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Those of us at Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado wish you all joy and prosperity throughout all of 2026!

9 Benefits of Pumpkin for Dogs and Cats

By Janis Row



What kind of fruit weighs between 1 and 1,000 pounds, has a centuries-long world history, and is more useful today than ever? The magnificent pumpkin, of course! Pumpkin is very popular in human recipes, but you probably haven't thought about giving it to your pets. This vibrant fall ingredient can be great for dogs and cats and has a number of health benefits.

This versatile food has been important to mankind for centuries. According to the University of Illinois Extension Program, it's a crop that's worth over 140 million dollars annually in the United States alone. They should know; Illinois produces 90 to 95% of the pumpkins grown in the US.

Pumpkins have significant health benefits for people and pets, so don't discount this amazing food as just a fall tradition. Canned or plain cooked pumpkin, as well as pumpkin seeds, are packed with vitamins and minerals that are essential to the health of our pets.

Health Benefits of Pumpkin for Pets

Combating Dehydration

Pumpkin flesh is around 90% water, so a little pumpkin topping on a meal can combat dehydration resulting from moisture-deficient processed dry dog and cat foods. An additional benefit is improved digestion from increasing the gastric "juices" essential to proper gastrointestinal health.

Helping with Constipation

Fiber from pumpkin works in pets the same way it does in humans and can actually treat some gastrointestinal issues. A tablespoon or two of pumpkin can resolve symptoms in a few days if the gut is just a bit "out of order." Some cats may experience decreased colon activity as they age, resulting in constipation. The added fiber from pumpkin increases the bulk of the stool and the colon muscles react by moving things along.

Reducing Hairballs

By increasing the volume of waste in the intestine, pumpkin can help your cat digest and eliminate fur swallowed during grooming. This can reduce or even prevent the formation of "hairballs" that are eventually regurgitated.

Resolving Diarrhea

Yes, it works both ways: Pumpkin can soothe constipation and diarrhea! It is particularly effective if the upset is the result of colitis caused by a rapid food change or the ingestion of a new food. All it takes is a teaspoon for small dog or cat and a tablespoon or two for a medium or large dog of canned pumpkin in the animal's food.

Boosting Weight Loss

With 3 grams of fiber per cup, pumpkin can augment weight loss in dogs and cats. The fiber fills the tummy so your pet feels "fuller" sooner, meaning your pet eats fewer calories overall.

Supplementing Nutrition

One of the biggest benefits of pumpkin to pets and humans is its wealth of nutrition. Pumpkins contain carbohydrates, potassium, vitamin C, Vitamin A (from beta-carotene), iron, folate, magnesium, zinc, selenium, niacin, vitamin E, manganese, copper, and protein. You do not want to overload your pet's system with these nutrients and trace minerals, however. This is not a case of a little bit being good and a lot being better.

Adding Antioxidants

Pumpkin contains antioxidants which help moisturize skin, helping your pet maintain a healthy and shiny coat.

Providing Essential Fatty Acids

In addition to antioxidants, pumpkin seeds contain essential fatty acids with similar benefits. Pets may consume the seeds raw (if they are fresh) or enjoy the roasted version, which store better. Lightly coat the seeds with cooking oil and roast in a 375-degree oven for 5 to 10 minutes for a daily treat your pet will love. Only offer a few seeds at a time to your pet (the fiber can cause a softening of the stool). Store the seeds in an airtight container or freeze them. Don't forget to roast some extras for yourself! If your pet is small, you can grind up the seeds to ensure they are easier to digest and don't get caught in the intestine.

Controlling Parasites

Pumpkin seeds contain cucurbitacin, a possible anthelmintic that eliminates tape and roundworms. Additionally, the seeds may inhibit the formation of kidney and bladder stones, and some studies have shown anti-inflammatory properties. The seeds may be ground up and added to food, but again, be conservative.

Safe Pumpkin Preparation

Don't grab that jack-o-lantern just yet though! Carved pumpkins are NOT something you want to feed your pets, because mold begins rapidly growing inside them once the skin is broken.

The best pet-safe sources are fresh or canned pumpkin cooked with no additional spices added. Do not get canned pumpkin designed for use in pie, as this frequently contains spices and other ingredients. Opt for pure, plain pumpkin. Plan on freezing cooked pumpkin and fresh seeds; they last about a week when refrigerated. Some pet shops will carry pumpkin specially prepared for pets with sweet potato or other fruits and vegetables added for flavor and nutritional benefits.

For treat recipes that contain pumpkin for dogs, go to:

- [Pumpkin Cookie Dog Treat Recipe](#)
- [Healthy Treats – Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits & Pumpkin Dog Treats](#)
- [Best Halloween Dog Treat Recipes](#)

If you need specific recommendations for pumpkin for your pet, please discuss it with your veterinarian. I hope this article gave you some great tips on how to enjoy pumpkin with your pets.

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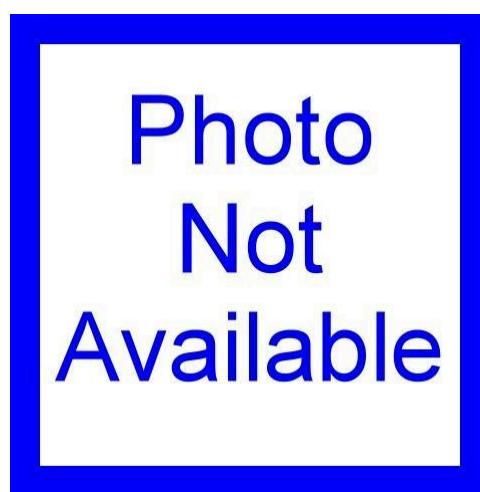
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We know that not everyone is in a position to adopt or foster a homeless dog. You can still help us with a donation of any size, at any time. You might even want to consider a monthly donation. You can donate by clicking the link below to give via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

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

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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:

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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.

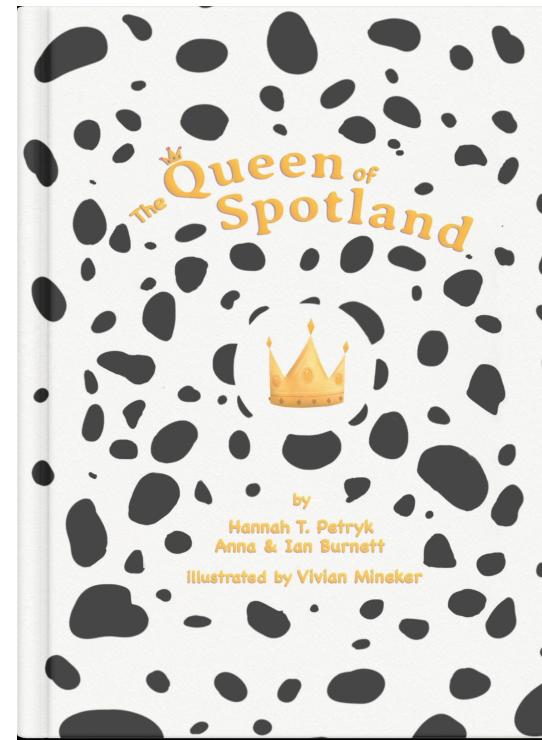
The upcoming sequel, *Christmas in Spotland*, expands that world with touching tales of lost pups, shelter dogs, and the hope of finding one's way home—a heartfelt reflection of the author's dedication to rescue and adoption. Readers will discover a rich, emotionally layered story that celebrates compassion, 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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Walking Your Dog in the Winter: 6 Tips

By Jackie Brown. Reviewed by Rhiannon Koehler, DVM



Small dogs, senior dogs, dogs with short or thin coats, and those with low body fat will likely appreciate a coat or sweater, even in 40-degree temperatures.

The duration of your walk is a key consideration. According to emergency veterinarian Holly Dutton, DVM, it's more about adjusting the length and intensity of the walk rather than skipping it completely. She says that most healthy dogs can safely walk for short periods of time in temperatures down to around 20 degrees Fahrenheit (-6 degrees Celsius), especially if they're active and have a thicker coat.

"Below that, risk increases—especially for small, short-haired, very young, very old, or sick dogs," says Dr. Dutton, who is medical director at VEG ER for Pets in North Tampa, Florida. "Wind chill and dampness make it feel colder, so those factors matter, too."

When it's below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, keep walks short, stick close to home, and dress your dog in a coat or sweater. "Below 0 degrees, consider just potty breaks and indoor play instead," Dr. Dutton says.

Most dogs can stick to their walking routines in winter with a few adjustments. To keep winter walks with your dog safe and enjoyable, consider these cold weather dog walking tips:

Bundle up your pup

Your walk will be more comfortable—and enjoyable—if your dog stays warm. A dog coat or sweater is important for small dogs, senior dogs, puppies, dogs with short, thin coats, and dogs with low body fat. Examples of dog breeds that need coats or sweaters include Chihuahuas, Toy Poodles, Maltese, Yorkshire Terriers, Italian Greyhounds, Papillons, Dachshunds, Whippets, Miniature Pinschers, French Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, Doberman Pinschers, Dalmatians, Greyhounds, Boxers, Great Danes, Weimaraners, Vizslas, and Pit Bulls.

On the flip side, some breeds were made for cold weather and might find dog coats or sweaters too hot, even in the cold and snow. Most Northern breeds and many working breeds with thick double coats are happy as clams in cold temperatures.

Examples include Siberian Huskies, Malamutes, Samoyeds, Keeshonds, Newfoundlands, Saint Bernards, Bernese Mountain Dogs, and Great Pyrenees.

Protect your dog's paws

Paw protection is always helpful, especially if you walk in snow, if salt or ice melt is on the ground (it can burn paw pads), or if your dog's paws tend to crack or bleed in winter. Although Dr. Dutton says dog booties are the best protection, paw balms can also help by creating a barrier against salt and moisture. Always wipe your dog's paws after walks to remove salt or ice melt chemicals, then dry them thoroughly. You should not let your dog lick ice melt or salts off their paws.

As fall shifts toward winter and daily walks with your dog grow darker and colder by the day, you might find yourself skipping dog walks altogether. If so, you're not alone. According to a 2021 study published in the journal *Animals*, pet parents are 48 percent less likely to exercise their dogs in cold weather, and 64 percent less likely to take them out when it's icy

When seasons shift, so do our routines, but daily walks provide both exercise and mental stimulation, something all dogs (and people!) need to thrive. It's safe and beneficial to stick to those winter walks as long as you follow some winter walking guidelines and pay close attention to your dog during walks in cold weather.

How Cold Is Too Cold to Walk a Dog?

If you'll be out for longer periods of time (walks of an hour or more), most dogs are comfortable in temperatures in the 40s, unless they are very old, very young, or have a health condition.



If your dog has long fur on their paws between their toes, snow or ice balls can sometimes accumulate, making it uncomfortable or even painful to walk. You can ask your groomer to do a paw trim, but make sure the hair is not trimmed too short. Having some hair between the toes protects your dog's paws and provides natural insulation. Trim hair just enough so it's flush with the paw pads.



Take shorter, more frequent walks

The longer you stay outside, the colder you both will get, which can make walks miserable rather than enjoyable. Instead of heading out for an hour-long walk and stumbling back inside with numb feet and hands, try breaking it up into two 30-minute walks spaced an hour or two apart. When temperatures are colder or if it's snowing, try three 15- or 20-minute walks.

Walk during the warmest hours

Avoid long walks before 10 a.m. and after sunset, when temperatures are the coldest and the ground is covered in frost or ice. If possible, plan on walking your dog during the warmest part of the day—usually between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. This is not only the warmest and most comfortable time to walk, but the ground is typically less icy and there's

more light, making you both more visible to cars, bikes, and other traffic.

Don't let your dog eat dirty snow

Lots of dogs love to chomp on snow during winter walks. It's safe for your dog to consume small amounts of fresh, clean snow, but don't let them eat dirty-looking snow, which can be contaminated with salt, ice melt chemicals, or other toxins. Even with clean snow, eating too much can cause some problems, including an upset stomach or a dangerous drop in body temperature, so do your best to limit your dog's snowy snacks.

Watch for signs that your dog is too cold

Dogs can't tell us when they're feeling too cold. Watch them closely so you can head inside to warm up if they start getting chilled. Dr. Dutton shares these warning signs your dog is getting too cold:

- Shivering or trembling
- Lifting their paws off the ground or refusing to walk
- Whining, slowing down, or looking anxious or worried
- Standing with a hunched posture, possibly with a tucked tail
- Seeking warmth by huddling close to your legs

Dog Walking Safety Winter: Other Advice

Walking dogs in the winter might require more thought and effort, but it's possible to keep up your dog's exercise routine even when temperatures drop. Walking dogs in cold weather, snow, and ice is not without its risks. Dr. Dutton points out these winter dog walking safety concerns:

- [Frostbite](#) and [hypothermia](#) in extreme cold
- Paw injuries from ice or salt
- Slips and falls on ice (for both you and your dog)
- Toxicity from licking paws after contact with [antifreeze](#) or de-icing chemicals
- Getting lost in a snowstorm or whiteout if your dog is off leash



Both you and your dog can enjoy safe walks during the cold months by keeping our winter dog walking safety tips in mind and using common sense. If it feels too cold for you, it's likely too cold for your dog. You can also ask your vet for advice if you're unsure about what is appropriate for your individual dog. Remember, never leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time—especially alone.

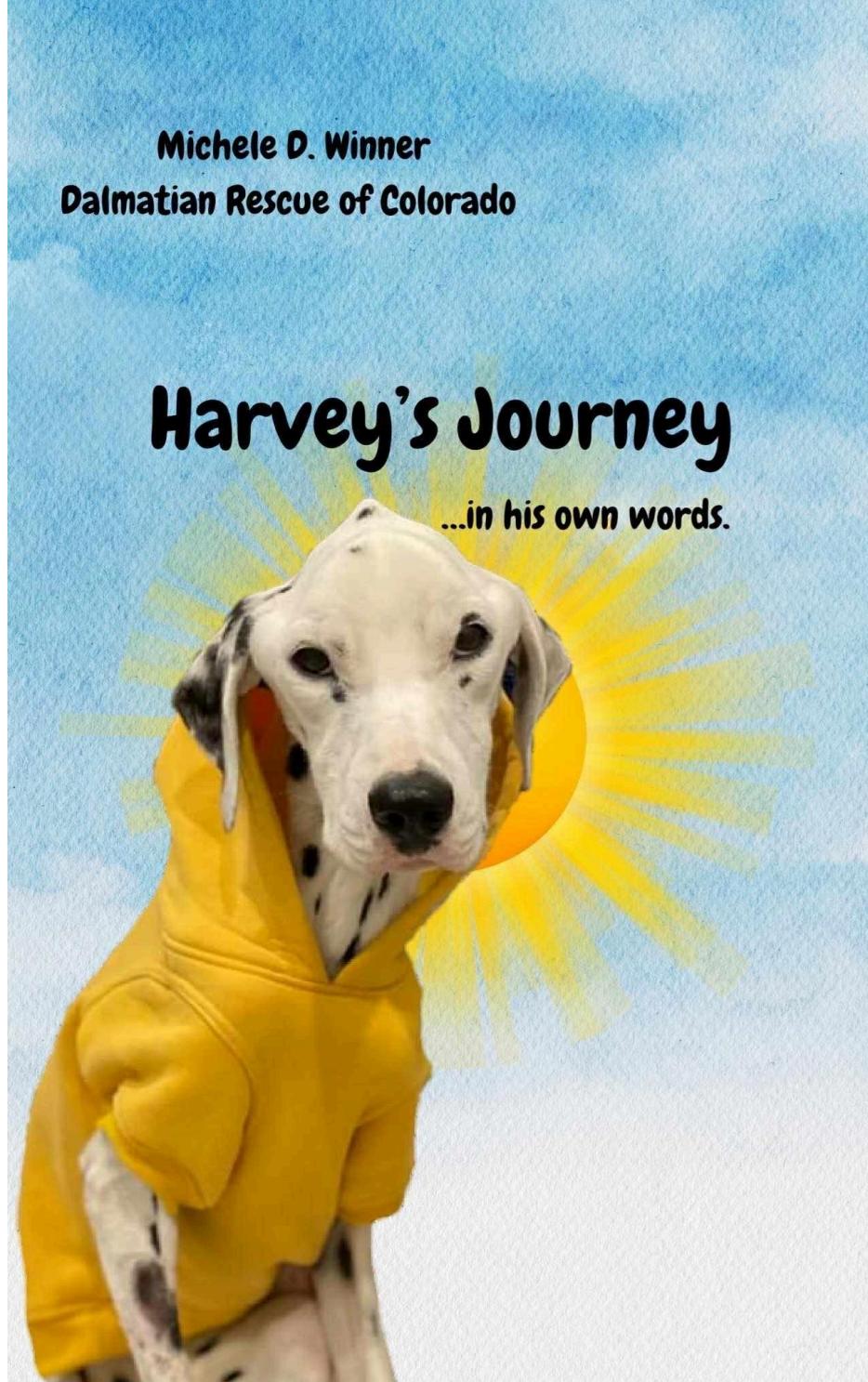
On days where it's too cold, snowy, or icy to go out, stick to quick potty breaks in the yard and get creative with some [indoor opportunities for dog exercise](#) and mental stimulation. You can roll a ball down the stairs for your dog to race down and retrieve, play a game of fetch or chase in a long hallway, create a mini agility course in your living room, or break out some [puzzle toys for your dog](#) to figure out. You could also consider indoor doggy daycare or trips to pet stores to get your dog some activity outside of the home.

Simply training your dog a new skill tires their brain out so much, it's almost like going for a run! Pick something fun like speak, roll over, or high five, and have a blast with your pup while staying warm inside.

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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.

From the kitchen of Maggie and Sally **Cheesy Carrot Muffins**

INGREDIENTS	INSTRUCTIONS
<i>1 cup white flour</i> <i>1 cup whole wheat flour</i> <i>1 tbsp baking powder</i> <i>1 cup grated cheddar cheese</i> <i>1 cup grated carrot</i> <i>2 large eggs</i> <i>1 cup milk</i> <i>1/4 cup vegetable oil</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Combine flours and baking powder; mix well.2. Add cheese and carrots.3. Beat eggs and whisk milk and oil into eggs.4. Pour this mixture into the flour mixture and stir gently just to combine.5. Fill muffin papers $\frac{3}{4}$ full.6. Bake for 20-25 minutes at 350°.7. Allow to cool.
NOTES: Food processor not required.	

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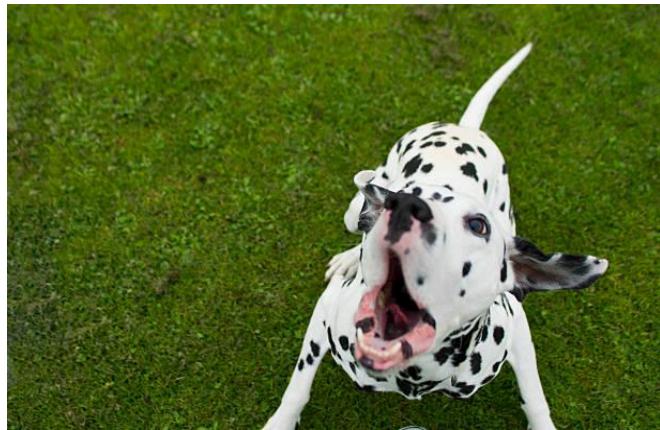




Trainer Tips

“Excessive Barking Driving You Bananas?”

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What is one behavior of dogs that can drive you crazy? If you said “barking” you are not alone! Barking is one of the issues that can drive just about anyone bananas. Even the most patient among us can struggle with maintaining our cool if a dog is barking excessively.

Dogs do bark. That is a fact of life. If you want NO barking at all, well, you probably should not have a dog. A cat might be a better option for you! Some amount of barking is normal and to be expected. But the EXCESSIVE barking is where it can become a problem.

Barking at things – the delivery person, the visitor in your house, the deer passing through, the squirrels in the trees – is pretty common. Barking in short spurts at something is normal. Some will bark when they play or are excited. Some will bark when they are afraid or stressed. Some will bark when they want attention. Or want you to throw the ball. Or can't reach the ball that rolled under the couch. Some bark when they are excited or happy. Some express their feelings through their barking. There are lots of reasons for barking.

But when does it become excessive barking? That can be tough to clarify since everyone might have their own opinion about it. It becomes excessive when the barking goes on for longer than is reasonable for normal communication. A few seconds? Fine. A few minutes? Yes, that is pretty normal dog behavior in some situations. Several minutes? That starts getting into possible excessive territory. An hour? Several hours? Yes, now it is definitely getting excessive!

Again, some of this is open to interpretation. A few minutes might be ok for you, but it irritates your neighbors or someone else in your household. It always gets trickier when someone else is complaining, especially if they are calling the authorities in your area and reporting you for it. Might be someone else in your apartment building or the neighbor who lives right next door. Or maybe you have a baby trying to take a nap and the barking is preventing the baby from sleeping. Or it might be ok during the day when your dog is outside, but not in the middle of the night.

You can see that “excessive” can have different interpretations depending on the situation. The point is that there is a situation (or several) where your dog is barking more than is acceptable to someone – whether it is you or someone else being impacted by the barking.

Now, what do we DO about the excessive barking? Well, if the dog would just be QUIET when you say so, that would be great! But it usually does not work quite that easily. Sometimes, sure. But often, it takes a bit more work to reach our goal of a lot less barking. The goal in most cases will be to reduce the barking, not eliminate it entirely. What we need to do is figure out what we WANT the dog to do in this situation. Just asking the dog to be QUIET will often not be enough. Any time we want to reduce an unwanted behavior, we need to give the dog an ALTERNATIVE behavior to take its place.

The goal with an alternative behavior is to teach the dog an INCOMPATIBLE alternative behavior. As best we can, we want to ask the dog to do something that replaces the current unwanted behavior with a behavior that does not allow the dog to bark.

Now, incompatible behaviors to barking are tricky. There are a lot of things I could ask my dog to do that still allow him to bark. Sit? Yep, he can still bark. Down? Yep, he can still bark. Go to your Place? Yep, he can still bark.

So what are some alternative behaviors we can use? Some will make it HARDER to bark but not impossible. That's ok, we just need to establish the expectation that the dog does NOT bark WHILE doing this other behavior.

Some good alternatives include behaviors that give the dog something to do with his mouth. Go get a toy. If you have something in your mouth, it's harder to bark. Touch (nose to hand, keep your mouth closed). It is harder to bark with your mouth closed.

Other behaviors might make your dog less inclined to bark. For example, most dogs prefer to be standing up when they bark. Down or a Down/Stay might still allow the dog to bark, but the Down position is less ideal for barking. I might ask for a Place/On Your Mat cue. My On Your Mat cue implies that you are QUIET when you are on your mat. (We practice it that way often, and set the standard when the dogs are less likely to bark at first.)

It takes some work, but with some consistent practice and some clear consistent expectations, we can build in that alternative behavior for those situations that drive us bananas right now.

All that being said, we do also have to look at WHY the dog is barking. For example, if the dog is barking because they are fearful of something, then we need to address the FEAR. The barking in this case is just a symptom of how the dog is feeling. Until I address the underlying issue, in some cases, the barking might be reduced but the fear is not. I need to understand what motivates my dog to bark in order to make sure I am addressing the real problem or the underlying issue.

In some of these cases, addressing the barking with an alternative behavior will not be enough if I am not addressing a fear or stress issue.

If you are not sure, or are not having success with your attempts, then it might be time to hire a professional Behavior Consultant to help you!

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Pet Safe Ice Melt

Since winter is upon us, and the snow will soon be falling (we hope), it's time to think about how to get rid of it and the ice that inevitably comes with the colder temperatures and snow. Below are some of the various products that are safe for pets (and people, too!).



Pet Safe Ice Melt - 40 Lb Pail - ULINE

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I have personally used PawThaw and Safe Paw and both worked just fine without the need for extra work in melting the ice. But these are just a few of the products on the market that a quick internet search will turn up. As with any product purchased with your pet(s) in mind - make sure you do your own research and choose the product that will work best for your unique situation and needs.

(FYI - The links above are not active. These are results of the internet search for "pet safe ice melt".)

Karl Schill

Editor

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

Reader Recommendations and Tips

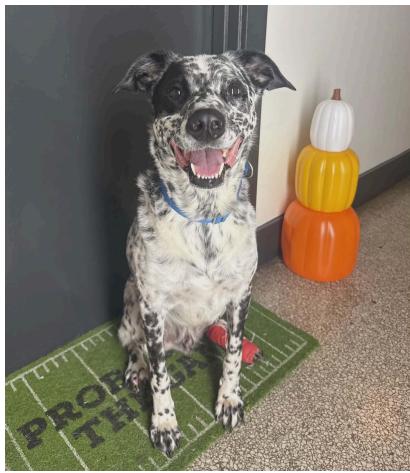
This is where we share recommendations and tips from and for our readers. Our newsletter is read by as many as 1800 people each month. That number constantly increases as we have more adopters and adopters recommend it to their friends and family as well. So, go ahead... share your tips and recommendations.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

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

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

In The “Spot”Light... Our Featured Dalmatians

Daphne



4 Years Old, Black, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Stray

Foster Home: Dallas, TX

LOCATED IN DALLAS, TX.

Many of you will remember Pablo, who came to us with devastating degloving injuries on his rear legs, believed to be from being dragged by a car. Today, we are thrilled to share that Pablo is almost completely healed and ready for his forever home.

Pablo is a 4-year-old “Dalmatian wannabe” with sweet spots, soulful eyes, and the kindest heart. He adores other dogs, gets along great with his foster brother, and has a calm, gentle nature with both dogs and kids. He has not been tested with cats. Pablo is potty trained, crate-trained, knows sit, lay down, and shake. He loves his chew toys, car rides, walks, and trips to the dog park. Pablo is also a professional cuddler and will happily “talk” to you when he needs to go outside or wants to play—though most of his time is spent lounging peacefully or chewing contentedly.

Pablo does prefer to eat separately from other dogs, screams dramatically at the vacuum, demands belly rubs, and has dangerously cute puppy eyes that make saying no nearly impossible.

He has shown incredible strength and resilience, and now that he is fully vetted, neutered, heartworm negative, and healthy, he’s ready to find the loving forever family he so deeply deserves. Pablo is truly a survivor with the gentlest soul.

For more info, contact us at info@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption fee \$400.

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 tjp@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

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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Send submissions to the Editor at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org.

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