



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

## Tips For A Safe, Happy Halloween

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Halloween is full of fun events and potential dangers for your dog. We came up with this guide to highlight some of the most important Halloween safety tips you should follow if you have a dog. That way, you can enjoy the season without overly worrying about your pup!

### 1. Keep Candy and Wrappers Away

While candy might taste great, it's full of ingredients your pup can't have. Not only do they need to avoid all the different candy options out there, but with candy wrappers laying around you need to be careful about them too. The wrappers present a choking hazard and are not good for your dog. Keeping candy and wrappers away from your dog inside your home can be easy but keeping them away from dropped candy and wrappers on your next walk can be a bit more challenging.

### 2. Never Leave a Dressed-Up Pet Alone

Before getting too carried away with costumes, make sure your dog is comfortable wearing clothing or stuff like that. While your pet might look cute in their costume, they can get caught up on them. Not only that, but if your pet starts chewing on their costume it can quickly become a choking hazard. There's nothing wrong with dressing up your pet, but make sure you supervise them when they're in their costume. Whenever you have to, step away or leave the house go ahead and take them out of the outfit so they can stay happy and safe.

### 3. Give Them a Quiet Place

If your dog doesn't do well with lots of noise and movement, give them a place where they can get away from everything. This is especially true during trick-or-treating times, as all the new people can really rile up your dog. Finally, since everyone tends to dress up on Halloween, it can stir up your dog even more since no one looks the same.

### 4. Be Careful with Decorations

From Jack-o-lanterns to Halloween lights, there are a ton of potential decorations you can put up. But with a dog, you need to be a little bit more careful. Dogs love to chew on different things, so keep this in mind when you're putting up your Halloween décor.

Don't put things up that will entice your pup into chewing on it, and don't put anything out that will seriously hurt your dog if they do decide to chew a bit.

### 5. Keep Glow Sticks Away

Glow sticks and bracelets are a great way to add a little more visibility to children who are trick-or-treating. But while they do a great job of making them visible, they look just like a toy to a dog.

The problem is that the fluorescent material inside these glow sticks or bracelets can be toxic if your dog ingests them. Do yourself and your dog a favor and keep them away from the glowsticks.

### 6. Keep the Door Shut

When it's trick-or-treating time, it's easy to just leave the door open while you hand out candy. But with dogs, this creates an easy opening for them to slip outside when no one is looking. Either shut the door between trick-or-treaters or step outside and shut the door behind you.

It might be a little more work, but it'll keep your dog from slipping out and it'll keep any trick-or-treaters from accidentally scaring your dog.

### 7. Use an ID Tag and Microchip

This is great advice for every day, and it's great advice for Halloween too. If your dog does happen to slip away through an open door or because a costume freaked them out, an ID tag and a microchip help whoever finds them to get them back home.

Neither ID tags nor microchips cost much, and it makes a big difference if your dog does get out. Get an ID tag and put it on your dog sooner rather than later.

### 8. Get a Properly Fitting Costume

Your dog looks super cute when you put them in a Halloween costume, but if their costume fits them a little tighter than it did last year or if you're looking to get a costume they can grow into, think twice about putting them in it. A costume that fits them right is far less likely for them to get caught up in, and it looks better too!

### Conclusion

Dogs and Halloween don't always go hand-in-hand, but now that you know how to keep them safe during the holiday, you can enjoy the day without worrying about your dog. Just don't take their safety for granted because all it takes is one mistake for something to happen.

If you follow the tips we've highlighted here, you shouldn't have any problems keeping your dog safe on Halloween!



# *ANSWERS Pet Food Voluntarily Withdrawals Certain Limited Lots of Beef and Chicken Dog Foods Due to Potential Salmonella and Listeria*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 22, 2024

Answers Pet Food Withdrawal and Contact: [info@answerspetfood.com](mailto:info@answerspetfood.com)

Lystn, LLC d.b.a./ANSWERS Pet Food of Fleetwood, PA, is voluntarily withdrawing certain lots of ANSWERS Detailed Beef Formula for Dogs, ANSWERS Straight Beef Formula for Dogs, and ANSWERS Straight Chicken Formula for Dogs out of an abundance of caution after samples collected by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration were reported to have tested positive for the presence of Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes. No illnesses associated with these lots have been confirmed. Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Listeria monocytogenes rarely causes illness in dogs, but it is possible. Dogs can have mild symptoms such as diarrhea and vomiting. Even if a dog is not showing symptoms, it can still be a carrier of the bacteria and spread it to humans. If a dog has consumed a product lot identified below, pet parents are encouraged to consult their veterinarian if symptoms exist.

People can become sick by handling contaminated food or touching surfaces that have been exposed to Listeria monocytogenes. Symptoms in humans may include fever, headache, muscle aches, stiff neck, nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions. Young children, elderly people, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to Listeria monocytogenes infections and symptoms can be more severe. Anyone exhibiting symptoms after handling a product lot identified below, should contact their healthcare provider.

Individuals handling pet food can become infected with Salmonella, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with surfaces exposed to such a lot of product being implicated. There are thousands of species of Salmonella, less than a handful are harmful to pets or humans. Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with such a product should contact their healthcare providers. Children, the elderly, and individuals with compromised immune systems may be at greater risk of Salmonella infection.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets may only exhibit decreased appetite, fever, and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the product lot identified below and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

The lots referenced below were distributed throughout the United States in retail stores and direct online sales. Again, no illnesses associated with these lots have been confirmed.

ANSWERS is notifying the public, distributors, and retail stores regarding this notice.

The products being withdrawn are sold in 4lb half gallon cartons (see pictures at end of this announcement). The brand names and lot numbers of the product being withdrawn are listed in the table below:

PRODUCT NAME/UPC	SIZE	Best Buy / Expiration	Lot Code
ANSWERS Pet Food Detailed Beef Formula for Dogs/856554002102	4lb (Half Gallon Carton)	MAY 06, 2026	BUBD MAY 06, 2026
ANSWERS Pet Food Straight Beef Formula for Dogs/856554002072	4lb (Half Gallon Carton)	JAN 31, 2026	BUBD JAN 31, 2026
ANSWERS Pet Food Straight Chicken Formula for Dogs/856554002065	4lb (Half Gallon Carton)	JAN 02, 2026 MAR 11, 2026	BUBD JAN 02, 2026 & MAR 11, 2026

## **What to Do**

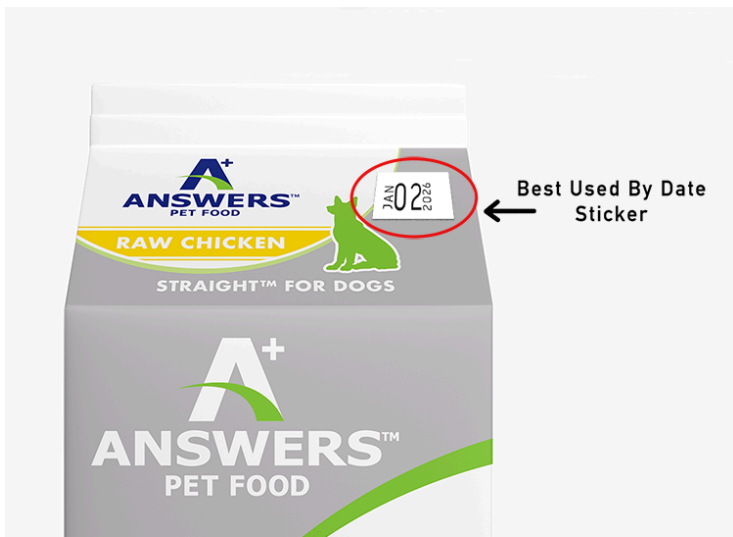
FDA guidelines recommend any product from the listed lots that has not yet been consumed should be thrown out or destroyed in a way that children, pets, and wildlife cannot access it. Areas that may have come in contact with any contaminated food should be sanitized. The FDA recommends that people do not touch potentially contaminated food with bare hands and therefore suggests wearing gloves or using paper towels when placing any contaminated product in a sealed bag to throw out or when handling such food.

If consumers have any of these lots of products in their possession and desire a refund, please submit a receipt and pictures of the product to [info@answerspetfood.com](mailto:info@answerspetfood.com) along with the retailer's information. If you have questions or concerns, please email ANSWERS' Pet Food at [info@answerspetfood.com](mailto:info@answerspetfood.com).

For Informational Purpose

From time-to-time pathogens appear in all types of pet food products and some may be harmful to pets and/or humans. The FDA considers any presence (zero tolerance) of Salmonella and Listeria monocytogenes, regardless of origin, quantity, and type, as an adulterant in pet food. In accordance with the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, to date, ANSWERS has not received any quantification data or a completed Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) from the FDA or Center for Veterinarian Medicine for these particular lots of products. ANSWERS is conducting this voluntary withdrawal of these particular lots out of an abundance of caution to protect public health by ensuring timely removal of the implicated product lots from the marketplace. ANSWERS will continue investigating this FDA report pursuing its number one priority to bring healthy, safe, truly raw pet food products to market.

ANSWERS has been and will continue to work with the FDA to ensure that the highest and safest food is provided to your pets and continues to stand by the safety of our food and the unique and innovative way we protect our food with fermentation, probiotics and protective cultures that mitigate pathogens from growing.



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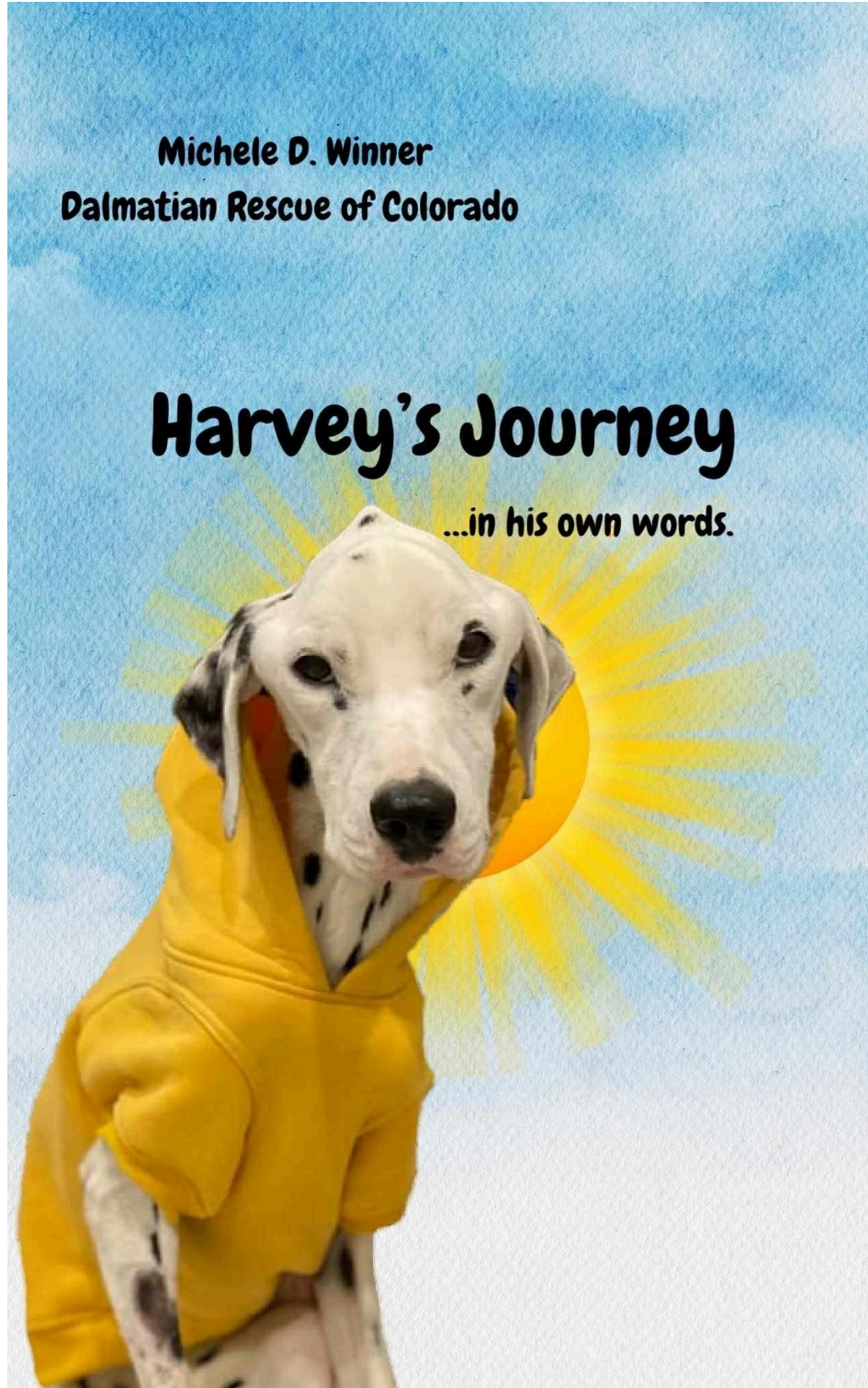
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**All proceeds go to DRC.**



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**[Harvey's Journey ...in his own words: Winner, Michele D.: 9798332160677: Amazon.com: Books](#)**

# *Recent Adoptees!*

We have no  
adoptions to  
share this  
month. 😞

## *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](http://www.dalmatianrescueco.org) to see the Foster Application which can be completed and submitted online.

## *Can't Adopt or Foster Right Now? You Can Still help!*

We know that not everyone is in a position to adopt or foster a homeless dog. You can still help us with a donation of any size, at any time. You might even want to consider a monthly donation. You can donate by clicking the link below to give via Paypal, Venmo or GiveButter.

<https://dalmatianrescueco.org/donate.html>



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





# Celebrate The Special Moments And Events In Your Dog's Life With... CAKE!

This month's recipe is number seven of nine veterinarian approved cake recipes I am sharing with you. So there's no excuse that you can't celebrate your dog's birthday, adoption day or any other special occasion. So get ready to bake...

These recipes all use dog-friendly ingredients, but keep in mind that your dog could have food sensitivities or different dietary needs. Talk to your veterinarian if you're not sure which recipe will work best for you and your dog!

It is important to know that these cakes are only for special occasions and should be served to your dog in small amounts, as a very special treat. Your dog's main diet should be based on animal-derived proteins, healthy fats, and a low amount of healthy carbohydrates. But yes, also, your doggy deserves to celebrate and have a treat!

**Please when choosing the ingredients, make sure you choose them without artificial sweeteners, such as Xylitol (which is sometimes called Birch Sugar) as they can be very toxic for dogs. Now... Let's Bake!**

## Birthday Pup-Cakes Recipe



**If your pup is inviting a few friends over to celebrate, why not make a batch of pup cakes? This easy dog-friendly recipe even has a potato- and yogurt-based frosting!**

Pupcakes piled high with dog friendly frosting to celebrate your dog's birthday! Easy dog cupcakes made with banana and peanut butter – the smell drives them crazy! The crowning glory is fluffy frosting made with no butter, no cream cheese, sugar free. Aren't you dying to know the secret??

😁 **NOTE: This recipe calls for peanut butter, make sure it is Xylitol (or Birch Sugar) free!!!**

Prep Time: 15 minutes    Bake Time: 40 minutes    Additional Time: 10 minutes

### PUPCAKE INGREDIENTS

- 2 ripe bananas (150g/5oz after peeling, ~2/3 cup mashed)
- 1/2 cup peanut butter , smooth or creamy (Note 1)
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups flour , all purpose/plain OR wholewheat/wholemeal (Note 2)
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup oil , vegetable, canola, peanut or olive oil
- 3/4 cup water

### FROSTING

#### INGREDIENTS

- 500g / 1lb potatoes , peeled and cut into 2 cm/1" pieces
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1/2 cup yogurt, plain low fat (any unsweetened type) OR sour cream
- 2 - 4 tbsp water
- 12 small dog bone biscuits , for decorating (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F (160°C fan). Line a 12 hole muffin tin with cupcake liners.
2. Place bananas in a bowl and mash with a potato masher until smooth as you can get it.
3. Add peanut butter, honey and eggs. Whisk well until smooth.
4. Add flour, baking powder, oil and water. Whisk until smooth.
5. Divide between cupcakes until 3/4 full. Bake for 22 minutes until the top is golden, or the skewer comes out clean.
6. Transfer to cooling rack and cool for 30 minutes before topping with "frosting"

### Frosting

1. Place the potato in a large pot of water. Bring to boil, then cook potato for 20 minutes until very, very soft and starting to crumble on the edges.
2. Drain, then return to the empty pot. Add yogurt, honey and water (starting with 2 tbsp). Beat with an electric beater for 1 minute on speed 3, increasing to speed 5, for 1 minute or until smooth and creamy. Add more water if needed - it should have a soft consistency like frosting.
3. Transfer to a piping bag fitted with a 1.5cm / 3/5" round nozzle (Note 3 for other nozzles). Pipe in swirling motion onto cupcakes, top with dog biscuit.

# Do You Shop Online?

## We Have A Way For You To Help Us When You Do!

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](http://www.igive.com)

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

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To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program, simply visit the appropriate link below.

For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>

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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**NATIONAL FIRE PUP DAY | October 1**

## **NATIONAL FIRE PUP DAY - OCTOBER 1, 2024**

National Fire Pup Day on October 1st recognizes the canine firefighters that have long been members of fire departments across the country.

While the Dalmatian's origin is unknown, their use in firehouses began during the 1700s. Trained as a carriage dog, the Dalmatian's agility transferred quickly to horse-drawn fire engines. Even though Dalmatians weren't the only dogs fit for carriage work, they were the ones who mostly filled the role of fire dogs. They were also easily identified by their spotted and speckled coats.

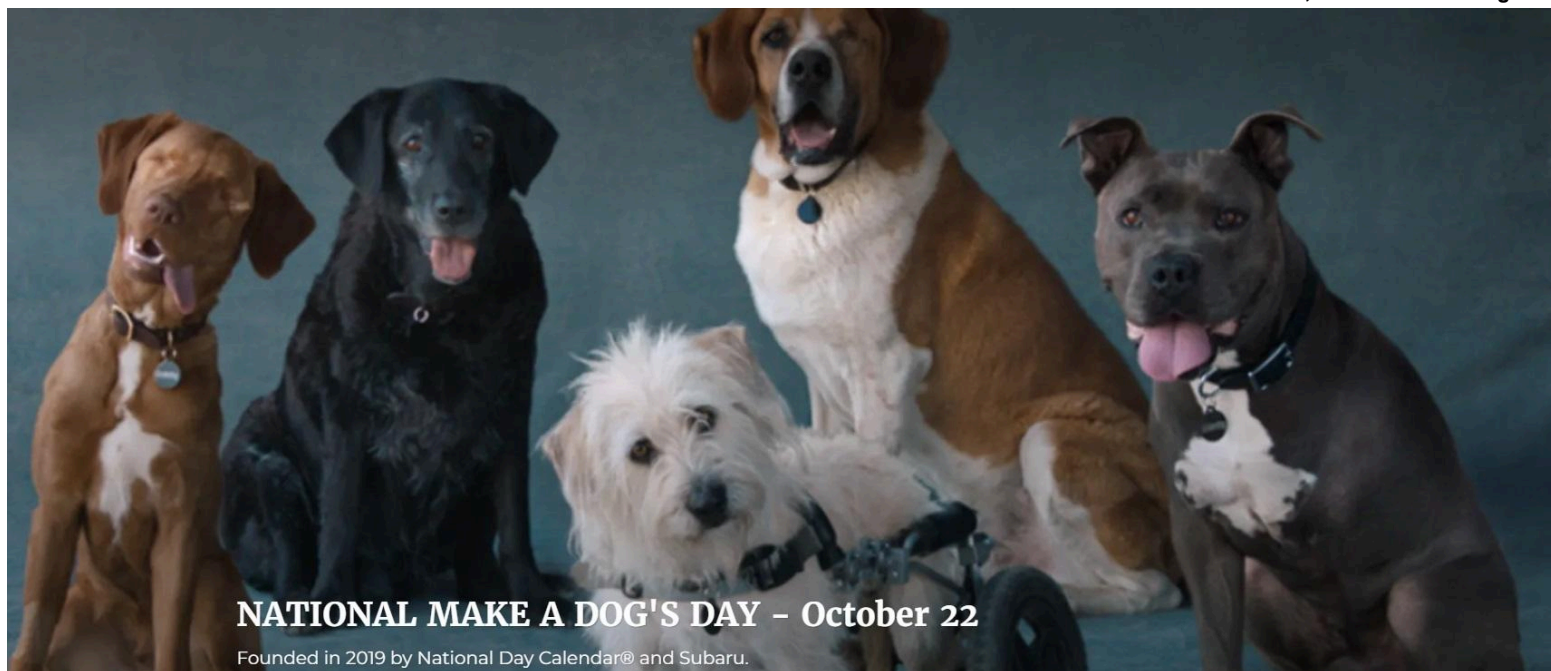
In the days of the horse-drawn fire carts, they provided a valuable service, having a natural affinity to horses. The Dalmatian's duty was to run alongside the horses. They ran in front of or beneath the wagon axles clearing the way.

Long after the red engines replaced horse-drawn wagons, the Dalmatian remains a recognizable tradition in fire stations across the country. These energetic firehouse mascots serve to educate the public about fire safety. They also represent past fire pups in honor of their heroism.

## **HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL FIRE PUP DAY**

Use #NationalFirePupDay to post on social media.

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## NATIONAL MAKE A DOG'S DAY - October 22

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# NATIONAL MAKE A DOG'S DAY - OCTOBER 22, 2024

National Make A Dog's Day on October 22 is a Subaru holiday that invites dog-lovers everywhere to go the extra mile for their pup. Today is a reminder to animal lovers everywhere to adopt a pet instead of buying a new one. In fact, we encourage everyone to visit a shelter to see why adopting a four-legged friend will make the world a better place.

Why should I adopt a pet? Approximately 3.1 million dogs enter shelters in the United States annually, many being relinquished by their owners. Worse still, approximately 15% of the animals that enter shelters are euthanized. While numbers continue to decline, the need for adoption continues to be overwhelming. One sure way to make a dog's day is giving them a new, loving home through adoption. When you adopt a pet, you are:

- Saving a life.
- Stopping animal cruelty in breeding facilities.
- Saving money for spaying, neutering, vaccination and sometimes microchipping.
- Choosing from a large selection of dog breeds who are normally house-trained.
- Adopting a dog who has received excellent care in the shelter, which means they are healthy.

### If A Dog Could Talk

Adoption is just one way to make a dog's day. If your favorite canine companion could talk, they might tell us going for an extra-long walk would make their day. When was the last time you visited the dog park? Of course, a new chew toy might top their list. Sometimes, they just want to play. Throw the ball already! Another thing that tops the list of fur babies everywhere - don't stop scratching that itch.

### A LOYAL COMPANION

- Visit a shelter, find your loyal canine companion, and make a dog's day through adoption!
- Volunteer at a shelter by taking a dog for a walk or bringing them a new chew toy.
- Donate new blankets, treats, or other supplies to a shelter. You can check your local shelter needs by visiting their website or simply making a call.
- Stop by a participating Subaru retailer during the month of October and donate new pet supplies, which the automaker will be collecting throughout the month of October. Check your local Subaru retailers to join the effort.
- If you're already the owner of a beloved dog, take the extra time to make your dog's day. Repay that unconditional love with creative tokens of dog-gone appreciation.
- Shelters: make sure to share your adoption events by posting your stories and photos using the hashtag #MakeADogsDay on social media.
- Subaru invites dog owners to do something special for the furry friends in their lives and share on social media using #MakeADogsDay. For those who are yet to be pet parents, Subaru invites Americans to consider adopting a shelter pet or "Underdog."



## *Trainer Tips*

# *“Helping Your Dog Refocus With The Up & Down Game”*

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Helping our dogs to return focus to us can be done in many different ways. One of those is the Up and Down Pattern Game from Leslie McDevitt.

My number one request might very well be helping dogs to listen when “distractions” are present. That might pretty much cover just about everything I do as a dog trainer!

Helping our dogs learn how to focus on us, or to refocus on us after a distraction, is something I spend a lot of time helping clients do. It happens in just about all situations. Is your dog struggling with leash manners? Distractions! Is your dog worried about strangers? Distractions! Is your dog not coming reliably when you call? Distractions!

The goal is NOT to keep our dogs focused on us all the time and never notice distractions. That's not realistic nor advisable. We want our dog to notice distractions, but sometimes not get quite so caught up in them! Notice but not engage.

Leslie McDevitt's Up and Down Pattern Game is just one way to help teach our dogs how to return focus to us. She discussed this game in her book *Control Unleashed Reactive to Relaxed*.

We work on this exercise in some of my classes, especially my Juvenile Delinquents Class. I also teach it to many of my students in private training.

Here's how it works. You can be sitting or standing. Your dog can be sitting or standing. Place a treat on the ground in front of your dog. Once he eats it, hopefully he looks back up at you in hopes of getting another treat. When he looks back up at you, reward with another treat on the ground. If you are using a clicker or marker, mark when he looks back up at you before you reward.

Sometimes your dog will not look back up at you right away. That's ok. If he notices a distraction in the environment, it's ok if he looks at it. Hopefully, he will then turn away and look back at you. Reward with another treat on the ground. The goal is for him to notice distractions and be able to look back at you without you having to prompt him. He notices the distraction and makes the choice to look back at you.

Depending on the distraction, some dogs will need longer to watch and process it before turning back to you. Give him as long as he needs, as long as he's not trying to move toward the distraction, or bark at it, or otherwise engage with it. If he does react, then you need to either move farther away from the distraction or reset and find a lesser distraction someplace else to work on this game first.

There are other variations that can be added in, depending on how difficult or easy this is for your dog. There are other pattern games that can be incorporated. But this is a good one to start with.

Try it out and let me know how it goes!

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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](mailto: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](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org) for inclusion in the next issue.

I am sorry to say that we have no reader recommendations for this edition of NewSpots! Don't forget, this segment of the newsletter only works if YOU send in recommendations and/or tips to share with other readers.

Recommendations can be anything Dalmatian (or in general, dog) related. A good book you read, how you got your dog to stay off the counter (we all hate counter surfers), treats your dog really likes, a new dog food you tried, dog themed movies... anything really. Just send your recommendation or tip to me at [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org).

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

## Kona A



**8 Years Old, Liver, Neutered Male**  
**Reason Available: Owner Surrender**  
**Foster Home: Cortez, CO**

Kona is a handsome, liver boy about 8 years old. He is well-behaved in the house, loves toys, and lives peacefully with cats in his foster home. While Kona's age might put him in the "senior" category, he is happy and energetic and thrives with lots of exercise. Kona has been around infants and toddlers, but his size and exuberance better suits him to a home with older children.

Kona's life started out rough, with isolation and neglect, and he lacked early socialization to become secure and confident in the world. Kona is nervous and grumpy when greeting new dogs, so the dog park is not the place for him. But he warms up quickly, especially to females and calm male dogs. Kona enjoys interacting with a core group of familiar dogs of both genders, and would do well in a home with a well-adjusted, friendly dog to give him comfort and confidence. Kona bonds strongly with his human. He has so much love and adoration to give and will stick close by. He is a good boy and has struggled to find a caring and patient person to understand his anxieties and help him build his confidence. Kona is such a great dog and deserves to spend his golden years in a loving, secure, consistent home. Kona's suggested adoption donation is \$300. Kona is located in Cortez, CO. For more information, please contact [jeannine@dalatianrescueco.org](mailto:jeannine@dalatianrescueco.org).

## Skittles

**7 Years Old, Multi-colored, Neutered Male**  
**Reason Available: Owner Surrender**  
**Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO**

Sweet Skittles.

Sometimes we stretch the definition of Dalmatian when we accept dogs into our rescue. Skittles is one of these cases. We're calling him a hound mix with "a hint of Dalmatian". This 7-year-old boy was saved from the shelter's euthanasia list with only minutes to spare! But he was so friendly and look, he has a couple of Dalmatian type spots on one ear!

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

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

Skittles is current on vaccinations, heartworm negative, neutered, and microchipped. Located in Waco, TX.

To learn more about Skittles, contact Tena at [tjp@mygrande.net](mailto:tjp@mygrande.net). His adoption fee is \$250.



**Skittles**

# *Happy Beginnings Stories*

**Sadly, we have no  
Happy Beginnings Stories  
to share with you this  
month.**

**If you haven't submitted your pup's Happy Beginnings Story yet, please take this time to submit it today. These stories are our only pay for the work we have done to ensure your pup was ready to come live with you!**

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

**We got a couple new 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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