

# Happy Halloween!!

## Halloween Pet Safety

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Halloween can be a fun time for the family, but a scary time for pets, but keeping them safe doesn't have to be tricky. With a little preparation, you can make sure your furry friends stay safe while you enjoy the celebrations.

1. **Avoid Toxic Foods:** Kids love to hide candy in their rooms, but a dog's keen sense of smell will lead them to even the most cleverly hidden treasure. Unfortunately, several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for cats and dogs, and sugar-free candies containing the sugar substitute [xylitol](#) can be fatal. Other harmful foods include raisins, which can cause kidney failure, and candy wrappers that can pose choking hazards or gastrointestinal blockages.
2. **Create a Calm Environment:** Halloween can be overwhelming for pets due to the noise and influx of visitors. With the door being opened and closed frequently, consider keeping your dog in a quiet room away from the front door during trick-or-treating hours. Provide them with their favorite toys or a comfortable space to relax. To help out, play a television or some music to help distract them from the doorbell.
3. **Costumes:** Dressing pets up can be a lot of fun, but it's important to make sure costumes are safe and comfortable. Not every pet enjoys wearing them, and forcing a costume can lead to stress. If your pet seems uneasy, it's best to skip the outfit and celebrate with festive collars or bandanas instead. If your dog doesn't mind (or even loves) getting in the spirit there are a few things to consider. Ensure the costume fits properly and does not restrict movement, breathing, eating or drinking. Introduce and familiarize them with the particular costume BEFORE you expect them to wear it for the night. And always supervise your dog while they are in costume to prevent chewing or swallowing parts of it. Additionally, be cautious with decorations like lit candles in jack-o-lanterns, as they can cause burns or start fires if knocked over.
4. **Decorations:** Pumpkins, cobwebs and glowing lights can make your home look festive, but they can also be tempting (and dangerous) to curious pets. A little extra care when setting up your decorations will help avoid unexpected "tricks." Place decorations where pets can't chew or knock them over. Lit candles can be a fire hazard if knocked over, so we recommend avoiding using candles all together. Keep glow sticks and other dangerous items out of reach. Glow sticks can be enticing to pets but contain harmful substances that can cause irritation if ingested. Ensure that these items are kept out of your dog's reach.
5. **Watch for Signs of Stress:** Be attentive to your dog's behavior. Signs of stress may include panting, hiding, or excessive barking. If your dog seems anxious, it may be best to confine them to a safe space until the excitement subsides.
6. **Keep pets easily identifiable.** This is the perfect time to check, and update, if necessary, your dog's identification tags. Pet IDs can be a lifesaver for your pet if they escape during the Halloween season. If you let your pet outside for a potty break,

make sure you go with them. NEVER let them out alone, even if your yard is fully fenced. They could be spooked by ghosts and goblins running down the street and run away, even jumping over a fence they normally wouldn't.

7. The importance of Microchips: Halloween is commonly one of the most busy nights for shelters. Dogs go missing for a variety of reasons. A microchip is a permanent form of identification that can make all the difference if your pet gets lost. At most shelters every animal that is brought in is scanned for a microchip in the hopes of quickly reuniting them with their family. Just as important as microchipping your pet (and every dog that is adopted from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado is microchipped before the adoption takes place) is to ensure that your contact information is current and accurate with the microchip registry. It doesn't matter if your dog is microchipped if your contact information is outdated!

Halloween should be fun for everyone, including your pets! With some planning you can enjoy the holiday while making sure your furry family members stay safe, comfortable and a part of the celebration - if they are social and enjoy partying!

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*As a reminder, we always recommend the following information on your dog's ID tags.*



In addition to updating your pet's ID tags with the current contact info, update your pet's microchip registration information too!

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## *Fall Hazards for Pets: What Every Pet Parent Should Know*

By Lauren Rey, [petplace.com](https://petplace.com)

There's a chill in the air and the smell of pumpkin spice is everywhere — fall is finally here! While our furry friends are surely looking forward to all the fun fall festivities, like trips to the pumpkin patch, longer walks, and more time outdoors enjoying the cooler weather, there are also some unique fall hazards to watch out for. From dangerous decorations to toxic treats, let's dive into what every pet parent needs to know to keep their four-legged friends safe all autumn long!

### Dangerous Fall Decorations for Pets

Whether it's carving pumpkins or stringing up skeletons, decorating is all part of the fall fun — but some fall decorations can present choking hazards or be toxic to pets. Here's what pet parents should consider when decorating for the fall.

### Toxic Fall Plants and Flowers

If you have pets and you're bringing in new plants or seasonal flower arrangements to spruce up your space for fall, you'll want to avoid anything with chrysanthemums (mums), autumn crocus, or lilies. These can be toxic to both dogs and cats. Chrysanthemums

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and lilies are commonly found in fall bouquets at the grocery store or in premade arrangements, so be extra careful when choosing flowers this season.

### Candles and Scented Products

There's nothing like the scents of pumpkin, maple, and cinnamon wafting through the air to bring the fall mood into your home. However, if you have pets, you'll want to use caution with candles and scented products. Dogs and cats can be sensitive to odors and certain types of scented candles, essential oils, or air fresheners can even be toxic. When using scented products, always look for pet-safe options and take caution when burning candles. Candles can present a burn or fire risk if a curious cat or dog gets too close!

### Decoration Dangers

Whether adding a few fall touches to your home or going all out on the decorations for Halloween, it's important to consider your pets in the process. Dogs may find items like dried corn cobs and skeleton decorations enticing as chew toys, and cats can become tangled in fake spiderwebs or string decorations. These items can also lead to choking hazards or intestinal obstructions if swallowed. And when it comes to everyone's fall favorite, jack-o-lanterns, you'll want to use caution and keep pets far away to avoid burns from the candle or gastrointestinal distress from eating raw pumpkin.

### Fall Foods to Keep Away from Pets

With pumpkin season in full swing, candied apples everywhere you look, and of course, all the parties and treats accompanying Halloween and Thanksgiving — fall is all about the food! But between buckets of Halloween candy lying around and pumpkin pies on the counter, our pets might be tempted to help themselves to a treat. Here are some fall foods to use extra caution with around pets.

### Baked Goods

Fall kicks off the "holiday baking season" in many households, and whether you're rolling out the dough for an apple pie or baking up some spooky cookies for Halloween, you'll want to use caution in the kitchen if you have pets. Common ingredients in baked goods that can be dangerous to pets include chocolate, raisins, yeast dough, macadamia nuts, and anything sweetened with xylitol. While these are just a few of the most common toxic items, many human foods can be dangerous for pets to consume, so play it safe and keep them out of the kitchen when baking.

### Halloween Candy

Nothing says Halloween like the big bowls of candy lying around our houses in October. Whether you're stocking up for trick-or-treaters or your kids just brought home their Halloween candy haul, you'll want to secure that candy stash far away from pets. Besides the copious amounts of sugar that can cause all sorts of gastrointestinal problems, many ingredients in candy can also be toxic to pets, like chocolate, raisins, and xylitol. Hard candies and lollipops can also present choking hazards or intestinal obstructions. Keep all candy far away from any four-legged trick-or-treaters you may have!

### Fall Outdoor Hazards For Pets

With cooler weather, fall is often the perfect time to take your dog for long walks and weekend hikes or let your cat enjoy outdoor time on the patio. Like all seasons, though, fall can have some unique outdoor hazards. When spending time outdoors with your pets this fall, remember these things.

### Leaf Litter and Acorns

While dogs may love nothing more than playing in leaf piles, you never know what may be lurking under those leaves. Fallen leaves can often be home to fleas, ticks, and other parasites that take up residence in decaying plant matter. Snakes also often slither among leaf piles unnoticed. Of course, leaves aren't the only things falling from trees in autumn, acorns can also be dangerous to dogs if eaten. Be sure to keep pets away from leaf litter and acorns on walks or hikes and rake your yard regularly if your pet spends time out there.

### Poisonous Mushrooms

Depending on where you live, you may notice more wild mushrooms sprouting up in the fall, especially after it rains. Wild mushrooms are commonly found in wooded areas but can also pop up right in your backyard. Some species of wild mushrooms are incredibly toxic to pets and not always easy to identify, so it's important to keep pets away from all wild mushrooms and routinely check your yard for them.

### Antifreeze and Rodenticides

While many potential toxins can linger outdoors, fall is often a time when rodenticide and antifreeze poisoning in pets becomes more common. Antifreeze can leak onto driveways and roads, where pets may lick it or step in it and lick their paws later. Rodenticides might be found around homes and fences in your neighborhood and often have something enticing, like cheese or peanut butter, which may also attract pets. To protect your pet against these poisons and others, always leash and supervise them when outdoors.

### Less Daylight

With the sun rising later and setting earlier in the fall, many pup parents find themselves leashing up in lower light conditions. Stay safe in the dark by carrying a flashlight, adding clip-on lights or reflectors to your dog's collar or harness, and staying on well-lit streets and sidewalks. Since wildlife can be more active at night, you'll also want to be careful around bushes, rock piles, or any



other areas where snakes, skunks, or other animals tend to hide.

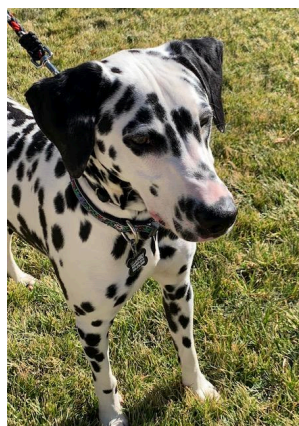
### Seasonal Allergies and Shedding in The Fall

Just like humans, some pets may experience seasonal allergies in the fall. This can manifest in various ways, including itchy skin, watery eyes, and sneezing. Double-coated dog and cat breeds can also experience seasonal shedding, as they shed their summer coat for their winter coat to grow in. To help your pet during this time, regularly dust and vacuum your home to reduce allergens, and brush your pet regularly to reduce shedding. Also, speak to your veterinarian about your pet's symptoms, especially if they are excessively itching, losing large patches of hair, or seem uncomfortable.

### Final Fall Pet Safety Tips

While fall can be a lot of fun, it's important to keep pet health and safety in mind. If your pet gets into any potentially dangerous or toxic items we've covered, seek veterinary attention immediately!

## Recent Adoptees!



**Bandit 3**  
Harriman, UT



**Shane2**  
Indianapolis, IN



**Sky**  
McKinney, TX

Photo  
Not  
Available

**Halligan (aka Marshall)**  
Columbia, SC



**Olivia**  
Austin, TX

## 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.

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>

## *Become A Dalmatian Foster Family Or Volunteer*

When a Dalmatian is scheduled to be put down at a kill shelter, we try to place it in a foster home in order to give it another opportunity to find a permanent home. We desperately need concerned individuals to provide short term or long term foster homes.

What do you get out of fostering? If you like Dals (since you're reading this newsletter, you probably do!), then fostering is a great way to meet and learn about all kinds of Dals - males and females, blacks and livers, young and old. Plus there is the satisfaction of helping an animal that literally may have nowhere else to go!

We are very grateful to those who volunteer their homes and love for needy Dalmatians. But if you can't foster, there are other ways that you can help us. Volunteers can help evaluate dogs in shelters, transport dogs however far, give love and attention to Dals in temporary boarding facilities and help with fundraising. Some volunteers work with those dogs that have special needs, and provide them with food and supplies. We also have (and thank) the many people willing to sponsor a dog financially. We also have volunteers who perform home checks, staff fundraising and educational events.

So, as you can see, there are many ways you can help other than fostering.

If you want to volunteer and help the dogs of Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, please contact us at the email address below:

[info@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:info@dalmatianrescueco.org)



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# How To Walk Two Dogs At Once... Safely.

By Nicole Arthur, [petplace.com](http://petplace.com)



Tangled, tense, and tired? Consider these tips on how to walk two dogs at once.

It's simple math – adopting a second dog doubles your responsibilities. Twice the food, twice the vet visits, twice the baths! But does owning two dogs mean double the walks? Not necessarily. You can walk multiple dogs together with the proper gear, training, and consistency. Follow these tips if you find yourself tangled, tripping over leashes, and pulled in different directions.

## Protect Your Pets

The first step to simultaneously walking two dogs is ensuring they are protected. Even the best pet owners occasionally find themselves in a situation where a dog has gotten loose or spooked and runs away. Whether you plan to walk your dogs separately or together, having your pet microchipped with up-to-date contact information is essential, as is a rugged ID tag that includes your pet's microchip number. If they get lost, taking these preventative actions can increase the chance of being reunited with your pet.

## Choosing the Right Tools

Having the appropriate gear is vital. With several types of leashes, it can be overwhelming to choose the right one. For example, should you use two separate leashes, a double dog leash, or a leash splitter? Two single leashes help you keep control until your dogs can be trusted not to walk in opposite directions, after which a double dog leash can allow you to keep one hand free. Getting one with a waistband is a bonus. A leash splitter is convenient but recommended only for dogs who can be trusted to walk peacefully side-by-side, as it makes it difficult to restrain only one dog at a time. One type of leash to definitely avoid? Retractable leashes are hard to hold and can become tangled quickly.

Before investing in a new leash system, you'll want to figure out your dogs' temperaments and whether they are amenable to being tethered together.

## Building a Good Walking Relationship with Each Dog Separately

Taking one unruly pup on a walk can be frustrating – two can be downright dangerous!

But what's the plan to make it easier? Dog owners should "start by leash training each dog individually to ensure they know how to behave." Though there are many dog walking training methods, it's generally agreed the "loose leash" technique is ideal. It involves always having slack in the leash when walking your dog. Your pup remains at your side and does not pull or strain on their collar or harness. Teaching your dog to keep to one side instead of zig-zagging back and forth will ensure you don't get tangled or tripped when a second dog is in the mix. And, of course, general obedience training is imperative, as you'll want to be sure each of your pets can be trusted to stop, stay, and listen when directed. Carry treats on your solo walks and reward, reward, reward for good behavior.

If you're struggling to train your pets to behave on walks, you may consider bringing in a professional.

## Short, Sweet, and Slow: How to Walk Two Dogs at Once

Before taking the big step of handling two leashes at once, consider enlisting a partner to help your dogs practice walking in tandem. Having a second pair of hands ready to assist if your dogs get distracted or reactive is a great safety net. As the dogs become more accustomed to walking close together, you may be ready to take the reins – literally!

For your first walks as a trio, choose a short, boring, and uneventful course with minimal distractions like other dogs, pedestrians, or traffic. Bring your treats and focus on loose leash consistency, rewarding good behavior, and eliminating poor leash manners by allowing them to pull. Whether you keep both leashes in one hand or carry one leash in each is up to personal preference, although many dog walkers prefer both in one hand to keep the other hand free for picking up waste.

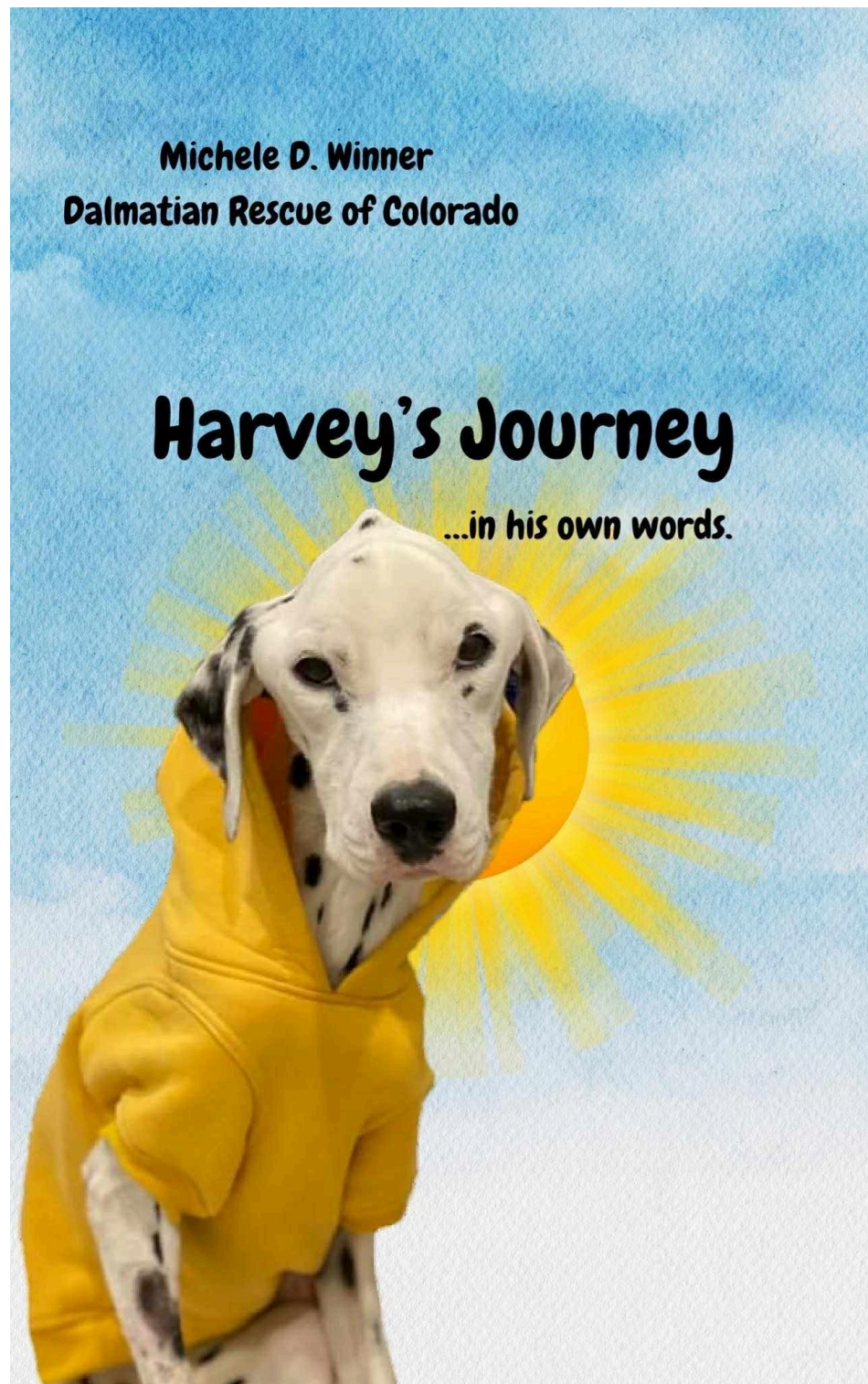
There are circumstances where walking two dogs together, unfortunately, is not practical or safe. Walking them together may be dangerous if your dogs have different temperaments, energy levels, or sizes. If, after consistent training, you or your dogs feel uncomfortable and anxious, walking multiple dogs may not be for you. Leaving it to the professionals may be a better option.

Like all pet education, learning to walk two dogs simultaneously takes time, patience, and consistency. But with time, your new pet pals may learn to walk safely and comfortably together.

Join DRC's own rescue Harvey, in his own words, telling the story of his life-changing journey from despair when first rescued back in December -- to sheer joy upon his adoption in June. Through the magic of social media, this heartwarming rescue story has already touched the hearts of nearly 50,000 people and will surely touch yours.

Harvey's unbreakable spirit will astound you and surely bring a smile to your face and lift your spirits. His miraculous recovery has garnered love and compassion from all ages, spanning from the elementary school aged generation to the retirement community. Treat yourself to a positive rescue story from Harvey's point of view. Available in an Amazon e-book and also in paperback.

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





# Reader Submitted Dog Cookie Recipes

For the next several issues I will be featuring reader submitted recipes by Joann Keyton. If you have any recipes you'd like to share, please feel free to submit them to me at: [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org).

## From the kitchen of Maggie and Sally Oatmeal Dog Biscuits

### INGREDIENTS

*1 cup uncooked oatmeal*  
*1 tsp bouillon granules*  
*1/3 cup margarine, softened*  
*1 1/2 cup hot water*  
*3/4 cup cornmeal*  
*3/4 cup powdered milk*  
*1 egg, beaten*  
*3 cups whole wheat flour*

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, pour hot water over oatmeal, margarine, and bouillon*
- 2. Let stand 5 minutes.*
- 3. Stir in powdered milk, cornmeal, and egg.*
- 4. Add flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition.*
- 5. Mix/knead 3-4 minutes to create very stiff dough.*
- 6. Roll to 1/2" thickness; cut into shapes.*
- 7. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 30 minutes at 325°.*
- 8. Allow to cool.*

### NOTES:

Food processor NOT required.

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## Check out iGive at [How iGive Works - iGive.com](http://How iGive Works - iGive.com)

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# *Trainer Tips*

## *“Dogs need opportunities to be dogs!”*

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Dogs need opportunities to be dogs! When dealing with the antics of an adolescent dog, it is easy to forget why you love dogs in the first place—because they're DOGS and not humans!

You probably spend a lot of time trying to stop your adolescent dog from acting the way dogs do naturally—barking, licking, digging, jumping, chewing, sniffing, peeing, running, chasing, and rolling in stinky stuff.

This doesn't mean you need to allow him to do these things anywhere and everywhere, but you do need to give him outlets for some of his natural behaviors.

Humans bred dogs to perform certain jobs, so by all means, find appropriate outlets for your dog to do what he does best! He will appreciate it and you'll have fun watching his sheer joy at doing what he loves to do.

Here are some ideas for some outlets:

- If you have a terrier who loves to dig for rodents, give him a place where he's allowed to dig up toys or treats.
- If your herding breed dog loves to chase moving objects, allow him to gather the family when it's time for dinner.
- If your sighthound loves to run, don't keep him on leash every moment he's outside. In safe situations, of course.
- If your scenthound loves to use his nose to track bunnies, by all means, give him some time when it's appropriate to do so.

For those who are not familiar with the Vizsla breed, Vizslas are the Hungarian Pointer, bred to point out birds and also retrieve. I am not a hunter, so I won't be killing any of the animals my dog Romeo points out, but I can still allow him the thrill of finding a scent and trailing it. When he has the opportunity to romp through the fields off leash following whatever scent catches his interest, he has a look of sheer joy about him. I expect a lot from him, but I also know I need to give him time to be himself and do what comes naturally to him. It clearly makes him happy, and that makes me happy too.

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### *Advertising in NewSpots! is FREE!!!*

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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*

### *Buddy*



**9 Years Old, Multi-colored, Neutered Male**  
**Reason Available: Abusive Home**  
**Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO**

Buddy is pictured here (with his foster dad, foster brother and sister - between him and his foster dad) on yet another adventure through one of our National Parks. He's been to 12 National Park sites so far, and he's traveled internationally, as well, having been to Calgary, Alberta Canada! Wouldn't you like to have someone to get you out visiting places? Well, Buddy is looking for a travel buddy!!!!

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. 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 gets along great with children of all ages. Buddy is located in Colorado Springs, CO, and his suggested adoption donation is \$350. Contact [jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org).

### *Cosette*

**8 Years Old, Black, Spayed Female**  
**Reason Available: Stray**  
**Foster Home: Denver, CO**

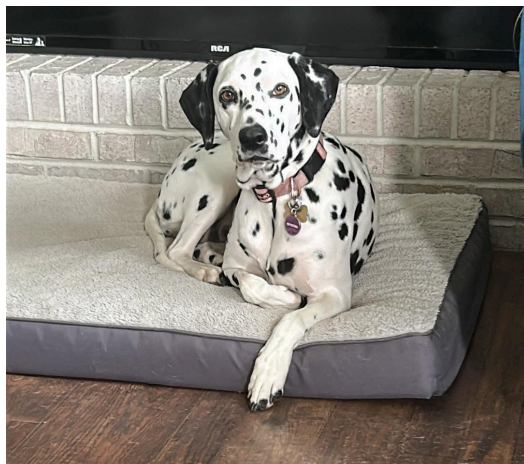
Cosette is a lovely eight-year-old AKC registered Dalmatian who is ready for her "forever" home. The last few years of her life have not been kind. She can be high-energy, but she is learning lots of manners with her foster mom and doggy brother and sister. Cosette would thrive in an older household with an active retired single or couple and perhaps a laid-back four-legged companion, but she can also be left at home to have full run of the house without any problems. She would be very much at home with hiking, mountain climbing, and other outdoor activities. Cosette loves going on walks and walks well on a leash. We don't recommend dog parks. She knows how to use a doggy door. A home with a good fence is important. Cosette does not like small animals (dogs, cats, squirrels, birds and chickens), and, because of her size and energy, we don't recommend small children. Cosette is up-to-date on vaccinations and has been spayed. Her recommended adoption donation is \$300. For more information, please contact [jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org).





# Happy Beginnings Stories

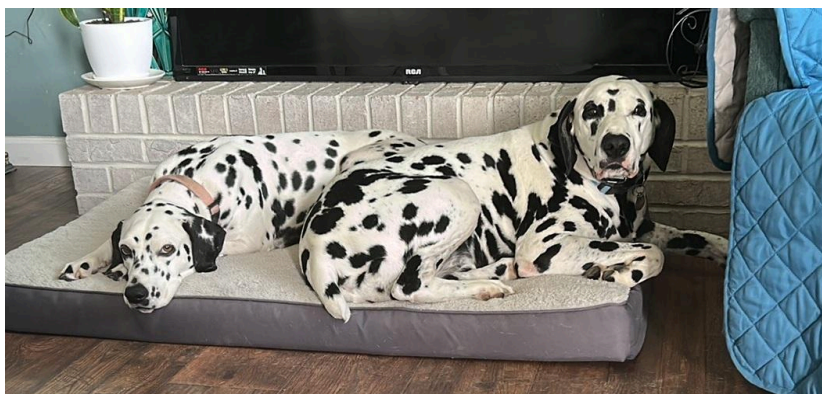
## Echo



One year ago, September 27, 2024, Echo joined our family as a foster pup, and eventually we adopted her.

When she arrived and got into the backyard, she met her big brother Pongo right off. Pongo is also a Dalmatian. They were in the backyard play-fighting with really great interaction from that first meeting and they still take naps together.

Some of Echo's favorite things are going to the park for a walk, getting treats from anyone and everyone who will give them to her. Echo's favorite person to get treats from is the mail lady. Some of her favorite activities are play-fighting with her big brother, taking a nap with big brother, sun bathing in front of the front door, people watching, and going to play with the kids. Some of our favorite things are watching her run across the fields looking like a cheetah and chasing Pongo all the while.



### 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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