

In Memoriam Dudley Schill



Dudley with (then) foster dog "Mandy"

07/12/1960 - 06/10/2026

On June 10, 2026, Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado lost one of its most loyal and continuous volunteers to a long illness. Dudley, aged 65, along with his beloved wife, Linda (who predeceased him) spent countless hours fostering many spotted dogs, giving them safety, continuity, and love while they awaited permanent homes, and transporting many other homeless dogs to safety on behalf of the Rescue. Dalmatian Rescue will miss Dudley's dedication and love for our "spots."

God speed, Dudley.

Dudley, as part of his last wishes, requested that donations be made to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, in his name, if you wish.

Independence Day Pet Safety Tips

Keep your pets safe during Independence Day by providing a secure, quiet environment, managing anxiety, and preventing access to harmful foods and hazards.

Create a Safe Space

Pets are highly sensitive to loud noises like fireworks, which can cause panic and stress. Provide a **quiet, enclosed area indoors** with familiar bedding and toys. Crates covered with a heavy blanket or a Thundershirt can help reduce noise and provide comfort. Playing **classical or soothing music** can mask external sounds and calm your pet. Ensure windows and curtains are closed to minimize visual and auditory stimulation.

Manage Anxiety

Some pets may benefit from **anxiety aids** such as pheromone diffusers, calming collars, or natural supplements like valerian root, melatonin, or L-theanine. For severe anxiety, consult your veterinarian about **prescription medications**. Start any new calming aids **weeks before the holiday** to observe their effectiveness.

Food and Hazard Safety

Keep pets away from **toxic foods** such as chocolate, grapes, onions, garlic, and fatty or rich foods. During barbecues, ensure pets cannot access **grills, skewers, or unattended food**, which can cause poisoning, pancreatitis, or intestinal blockages. Avoid alcohol and human beverages that may be harmful.

Prevent Escape

Pets may try to flee from loud noises or crowded gatherings. **Secure doors, windows, and gates** to prevent accidental escapes. Ensure pets have **up-to-date identification tags and microchips** in case they get lost. Consider temporary tags with your contact information if you are away from home.

Additional Tips

- **Desensitize pets to fireworks** by gradually exposing them to recorded sounds paired with treats or toys in the weeks leading up to the holiday.
 - **Monitor pets closely** during celebrations and avoid taking them to crowded events or fireworks displays.
 - **Provide distractions** like toys or puzzle feeders to keep pets engaged and reduce stress.
- By following these precautions, you can help ensure your pets remain safe, calm, and healthy during Independence Day festivities.
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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 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

What We See In Summer Bowls: How Hydration Changes The Way Dog And Cats Eat In July

By Kelly Gredner, RVT, WTS (Nutrition)

July is National Pet Hydration Awareness Month, and if you pay close attention to your pet's bowl during the warmer months, something shifts. Dogs get slower about finishing their meals. Cats grow even more selective than usual. These changes aren't random. They reflect how summer heat affects appetite and fluid balance in ways that go well beyond simply needing more water.

Choosing the right meals for your dog or cat this summer can make a meaningful difference.

Why July Changes The Hydration Picture For Dogs And Cats

July can make hydration harder to manage for dogs and cats. In hot weather, pets may lose more water as their bodies work to stay cool, especially dogs that pant more during activity. Heat can also make some animals less interested in eating, which matters because food can be part of a pet's daily moisture intake.

Together, these changes make it important to watch water bowls, meals, and signs that your pet may not be getting enough fluids.

When pets eat less in July, it is a good reminder to look at the whole bowl, not just the water dish. Meals, treats, and drinking habits can all play a role in how supported a pet feels during warmer days. Even when dogs and cats seem comfortable indoors, pet parents may still want to pay closer attention to what they are eating, how often they are drinking, and whether their meals include moisture-rich ingredients.

It's also worth noting that pets in air-conditioned homes are not immune. Seasonal shifts in routine, reduced outdoor activity, and changes in household rhythm all affect how and how much a pet eats and drinks through the summer months.

How Dogs Lose Moisture Differently In Summer

Dogs regulate body temperature primarily through panting. Every panting session costs them moisture, and a dog who spent the morning outside in July is working considerably harder than they would in a milder month.

The challenge is that dogs often reduce their food intake in the heat at the same time they're increasing their fluid losses through respiration. This creates a quiet deficit that pet parents don't always notice until the dog seems sluggish or uninterested in the regular activities.

Keeping meals small, frequent, and highly palatable in summer helps close that gap. It keeps dogs engaged with their bowl even when heat dulls appetite, and ensures they're still getting the hydration that food can deliver alongside nutrition.

Why Food Moisture Matters More Than The Water Bowl

A gently-cooked meal carries significantly more moisture than a dry or shelf-stable product. That moisture is absorbed alongside the meal, making it one of the most reliable sources of daily fluid intake for pets who don't drink consistently from their bowl.

Practical Ways To Support Your Pet's Water Intake This Summer

Food is one piece of the hydration puzzle, but there are simple changes to the water setup that can make a real difference day to day.

Fresh water in multiple locations around the home, particularly in cooler spots, tends to get more attention than a single bowl in one corner. For both cats and dogs, adding a small amount of water to meals on hot days is a low-effort way to increase moisture intake without any resistance. It also makes the meal more aromatic and appealing, which can be the nudge a summer-sluggish pet needs.



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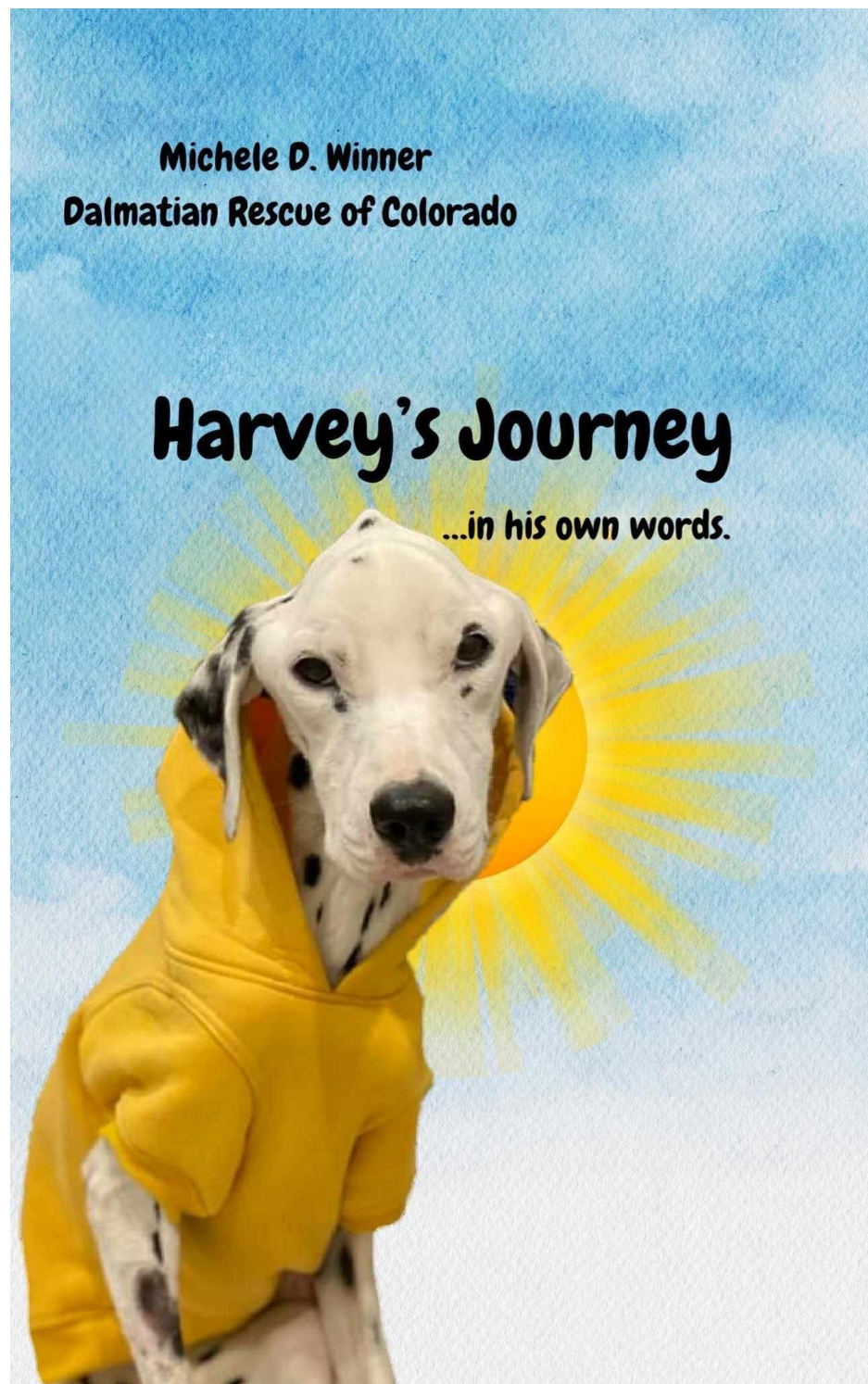
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Join DRC's own rescue Harvey, in his own words, telling the story of his life-changing journey from despair when first rescued back in December -- to sheer joy upon his adoption in June. Through the magic of social media, this heartwarming rescue story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



**Available in either:
Paperback: \$14.99
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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)



Frozen Watermelon Dog Treats Recipe

July Homemade Dog Treat Ideas

From cooling frozen donuts to savory baked treats, these July recipes are perfect for warm-weather dog treats that are safe, healthy, and easy to make.

1. Firework Fruit Frozen Donuts (No-Bake)

Best for: Warm afternoons, post-walk hydration, or a festive Fourth of July treat.

Why it's great: No-bake, dog-safe, and packed with antioxidants.

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- ½ cup chopped strawberries
- ½ cup blueberries
- 1 cup plain, unsweetened Greek yogurt
- (Optional) 1 tbsp ground flaxseed for Omega-3s

Tools: Silicone donut mold, freezer-safe tray

How to make: Mix yogurt and flaxseed (if using). Layer banana, berries, and yogurt in the mold. Freeze until firm, then pop out. Serve chilled.

2. Frozen Peanut Butter & Banana Bites

Best for: Quick, portable treats.

Why it's great: High in protein and healthy fats.

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- ½ cup peanut butter (xylitol-free)
- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt

How to make: Blend until smooth. Scoop into ice cube trays, freeze, then pop out.

Safety tips:

- Always check for allergies (nuts, dairy, etc.) before serving.
- Keep treats to no more than 10% of your dog's daily calories.
- Avoid toxic foods like chocolate, grapes, onions, garlic, and xylitol.
- Store homemade treats in airtight containers to keep them fresh.

These recipes are perfect for July because they're cooling, refreshing, or festive, and they use simple, vet-approved ingredients your dog will love.

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!

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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.

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

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

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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.

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Trainer Tips

“Some Situations Call For A Default Behavior From Our Dogs”

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When most people train their dogs, they expect their dogs to respond to verbal cues, hand signals or both. However, there are times when an automatic or default behavior is better. What is an automatic or default behavior? This is a behavior the dog is expected to perform in certain situations without a verbal cue or hand signal. The dog automatically does it, or does it by default.

One example with my Vizsla Romeo is sitting and focusing on me before we head out for a walk. There are others, but the point here is that these are routine situations in which I expect him to know what to do without me telling him. And he does.

One of my clients lives in an assisted living facility with her very nice, mostly well-behaved dog. She walks pretty well but needs better leash manners so she does not knock over her owner – especially when it's icy outside. She also needs to get more comfortable with men approaching her. Sometimes she does fine, other times she reacts defensively if she thinks they are coming for her. Her biggest issue, though, is with other dogs. She gets highly excited and out-of-control. There are a few other dogs living in the facility and also dogs who visit tenants. This dog needs to learn how to handle these situations or she faces being evicted from the facility.

Many of you have probably dealt with similar issues. However, in this case, the dog's owner is not able to remember what cues to use or how to work with the dog. A previous trainer did a board-and-train with the dog and then tried to translate what she'd learned upon returning the dog to the facility. Unfortunately, the owner doesn't remember any of this, and usually doesn't remember what we worked on a few days earlier. Normally, my job is to teach owners how to most effectively work with their dogs. In this case, my job is to teach the dog to respond automatically in certain situations so that the owner doesn't have to remember anything.

This dog is being taught to sit and focus whenever the person holding the leash stops. This dog is learning that whenever she pulls on leash, we stop moving forward until she loosens the leash and checks back in. This dog is learning good things happen when people approach so there is no need to fear anyone reaching out, especially men. This dog is learning to be calm when other dogs pass by.

I am working with the dog myself for now. The goal is to get her responding with her default behaviors so that she will perform all of these behaviors with her owner during the same circumstances without the need for any cues. It takes practice, but it will be worth it so that these two can continue to enjoy each other's company.

I discuss default behaviors in more detail in my book, [Juvenile Delinquent Dogs: The Complete Guide to Saving Your Sanity and Successfully Living With Your Adolescent Dog](#).

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 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 for inclusion in the next issue.

I want to remind the readers of your wonderful newsletter that Dalmatian Coffee Company is a great option for supporting DRC. Their coffee and dog treats are high quality and make fantastic gifts with a personal touch. Sending a bag of coffee with your dog's photo and the name you choose is a great way to say "thank you" to your pup's foster family or others. It's also a great way to say "congratulations" to a new member of the family when someone adopts.

There is a link on the Dalmatian coffee site that gives you the list of over 30 dog breeds to choose from when you are selecting a personalized gift for a special recipient. There is coffee, dog treats, apparel and the best, strongest dog leashes you'll ever find. The shipping is included in the price. Their customer service is top notch.

Please know that I have no financial or other connection to Dalmatian Coffee Co or Better Brands. I am a very satisfied customer who would like other folks to know that by supporting this company, we are supporting DRC and other rescues. I have had such a positive response from those on the receiving end who see their dog's photo and name on a bag of coffee or treats. It is truly a special gift to give and to receive.

I would like to personally thank everyone who supports Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, especially the foster families. I am eternally grateful for the warmth and love my Dals received from their fosters. Also all of the people involved in coordinating the rescue, care and adoption through DRC. A million thank you's to all of you!

JoAnne

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

Savi



1.5 Years Old, Black, Neutered Male

Reason Available: Stray

Foster Home: Dallas, TX

Meet Savi!

Located in DALLAS, TX

Savi is a sweet, happy boy who loves toys, bones, and snuggling with his people. He is crate-trained and house-trained with a doggie door and has great house manners.

Savi adores people, including children, and gets along well with female dogs and neutered male dogs his size. He knows how to sit and is eager to please.

He gets excited on walks and may pull at first, especially if he spots a squirrel, rabbit, or a passing dog he'd love to meet. With continued practice, he's sure to keep improving.

We would love to see Savi in a home with a securely fenced yard and a family that has the time and commitment to continue his training and help him reach his full potential. Meet-and-greets with resident dogs are preferred to ensure a good match.

If you're looking for a fun, affectionate companion with a big heart, Savi is ready to be your new best friend!

Estimated to be around 18 months old, and 40lbs, Savi is neutered and current on vaccinations.

For more information, contact us at info@dalmatianrescueco.org or Tena at tena@dalmatianrescueco.org. Applications may be submitted at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption fee: \$400

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 be 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. His suggested adoption donation is \$400.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Shane

Everyone in the rescue,

As the one year anniversary of Shane coming to live with me approaches, it isn't lost on me just how lucky I am!! I am remembering all the conversations I had with rescue members and just how much you love what you do and the dogs you care for.

During the drive from Indianapolis and back, I was happy beyond words and curious what I had gotten into at the same time. My last Dal was 16 and not very active. Shane is the absolute opposite and is all play. I LOVE that in him! Shane is also a great ambassador for the breed too as everyone that meets him loves him too and he makes friends everywhere.

Thank you for all the care you give the dogs and thank you for being so careful in your vetting system in making sure the dogs come to great "forever homes."

Shane IS in his very best forever home now with a family that loves him more than anything else. 🐶



BTW: Something that occurred to me the other night... Love is looking down at your lap and seeing a 60 pound 3 year old in a ball snoring away while it's lightning and storming outside. He knows who his daddy is and who will protect him at all times.

Steven S.



It's never too late to see your story in print!

We got a couple new Happy Beginnings Stories submitted last month!!

Let's keep them coming! If you have adopted your pup from us, regardless of when, and have not submitted their Happy Beginnings story yet, please do it now while it's fresh on your mind.

These stories are the “pay” that fosters get for all their hard work!

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