



## 10 Vet-Reviewed Christmas Holiday Safety Tips for Dogs

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Oh, the holiday season! It's a time of joy and celebration, of feasting, family, and friends. It can also, however, present unique hazards for our furry friends. From tempting treats to festive decorations, here are some essential Christmas safety tips to keep your dog safe and happy during the holidays.

### 1. Be Mindful About Meal Planning

Avoid feeding your dog table scraps or rich holiday foods. High-fat and high-sodium recipes can upset their stomachs or pose serious health risks. Keep chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic, and other toxic foods out of reach, as they can be harmful or even deadly to dogs.

### 2. Make Sure You Secure Your Tree

Anchor your Christmas tree securely to prevent it from toppling over if your dog decides to investigate or play nearby. Consider using a pet gate or barrier to restrict access to the tree when you're not able to supervise.

### 3. Invest in Safe Decorations

Opt for pet-friendly decorations that are non-toxic and durable, such as shatterproof ornaments and unbreakable decorations. Avoid using tinsel, ribbon, and other small items that can be swallowed and cause digestive issues or blockages. Again, make sure your dog is always supervised when around the tree or the decorations.

### 4. Use Candles with Caution

Keep lit candles out of your dog's reach to prevent burns or accidental fires. Consider using flameless LED candles as a safer alternative for decorating.

### 5. Educate Yourself on Electrical Safety

Secure electrical cords and wires to prevent your dog from chewing on them, which can result in electric shocks or injuries. Use cord covers or conceal cords behind furniture to minimize the risk of chewing.

### 6. Watch the Wrapping

Dispose of wrapping paper, ribbons, and packaging materials promptly to prevent your dog from ingesting them. Keep gift wrap supplies stored safely away from curious noses and paws.

### 7. Create Peaceful Spaces for Your Pup

Provide a quiet and comfortable space for your dog to retreat to when holiday festivities become overwhelming. Consider using calming aids, such as music, pheromone diffusers, or anxiety vests to help your dog relax.

### 8. Monitor Your Guests During Parties and Celebrations

Educate your guests about your dog's needs and boundaries, especially if they're not familiar with dogs or have allergies. Supervise interactions between your dog and guests, especially children, to prevent accidents or misunderstandings.

### 9. Take Precautions with Travel

If traveling with your dog during the holidays, ensure they are properly restrained in the car with a secure harness or crate. Pack familiar items, such as their favorite toys, bedding, and plenty of treats and food, to help your sweet pooch feel comfortable and secure in unfamiliar surroundings.

### 10. Be Prepared for Emergencies

Keep the contact information for your veterinarian and an emergency veterinary clinic handy in case of accidents or sudden illness. The holidays are often a time when the unexpected can happen. Familiarize yourself with the signs of common holiday hazards, such as chocolate poisoning or hypothermia, and know what to do in an emergency.

### Conclusion

The holidays are a time of joy and connection, but they can also pose some hazards for your precious pets. By following these Christmas safety tips, you can enjoy the holiday season with more peace of mind, knowing that you're keeping your canine companion safe from harm. With a little planning and vigilance, you can create a festive atmosphere for both you and your dog to enjoy together.

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## *8 Key Winter Safety Tips for Dogs*

1. **Limit Outdoor Time:** If it's too cold for you, it's likely too cold for your dog. Monitor their time outside, especially for small, short-haired, or elderly dogs who may struggle with the cold.

2. **Protect Their Paws:** Snow and ice can cause irritation and injury to your dog's paws. Consider using booties to protect their feet from salt and chemicals. After walks, wipe their paws to remove any harmful substances.

3. **Watch for Frostbite and Hypothermia:** Be aware of the signs of frostbite (pale or grey skin, coldness) and hypothermia (shivering, lethargy). If you notice these symptoms, bring your dog indoors immediately.

4. **Provide Proper Clothing:** For short-haired or small breeds, consider getting a dog coat or sweater to help keep them warm during walks. Ensure it covers from the neck to the base of the tail.

5. **Keep Them Dry:** After walks in the snow or rain, dry your dog off to prevent them from getting chilled. Pay special attention to their ears, paws, and belly.

6. **Stay Hydrated:** Ensure your dog has access to fresh water, as they can become dehydrated in winter just as easily as in summer. Snow is not a substitute for water.

7. **Be Cautious of Antifreeze and De-icing Agents:** Antifreeze is highly toxic to dogs. Keep an eye on where your dog is walking and clean up any spills immediately. Wipe their paws after walks to remove any harmful residues.

8. **Gradual Acclimatization:** If your dog is not used to cold weather, gradually increase their outdoor time to help them acclimate.

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# *Recent Adoptees!*

## *No Adoptions 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.

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)



## Heartwarming Holiday Tales Celebrate Dalmatians and the Power of Responsible Pet Ownership

### The Queen of Spotland

story by  
Hannah T. Petryk  
Anna and Ian Burnett

illustrated by Vivian Mineker



"The Queen of Spotland" and Upcoming Sequel "Christmas in Spotland" by Hannah T. Petryk. Arrives just in time for the holidays.

Following the warm reception of her debut children's story *The Queen of Spotland*, which she co-authored with Anna and Ian Burnett, author Hannah T. Petryk is set to release the enchanting sequel, *Christmas in Spotland*, available December 5, 2025, on Amazon and Barnes & Noble—just in time to brighten the holiday season.

Inspired by her family's deep love for Dalmatians—two of whom share their home, including a rescue adopted last year—Petryk's stories blend imagination, warmth, and meaningful life lessons that delight readers young and old.

In *The Queen of Spotland*, which quickly became a bestseller earlier this year, Petryk and her young co-authors, the Burnett twins, introduced readers to a magical world where Dalmatians rule with wisdom, kindness, and a commitment to responsibility. This modern American fairy-tale gently teaches children what it means to care for and understand a pet, capturing the essence of loyalty, empathy, and respect that true dog ownership requires.

The upcoming sequel, *Christmas in Spotland*, expands that world with touching tales of lost pups, shelter dogs, and the hope of finding one's way home—a heartfelt reflection of the author's dedication to rescue and adoption. Readers will discover a rich, emotionally layered story that celebrates compassion, second chances, and the true spirit of Christmas.

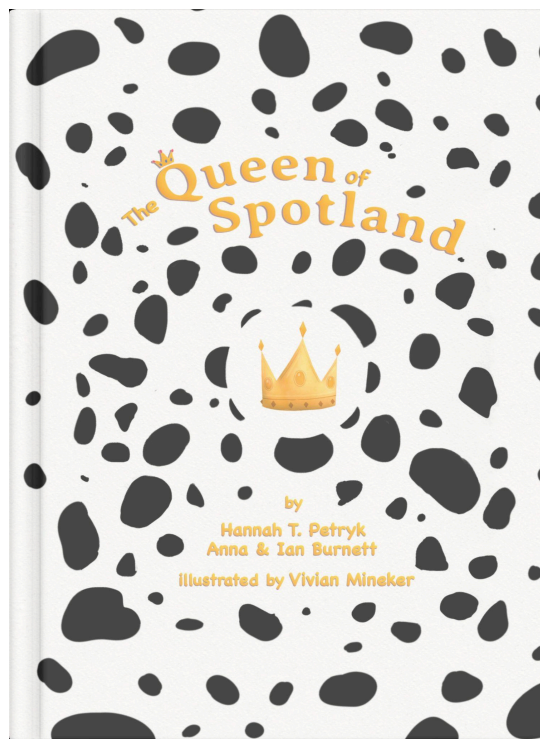
Each book in the *Spotland* series stands out for its quality writing, multi-dimensional themes, and beautiful, detailed illustrations that bring the spotted world to life. Together, they offer not only entertainment but also an important message about love, kindness, and the responsibility we share toward animals.

With *Christmas in Spotland*, Hannah T. Petryk continues her mission to inspire young readers and Dalmatian enthusiasts alike—reminding everyone that every pup deserves a loving home, and every act of care creates ripples of goodness in the world.

#### Availability:

*The Queen of Spotland* – available now on Amazon and Barnes & Noble

*Christmas in Spotland* – releasing December 5, 2025



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# *It's time to start thinking of Christmas!*

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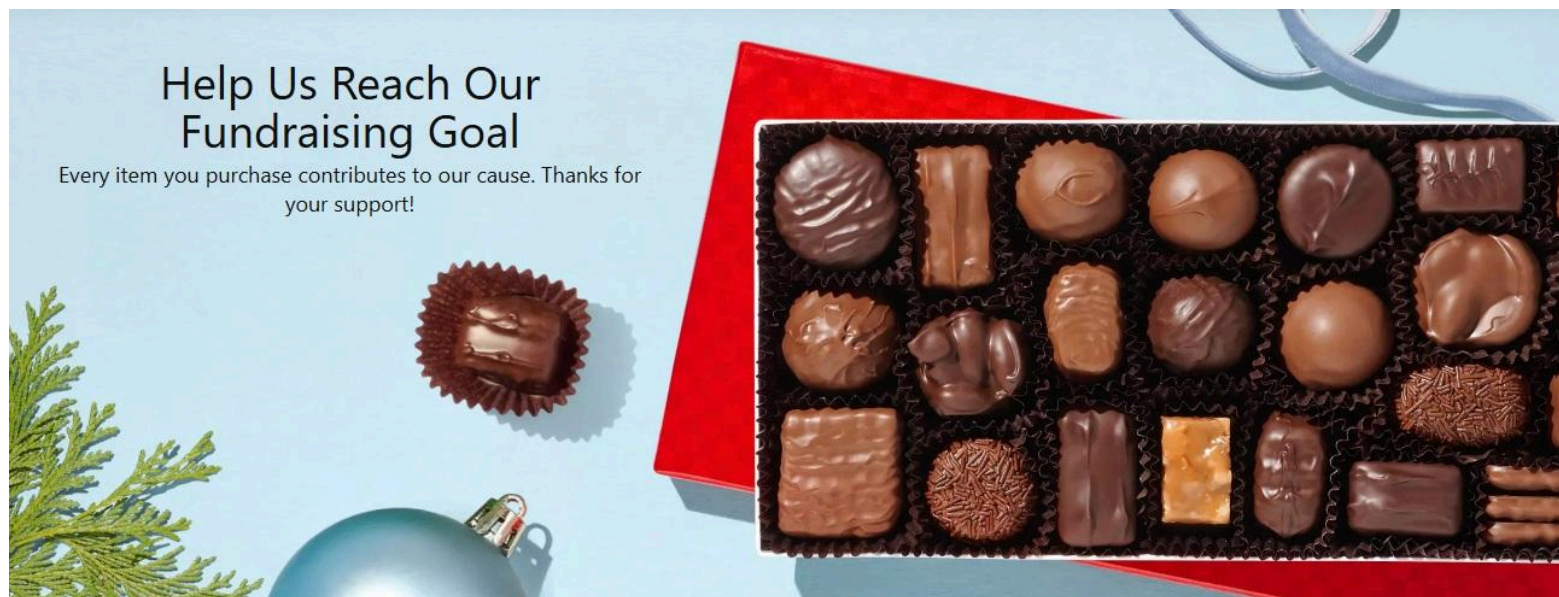
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Last day to place your order: December 14, 2025

**We're just over half way to our goal, help push us to the goal line!!!!!!!**

**AND See's Candy - Last day to place your order: December 14, 2025**

**We're just over a third of the way to our goal on this one... where's all the people with a sweet tooth??**



It's that time of year! Time to start thinking of See's Candy, gifts, and fundraising for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado! Please help us reach our goal by ordering candy between now and December 5, 2025! Every item purchased contributes to our cause. Candy is available to ship starting November 10, 2025. Thank you for supporting DRC. Order from the link below.

<https://www.yumraising.com/store/winter-2025-dalmatian-rescue-of-co-2025-9ec0/JamBoe2529>



NATIONAL MUTT DAY - July 31 and December 2

National Day Calendar •

## NATIONAL MUTT DAY - DECEMBER 2, 2025

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. Humans and canines 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 NATIONAL MUTT 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](http://www.nationalmuttday.com).

## Mutt FAQ

How many purebred dogs are found in shelters? Purebred numbers in shelters are significantly lower than mix-breed animals. A study by the National Animal Interest Alliance in 2015 found that only 5 percent of the dogs in shelters are purebred.

What are the most common purebred dogs found in shelters? The top two purebred dogs found in shelters are Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas.

Are there more mutts than purebreds in the United States? More than half of the dogs in the United States are mutts. Mars Veterinary conducted the first-ever National Mutt Census in 2010. The data collected revealed breed prominence, which purebreds were the most popular, and how owners care for their dogs. One notable result showed that 53 percent of the dogs in the United States are of mixed breed.





OPERATION SANTA PAWS | December 1-24th

National Day Calendar •

## OPERATION SANTA PAWS - DECEMBER 1 - 24, 2025

Operation Santa Paws encourages animal lovers to share the gift of giving at shelters everywhere from December 1st to December 24th. During this holiday season, let's show a little extra love to our furry friends whom we love with all our hearts. The campaign goal of Operation Santa Paws is to stock the shelters with much-needed supplies. Our four-legged friends need to feel loved during the holidays just like we do!

Our pets are significant to us. For many people, they're a member of the family. They are our best friends, our protectors; sometimes, they even serve as therapists to us. The campaign reminds us of the millions of pets in shelters in need of a loving home. Unfortunately, about 7.6 million companion animals (dogs, cats, and other domestic pets) enter shelters around the country yearly. Although many get adopted, the majority spend much of their lives in cages. December is a time to donate a new blanket, toy, or even some treats for a shelter animal to enjoy during the holidays.

## HOW TO OBSERVE OPERATION SANTA PAWS

Use #OperationSantaPaws to spread the word on social media! The more we raise awareness, the more people all over the nation will take a little time out of their day to donate. In your post, show others what you gave so they have an idea of what they can go shopping for. Without the support of kindhearted, generous people all over the United States, Operation Santa Paws wouldn't work. If you have donated or plan to this year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

## OPERATION SANTA PAWS HISTORY

Justin Rudd founded Operation Santa Paws in 2001 as part of the Haute Dog organization. The mission encourages animal lovers to donate treats and pet toys so animals in shelters can feel the love during the holidays just like the rest of us.

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## NATIONAL PET SUFFOCATION AWARENESS WEEK | Week After Thanksgiving

National Day Calendar •

## NATIONAL PET SUFFOCATION AWARENESS WEEK - WEEK AFTER THANKSGIVING

National Pet Suffocation Awareness Week reminds us of the risks food packaging poses to our pets. Each year during the week after Thanksgiving, take time to learn the preventative measures to keep your pets safe.

Most pet owners are unaware of the dangers food packaging poses for their pets. That's why this day is so important. Any type of plastic wrapping or bags poses a danger. Our pets are drawn to the smell and flavor of our food as well as the lure of their snacks and kibble. We all do it. During a commercial, we leave a bag of popcorn on the coffee table. We set the groceries on the counter. The garbage can is also an easy target while we take a shower.

Our pets by nature wait for their opportunity to pounce. And it's dangerous! Regardless of the size or breed of animal, they can suffocate in 3-5 minutes. The average commercial break is 4 minutes. Our average shower is 8 minutes long. Even the closed snack and cereal packaging left on countertops lure our pets while we are not at home.

9 Ways Pet Owners Can Protect Their Furry Companions:

1. Store packaged food in high cabinets or in pantries
2. Use a locking garbage can or store under the sink
3. Gates provide separation from food areas and pet areas during family gatherings
4. Store snacks and cereals in plastic containers
5. Eat snacks from bowls instead of from the bags
6. Cut bags along both sides to prevent an animal from being trapped in the bag
7. Become diligent about returning packaged foods to their storage areas
8. Learn pet CPR
9. While exercising our pets, watch for litter. This includes bags that may have blown into our yards as well.

The week is also an opportunity to share the stories of our pets - those we've lost due to suffocation and those who've been saved thanks to increased awareness. Our pets bring joy to our lives. They improve our health and are a part of our family.

## HOW TO OBSERVE #PetSuffocationAwarenessWeek

Take time this week to make your home pet safe. Share information with your pet-loving friends and family. Let your veterinarians know of these risks so they can share with their clients, too.

To learn more, visit [preventpetsuffocation.com](https://preventpetsuffocation.com) and use #PetSuffocationAwarenessWeek to share on social media.

## NATIONAL PET SUFFOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

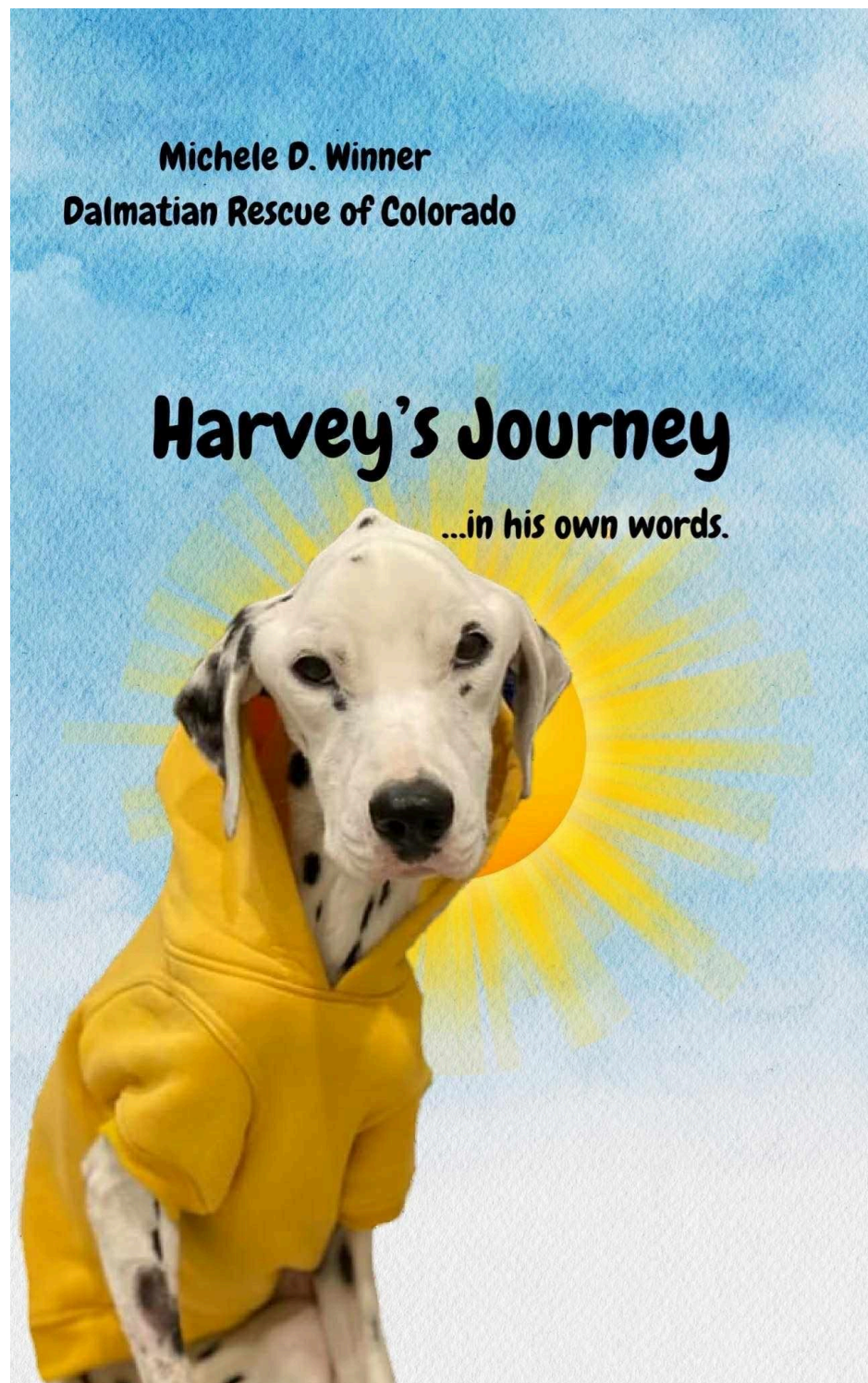
In 2015, Prevent Pet Suffocation and [Preventive Vet](https://www.preventivevet.com) founded National Pet Suffocation Awareness Week to bring awareness about this preventable issue for pets.



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.

**All proceeds go to DRC.**

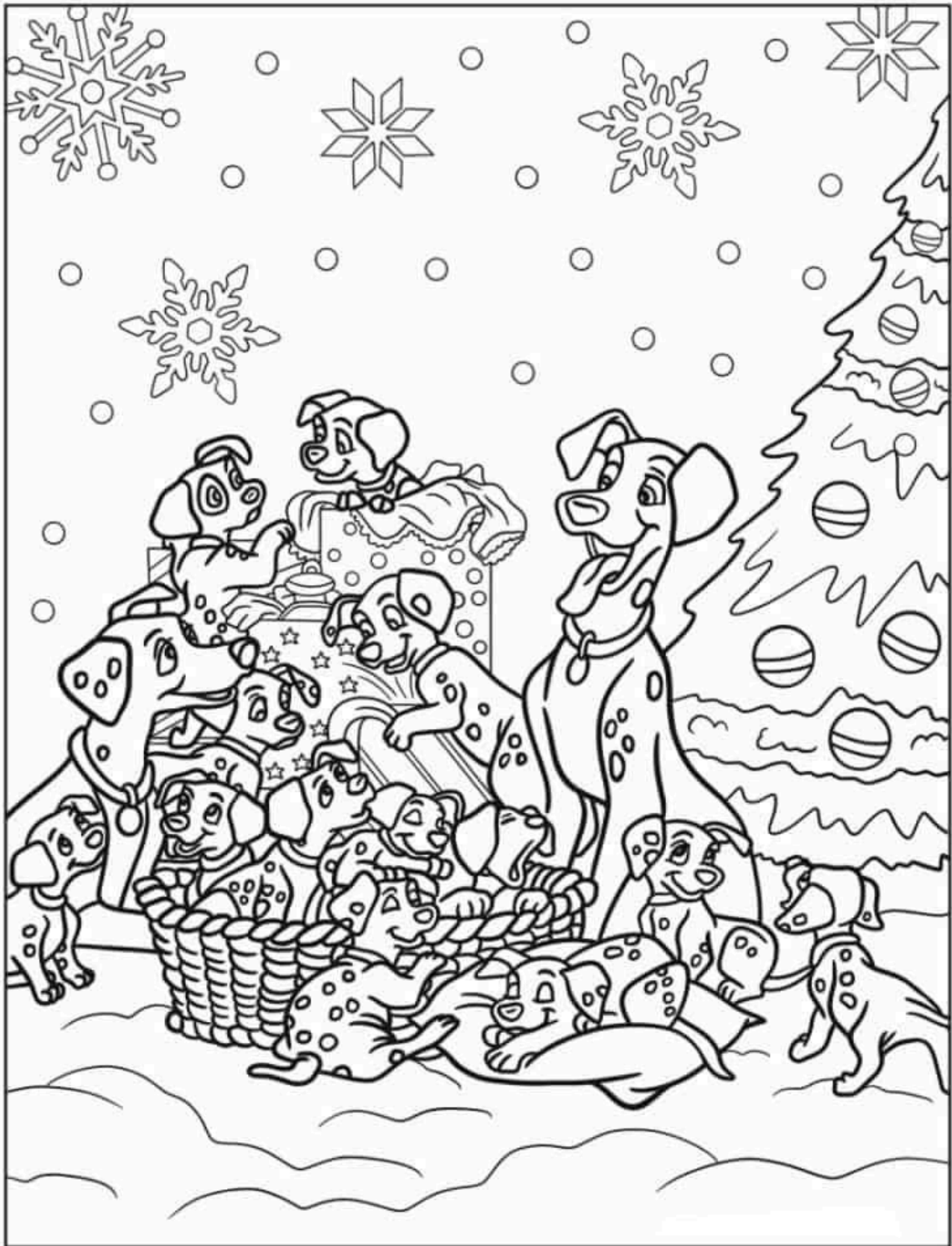


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**[Harvey's Journey ...in his own words: Winner, Michele D.: 9798332160677: Amazon.com: Books](#)**

# ***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 Sunflower Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

2 cups white flour  
¼ cup cornmeal  
¼ cup chopped sunflower seeds  
2 tbsp. Safflower oil  
¼ cup molasses  
2 eggs, mixed with ¼ cup milk

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, mix together dry ingredients and seeds.
2. In another bowl, mix oil, broth and egg mixture.
3. Add oil, molasses and milk mixture to the first bowl.
4. Knead in the food processor.
5. Roll out to ½" thickness, cut into shapes (using preferred cookie cutter or just round using a small glass).
6. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 30 minutes .
7. Allow to cool.

### NOTES:

The food processor makes kneading easier.

# 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://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.

\*Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card account to link to our organization. If you do not yet have a King Soopers or City Market loyalty card, they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our organization until after you have registered your loyalty card (the same card that you use to build fuel points). You must swipe your registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card or use the phone number that is related to the registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card when shopping for each purchase to count. This does not affect your fuel points!

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AND OTHER GREAT RESCUES.

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Our holiday collection is up. I honestly think it is the largest Dalmatian Christmas collection on the internet! Haha. 20% of everything sold will go towards our donation totals as always. In the coming weeks, we have Double Donation weekend, Buy a Treat, Send a Treat to a Rescue, 12 days of Christmas & we'll be rolling out our Santa Rescue buckets. (Where supporters can send 5lb buckets of treats directly to you at more than 50% off.) So be sure to check our website often!

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## Trainer Tips

# *“Helping a new dog adjust to a new home”*

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### Question:

We just brought home our new dog. What is the best way to help her adjust to her new home?

### The Trainer Answers:

You might be tempted to forego the household rules when your new dog is first settling in at your home. This is especially true if you know – or believe – your dog to have been through a rough time before coming to live with you. If you feel sorry for the way the dog might have been treated in the past, you might try to “make up for it” by letting the dog do whatever she wants when she first arrives – within reason, of course.

In most cases, this really is not the best thing to do. Just as we do, dogs like predictability, routine and structure. They adapt to new situations better the sooner they can figure out the rules and boundaries for their new living situation. By abandoning the normal rules, you will confuse your dog. For example, you might think your dog will be happier and feel more at home if she is allowed to sleep on the bed with you and snuggle on the couch. However, if your normal household rules are for your dogs to stay off from the furniture, you are not doing her any favors by allowing her on them now and then telling her she can't be on them later. If you have provided a comfortable dog bed, help her understand this is her space to rest from the start.

Your dog will settle in faster if you get her started on a daily routine right away. Nothing helps a dog adapt to their new home better than having a predictable routine. Many people bring home a new dog over a weekend or when they have a few days to spend with the dog before heading back to work all day. This is great, and I highly recommend it! However, this time should be spent preparing your dog for what your normal daily routine will be. If you spend 24 hours a day with her for the first two days and then suddenly disappear for nine hours the next day, it can be a very difficult transition for your dog. Take those first couple of days to acclimate your dog to her crate or other confinement space if she will have one. Begin helping her adapt to your being away for very brief periods before you disappear for several hours.

You might not have as predictable a schedule in your daily life. However, you can still help your dog adapt to a routine. Even if you don't wake up, depart the house, or stay away from home at the same time every day, you can still develop a routine for your dog. For example, you might take your dog for a walk when you first get up, feed her, then spend some quiet time working while she naps before you head out to work or run errands. Even if these things don't happen at the exact same time every day, there is some predictability in what does occur once you get up in the morning.

Some dogs adapt easily to changes in routine. Others you can set your clock by – much to the chagrin of those who would prefer to sleep in on the weekends! I used to be one of those, until my first Greyhound taught me to enjoy sunrise walks before most others were out of bed on the weekends. It was a valuable bonding time we shared that I would have missed out on had I insisted he adapt to my schedule and sleep in. Certainly there were mornings I would have preferred to stay in bed. However, now I look back on those walks as one of my favorite times.

While you might want your dog to adapt to your schedule, sometimes finding a compromise will ultimately work well for both of you. Establish your rules and boundaries from the start so your dog knows what to expect in her new home. However, remain flexible enough to consider changing – not bending temporarily, but actually changing – a rule that might not be that important after all.

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

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## *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

## Daphne



**1 Year Old, Black, Spayed Female**

**Reason Available: Stray**

**Foster Home: Spring Branch, TX**

Meet Daphne — The Tiny Tornado of Love!

Daphne is a 1-year-old Dalmatian who's an absolute doll — affectionate, sweet, and full of joy. She's a petite girl at just 36 lbs, but don't let her size fool you — this girl has big puppy energy!

Daphne adores other dogs and is the life of the party at doggie daycare. When playtime is over, she transforms into the sweetest snuggle bug who loves to be petted and cuddled.

Daphne's smart and observant. She's crate-trained, rides well in the car (working on exiting calmly), knows "no," "sit," and is learning "down." Leash manners are still a "work in progress."

Daphne hasn't been tested with kids, but she'd likely do well with respectful, older children who can match her enthusiasm and energy. And although she's fantastic with other dogs, she's probably not a good match for cats.

Like many young pups, Daphne can be mischievous and occasionally destructive if left to her own devices — she's been known to chew, dig, or "redecorate" the yard. Training and exercise, along with supervision and a crate or playpen when not supervised, will help her learn better habits.

Daphne is a young Dalmatian with a high energy level and needs exercise or play each day to be her happiest self. She will thrive in an active household that enjoys running, hiking, or going on adventures. A playful canine companion at home would be a huge bonus! Brain games will also help channel her energy. Daphne's future family should be committed to continuing her training to help her become her best self.

If you're ready for a fun, affectionate, high-energy — sometimes mischievous — sidekick who will make you laugh every single day, Daphne might just be your girl. Daphne is current on vaccinations and spayed. ADOPTION FEE \$400. For more information, contact Tena at [info@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:info@dalmatianrescueco.org).

## Buddy

**7 Years Old, Black, Neutered Male**

**Reason Available: Seized by Law Enforcement**

**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. 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! 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 love him as much as he would love them. He loves walks and hikes and travelling (he's been to many National Parks with his foster family). Given all that he's been through, you couldn't blame him if he was a little stand-offish, but since hanging out with his fosters, he has been an absolute delight and hasn't met a stranger that he didn't make into a friend immediately.



Buddy is located in Colorado Springs, CO, and his suggested adoption donation is \$250. Contact [jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org).

## *Happy Beginnings Stories*

*Unfortunately, we have no Happy Beginnings Stories to share with you all this month. If you haven't done so yet, now is the perfect time to submit your dog's Happy Beginnings Story. So why are you still reading instead of writing that story???*

**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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