



*Wishing you and your family a very
Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous
New Year!*

Christmas Pet Safety Tips

Décor and Decorations

1. Avoid using candles

Use flameless LED candles instead. Lit candles can easily be knocked over by pets causing burns or fires.

2. Don't use holly, poinsettia or mistletoe

These are all poisonous to your dog if ingested. It's safest to stick with artificial plants instead!

3. Anchor your Christmas tree

Anchor your Christmas tree securely so it doesn't fall on your pup while they are playing or running around the house.

4. Avoid silver icicle strands or tinsel

Dogs and cats are both attracted to playing with and eating it and it can cause vomiting and obstructions.

5. Get a faux tree

An artificial Christmas tree is healthier for your dog, because it doesn't drop sharp needles that can be ingested. Real trees can also harbor pests, parasites and mites. If you have to have a real tree, make sure that you regularly clean up all stray needles from the floor and treat it for pests before bringing it indoors.

6. Avoid glass or breakable Christmas tree ornaments

If these ornaments fall or break, your dog can easily eat the pieces causing internal bleeding and organ damage. This is one of the most important dog safety tips that you can follow this holiday season.

7. Don't decorate with edible decorations

Don't decorate with edible decorations even if you're placing them out of reach. Edible decorations like popcorn garlands, etc. can encourage dogs to jump and climb to get tasty snacks. Plus, if these decorations are threaded, the thread can cause internal complications when ingested and cause stomach upset in dogs.

8. Consider blocking off your Christmas tree

If your dog shows a particular interest in your tree consider blocking it off by using a pet gate.

9. Don't let your dog drink water out of the Christmas tree stand

The water in your Christmas tree stand is stagnant and it can contain bacteria or other "nasties" that will make your dog sick.

10. Keep wiring and extension cords out of reach

Playing pups can get tangled in wiring, but younger pets can also bite into wires or pull items off shelves causing shock, electrocution, crushing, or even death. This isn't just one of the best dog Christmas safety tips, it could save your pet's life!

11. Keep wrapped gifts and wrapping paper out of reach

Wrapping paper can attract dogs and when eaten it can cause blockages, stomach upset, or even poisoning depending on the paper composition.

12. Don't overwhelm your dog with festive decorations

Dogs are creatures of habit and too many decorations at once or too many loud and obnoxious decorations can put your dog on edge. If you like to have many decorations in your home, introduce them a little at a time.

Food

13. Keep chocolate out of reach

Chocolate is a popular stocking stuffer or gift over the holidays, but make sure to keep it out of reach of your pet at all times! Chocolate contains theobromine, which can cause organ damage or failure.

14. Keep alcoholic drinks out of reach

Alcohol and pets don't mix, so keep all alcoholic drinks out of reach of your pets ALWAYS. This isn't just one of the best dog Christmas safety tips, it's a tip that you need to follow year round! In minimum quantities, alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, and labored breathing. In significant quantities, alcohol can cause death.

15. Don't Give Table Scraps

A lot of the foods we eat at Christmas time are high in fat and can cause a condition called pancreatitis in pets, according to veterinarians. Pancreatitis is extremely uncomfortable and can be dangerous to your pet's health. You should also skip those table scraps to avoid packing unhealthy weight on your dog!

16. Know what makes for a safe meal

If you enjoy making your dog a part of the Christmas meal just make sure that you feed them safe food – white meat without skin, dog-safe veggies, and plain rice is a great place to start.

17. Don't give your dog bones

Cooked bones are easily splintered and can cause dental damage and internal perforations or blockages. Never give your dog any household bones, stick with raw lamb marrow bones instead.

18. Keep an eye on that dough

This is one of the dog Christmas safety tips that most pet owners don't think about. If you're going to be baking bread or baked goods, make sure to keep that dough out of reach. Dogs are easily tempted to eat dough, but when ingested it will expand in their stomach causing discomfort, bloating, or more serious complications.

19. Wash pans right away or put them completely out of reach

Pans (particularly those used for meat) are tempting and can invite your dog to jump up to lick them clean. This can cause burns to the mouth or more serious conditions if hot pans or hot fats from pans fall onto your dog.

Gifts

20. Choose edible gifts wisely

When choosing treats and edible gifts for your dog, know what you are buying. Buy treats that are made in reputable countries with healthy ingredients from companies that have not had recent recalls.

21. Stick with toys made for dogs

It can be tempting to buy kids toys for your dog, but one of the most important dog Christmas safety tips is to stick with toys that are made for dogs. Human toys can contain substances that are toxic to dogs, not designed for chewing or have pieces that can be pulled off and swallowed easily.

22. Don't gift pets

As much as you love your dog, don't assume someone else loves dogs as much or are able to financially commit to a dog at this point in their life. Pets never make good gifts!

23. Choose size appropriate toys

Make sure that the toys you pick up for your dog are appropriate for their size to avoid choking or dental damage due to toys that are too small or too large.

24. Research your gifts

Some pet products and toys on the market have serious flaws that can cause illness, physical damage or even death to your dog. Research all toys before buying them to make sure that what you buy is safe!

25. Keep an eye on dogs interacting with other pets

If you have multiple dogs, be wary when giving gifts or special treats. Even dogs that love each other dearly can become territorial or aggressive over "special" items. It's best to give both dogs the same items or to separate dogs when giving them items over the holidays.

Gatherings

26. Educate your guests

When you hold a gathering in your home make sure everyone knows that you have a dog, so they can be prepared. Some guests may have allergies and need medication, others may have phobias and choose not to come, and some may choose not to bring young children with allergies.

27. If your dog is roaming around the house...

Be sure that everyone at your gathering is aware that your dog is roaming the house, so they know not to leave outside doors open. One of the easiest dog Christmas safety tips to follow. All you have to do is chat with your guest, which you're going to be doing anyway!

28. If people will be drinking heavily, isolate your dog

Drunk people lack the necessary judgment and ability to interact with animals. They can be loud and scary to your dog and they can get handsy and cross boundaries causing your dog to snap. If guests will be getting drunk, isolate your dog away from guests for everyone's safety.

29. Know when to keep your dog isolated

If you are holding a gathering and your dog is afraid of strangers, has shown any signs of aggression in the past, is new to your home or does not do well with groups of people, keep your dog in an isolated room of the house. **Make sure partygoers know not to go into this room.**

30. Don't serve dangerous party snacks

Undoubtedly someone will try to sneak a snack to your dog during the party. Keep your dog safe by making sure that all snacks served don't contain toxic-to-dog ingredients.

31. If other dogs will be present introduce them outdoors first

If other dogs will be at your gathering and your dog is not familiar with them, have them both meet outside first. Dogs can be territorial over their homes and their people, meeting on neutral territory first helps with a neutral introduction.

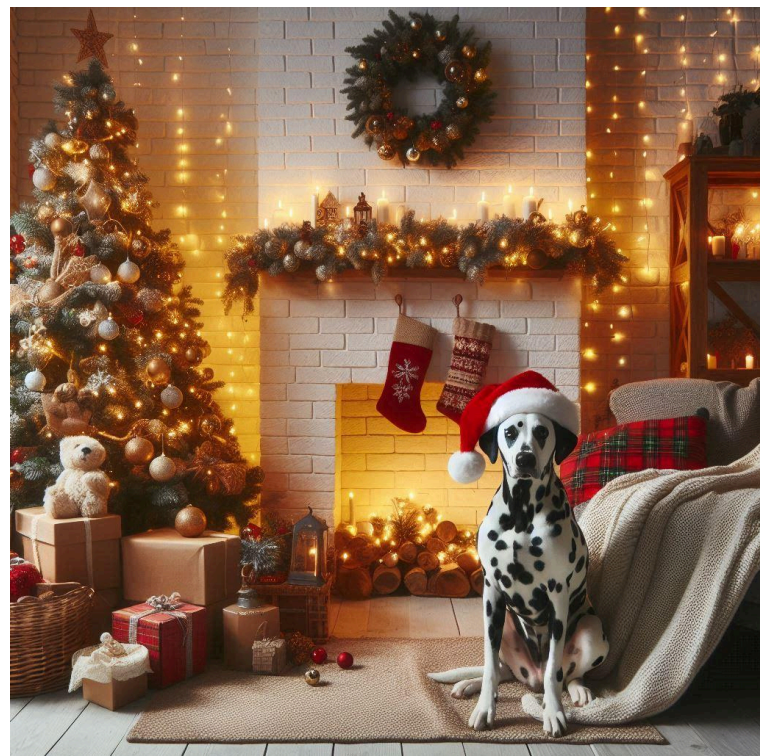
32 Keep older pets comfortable

A dog that was very sociable in their youth isn't always as sociable in their senior years.

Older dogs are easily bothered, easily startled, easily overwhelmed, and sometimes experiencing pain; these things can contribute to snapping or uneasiness. If you have an older dog, isolate them to a safe and calm area of the home during your gathering.

33. Keep to your normal schedule as much as possible

This is one of the most important dog Christmas safety tips. Dogs thrive on schedule, so it's important to maintain their regular feeding, walking, and sleeping schedule even during holiday gatherings. Deviation from schedule can cause changes in appetite, depression, anxiety, changes in bathroom habits, or health changes.



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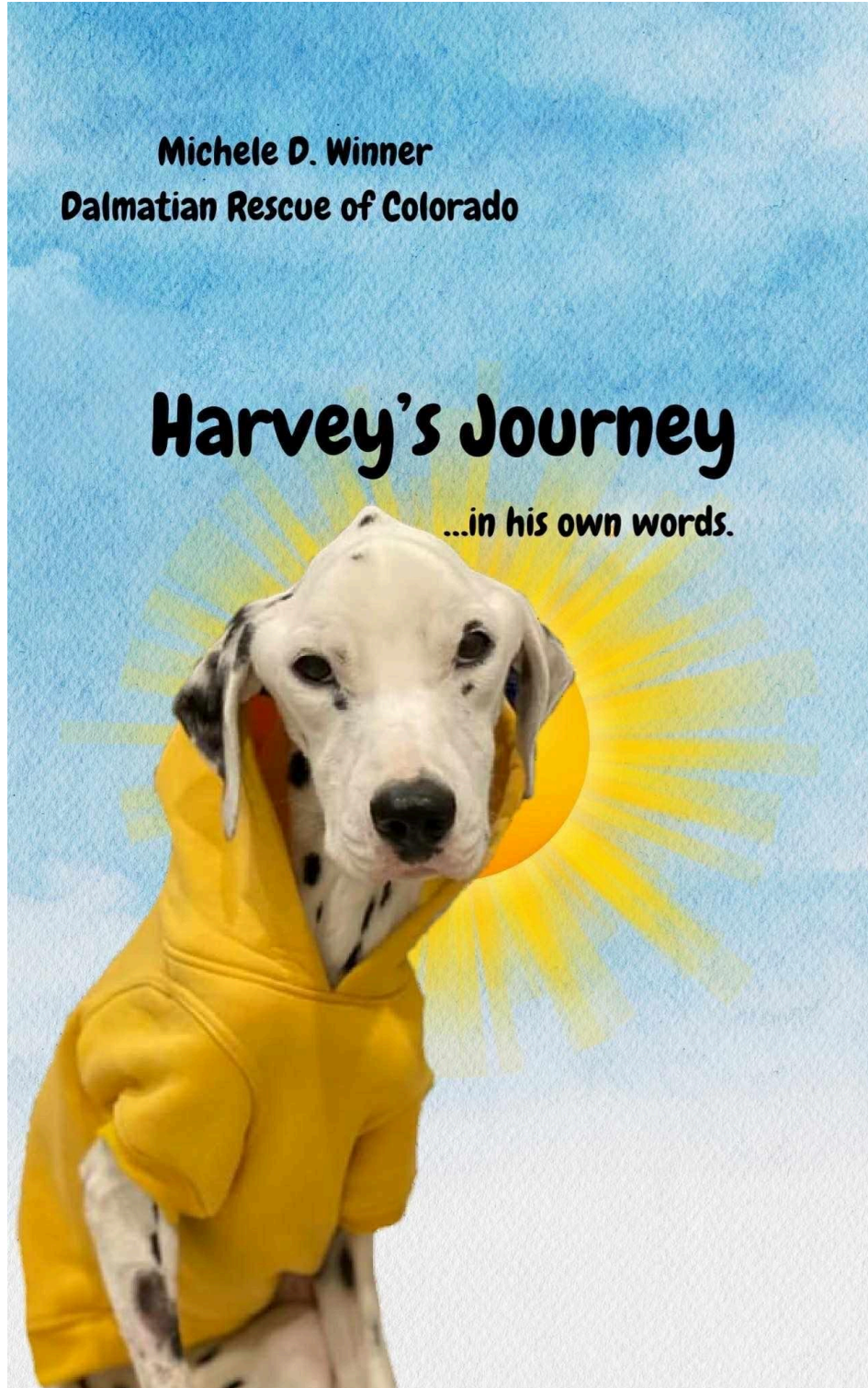
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When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you!
~Nora Ephron

Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen
~Orhan Pamuk

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





Help Your Dog Celebrate The Holidays With A Special Treat!

Peanut Butter, Banana, and Carob Dog Treats from Dalmatian DIY



Prep Time:	10 minutes
Bake Time:	15 minutes
Total Time:	25 minutes
Servings:	30
Calories:	35 kcal/serving

Even though your pup can't enjoy chocolate Christmas treats, they can get the next best thing with these peanut butter and banana cookies featuring dog-friendly carobs. The low-calorie holiday snacks are as healthy as they are delicious and are an inspiring option when your dog gets bored with their typical treats.

Equipment:

- Large mixing bowl
- Cookie cutter
- Baking sheet

Ingredients:

- 1 mashed, ripe banana
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup all-natural smooth peanut butter
- ¼ cup carob powder
- ¾ cup brown rice flour
- Optional: 1 tbsp. ground flax or LSA
- Optional: 1 tbsp. gelatin powder

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Mix mashed banana, egg, peanut butter, and optional ingredients (if using) in a mixing bowl. Add carob powder and stir to combine.
- Add flour in small increments until you form a dough.
- Let the dough rest before cutting it into shapes with a cookie cutter. Place cookies on a baking sheet.
- Bake for 10–15 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and let cool before serving.



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NATIONAL MUTT DAY - July 31 and December 2

National Day Calendar •

NATIONAL MUTT DAY - DECEMBER 2, 2024

National Mutt Day encourages us to embrace, save and celebrate mixed breed dogs twice a year on July 31 and December 2.

Desperately longing for a new home, millions of loving and healthy mixed breed dogs in shelters wait for someone to come and adopt them. National Mutt Day provides an excellent opportunity to find the perfect canine companion. Despite the name, a mutt learns, obeys and trains much like purebred animals. While their lineage cannot be traced and their features a bit murky, their companionship will be faithful.

According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year. When these abandoned and often abused animals find their way to a shelter, each one needs a forever home. Whether you know it or not, their potential is limitless. Some of the benefits of adoption are often hidden. Human and canine both enjoy increased physical activity.

Another boost is social interaction through daily walks. While humans develop patience, their four-legged companion learns to trust and new limits. For example, as dogs explore the many scents of the human lifestyle, they usually discover shoes are off-limits.

No matter the breed, size or demeanor of the human, er, canine, the shelter will take the time to find the right home for their animals. They schedule visits and have procedures in place to promote healthy adoptions for families and individuals. While some dogs experience injury or illness, the shelters work with veterinarians to heal the animals before making them available for adoption.

Of course, shelters always welcome donations and volunteers. Dogs love walking, playing and being loved even if they haven't found their forever home. Every moment they spend socializing increases their opportunity for adoption.

HOW TO OBSERVE COOK FOR YOUR PETS DAY

Visit a shelter; if you are unable to adopt a dog, you can always volunteer. Post on social media using #NationalMuttDay and encourage others to join in.

NATIONAL MUTT DAY HISTORY

Celebrity Pet Expert and Animal Welfare Advocate, Colleen Paige, founded National Mutt Day in 2005. Celebrate the day on both December 2 and July 31 of each year. Learn more at www.nationalmuttday.com.

"A mutt is a dog. He is the stuff of dogginess, a creature allied to species, not breed, and untrammelled by human hand or preference."

~ Jean Hanff Korelitz



Trainer Tips

“Should We Get A Rescue Dog”

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When looking to add a new dog to your household, there are several ways or places to find a new dog. You could get a dog from:

- a reputable breeder
- a backyard breeder or puppy mill
- a rescue group
- a local animal shelter
- a private re-home
- a pet store
- a stray dog you found who has no ID and are not able to find anyone to claim the dog

Did I miss any? Maybe, but these are the most common places to get a dog. But what is the best place to get YOUR next dog? The answer, as always, is that it depends! I have many clients who have only ever had “rescue” dogs that were obtained from shelters or rescue groups. I have other clients who had a bad experience with a rescue group or shelter and won't go back. Some of us have invited dogs into our homes from a variety of places. Personally, my current and previous dogs have come from breed rescue groups, reputable breeders and one from a re-home of a client's dog who was not a suitable dog to live with small children. Some people only adopt dogs from shelters or rescue groups in their efforts to provide a home for dogs who, for whatever reason, are in need of a new home. Others, who have sometimes had bad experiences with a previous “rescue” dog will not go back for fear of repeating that bad experience. Others have a favorite breed and go through a breeder to obtain their preferred breed of choice. There is no one right answer. No matter which route you go, it's best to do your homework. What are the “must-haves” when it comes to your next dog? What are the “nice-to-haves” but not required? What are the “definite no's” for you? These will help you make that choice.

Do you want a puppy, an adolescent dog, an adult dog or a senior dog? If, for example, you want a senior dog so that you can help them live out the rest of their life in peace and surrounded by love, then rescue or a shelter is most likely your best or even only option. If you want a puppy, there are lots of ways to find a puppy. If you want a certain breed or certain traits (no shedding, small, moderate energy, etc.) then a breeder or a specific breed rescue might be a good choice. If you like leaving things to chance and aren't too picky, then a puppy from rescue that no one knows much about might be just for you! If you want things to be as predictable as possible, do your research on breeds, select a breed or breeds that you prefer, and then find a breeder or a breed rescue to go through.

People often think that getting a puppy means you are “starting from scratch” and can mold that puppy into the perfect dog. Not true!! If you get a puppy of a specific breed that you want and from a reputable breeder, then your chances of getting what you want and predict, are much higher. But still not a guarantee! There is no such thing as starting from scratch. We still have genetics and upbringing prior to you bringing them home to deal with.

Nature or nurture? It is not an either or proposition. It is nature AND nurture. You cannot separate the two. You can shift things in your favor if you've done your research. But there are never guarantees. Golden Retrievers are always friendly and never aggressive. Not true. Pit bulls are dangerous dogs. Not true. Greyhounds, if let off leash, will run off and not come back. You can never trust them. Also not true. Labrador Retrievers love water. Also not always true. Sometimes. Yes. Not always. Breeds will tell you the tendencies of that breed, but not all dogs read the job description. Some of these things are true some of the time. Not all of the time.

Mixed breeds are healthier than purebred dogs. Not true. Some, sure. Some, not so much. Again, don't think in absolutes. There are exceptions to all the rules. And some of the rules you think you know are probably not true in the first place.

Animal shelters can be a great place to find your new dog. Is it only dogs with behavior problems in shelters? Is there something “wrong” with those dogs? Some definitely have some special needs. Some are just regular dogs who are in need of a new home through no fault of their own. Some were just a bad fit for their previous household. Some were from a home that had to make a very difficult decision that had nothing to do with the dog. There are so many different reasons that dogs are relinquished. Some have nothing to do with that dog.

And for some of the dogs with “behavior problems” according to their prior home might not be a problem for you. It might be an issue that does not affect you. Or it might be an issue that doesn't bother you like it did their previous home. It might be a dog who does not do well with cats, but you don't have any cats and do not plan to. It might be a dog who does not do well in a chaotic household but your household is pretty predictable and quiet.

Rescue groups can also be a great place to find your new dog. Many rescue groups use foster homes for their dogs. Are there some dogs with behavior issues or special needs? Of course. But again, there are also plenty of dogs who just were in unfortunate circumstances or where not a good fit, for whatever reason. The nice thing about dogs who are living in foster homes is that you can get a better idea of how the dog does in a home environment. That's a bit trickier to tell if the dog is currently in shelter because that environment is very different from a household.

You might have to do a bit more research when looking at dogs from a shelter or rescue group. Do they have a history on the dog? What do they know about the prior home or homes? Some dogs come with lots of info. Some have none. Read through the descriptions that shelters or rescues have on the dog. Learn to read between the lines. What info do they have and what does that mean to you?

Let's look at an example, just doing a quick search for available rescue dogs nearby:

“Meet C, a big, fun-loving puppy with an adventurous spirit! C is always up for excitement and fun, making him a perfect companion for outdoor activities. He's already mastered “sit” and is highly motivated by treats, which makes training a breeze. If you're looking for a loyal adventure buddy who can keep up with your explorations and share in the thrill of the great outdoors, C is your ideal match.”

What does this description tell you about this dog? They do not list his age, but he is a puppy so a young guy. “Adventurous spirit” could mean high energy. Could mean he's getting into a lot of things. “Always up for excitement and fun” again sounds like a dog who is probably high energy and possibly getting into things. “A loyal adventure buddy who can keep you with your explorations and share in the thrill of the great outdoors” pretty much means this guy is going to keep you on your toes and you better be ready to help him burn a lot of energy. They discussed this in 3 different ways and it's really the only thing they said about him other than a quick mention about learning sit. Hoo boy, you better be ready!

We often see descriptions about dogs who are “shy” or a little bit cautious, or lots of other ways of saying that this dog might be fearful of people. Read between the lines. This could be a dog who just takes a bit to warm up to people. Could also be a dog who is fearful of people. Probably would not be good around children, maybe not good around visitors. Descriptions can sometimes give you lots of info or very little info. Learn to read between the lines of what they are telling you. Or are NOT telling you.

For example, if you are a household with young kids, I would NOT get a dog who is in any way listed as “shy” or “skittish” or cautious or likes a quiet home or is a “bit worried about loud noises” or any other things that imply they would probably not do well in a household with kids who can move fast, make loud noises and be unpredictable. I would want a dog who “loves everyone” or “loves kids” or other things that indicate this dog would do well with kids.

If you see a description that says the dog is best as an only dog, that's clearly a sign you should not already have a dog. But it might also mean that this dog could be reactive toward other dogs when you walk them. Were you prepared for a dog who might possibly bark and lunge at other dogs on walks and be difficult to control? It does not mean that will happen, but keep in mind that it might happen.

Look at a local rescue group website or a large database like petfinders or such and look at some descriptions. Read through and see what you can find that might be telling you more than you thought on the first read through.

Then compare those descriptions to that must-have, nice-to-have and definite-no list of yours. How do the dogs match up? Are you getting a better feel for which ones are worth finding out more about and which ones are easy to cross off from your possibility list? There are lots of fabulous dogs out there. Be open to possibilities that you might not have considered at first. But be willing to do your homework so you are giving yourself the best possible chance of finding the dog that is perfect for you!

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

Reader Recommendations and Tips

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

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.

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

Buddy



7 Years Old, Black, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Abusive Home
Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

WHOA! Buddy is not a "spot"! However, he is friendly, gets along with most 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. Buddy 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! Buddy 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 Buddy behind to fend for himself. So, we have this lovely mixed breed doggo who is the nicest dog! Buddy's ideal home would be with a playful female and a family who would take him to obedience classes to make him the best dog ever. He loves walks and hikes. Buddy is located in Colorado Springs, CO, and his suggested adoption donation is \$350. Contact jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org.

Murphy

2 Years Old, Liver, Neutered Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Diana, TX

Meet Murphy!

Murphy is a sweet 2-year-old who was found as a stray and brought to the local shelter, where he wasn't reclaimed. That's how he ended up with his foster family, and now he's looking for his forever home. He's incredibly affectionate and full of love to give. This boy is a LOVER! He is a master at cuddling! Murphy's favorite thing is his toys! As a "toy carrier," he always picks a toy from the bin after his last potty break to take to bed. He's fast and loves playing fetch, but you'll need two balls because he likes holding onto one while you throw the other. Though he hasn't quite mastered "drop it," he seems to enjoy playing by his own rules. Murphy also loves chewing on beef cheek rolls, his woof pupsicle (which will come with him), and raw carrots. He's smart, eager to please, and highly food-motivated, making him a quick learner. He knows commands like sit, and shake, and has recently mastered "down." He's picking up "heel" during walks, which he loves. Murphy has become a pro at leash walking, staying close, and keeping an eye on the person with treats. Whether it's cuddling or going on his twice-daily walks, Murphy loves being by your side.



While Murphy is a great dog, he does have a few habits that need work. At 2 years old and quite tall, he tends to jump up, so ongoing training in his forever home will be important. Murphy has been wonderful with his foster's nieces, ages 7 and 3, but because he tends to jump, he's better suited for a home with older children who understand how to interact with dogs and won't be easily knocked over. Murphy enjoys roughhousing with his foster brother, and while he does well with other dogs, he requires proper introductions to new ones. No cats, please. Please contact Tena Price at info@dalmatianrescueco.org for more information. Applications may be submitted at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption fee \$400.

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!

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