

# *Breaking News: Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado Announces The Impossible - Every Dog Has Been Adopted!*

April 1, 2026 — Colorado Springs, CO

In a stunning development that experts are already calling “statistically improbable” and “borderline magical,” Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado announced today that every single dog in its care has been adopted. Yes — all of them. Every spot, every wag, every goofy grin.

According to the rescue’s volunteer coordinator, the phenomenon began early this morning when a family arrived to adopt one Dalmatian and inexplicably left with three. Within hours, a chain reaction swept across the country as adopters reported feeling an “overwhelming and inexplicable urge” to bring home a spotted companion.

By noon, the rescue’s website displayed a message never before seen in its history: **“Adoptable Dogs: 0.”**

Witnesses say foster families were reportedly wandering around their empty houses and yards in a daze, clutching empty leashes and asking, “Is this... even... allowed?”

## **A Community United by Spots**

Local residents described the event as “heartwarming,” “miraculous,” and in one case, “a sign that the universe finally got one right.” Reports indicate that several adopters returned to the rescue moments after leaving, worried they had forgotten to take just one more dog home.

One adopter, still covered in Dalmatian kisses, said, “I came for a jogging buddy. I left with a jogging team.”

## **The Aftermath**

With the foster homes empty, foster families have been forced to find new ways to spend their time. Some have taken up knitting. Others have begun offering “spot-checking services” to ensure the dogs’ new families are properly doting on their new companions. Rumors suggest the rescue is considering temporarily rebranding as Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado: The Vacation Edition, at least until the next wave of spotted charmers arrives.

## **Exclusive Interview: A Newly Adopted Pup Speaks Out**

In an unprecedented journalistic coup, our reporter managed to snag a brief interview with Pongo, one of the freshly adopted Dalmatians now settling into his new home. When asked how he felt about the whirlwind day, Pongo offered a thoughtful pause before responding: “Well, I didn’t plan on being adopted today,” he said, adjusting his new collar with dignified flair. “But when a human shows up carrying treats and calling you ‘handsome,’ you don’t overthink it. You just go with the vibe.” Pongo went on to describe his new family as “adequately trained,” noting that they’ve already mastered the basics of belly rub distribution and snack-dispensing etiquette. When asked about his future plans, he replied: “I’m considering a career in couch domination. Maybe dabbling in counter-surfing. It’s important to stay ambitious.” He ended the interview with a wag and a wink, adding: “Tell the other pups I made it out. And that the squirrels here look slow.”

## **A Final Note**

In a statement released this afternoon, the rescue reminded the public: “While we are thrilled beyond words, we encourage everyone to check today’s date before panicking about the sudden disappearance of adoptable Dalmatians.”

# *Plan Now to Protect Your Dog in a Natural Disaster*

As a hurricane approaches land, residents are advised to evacuate. Many people, however, do not heed the warning—not because they want to risk their lives and be “thrill seekers,” but because they are worried about their dogs. Most communities aren’t prepared to handle the evacuation of pets, and emergency shelters often won’t accept dogs unless they assist the disabled. If people can’t take their pets with them, they either have to risk their own lives by remaining with them during the disaster, or leave them behind. And hurricanes, floods, wildfires, tornados, and other natural disasters, can leave animals stranded, lost, injured, and in shock. The best thing you can do is plan ahead. These suggestions can help you keep your pet out of harm’s way or make sure you are reunited with your pet should you become separated.

## **Before Disaster Strikes**

- Keep your dog properly fitted with a collar and current ID and rabies tag at all times. Local phone lines are often out of service during a disaster, so consider adding a tag with an out-of-area phone number. Tag all carriers and cages, too.
- Purchase a leash and a portable pet carrier for each pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand up and turn around comfortably.
- In case you and your pet are separated during a disaster, make sure you have proof of ownership, such as a health certificate and photos of your pet.
- List friends and relatives who could care for your pet for an extended period of time if you lose your home.
- Create a list of boarding facilities within a 100-mile radius of your home. Identify nearby hotels that accept dogs.
- Ask your local animal shelter if they have an evacuation plan for animals, and if they would be able to care for your specific type of pet (guinea pigs, birds, reptiles, etc.) during an emergency.
- Keep your dog’s vaccinations up-to-date and a copy of their health certificate on hand in case you have to board your pet or leave the state.
- Create a list of neighbors or organizations within a 100-mile radius of your home that would be willing to board your livestock if you need to evacuate. Make sure you have access to horse and livestock trailers to transport your dogs.
- Have an evacuation plan in place involving family members and neighbors to help animals in barns and outlying buildings.
- Have a supply of feed at a separate location that could be dropped by air if the animals become stranded.
- Make up a kit with leads, halters, equine and bovine first aid kits, and quieting hoods for easy transport.

## **Threat of a Disaster**

- Purchase a week’s worth of emergency supplies – food, bottled water, cat litter, bedding materials, or medication your pet takes.
- Difficult or dangerous animals, such as snakes or reptiles, should be kept in special cages to reduce the possibility of them getting loose. Keep a hot water bottle or some type of non-electrical heating element ready to keep reptiles warm.
- If you are not asked to evacuate, survey your home for the best location to place your pets during an emergency. Keep them away from windows. Basements are often not good locations in areas where flooding can occur.
- If you have to evacuate, take your pet with you. If the area is unsafe for you to remain, then it is unsafe for your pet as well.

## **After a Disaster**

- If you are looking for your animal after a disaster, contact the local shelter or AH to see what emergency procedures are in effect.
  - If your pet was left behind, let your local shelter or AH know so that rescue arrangements can be made. Be prepared to provide a photo ID of the pet, so that animal rescuers can be on the lookout for him.
  - Offer to help others if you can. If your home is not affected by the disaster, and you have the room, you could offer to help the local shelter by fostering a few animals in your home until they can be reunited with their owners.
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# *Heartworm disease on the rise in Northern Colorado: What pet owners need to know*

By Andrew Ciccolini, DVM

As spring settles in and outdoor activity picks up, there's another seasonal shift to be aware of: mosquito season - and with it, an increased risk of heartworm disease.

Recent trends show a growing number of heartworm cases in Northern Colorado, including Fort Collins and surrounding areas. This rise in cases highlights a crucial reminder for pet owners: year-round prevention and regular veterinary care are essential to keeping your pet safe.

### What is heartworm disease?

Heartworm disease is caused by parasitic worms that live in the heart of infected pets. It is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito and can result in severe lung disease, heart failure, and even death if left untreated.

White dogs are the primary hosts, cats are also at risk - even indoor cats. Because heartworm is harder to detect and treat in cats, prevention is the best (and only) defense.

### Why Northern Colorado?

Although heartworm was once considered a disease of the South, changes in climate, travel, and shifting mosquito habitats have made it a growing concern in Colorado. Local veterinarians, including our team at CSU, are diagnosing more positive cases each year.

### How you can protect your pets

- Get tested annually. Annual heartworm testing ensures early detection and safe continued use of preventive medications.
- Use monthly prevention year-round. There are safe and effective oral and topical preventives for both dogs and cats. Your veterinarian can help you choose the right one for your pet and lifestyle.
- Remember your cats. Indoor cats are not immune. Because there is no approved treatment for heartworm in cats, prevention is essential.

### Prevention is protection

Preventive medicine is a cornerstone of accessible veterinary care. By keeping pets protected from preventable diseases like heartworm, we can reduce the need for more expensive and intensive treatments down the road.

At CSU's Primary Pet Care service, we believe every pet deserves access to quality, proactive care. If your pet hasn't been tested or started on prevention, we encourage you to reach out to your veterinarian.

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**"Dogs have a way of finding people who need them and filling an emptiness we didn't even know we had."**

**- Unknown**

**"Handle every situation like a dog. If you can't eat it or play with it, pee on it and walk away."**

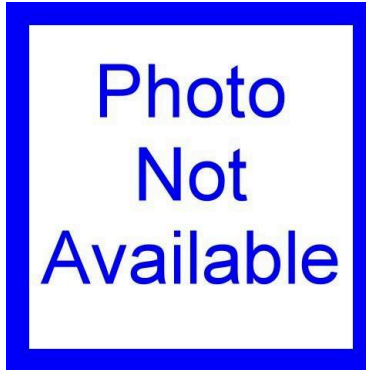
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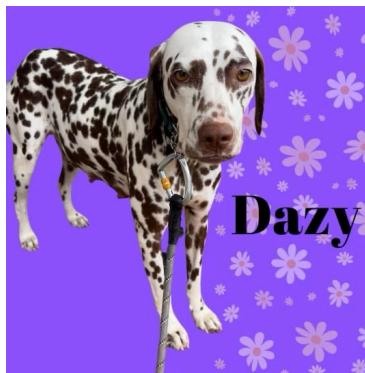
# Recent Adoptees!



**Duncan**  
College Station, TX



**Duke (aka Pongo26)**  
Colorado Springs, CO



**Dazy**  
Guillermo, TX



**Shelby**  
Aurora, CO

## FOSTERS SAVE LIVES!

Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado **desperately** needs foster homes. We have four dogs currently needing foster care and two or three more waiting to come in. We can't help these needy Dalmatians without assistance from our community. We are looking for active, out-doorsy people who have secure fences and no cats and who are willing to give these beautiful dogs some time and attention. Visit [www.dalmatianrescueco.org](http://www.dalmatianrescueco.org) to see the Foster Application which can be completed and submitted online.

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

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

# *Become A Dalmatian Foster Family Or Volunteer*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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.

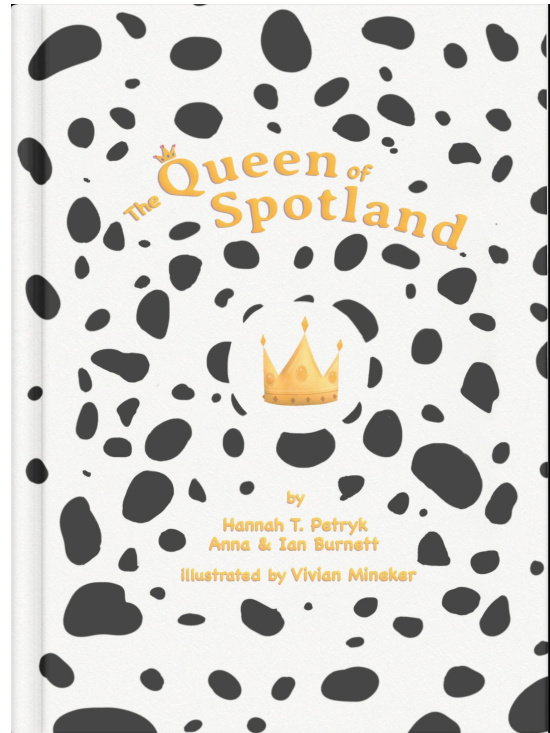
Each book in the Spotland series stands out for its quality writing, multi-dimensional themes, and beautiful, detailed illustrations that bring the spotted world to life. Together, they offer not only entertainment but also an important message about love, kindness, and the responsibility we share toward 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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# *Flying With a Dog: Tips, Tricks And What You Should Know*

<https://www.purina.com/articles/dog/behavior/play/flying-with-a-dog>

**Traveling with dogs can be fun but also stressful for dogs and owners alike, and that can be especially true if you're flying.**

Whether it's a vacation, a visit to see relatives, or just a quick getaway, it's essential to prepare and make travel plans well ahead of time. Taking the proper steps can make flying with a dog a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

## **Talk to Your Veterinarian**

Before you book a flight with your dog, think about how well you think they might handle the trip. Some pets do not travel well because of medical conditions, age or temperament. Call or make an appointment with your veterinarian to discuss whether or not they think your dog is healthy enough to fly before you begin to plan your trip and ensure they are up-to-date on all their required vaccinations.

## **Choose the Right Pet Carrier**

The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) has basic rules and guidelines on domestic flights, but individual airlines may enforce stricter rules at their discretion. Specifically, your in-cabin pet carrier must be small enough to store below the seat in front of you without blocking any person's path to the main aisle of the airplane. Also, know which pet carriers are allowed onboard and what the size restrictions are. Most airlines require soft-sided carriers with enough room for your dog to stand up and turn around. The requirements may differ if your dog will travel in the cargo hold. Many dog carriers will indicate if they are FAA approved, so look for this information when shopping. You'll still need to verify the carrier you purchase is in accordance with the individual airline's policy, as well. You don't want to find out when you're at the airport that your dog's carrier isn't allowed. Make sure your pet carrier has your contact information on it in case you get separated. It's also important to ensure your dog's tags and/or microchip are up-to-date.

## **Do Your Research**

Each airline has its own set of rules when it comes to pet policies; therefore, traveling with a dog requires doing a bit of research in advance. For example, it's always good to check if your dog's specific breed is allowed to fly an airline before purchasing a ticket. Flying with a dog breed known for breathing difficulties such as a [Pug](#) or a [Bulldog](#) may not be allowed on some airlines. If you're staying at a hotel or motel, find out if they allow pets and what rules they have for pets staying there. Some places will only allow dogs under a specific size. Try not to leave your dog alone in your hotel room for too long. If you must leave your dog alone in your room, remember to leave a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door. You might also want to find out about any dog parks and dog-friendly restaurants in the area before you arrive. Look up emergency animal hospitals and veterinarians in the area, just in case your dog needs care while you're traveling.

## **Before Flying Overseas**

Some destinations don't allow dogs, and some international destinations require dogs to quarantine for a certain amount of time upon arrival. If you're planning on international travel with your dog, find out each country's policy and ask yourself if your dog would fare well in a quarantined environment. Understand the requirements for coming back into the U.S. as well. Note that dogs traveling internationally will likely need a health certificate with a USDA endorsement.

## **Booking Your Flight**

Try booking your flight well in advance, as airlines often limit how many pets are allowed per flight. If you can, book a non-stop flight to avoid having to change planes and adding travel time (and stress) to your dog's day.

### **Consider the Possible Temperature on Travel Day**

Before booking your flight, especially if you plan on them traveling in the cargo hold, consider the season and know the airline minimum and maximum temperature guidelines for pets. Some airlines won't even book pets in the cargo hold during certain times of year. During warm months, select early morning or late evening flight times. In cooler months, choose midday flights. Try to avoid flying with a dog during extreme temperatures.

## **Travel Day Checklist:**

- Give your dog a chance to go to the bathroom before the flight to avoid any in-air accidents
  - Feed your dog no later than four hours before your flight to avoid air sickness
  - Play with your dog or take them on a long walk to tire them out before the flight
  - Ensure your dog is wearing an i.d. tag with up-to-date information
  - Make sure your dog's microchip is up-to-date
  - Pack a bag that includes [dog food](#), bowls, medication, a leash and a harness
  - If your dog is traveling in the cargo hold, let all airline personnel know (including flight attendants and pilots)
  - Always keep a recent photo of your pet with you
  - Bring your dog's health certificate with you, especially when traveling internationally
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- Use calming [supplements](#) or veterinarian-prescribed medications as needed (and as directed)

## Flying With a Large Dog

If you're traveling with a large breed, they will most likely have to fly as checked baggage or in cargo and not in the main cabin unless they are a service animal. If this is the case, be mindful of the forecasted outside temperatures and try to book a date or time when it's not too hot or cold. Many airlines will not let dogs travel in the cargo hold if temperatures are below 45° F or above 85° F. If you plan on checking your dog as baggage or having them fly in cargo, you'll need a large, International Air Transport Association (IATA)-approved travel crate that must be made from metal, rigid plastic, fiberglass, welded metal mesh, solid wood or plywood. The crate must be the length of your dog (nose to tail), plus half the length of his front length, twice the width of your dog's shoulder to shoulder width and as tall as your dog is while they're standing. Make sure to let the pilot and flight attendants know your dog is in the cargo hold so they can activate the pressurized climate control function to keep your dog as comfortable as possible.

## Flying With a Puppy

If you decide to fly with a puppy, remember most airlines require they be at least eight weeks old to board, and you must have proof that they're fully [vaccinated](#). The first step is to reach out to your veterinarian for advice and see if they think your puppy is okay to fly. In the weeks leading up to the trip, make sure your puppy is familiar with their travel [crate](#) and maybe try a few short car trips to help them get acclimated. Once onboard, keep in mind that puppies may need to keep themselves occupied more than older dogs, so be sure to bring some dog food, [treats](#) and chew toys to keep them entertained. Also, get a travel bowl and an empty water bottle that you can fill after you go through security, so you'll have water for your puppy in the event of a long or delayed flight. Remember your puppy doesn't have as much control over their bladder or digestion, so they'll need more potty breaks.

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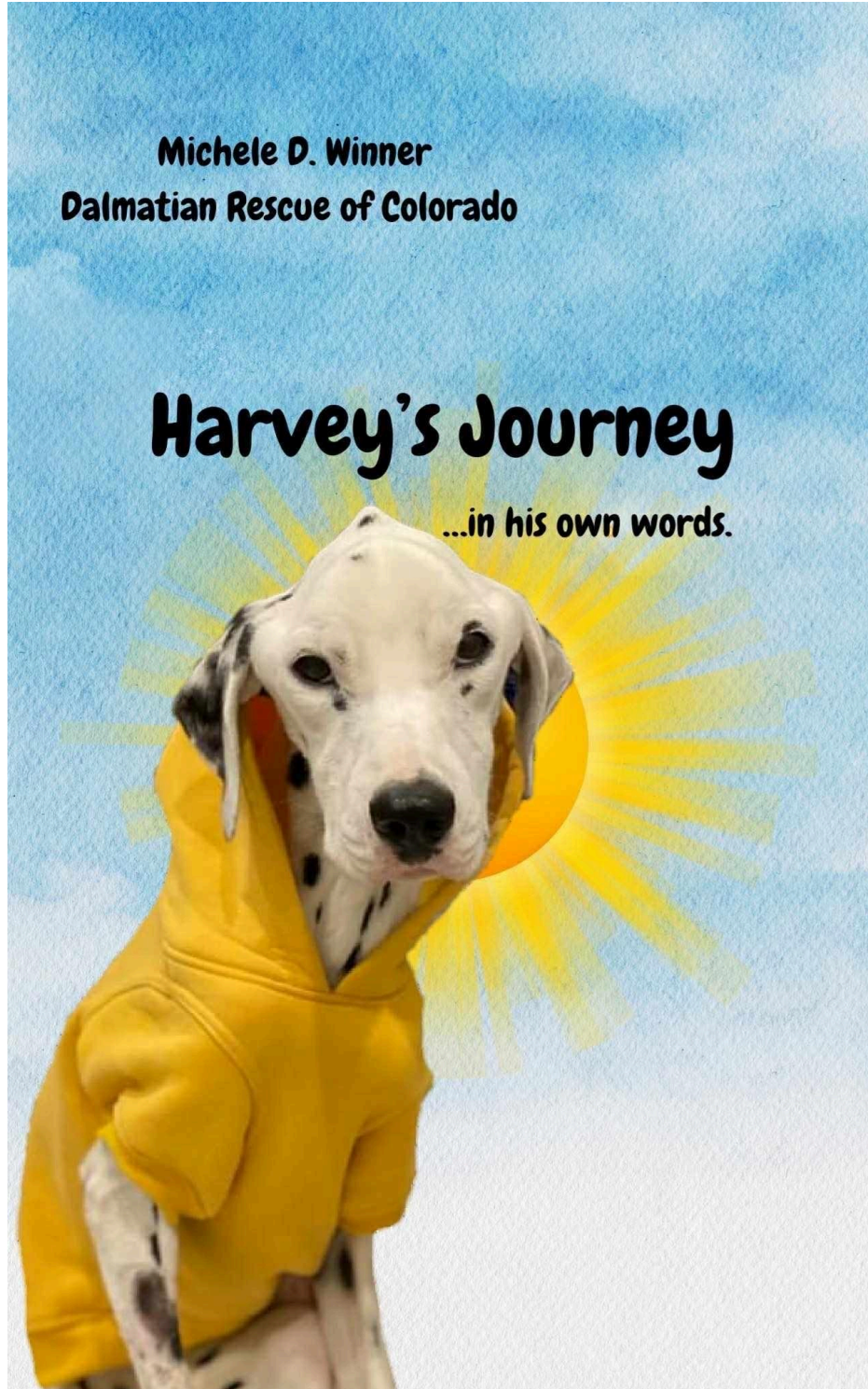
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Join DRC's own rescue Harvey, in his own words, telling the story of his life-changing journey from despair when first rescued back in December -- to sheer joy upon his adoption in June. Through the magic of social media, this heartwarming rescue story 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)



# Bacon Glazed Dog Biscuits

With all the commercially available dog treats you don't HAVE to make homemade dog treats unless you love your dogs something fierce and want to do something special for them. But conveniently, this homemade dog treats recipe makes a TON and I'll bet you know lots of other neighborly dogs who can and will appreciate an unexpected little gift bag of soft-baked, peanut butter and bacon glazed homemade dog treats. So let's get baking!

## INGREDIENTS

### *Dog biscuits:*

*1 cup pumpkin*

*½ cup peanut butter \**

*2 eggs*

*¼ cup oil*

*2½ cups whole wheat flour*

*1 teaspoon baking soda*

### *Glaze:*

*2 tbsp bacon grease,  
coconut oil, chicken fat, or  
any other fat that will  
solidify at room  
temperature, melted*

*¼ cup peanut butter \**

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°.*
- 2. Combine pumpkin, peanut butter, eggs, and oil in a bowl. Add in baking soda and whole wheat flour. Stir until a stiff dough forms.*
- 3. Knead dough or mix just until flour is incorporated.*
- 4. Roll out dough with a rolling pin and use a cookie cutter to cut out dog bone shapes, or just bake into little circle cookies.*
- 5. Bake for 15 minutes.*
- 6. Whisk the bacon grease and peanut butter until very smooth. Drizzle over the treats and cool until glaze hardens (it does best in the refrigerator or freezer).*



## NOTES:

**\* Make sure that the peanut butter does NOT contain Xylitol which as you know can be fatal if ingested by dogs.**

- 1. Use basic canola oil, but coconut oil should work nicely as well. You can also use coconut oil in place of the bacon grease in the glaze, but, I mean, come on. It's bacon grease. SO YUMMY!*
- 2. I know some of you mentioned the issue with using bacon fat for dogs. A trace amount of bacon grease (two tablespoons divided amongst 30 biscuits = less than one gram of bacon fat per serving) shouldn't be a concern. Of course, we're not veterinarians over here, so please check with your vet or use an alternate type of oil if you are concerned.*

# 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://www.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



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

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\*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.

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# Trainer Tips

## “Past, Present And Future”

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### The Past & Present

Started in 2003, The Light of Dog has been rooted on our farm in Sedalia since 2009, building both indoor and outdoor spaces designed for dogs—and for actually living outside with them. Our days include some combination of walking, bike riding, running, rock climbing, shooting, skiing, parkour and farming alongside our Vizslas and chickens. Our dogs don't just tolerate adventure—they live for it, whether here on the farm, local trails or long excursions across the Rockies in our expedition van.

### The Future

We're hackers, innovators, and unapologetic tech geeks—building the next generation of life with dogs using leading edge tools and technology, all from our farm in our own server environment powered by solar. If there's a better way to care for and enjoy our dogs, we're probably already tinkering with it.

### What We Need

We're big believers in reuse and ingenuity. Extra fencing? Leftover building materials? Used equipment and gear? Old, slow computers? We'll take them. We love turning overlooked stuff into useful infrastructure that helps power our apps, services, and ideas—just like we do with everything else around here.

## Who is The Light of Dog



### The “Kids”

Zooka (Vizsla) joined us in July 2019. Current jobs are: entertaining our visiting dogs; being the demo dog at classes as needed; being a “neutral” dog for dog-reactive private training client sessions; providing content for blog posts; helping keep Blitzen in shape and out of trouble; being patient with his brother Blitzen. Blitzen (Vizsla) joined us in December 2020. Current jobs are: wearing out visiting dogs; being a “neutral” dog for dog-reactive private training client sessions; providing content for blog posts; working on finding his “zen”.

### Wife & Husband

Sue Brown, behavior consultant, dog trainer and writer extraordinaire and Eddie Soehnel, dog products, farm manager and the techie.

### The Light of Dog Farm

We live and operate from 14-acres in Sedalia, where we have indoor and outdoor facilities for training and boarding, fenced private dog park rental and a USDA-licensed kitchen for dog food products. We grow using regenerative agriculture and free-range our chickens in protected spaces.

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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## Bits & Pieces

### *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 [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org) and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

## *Foster Homes Needed!!*

**\*\*\*\*\* Be a Pal, Save a Dal \*\*\*\*\***

PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the one closest to where you now live, so they can save lives like they saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog who can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and get ready for a new home. PLEASE help rescues and the dogs so that others might have a dog that is well socialized, trained and ready to love. PLEASE think about this... Dalmatians are everywhere and are literally dying to meet you or someone willing to give them a "spot" to LIVE until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for rescue and for them?

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

## *Reader Recommendations and Tips*

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

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

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

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

## Chance 3



**4 Years Old, Other Color, 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 gives lots of kisses because he is so happy! 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](mailto:cwhbcinfo@gmail.com) or

[jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org) for more info. Suggested adoption donation is \$350. Complete an adoption application at the website: [dalmatianrescueco.org](http://dalmatianrescueco.org).

## Lenny

**1 Year Old, Black, Neutered Male**

**Reason Available: Stray**

**Foster Home: Evergreen, CO**



Whoa! This is not a "real" spot, but just look at the gigantic spot on his back! This pup is super sweet, friendly, and such a big goober. His idea of a good time is PLAY! Lenny is not yet a year old, so he still has a lot of puppy energy and will require a firm but kind hand as he learns his obedience lessons. A puppy class with a local trainer would do wonders for this boy and help build your bond with him over the first few weeks. Lenny looks kind of like a pitty but maybe also some boxer. It would be fun to have his DNA tested to see just what this boy might be. His personality is very goofy, silly, and lovable. He reminds us of Snoopy in the comic strip! Lenny is now ready for his forever home, so if you're looking for a puppy, here is your boy. We do not recommend a home with toddlers because of his energy level, but we think he would do well with middle-sized children and certainly teens. An active family would his ideal match. Lenny is up-to-date on vaccinations, including rabies, neutered, and microchipped. Lenny is located in the Denver area. For more information, please contact [jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org). His suggested adoption donation is \$400.

# *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*

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

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