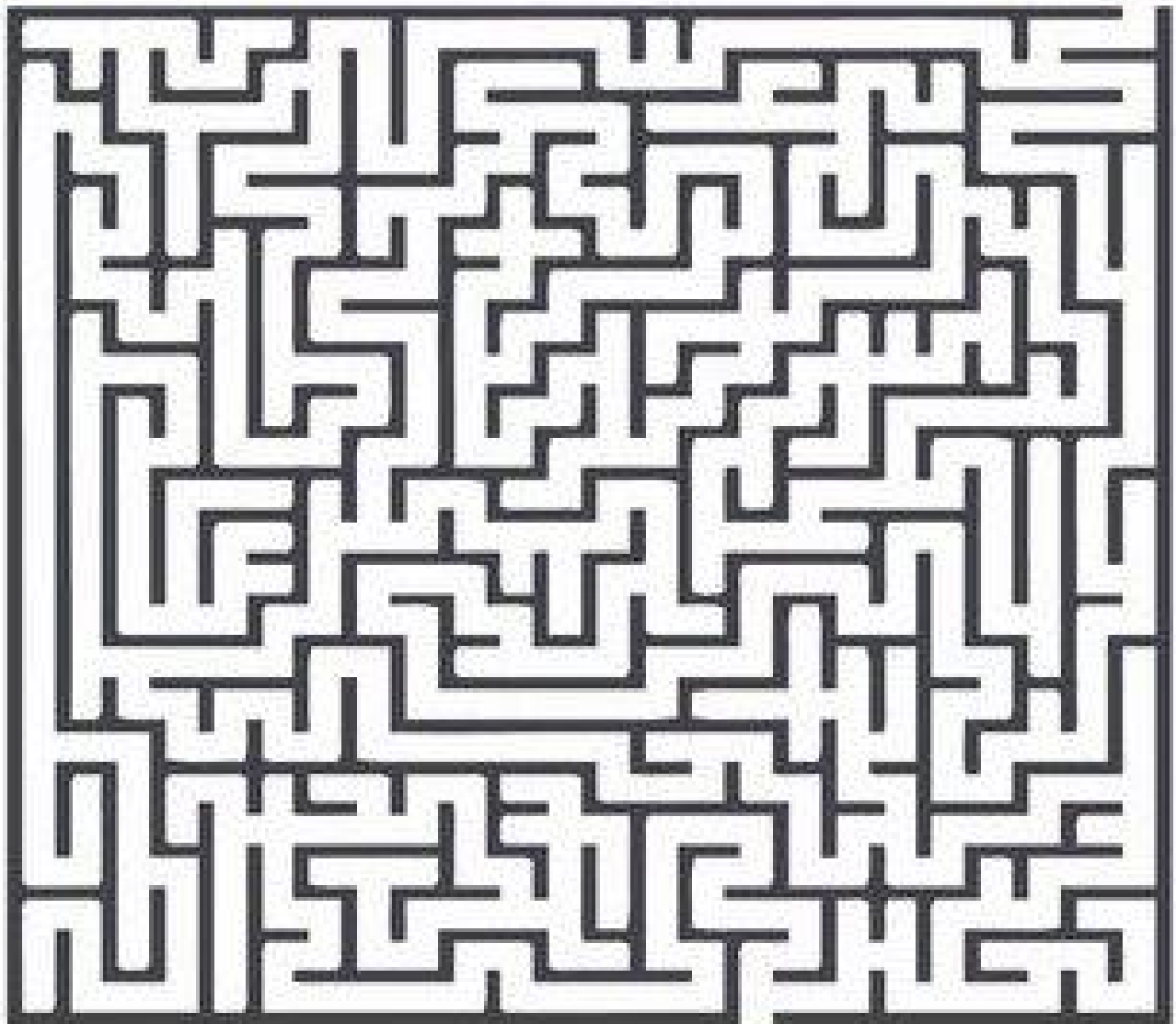
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Trainer Tips

“Is A Tired Dog Really A Good Dog?”

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We've all heard the “a tired dog is a good dog” mantra. Is a tired dog really a good dog? It depends. Some of you already knew I was going to say that, didn't you?!

If by “a tired dog” you mean a dog who:

- has had the right amount of energy burned off,
- IN THE RIGHT WAY,
- and, the dog is tired but not exhausted:

Then, yes. In that case, a tired dog is a good dog. They are tired but not overly tired. We should avoid dogs being overly tired. It can make any of us sore and crabby. Completely exhausted from too much activity is also not good. Especially for young dogs who are still growing and whose joints are still developing. You can cause injury or long-term problems if you overdo it. But my dog will stop when he's tired, right? Not so fast. Some will. Some will go until they drop. Some dogs do not know when to stop. Sometimes they need our help with that.

It's not just HOW MUCH exercise they get but what KIND.

When we want to tire out our dogs, we tend to think of physical activity. Dog park. Play dates. Day care. Walks. Playing fetch in the backyard. Physical stuff.

But what about mental stimulation? Are the dogs using their brains? Are they burning energy constructively? Sure some dogs like a lot of physical activity. Some not so much. For some, increasing physical activity will not be better. At some point, you are making things worse, not better. Some will become frantic and overstimulated. These dogs might LOOK like they need more activity to wear themselves out, but they really need the opposite.

Most dogs need a combination of physical and mental stimulation. Mental stimulation might be things like training sessions, learning new things, interactive food dispensing puzzle toys, or even walks in new areas where they are exposed to new sights, smells, sounds, and other stimulation. Using their noses also burns energy. What's better, a fast-paced walk without any stopping or a leisurely sniffing walk with frequent stops to check out all the interesting smells? Well, if you are the one trying to burn energy, then the former walk is better. But if you are trying to burn off energy so your dog is calmer, then the latter one is actually better for most dogs. All of that sniffing is usually going to burn more energy than that fast-paced walk.

Now, if you have a high energy dog, then more physical activity will be needed than for lower energy dogs.

However, if you also have a SMART dog, then that mental stimulation will be critical as well. I don't care how much physical activity you give a smart dog, if they do not get chances to use their brain when burning off some energy, you are missing a critical component for a happy well-adjusted dog.

All of that being said, it's also critical that your dog get some good solid down time. Some quiet time to rest and rejuvenate. Dogs who do not get adequate rest can also be overly tired due to lack of sleep. Some dogs do not need more activity but rather work at being calm and relaxed. So good solid rest is important but some dogs need help learning how to just hang out, be calm and relax. Seems like something they should just be able to do, right? Sometimes. Some dogs need help with that too.

Are you tiring your dog out in a good way? With the right combination of physical and mental stimulation? AND quiet relaxing rest time? If your dog is not happy and content, and is potentially causing some problems (destructiveness around the house, or other things), then they probably are NOT getting the right amount or combination of these things.

So, is a tired dog a good dog? Just like for us, if it is a “good tired” that makes you feel content and happy, then yes. If it's that tired that leaves you exhausted, possibly crabby and impatient, and maybe even sore, then it's not a “good tired” after all.

I know it's not quite as catchy, but perhaps the saying should really be something more like:

An appropriately exercised, stimulated and rested dog is a good 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

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.

We have no reader recommendations or tips to share this month.

If you have a recommendation or tip to share with our readers, please send it to me at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org today!

This section of the newsletter depends on you, the wonderful readers. Without your contributions, this section of the newsletter will fail. We don't want that, because it can be a very valuable asset for all of the readers. So please support the Reader Recommendations and Tips section today.

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

Cassie



2 Year Old, Black, Spayed Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Albuquerque, NM

Meet Cassie!

Cassie is a 2-year-old female Dalmatian. She is spayed, heartworm negative, and up-to-date on vaccinations. Cassie is the typical Dalmatian and loves to be with her people, preferably being petted. When not being doted on, Cassie's been working on her obedience skills and has already mastered "sit", "come," and "wait." Cassie is also crate-trained, and is a gem during baths and nail trims! She is still working on her house training and learning to ask to go out.

When it comes to play, Cassie has boundless energy, and she is FAST! Her favorite game is fetch —although sometimes she brings it back to you, and sometimes she fetches for herself, prancing around and shaking the toy with glee! Cassie would love to be your running partner and we think she'd be great at FastCAT.

Cassie gets along well with large and medium dogs, both male and female. But she's not a fan of small animals so we recommend a home with no small pets (chickens, bunnies, pocket pets), including small dogs. Definitely no cats. Because of her boundless energy, we recommend a home with children over 10. Cassie is located in Albuquerque, NM. If you'd like to learn more about Cassie, contact Denise at wingsong56@aol.com or Tena at tjp@mygrande.net. You can also find an adoption application at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption fee \$400.

Mika

6 Year Old, Black, Spayed Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Live Oak, TX

Mika, a sweet and affectionate companion, is in search of a new foster or, even better, a forever home. Her journey to finding her forever family has been a patient one, and we need your help to spread the word.

Mika thrives on love and cherishes spending time with her person. She has been an excellent companion to her foster mom's bunnies, though she hasn't yet been tested with cats or children. Mika revels in the company of other dogs and loves to engage in playful activities, but she may not get along with dogs that challenge her dominance. Therefore, we believe the ideal home for her would either include one submissive, medium-sized male dog or no other dogs at all.

Mika is a bundle of energy, weighing in at 57 pounds, and she adores running and playing. A spacious yard for her to frolic in is a must, making her a great match for an active family. Despite her exuberance, Mika also possesses a tender side and enjoys lounging on the sofa, cuddling with her loved ones.

One cannot help but notice Mika's stunning appearance. With her unique coat, she may have a touch of hound or even Dalmatian in her lineage, although it's all part of her captivating beauty.

For further information about Mika, please reach out to her foster mom, Tara, at spotteddogs91@hotmail.com, or our friend Ms. Tena at tjp@mygrande.net. Mika is currently located in Live Oak, San Antonio, TX. She has been spayed, tested negative for heartworm, and is up-to-date on vaccinations. In certain circumstances, transportation to Colorado may be arranged for the perfect home.

To submit an adoption application, please visit www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Let's find Mika the loving home she truly deserves! Applications may be submitted at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption fee \$350.



Happy Beginnings Stories

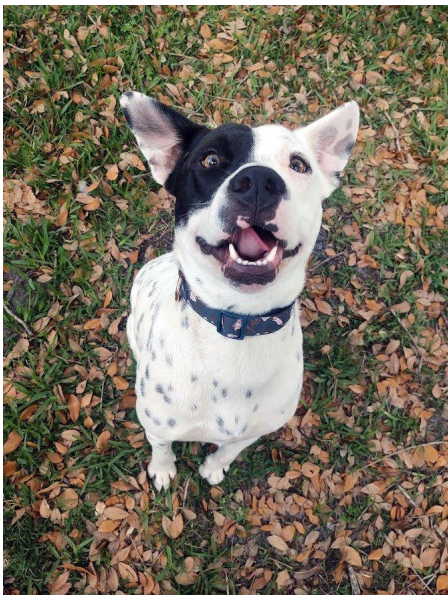
Gordy (aka Gordie)



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.

Ernie



I figure I should share Ernie's story for Happy Beginnings, I can't believe he's been with me for 10 months already!

Ernie (formerly Russ) was adopted from Louisiana in February 2023 and quickly fit in with his two adoptive brothers, both also spotty rescue mutts with eye patches. After recovering from a scary venomous cottonmouth snake bite only two weeks after his adoption and heartworm treatment, Ernie competed in his first agility competition in November and brought home ribbons on only his third day competing. He is a great companion and shows a lot of promise as a sports dog! In addition to agility, he enjoys wrestling with his brother Wally, screaming with excitement on his nightly walks (seriously, you should hear him!), and working on a peanut butter-filled kong. Thank you to his foster mom and Dalmatian Rescue of CO for giving him a second chance!

Cheers,
Erin

If you haven't already sent in your dog's Happy Beginnings Story, this is the perfect time to do it!

Start the year off right, by sending your dog's story to me at:

karl@dalmatianrescueco.org

Wouldn't it be great to see your story in the newsletter and on our website?

The only way to do that is to submit it today!!

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.

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