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# The Importance Of Microchipping Your Pets And Updating Contact Info

#### What is Microchipping?

Microchipping involves implanting a small electronic chip, about the size of a grain of rice, under your pet's skin, typically between the shoulder blades. This chip contains a unique identification number linked to your contact information in a secure database. Unlike collars and tags, which can fall off or be removed, a microchip provides a permanent form of identification.

#### Why is Microchipping Important?

- 1. Permanent Identification: Microchips are a reliable form of identification that cannot be lost or removed. This is especially important for pets that may escape or get lost during stressful situations, such as moving or loud noises.
- 2. Increased Chances of Recovery: Studies have shown that microchipped pets are significantly more likely to be returned to their owners. For instance, microchipped cats are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their owners compared to those without microchips, while dogs are 2.5 times more likely to be returned.
- 3. Quick and Simple Process: The microchipping procedure is quick, safe, and similar to a routine vaccination. It causes minimal discomfort to your pet and can be done during a regular veterinary visit.
- Peace of Mind: Knowing that your pet has a permanent form of identification provides peace of mind for pet owners. It allows you to feel more secure when your pet is outside or in unfamiliar environments.
- 5. Legal Requirements: In some areas, microchipping is a legal requirement for pets, particularly dogs. This ensures that pets can be identified and returned to their owners if found.
- 6. Proof of Ownership: In cases of theft or disputes, a registered microchip can legally prove that your pet belongs to you.

#### **How Does Microchipping Work?**

- Insertion: A veterinarian inserts the microchip using a needle, which is no more uncomfortable than a standard vaccination.
- Registration: After implantation, it's essential to register the microchip with your contact information. Keeping this information up to date is crucial for effective identification.
- Scanning: If a lost pet is found, veterinary clinics or animal shelters will scan the pet for a microchip. If detected, they can access the database to contact the registered owner.

#### Conclusion

Microchipping is a simple yet effective way to enhance your pet's safety and increase the likelihood of a happy reunion if they ever go missing. It is an essential aspect of responsible pet ownership that provides both security for your pet and peace of mind for you as an owner. If your pet is not yet microchipped, consider scheduling an appointment with your veterinarian to take this important step in ensuring their safety.

#### Important Note

- Microchips are not GPS trackers. They don't show your pet's location in real time, but they do help shelters and vets contact you when your pet is found.
- Be sure to register the chip and keep your contact info up to date! Every dog adopted from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado is microchipped. If you don't know which company the chip is from, just ask us and we can tell you.

Why This Article? Recently Dalmatian Rescue spent about two hours one afternoon tracking down information for a lost dog in Texas because the owners had not updated their dog's microchip information when moving from Denver to Austin, TX. The dog got home, but what a waste of time that could have been saved if someone had only taken the five minutes to update their information.

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



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

# Pill Time Without the Drama: A Guide to Medicating Your Dog with Ease

Administering medication in pill form to dogs can sometimes feel like a covert operation—equal parts strategy, patience, and creativity. Whether you're treating a short-term ailment or managing a chronic condition, here's how to make pill time a stress-free routine for both you and your furry companion.

#### **Hide and Treat: The Art of Disguise**

- Meaty Camouflage: Tuck the pill inside a soft treat like peanut butter, cream cheese, or a commercial pill pocket.
- Frozen Snacks: Freeze the treat-pilled combo so the smell is less detectable.
- Mix with Meals: If approved by your vet, crushing the pill and mixing it with wet food can do the trick (note: some pills should NOT be crushed).

#### Hands-On Techniques: When Stealth Fails

- The Confident Hold: Gently hold your dog's snout, tilt their head upward, and place the pill at the back of their tongue. Close the mouth and massage the throat to encourage swallowing.
- The Follow-Up: Immediately offer praise, a treat, or playtime—anything to create a positive association.

#### **Know Your Dog's Tell**

Some dogs are masters at pretending they've swallowed the pill only to spit it out moments later. Watch closely, and if necessary, follow with a reward they'll want to chase, like a favorite toy or treat.

#### When to Call the Vet

- If your dog consistently refuses pills or becomes stressed
- If vomiting occurs after administration
- If you're unsure whether a pill can be crushed or hidden

#### **Pro Tip: Turn Pill Time Into Bonding Time**

Instead of seeing it as a chore, approach pill giving as a daily bonding ritual. The more relaxed you are, the more relaxed your dog will be—and that trust goes a long way.

## Keeping Fido and Fluffy Safe: Best Practices for Pet Medication Safety

I received this email from a reader:

"I would like to pass on a lesson I recently learned.

I planned to keep my son's senior dog with me for a week or so. Oliver is on an anti-inflammatory drug as well as fish oil and glucosamine. When my son dropped off his dog, he took Ollie's pills into my house and set them on the stairs. The pills were all in a baggie. I was busy working outside and didn't realize that he had taken the pills into the house. I brought my dogs outside to the fenced orchard to run around. When I sent them back into the house, I just opened the door and let them in without going in with them.

About 1-2 hours after my son left, I finally went inside. When I got upstairs, I noticed a couple of torn plastic bags and assumed the dogs got into the garbage. Then I noticed Tilly was crunching on something and saw pill fragments on the floor. I knew Ollie was on glucosamine and fish oil and quickly looked those up to see if I needed to worry. I'm sure the smell of the fish oil is what got Tilly's attention. I tried to call my son, but he was out of cell range. Then I found a remnant of another pill and remembered that Ollie also takes prescription medication. I called the vet's office to find out the name and dosage of Ollie's medication. I knew that it was related to Ibuprofen. It was a Sunday. I was on hold for a very long time, but the call was never answered beyond the announcement of "please hold".

I didn't know what the medication was or the strength. I didn't know how many were in the bag. I didn't know when she ate the pills or how many she ate. I know dogs can't take human ibuprofen and it can be toxic. I called the closest emergency vet 30 miles away. In the meanwhile, I had fed Tilly in hopes food would slow absorption of the medication. I was told to bring her in right away.

Dogs metabolize ibuprofen differently than humans. As little as one 200 mg ibuprofen pill can be toxic to a dog. 10mg/lb of carprofen (the dog variety of ibuprofen) is considered toxic. If Ollie's pills were 100 mg tablets and he would be with me for a week, Tilly might have ingested 600 mg or more which could easily be toxic for her weight. When I spoke to my son later, he confirmed that the pills were carprofen 100 mg/pill and he put 7 pills in the bag.

When we arrived at the emergency vet, they took her right in and gave her IV medication to induce vomiting. The vet said there were many pills in her vomit. She also said feeding her did slow the absorption. Because so many pills were still intact, I am led to believe she didn't find the bag of pills on the stairs until I sent her back in the house and she smelled the fish oil. That was about an hour before we arrived at the emergency vet clinic.

Of course my son felt horrible. We had no idea that something as mundane as ibuprofen could be so toxic to dogs. She actually ate quite a few of the fish oil capsules. The vet said their procedure room smelled pretty horrible from all the fish oil Tilly vomited. It could have gone so much worse. I didn't know the pills were in my house. Initially I thought the dogs got in the garbage when I saw a torn up ziplock bag. It was fortunate that Tilly was still chewing a pill and there were remnants of more pills on the floor including the carprofen. I might not have known she ingested a toxic dose of a medication in time to get it out of her system if I hadn't seen the pieces of the pills. I'm also very grateful to have a top notch emergency vet within 30 miles of where I live. Such an obvious thing to never put medications in a plastic bag. We always think of child-proofing but not necessarily dog proofing.

Karl, I'm no dummy about medication safety yet Tilly could have died from this ingestion. Maybe you could include a column about medication safety. So many dogs are on carprofen or another NSAID. I'm sure there are people who don't know the toxicity of a common drug like ibuprofen."

When it comes to caring for our four-legged family members, medication safety is just as vital as food, love, and a comfy bed. Whether it's a daily supplement or an emergency antibiotic, here's how to ensure your pet's medication routine is both effective and safe:

#### Store Smart

- Keep medications out of paw's reach and far from curious mouths.
- Use a cool, dry location and avoid places like bathrooms where humidity can affect drug potency.
- Store pet meds separately from human prescriptions to prevent mix-ups.

#### Administer Wisely

- Always follow your vet's instructions dosing errors can lead to serious consequences.
- Never substitute human medication for pets unless specifically directed by your veterinarian.
- If you miss a dose, consult your vet before doubling up.

#### Label Everything

- Make sure bottles are clearly labeled with your pet's name, the medication name, dosage, and expiration date.
- Keep a medication chart or calendar to track doses and schedule refills.

#### Know What to Do in Emergencies

- Save your vet's number and a local emergency animal hospital contact.
- Know the signs of adverse reactions: vomiting, seizures, lethargy, or sudden behavior changes.

#### Dispose Responsibly

• Don't toss expired meds in the trash or flush them — ask your vet or local pharmacy about safe disposal options.

An email from another long-time reader:

Hi Karl,

I first heard of Dalmatian Coffee Co from your newsletter. I have since become an ardent supporter. I thought you might be interested in this article about Oliver. I think the recognition Oliver received adds to the reputation of his company being a worthy cause.

**JoAnne** 

# From College Volunteer to Senate Commendation: Oliver Carson Honored for Helping Rescue Dogs





We are excited to share that our Founder and CEO, Oliver Carson, pictured left, has been officially recognized by the Ohio Senate for his entrepreneurial leadership and commitment to saving rescue dogs.

Last week, Ohio State Senator Casey Weinstein, pictured right, presented Oliver with a Senate Commendation, applauding the impact of Better Place Brands — the company he started while still a college student, volunteering at his local Humane Society. What began with one breed-specific coffee brand and a simple idea — help dogs with every purchase — has grown into a family of 30+ breed-specific shops, all working to support the rescue community.

Since launch, Oliver's vision has helped donate over \$70,000 to shelters and rescue organizations across the country. And through our company's fundraising efforts, we've helped raise twice that amount for rescues and shelters. Every bag of coffee or dog treats — every product we sell — fuels that mission.

Each brand donates twenty percent of profits to dog rescues that specialize in the breed featured on the label. We're proud of this recognition, and even prouder of the incredible community — you — that makes this work possible.

#### See All the Brands and Rescues We Support

Thank you for standing with us — one cup (and one rescue dog) at a time.

With gratitude,

The Dalmatian Coffee Company team

# Recent Adoptees!



Poppy (aka Hartley) Horse Cave, KY

## 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 <a href="www.dalmatianrescueco.org">www.dalmatianrescueco.org</a> 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!0, 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



#### **NATIONAL DOG DAY - AUGUST 26**

National Dog Day on August 26 encourages dog ownership of all breeds. While seeking a new companion, be sure to consider the mutts, mixes, purebreds, and everything in between.

Whether mixed or purebred, embrace the opportunity for all dogs to live a happy, safe, and abuse-free life. They all give us companionship. Additionally, they keep us safe, and they aid those in need. Dogs play. Well, they play many roles in our lives, too! They keep us healthy, both physically and mentally.

While many days aim to find loving homes for dogs, this day expands that consideration to look beyond the breed. Look into the heart of the animal. The purpose of the National Dog Day Foundation is to rescue 10,000 dogs each year. A dog is man's best friend.

#### **Breeds**

Purebreds are animals whose parents were both of the same breed. While the American Kennel Club (AKC) recognizes official breeds, not all dogs with parents from the same breed are considered official by the AKC. One benefit of purebred animals is that characteristics such as behavior and size are predictable.

With mixed breed animals, the genetics become uncertain, and some of the predictability is lost. However, when it comes to choosing a dog to add to your family or for training one to join a team, both purebred and mixed breeds may still fit the bill. Both types of dogs, young and old, find their way to shelters.

Many popular breeds fill shelters due to recent films or television shows. Families buy an animal imagining they will make the perfect pet but are unprepared for the training, care, and other responsibilities that come with canine care. Regardless of their genetics, all dogs require care and training. If there's a particular breed that has captured your heart, check the shelters. You might be surprised to find either a purebred or one that is a mix of the kind you're fond of.

When dogs find a forever home, their companionship creates lifelong benefits. They bring with them joy, loyalty, and devotion. Eventually, no matter the breed, these pets become family.

#### **HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL DOG DAY**

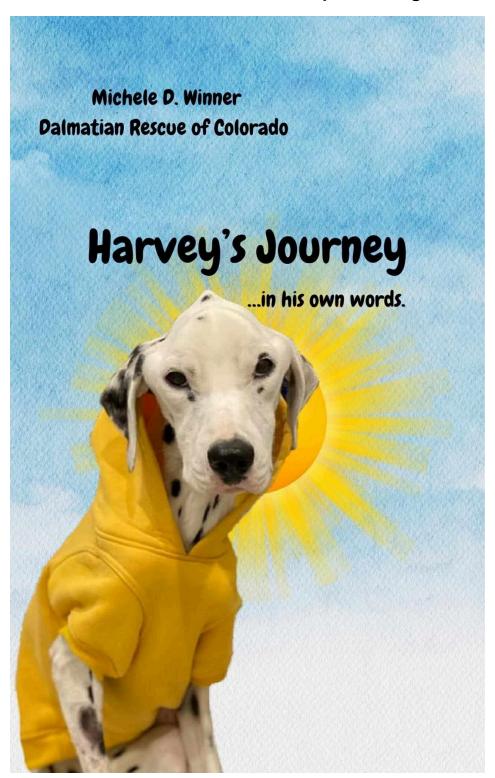
When considering adoption, adopt, don't shop. If you have your heart set on a purebred companion, consider visiting a website like <u>dalmatianrescueco.org</u> to find one at our rescue. Learn how organizations like these are changing the way we adopt. As you search for your new family member, get prepared. Keep in mind the needs of a small versus large dog. Until you find your forever companion, consider volunteering at your rescue or shelter or becoming a foster parent.

Use #NationalDogDay and post photos of your dog on social media. Take your dog for a walk. If you do not have a dog, ask to take your neighbor's dog for a stroll, or volunteer at a shelter or rescue..

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.

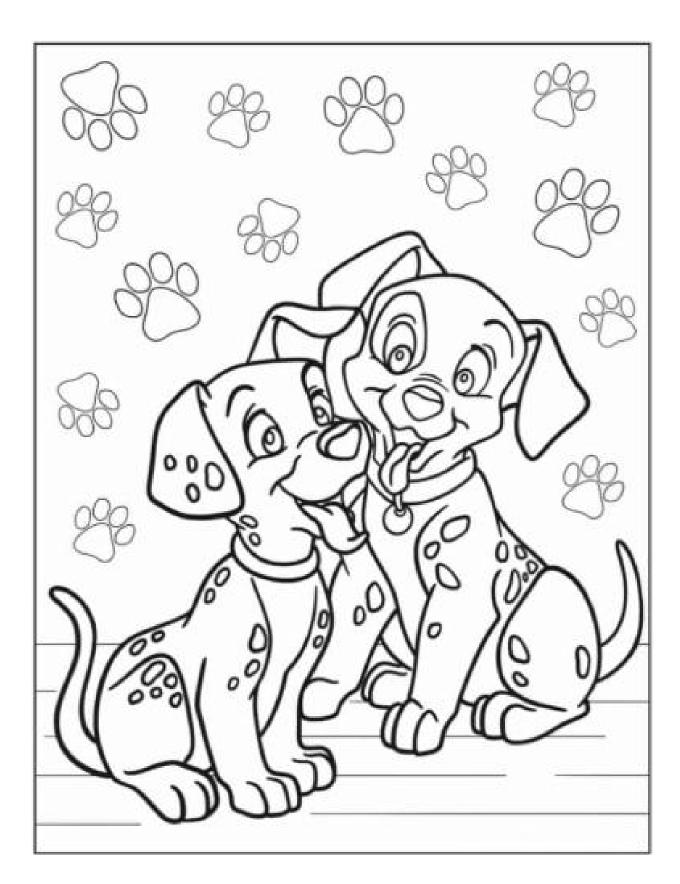


Available in either: Paperback: \$14.99 Or E-Book: \$9.99

Please click the link below to purchase this book and remember, 100% of book purchases benefit Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado!

Harvey's Journey ...in his own words: Winner, Michele D.: 9798332160677: Amazon.com: Books

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



# Easy Homemade Dog Ice Cream



This tasty Dog Ice Cream recipe is one your fur babies will want over and over again! 4-ingredient dog-friendly ice cream with a biscuit treat stick. So fun for your dogs who always love getting a special treat!

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 banana
½ cup organic peanut butter
32 ounces of plain Greek yogurt
Medium dog biscuits

#### Optional Ingredients:

Tailor the flavor of this easy recipe for dog ice cream by including any extra ingredients your puppy enjoys. Consider some of the following taste and flavor combinations:

Bacon or bacon bits Berries Pure pumpkin puree

Oats Honey Blueberries Watermelon Coconut milk

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Put banana, peanut butter, and Greek yogurt into a blender and blend for a minute until creamy and smooth.
- 2. Spoon the mixture into the ice cube trays, leaving a bit of space at the top of each.
- 3. Carefully place one dog biscuit standing vertically into each filled cube, shifting to maintain them centered.
- 4. Put the trays in the freezer and chill for 2 to 3 hours, or at least until the treats become firm.
- 5. After 30 minutes, see if there are any biscuits tilted and straighten them if necessary.
- 6. After it's thoroughly frozen, take out a treat and allow your dog to indulge in a scoop of cold, creamy goodness. Place the remainder in the freezer.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Freeze Time: 2 hours

Total Time: 2 hours 20 minutes Servings: 40 ice cream pops

Equipment: Blender Ice cube Trays

Spoon

#### **NOTES:**

If you don't have extra ice cube trays or freezer molds, place the blended ice cream into a freezer-safe container. Then, you can scoop and serve it into their dog bowl! Your pup will go crazy over getting a bowl of ice cream.

# 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

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

#### KING SOOPERS/CITY MARKET COMMUNITY REWARDS





For Colorado supporters (or anywhere King Soopers or City Market operates), Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado has also enrolled in the King Soopers and City Market Community Rewards Program.

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

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

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

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

\*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!



## Drink Coffee. Save Dalmatians.

Every abandoned dog deserves a second chance. At Dalmatian Coffee Co., we use the sale of our single origin and blended coffees to help them find new homes. Twenty percent of our profits benefit Dalmatian Rescue operations (including Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado), no-kill animal shelters, and dog foster care organizations.

You benefit from big, bold flavors — dogs benefit from your giant heart. We don't roast until you order, so your coffee arrives at the peak of freshness.

When you purchase our coffee, apparel, and other items, you'll be part of a small group of rescues listed on our home page that receives an even share of 20 percent of our profits, each quarter.

## **Dalmatiancoffeecompany.com**



# Trainer Tips "Do you know the signs of heatstroke in your dog?"

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Summer is the time of year when many people think of being more active. However, when it comes to our dogs, we need to be careful about not being too active in the summer heat. Walks, hikes, strenuous play, and other high energy activities are best done in the mornings and evenings when it's cooler. Dogs tend to gravitate toward the shade – or right in front of a fan or air conditioning vent – when it's hot. For good reason, since they don't cool down as easily as we do. If your dog is telling you that this mid-day hike in the hot sun is too much, listen to her!

According to Mercola Healthy Pets website, symptoms of heatstroke in your dog include:

- Heavy panting
- Excessive thirst
- Glazed eyes
- Vomiting and bloody diarrhea
- Bright or dark red tongue, gums
- Staggering
- Elevated body temperature (104°F and up)
- Weakness, collapse
- Increased pulse and heartbeat
- Seizures
- Excessive drooling
- Unconsciousness

When overheated, dogs can quickly suffer critical damage to her brain, heart, liver and nervous system. If your dog does begin to show signs of overheating, get her to a cooler location as quickly as possible. Air conditioning is best, but a fan or even a shady area with a breeze are better than remaining in the hot sun.

Use cool water – not ice cold! – to help cool your dog as well. While drinking water will help, don't pour water down your dog's throat if she can't swallow on her own.

Contact your veterinarian for further measures and to determine if a visit for follow-up care is recommended.

Always take precautions to prevent heatstroke whenever possible. But if you do see signs of overheating, be prepared to act quickly.

For additional training tips and information, you can read our blog at https://thelightofdog.com/read/ or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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

Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify about 1800 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!

Simply contact the editor, Karl Schill, at <a href="mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org">karl@dalmatianrescueco.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org">karl@dalmatianrescueco.org</a> 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.

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

## Chance 3



4 Years Old, Multi-colored and White, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Stray Foster Home: Greeley, CO

Chance is the happiest dog! He is a real lover, but has problems holding his licker. He is high energy and loves to play fetch, play with most other dogs and catch treats in the air. Chance is house trained, crate trained, contained by a 4' fence and is very smart, learning new commands easily. He has met cats, but is too rambunctious for them. He loves to cuddle with his people and gets along well with goats and horses.

Chance came to Colorado from Louisiana, where his allergies were severe and caused him to often scratch himself raw and be very uncomfortable. He has no food allergies, but is allergic to many weeds, grasses and trees. These allergies are controlled well with Apoquel once a day.

If you are looking for an active, fun dog, consider Chance and come meet him. Contact his foster mom, Barb Flores in Greeley at cwhbcinfo@gmail.com for more info. Suggested adoption donation is \$350. Complete an adoption application at the website: dalmatianrescueco.org.

## Mika

6 Years Old, Black, Spayed Female

Reason Available: Stray Foster Home: Live Oak, TX

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

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

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



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

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

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

# Happy Beginnings Stories

# We Have No Happy Beginnings Stories To Share This Month.



#### 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

NewSpots! is published and released on the first calendar day of the month. The deadline for submissions for future issues of NewSpots! is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Submissions received after the deadline may be delayed in publication until the following month, subject to the Editor's discretion.

Send submissions to the Editor at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org

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