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Some Things To Consider About The Safety Of Our Dogs

By Beth White, Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado

Editor's Note: This article was written by Beth White and originally published back in 2020. But it really does bear repeating, so here it is again!

I have been thinking yet again about the safety of our dogs. Here are some things to consider.

Do you have friends or neighbors who know what vet your dog/s go to? Or what medications your dog/s might need daily? If you don't make it home sometime (accident or health issue), is there someone you can call to help with the pets who knows what each pet needs? Do they know how to get into a locked door?

Posting your vet's name, friend's name, etc. on the refrigerator will make valuable information available should for some reason your pets need care and you cannot provide it. Authorities might come to the home and plan to take your pets to the local shelter. Having plans for your pets' care posted will definitely help them. Keeping valuable information in a file doesn't help much because who knows where the files are kept? The refrigerator in most homes contains lots of information, even if it should be only to state where the file containing more information is located. The use of fluorescent paper will attract attention to the information.

You might also tell your vet who might be authorized to bring the pets in. Having a letter giving permission for that friend or friends and listing the pets can save problems in the event that your pets need help. Keeping a list of all pets, names, species, ages, etc. is invaluable. You'd sure hate for Abby to get the medication that Babe should have because the dogs are not known to whomever is trying to be helpful. A picture of each pet (yes, cats too, and livestock if you have some) with the name and age and list of supplements or medications for each prevents mistakes that can occur if someone is guessing.

In a very sad case, a friend was not allowed by the authorities to help her neighbor when the neighbor had a heart attack. The authorities took the 5 dogs to a kennel even though the neighbor was prepared to care for the dogs in her home and knew each dog quite well. The bill for the owner was astronomical and the dogs also suffered being in a kennel rather than in a home. If you make plans, hopefully this won't happen to you or your pets.

If you enjoy your dog/s traveling with you, remember that we buckle up to be healthy and so should the pets. Riding loose in the front (NEVER should be there to meet the windshield in an accident or sudden use of the brakes) or even loose in the back seat can be deadly. Slamming on the brakes suddenly can send your friend flying to be injured and/or killed. A pet that becomes a flying object can injure the driver as well. An adopter once had her Dalmatian standing behind the front seat. When the friend hit the brakes, the dog went head first into the floor ahead of the front seat, breaking his neck. Such a tragedy!

By using a crate or an approved pet harness for the vehicle, your pet/s are safer. If there is an accident you sure don't want your dog to be sprung loose and lost. What if he/she is injured and needs care and cannot be found? I've seen posts of people searching for their dog following an accident far too often. How sad to think that that loved companion might be hit on the highway, need vet care but is scared and running away, to die alone or at least suffer pain and loss. Please consider this when you load up your friend/s for even a quick or short drive. It could be a bad decision to let them hang out the window to enjoy the wind. Of course, it is fun for the dogs to allow the wind in their face, BUT what happens if you are hit by another vehicle, blow a tire, or be struck by something? Strap your pets in or use a dog crate, please!

Post a list of all pets and names in the home at the front door, so that firemen know how many to look for in case of fire. Firemen like to rescue pets and many units have small face masks for pets that need oxygen. Help them get all of our pets out!

If your dog should manage to escape the yard or car, time is of the essence! The sooner you actively start looking, the better chance that you'll be successful. While cats tend to hole up under bushes or in garages or sheds, dogs tend to travel, hoping to find home. It is suggested that putting a cat's litter pan out will attract it back. Looking in all directions rather than assuming which direction the pet went is best. Call friends or family to help.

Try to not chase a loose dog because in unfamiliar territory dogs become survivors than your happy pet. While normally friendly, it is not uncommon for loose pets to become fearful of even people they know. If you see the dog, hopefully he/she will actually follow you when you attract the dog's attention by slapping your leg or sides and say "come on, Max". If he follows you, at some point just sit down and then you are less threatening. Talk to the dog and hopefully he will come closer to hear what you are saying. Dogs are normally socialized and like the human voice, so talking helps relax them. "Come here you silly thing. I'm not going to hurt you. I'm a friend of your mom's and she would like you to come home", etc. Just sit and talk if the dog is not wanting to leave the area. Chasing normally scares the dog more. I've caught more dogs by sitting than walking! Of course, should the dog just take off, you have to keep the dog in sight so you might have to hurry, but slow and easy is best tried first.

It is wise to walk your dogs in your neighborhood so that should the dog ever get out he/she will know the way home when he/she is done exploring. Introduce your dog to your neighbors so that should the dog/s be out of your yard, the neighbors will recognize the dog and contact you or hopefully will corral the dog/s for you. If you don't know your neighbors, it might be time to meet them. Offer to be an aid for their pets too. Getting to know the neighbors and their pets and they know yours sure is useful for everyone.

I've been advised by several attorneys that use of the "Beware of Dog" sign is not good. Should your dog bite someone, the sign states that you knew the dog was one to be beware of!. It suggests that you expect that the dog might bite. The sign that I have on my fence is "Guard dogs on duty". That was also suggested by an attorney and it hopefully will keep unwanted people out of the yard.

I would never use the word aggressive in regard to my dog. Even describing your dog to a friend...he's sort of aggressive. That word puts fear in many people which can cause a dog bite due to anticipation of a bite. We tend to get what we expect and dogs read us so well. The word aggressive also labels the dog in a way you don't want, legally. You can use the terms reactive, excitable, not too friendly, scared, protective, etc. in its place. Best to think about what you say.

If your dog should bite a human, that too makes a difference the word used for the action. If it was a full-on bite then it is a bite, where the teeth were sunk into a human. Otherwise, it could be a nip, a pinch or grab. Often dogs will grab a hold with intent to stop a human action. It did not bite, but it took hold. A nip is like a pinch. It makes a difference what you say for the dog.

Dogs that are not socialized well with humans and their pets can be unmannerly and cause trouble for you and the dog. Whenever possible, include your controlled dog (leashed) with company and neighbors. Take walks with your neighbors or friends and their dogs. Keep your dog active with people and pets and he'll be happier and not likely to be a problem. Offering treats when the dog is sitting makes for a good association with strange people and dogs. Having a dog like people and being social with other dogs is better for all involved, but it takes some work.

If your dog has at least your phone number/s on the collar's tag, a finder can contact you before taking your dog to a shelter. Listing at least two or even three numbers on the tag can get the pet home quickly. Numbers are more useful than your name. If your cell is dead, out of range or turned off, just listing that number is not going to be useful. Even adding a landline phone number of a friend (if you don't have one), can add to the success of reuniting dog and owner. I once found a dog that turned out to be over five miles from the owner's work site. He had come along for the day and was wearing 6 ID tags and when I could not reach the first three numbers I was successful with the fourth. That person came right away to bring the escape artist home.

Xylitol is deadly to animals but safe for humans. Not everyone knows this and so Xylitol (sweetener) is sold everywhere. Many pets have died from ingesting this product. Even if not normally available to pets, Xylitol can be found in many locations and, due to its sweetness, it will be eaten by many animals. Your child might have food sweetened with Xylitol in his lunch box or backpack that can be accessed by pets when no one is watching. Gum and even toothpaste are often sweetened with Xylitol and pets often find these items. The smaller the animal, the less Xylitol it takes to kill.

If you live in the south where sago palms live, keep all animals away. The plant seeds and nuts are easily eaten and can be deadly. Best to just not plant the sago palm and keep pets and young children safe!

Antifreeze drips from the car or is spilled from the container and it has killed many animals. Even birds who might walk in or drink from a spill. If you spill antifreeze, thoroughly clean the area and dispose of cleaning materials where no animal will have access. Like us, animals love a sweet taste.

Recent Adoptees!



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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

Why Is August National Dog Month? And Why Every Dog Parent Should Celebrate!

<https://www.freezbone.com/blogs/news/why-is-august-national-dog-month>

Wait, What's Dogust?

August isn't just about sunshine and ice cream—it's officially National Dog Month! Nicknamed "Dogust" by dog lovers everywhere, this month is all about celebrating our loyal companions and recognizing the joy they bring to our lives. But have you ever wondered why August was picked? Let's dig in (pun intended)!

How Did Dogust Begin?

National Dog Month is a relatively new addition to the pet calendar. It was created to recognize the deep bond between humans and dogs, to encourage adoption, and to highlight the importance of canine care. The term "Dogust" itself is a playful mashup of "dog" and "August," and it's become a rallying cry for pet parents, brands, and shelters alike.

Did you know?

August 1st is also celebrated as the "Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs"—a special day for all rescue pups whose real birthdays are unknown!

Why August?

Why not May or November? August was chosen for a few simple (and very dog-friendly) reasons:

Summer Vibes: August is peak summer, perfect for extra-long walks, park trips, and all the outdoor fun dogs crave. Keep your pup cool on-the-go! Freeze their Freezbone overnight and bring it to the park for a refreshing, long-lasting treat during summer adventures.

Shelter Awareness: Many shelters see a spike in adoptions and animal intakes during summer, so August is the perfect time to encourage "adopt, don't shop," raise awareness for rescues, and support adoption drives—especially since it's also Clear the Shelters Month.

Back-to-School Prep: As families get ready for fall routines, August is a reminder to check in on your pup's needs - training, health, and enrichment.

Why Dogust Matters for Every Dog Parent?

Our dogs do more than keep us company—they help us destress, motivate us to move, and fill our homes with love (and maybe a little chaos). Dogust is your cue to:

- Pamper your pup with extra treats, toys, and playtime
- Check on their health: schedule vet visits, vaccinations, or a dental checkup
- Support local shelters through donations or volunteering
- Brush up on enrichment ideas; your dog will thank you!

How Can You Celebrate Dogust?

Here are a few ways to make this month pawsome:

- Try a new park or hiking trail together
- Organize a "pup picnic" or a doggy playdate
- Spoil your dog with frozen enrichment toys (psst... Freezbone, anyone?)
- Share your favorite dog moments online with #Dogust or #NationalDogMonth

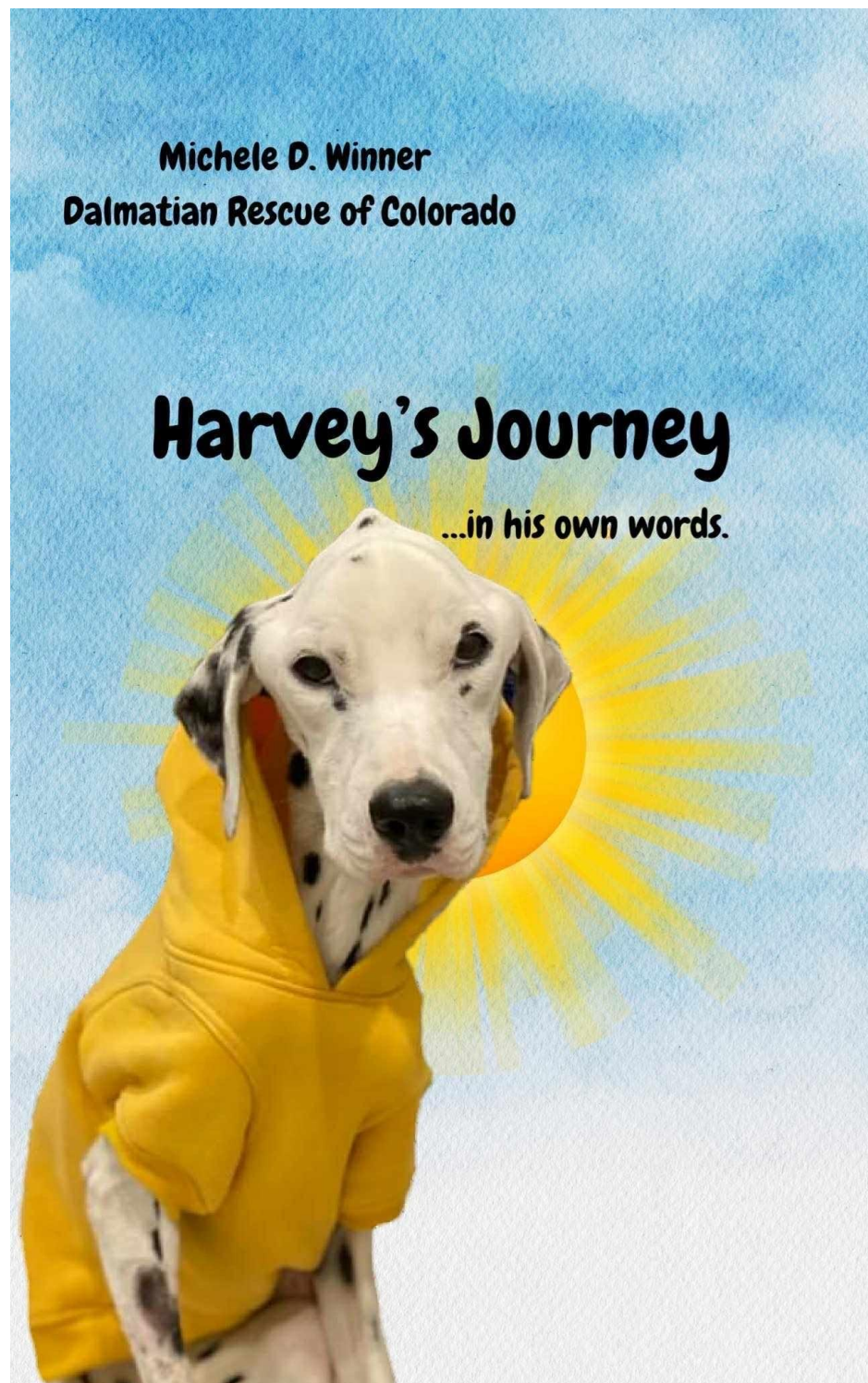
Dogust Only Comes Once a Year—Make It Count!

Every dog deserves a month dedicated just to them. Don't let your dog miss out on this Dogust. Our frozen treat and enrichment feeders are the ultimate way to beat the heat, fight boredom, and turn every day into a celebration.

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.

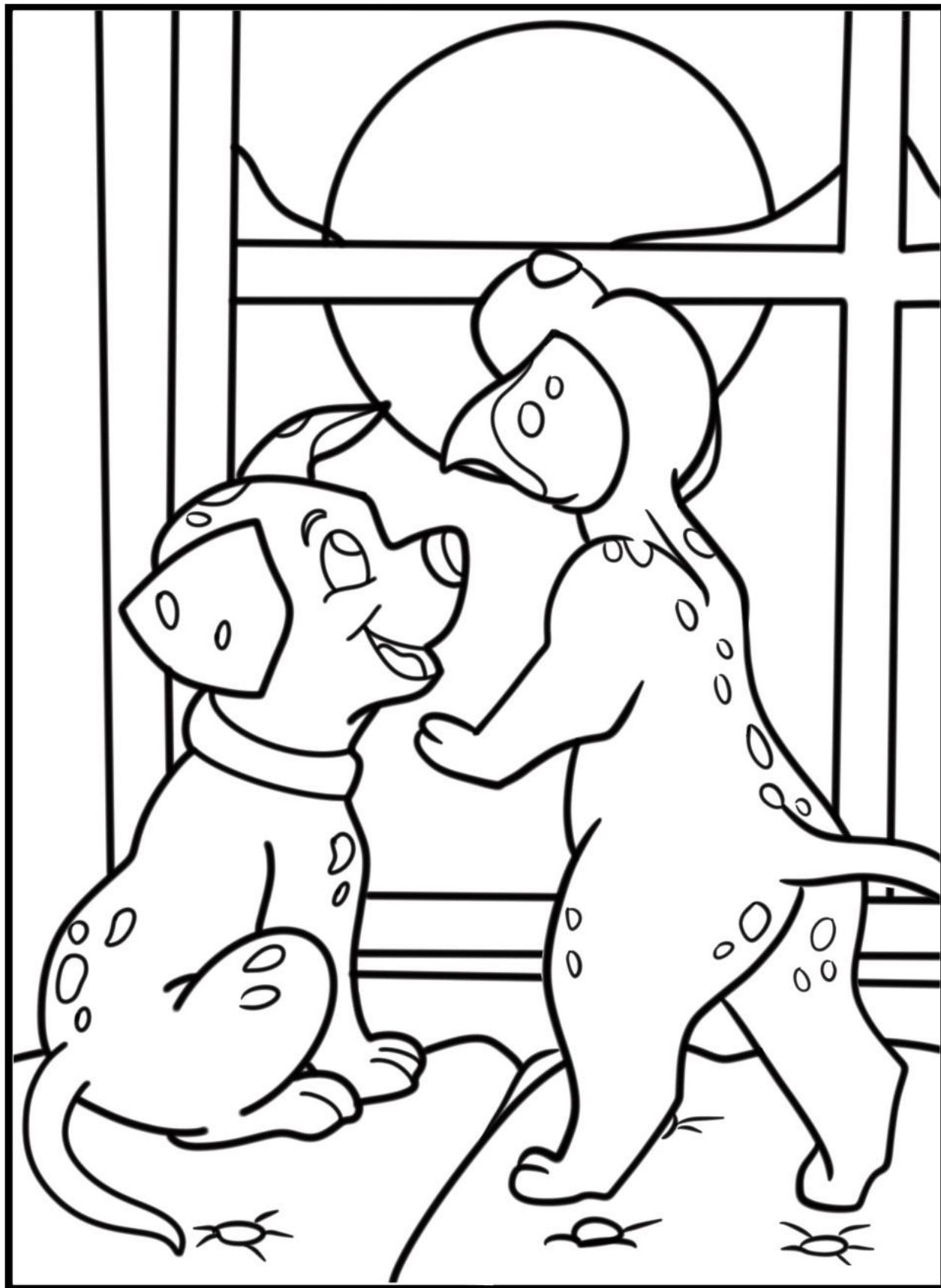


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[Harvey's Journey ...in his own words: Winner, Michele D.: 9798332160677: Amazon.com: Books](#)

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



Pina Colada Frozen Dog Treats Recipe

These EASY pineapple coconut dog treats are a fun tropical treat for your puppy! **Allergen warning:** These treats are made with coconut oil.

Prep time: 5 minutes

Passive time: 30 minutes

Total time: 35 minutes

Servings: About 18, depending on the size of the mold used

Calories: 30

Equipment Needed:

- Silicone dog bone mold (or whatever mold you want to use - this will adjust the servings made from this recipe up or down depending on the size of the mold).

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup coconut oil
- 2 tablespoons diced pineapple
- 1½ tablespoons shredded coconut (optional)

Instructions:

- Measure out your coconut oil either into a small cup/bowl or a larger measuring cup (such as a 1 cup measuring cup).
- Microwave the coconut oil to melt in thirty second intervals.
- Prepare your silicone mold by laying it on a small baking sheet or something else that is stiff for easy transfer to the refrigerator.
- Dice up the pineapple so it is small enough to fit in the molds.
- Sprinkle the shredded coconut and pineapple into each mold.
- Pour the melted coconut oil into each mold, up to the top.
- Transfer the treats to the refrigerator (approximately 4 hours) or freezer (approximately 1 hour) until set.
- Pop the dog treats out of the mold and store in the freezer in a container or bag. Storing frozen will ensure the oil does not melt at room temperature, which especially happens in warmer climates and months.

Notes:

You could also use coconut water in place of coconut oil.

Nutrition:

Calories: 30kcal

Carbohydrates: 1g

Protein: 1g

Fat: 3g

Saturated Fat: 3g

Sodium: 2mg

Potassium: 4mg

Fiber: 1g

Sugar: 1g

Vitamin C: 1mg

Iron: 1mg



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Check out iGive at How iGive Works - iGive.com

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Trainer Tips

Two Birthdays, One Takeaway

Are You Helping Your Dog Live Their Best Life

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During this month of May we're celebrating two birthdays here. Birthdays can be a time to celebrate. Who doesn't love to get presents on their birthday?! But birthdays can also be a time to reflect and assess where your dog is at in their development, their training, their life stages. Are we young and still developing? Are we a mature adult? Are we a senior dog starting to slow down a bit?

The Puppy Phase: This Isn't the End Result, This is Your Chance to Guide Your Dog in the Right Direction

We worked with a new puppy recently—calm, quiet, easygoing. The kind of dog people look at and think: "Wow, we got lucky." Maybe. But here's the reality: There is no guarantee this puppy is going to continue to be calm and easygoing. He might. He might not. If you want to keep that going, don't hope for the best. Work at it.

They're not showing you who they are going to be. They are showing you who they MIGHT be. Or not. Depends where things go from here. Do you want to just wait and see what happens or do you want to shape what happens?

Takeaways (Puppy Stage)

- Calm behavior early on does not guarantee calm behavior later.
- Don't assume they will maintain some behaviors – or outgrow others. Help guide them.
- Early behavior can turn into habits. That works for the bad as well as the good!

The Teenage Phase: Where Things Can Easily Fall Apart

This is where things can unravel if you're not careful! That cute little puppy turns into an adolescent. Or a young adult. You say, "Oh, he's still a puppy!" No, he's not. He's an adolescent with an adolescent brain. Or a young adult with an adult brain, but a young one. We either assume he's still a puppy and will outgrow it. Or we assume he looks like an adult and should act like one. We either let things go because it's still early. Or we blame the dog for not being mature enough. Neither is doing your dog any favors. Understand where he is in his developmental stages and make sure we are taking the right steps to end up that wonderful mature adult he will eventually (hopefully!) become.

Socialization can drop off too early. You took him to puppy class and had play dates. You took him out for lots of walks and met the neighborhood dogs and kids. Then he turned into a teenager and started to get embarrassing or difficult to take out. So you stopped. It's so easy to lose those social skills if we don't keep practicing them – in the right ways. Free-for-all play without proper supervision and guidance can create just as many problems as no more play or social activity.

He looks grown up. He's definitely not that little puppy you brought home months ago. He should act like an adult. He should listen. He should respond right away. Every time. How many teenagers do you know who are reliable and never make mistakes? If the brain is not fully developed yet, we can't expect perfection. And let's face it, even with a fully mature adult brain, how many humans do you know who make the best decisions and do exactly what they should every single time? Yep, that's what I thought. Don't make excuses for your dog, keep working on things. Help them to keep making better decisions more reliably. But also do not blame them for goofing off or not being super consistent yet. We still have some work to do!

Takeaways (Adolescent / Young Adult Stage)

- Training doesn't stop when your dog "knows" it.
- Expectations should rise when your dog is ready, not on your timeline.
- Consistency matters.

The Mature Dog: When You Can Relax a Bit

This is when the maturity catches up with the training and we hopefully have that wonderful dog we dreamed about. He responds pretty reliably. He's not perfect, but he's pretty close.

This is when you can take a breather. You don't STOP training. You just don't have to go at it so hard. Keep up with maintenance training to make sure your dog remembers everything you've worked on.

This is your chance to enjoy your dog who makes good choices. Mostly. You and your dog just enjoy being together and don't have to work so hard. You communicate well with each other. You understand each other better. You train because it's fun. You get to play around with some things that you both enjoy. Not because you have to. Because you want to.

Takeaways (Mature Adult Stage)

- Training is lower key and used to maintain all you've done.
- Train or do activities for fun not because you have to.
- This is your chance to coast and enjoy all the prior work you put in.

The Senior Dog: When the Rules Change Again

Then comes the phase most people don't give much thought to. The senior dog hopefully stays healthy as long as possible, but they can start to slow down. They might have arthritis. They might be losing vision and/or hearing.

We worked with an older dog this month whose arthritis was making it hard to use the steps into the back yard. Her family bought her a custom ramp to make it easier on her, but she would not go up or down it. Not because she couldn't do it. Because it felt different. It felt scary.

- The surface/ ridges to provide traction felt weird to step on.
- The gradual incline was long and felt daunting.
- The sides to help stabilize her felt confining.

So we didn't try to force her to do the entire ramp right away. I brought a smaller ramp that we could walk across while it lay flat. That was not so daunting. Flat and short. She could do that. Then we moved to the actual ramp and just asked her to step on the edge. Don't go down the ramp, just step your front feet on it. Down is harder? Let's start with going up. You like chicken? We can place as much chicken as you want along the way. Pretty quickly, she went ALL the way up the ramp! And she did it again. Amazing what some high value treats can incentivize her to attempt! And within a short session, she shifted from: "I can't do it!" to "Maybe I could try it." That's the real win. Not completion. Building confidence. Within a few days, I got a message that she was going both UP and DOWN the entire ramp easily!

Takeaways (Aging Dogs)

- Physical changes can look like behavior problems.
- Make sure your dog feels SAFE doing the things you need.
- Elderly dogs are never too old to learn new things!

So What Do Birthdays Really Mean?

Celebration time? Of course, have some fun! But it's not just about presents. Use them as checkpoints. Take a moment to ask:

- What stage is my dog actually in?
- What has changed physically or mentally?
- What do they need NOW to be successful?

Because the best thing you can give your dog is an honest assessment of what they need from you right now.

Final Thought

Training isn't something you finish. It's a lifelong process. The dogs that do best over time aren't the ones who learned quickly or didn't need much training. They're the ones whose people keep observing and adjusting to meet their dogs' needs at each stage. So when your dog's birthday rolls around... Celebrate it! But also — take the time to assess where your dog is at and what you can do in this next year to help them live their best lives.

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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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

Please note that both featured dogs this month have been patiently waiting for a furever home for over four years! Please share them on your social media accounts and talk them up to anyone you know looking for a dog! These puppies need a real HOME, and the sooner the better!!

Mika



8 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

Chance 3

4 Year Old, Other Colored, 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 or jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org for more info. Suggested adoption donation is \$350. Complete an adoption application at the website: dalmatianrescueco.org.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Sadly, we don't have any Happy Beginnings Stories to share this month. It's never too late! So if you haven't submitted your dog's story, please take some time and submit it (along with a photo or three) to be included in the next issue of NewSpots!



Dog Breeds

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Maltese	Mastiff	Newfoundland	Otterhound
Papillon	Pekingese	Pomeranian	Poodle
Pit Bull Terrier	Rottweiler	Samoyed	Saint Bernard
Vizsla	Weimaraner	Whippet	

Answer key on next page... NO PEEKING until you're done!

Solution



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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