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The Microchip Mess

I've just learned about the following article about a microchipping mess. When we think our dogs are protected by their microchip, maybe they aren't. Please read this article for your dog's sake.

<http://www.swaylove.org/the-microchip-mess>

It's all very confusing. But the one thing you can do is to PERSONALLY enroll your dog/s at the two free registration sites to better your chances that your dog and you will be reunited, should you become separated.

Found Animals (<https://microchipregistry.foundanimals.org/>)

Pet Microchip Lookup (<http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org/>)

It is wise to check your dog's collar periodically, as they often loosen over time, and it can slip off. You might also check your ID tags as well to make sure they are readable. I don't keep my rabies tags on my dogs because they are not meant to be an ID, but rather proof that you have vaccinated your dog. Should you ever need to produce the rabies tag, you can find it in the dog's file. Too many people rely upon the rabies tag to be an ID tag and when a dog is found after hours, on holidays or on weekends, there is no one to identify the dog and you. Rabies tags also often rub off the important numbers of the other tags that do protect your dog. It's better to stash it in a safe place so it doesn't interfere with real identification.

Remember, if you move, you want to immediately to notify the microchip company and wherever else you enroll your dog/s of your new information. We once had to search for three days to find an owner who had moved 5 hours away and the dog was lost at the new home. We were notified as our name is on the dog as well and it was a lot of work finding that owner. For your dog's sake, (and ours!!!), please keep your dog's information current.

And here's another link about microchips that you should check out:

<http://www.foundanimals.org/blog/5-things-you-didnt-know-about-microchips/>

– Beth White
President
Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado

Personal ID Tags - A Reminder



The above images show how we recommend the information be displayed on your dog's personal identification tags. The phone numbers can be your cell and your significant other's cell phone; your home phone and a vet's phone; your cell phone and a neighbor's phone... just make sure that if you use someone like the neighbor or the vet that they are aware that they are on there so they don't get a call in the middle of the night and tell the caller that they don't have a dog!! Also, the phrase "Needs Meds – Reward" is recommended to appeal to people's sense of compassion (since they would think the dog might die without its meds) and their sense of greed (thinking they would get a cash reward if they returned the dog). The reward does not necessarily have to be a cash reward! ☺

Stuffed Toy Warning

This last Monday I had to rush my precious little Maggie Moo to the vet.

She had been under the weather for a few days and only eating off and on. I had them do x-rays and blood work on her and she had a pin or something sharp in her stomach she had eaten. Of course I blamed myself for all of the sewing I have been doing but it turned out that it was not that kind of a pin. In any case, Maggie had eaten some soft toy and had blocked. Dr Book said she could have eaten it weeks ago. It tore several holes in her bowels and he was not able to save my little girl. This was the hardest day of my entire life. I would gladly have traded places with her to have saved her.

The point of my story is that I am begging everyone that they need to get rid of all of the stuffed toys they have around. A long time ago we stopped getting toys with stuffing or squeakers but it just wasn't enough. I suggest just giving the dogs nyla bones or regular bones to chew on. I am not even going to give them tennis balls anymore because they eat those also. We know these toys all come from China and I don't think they are careful in what gets left in them. I think this sharp pin like object came from a toy perhaps. It was about 1/2" long and twisted, nothing that I use to sew.

Maggie was my teacher for every dog that came to the rescue. She greeted each and every one and was always my teacher for them. I don't know what I will do without her. So please, when you are tempted to load up your cart at Pet Smart or Petco with toys for all of your kids, think about what they are made of and don't give them anything made from cloth or rope. There are so many brain games out there for them that are safe.

Ariel O'Brien
Spotted Dog Rescue

50/50 Raffle To Support Adopt A Spot Dalmatian Rescue in Virginia



This is a great fund raiser and great for the winner. Adopt A Spot Dalmatian Rescue has really been hurt by some very expensive dogs and could use the support.

If you've ever been a gambler, or might want to start!, check out this 50/50 raffle hosted by Adoptaspot Dalmatian Rescue in VA. They've been hit with some pretty hefty vet bills and need all the help they can get. However many tickets sold, the rescue gets half the proceeds and one winner gets the other half. Pretty good deal! Check it out! Thanks and GOOD LUCK!

- Beth White

Adopt A Spot Dalmatian Rescue is selling 50/50 raffle tickets to help us bring in some extra money to support the Dals that come into the rescue. The winner will take home half of the amount sold. This is a great way to get some extra cash in your pocket and support our rescue as well. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please use the link below to purchase your tickets and drawing is to be held on May 31, 2014.

http://adoptaspotdalrescue.com/?page_id=1305

Thanks to everyone for their support. Good Luck!!!!

Debbie Kidd
Adopt A Spot Dal Rescue, Inc.



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Attention Adopters!! – Yes, I'm talkin' to you!

If you haven't already submitted your Happy Beginnings Story, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take some time to do it now! Yes, I am begging. We really would like to have your stories on the website and make you a star here in the NewSpots!! So, what are you waiting for? Submit your stories and a new photograph of your fur kid(s), and yourself if you want, to me today! dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net

Want To See Your Dog In Print? (or on our website or advertising flyers, etc.)??

We are seeking reader submitted photos! So get busy with your camera and start sending the photos in today. We prefer either TIF or JPG format and sized no smaller than 640 x 480 pixels. Please include some descriptive text to help identify what's happening in the photo(s) and be sure to include your dog's name(s), your name, city and state (so that I can give you credit for the photo). Send photos to me at spotted-dog-designs@comcast.net. I cannot guarantee that we will use all photos submitted. The more interesting and unusual the photo, the better the chance of it being used. Some ideas of photos could be your dog 'reading' a newspaper (hint, hint) – even better if he'll wear glasses while doing so; your dog watching television; sitting in the driver's seat; wearing a harness (this one could be used for a safety article); costumed up ready for Halloween. So there you have it... time to get busy with the camera and submit your photos today! See below for a few sample reader submitted photos – three of them have already appeared in NewSpots!

Doggie Parenting

Tips and tricks on loving and living with dogs!

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20 of My Best Newsletters

Email me for the ones you want

Over the next several weeks I will list some of my best newsletters and if you want me to send them to you, I will be happy to do so. Just email me with the number you see in parenthesis after the subject. Please don't send me the subject name/title, just the number? I will try to respond immediately but please keep in mind that I have 4,500 readers so if a lot of people want these newsletters, it may take me a few days to get it done.

I want to bring your attention to just one of these below. The first one, about puppy socialization. This is the absolute most important thing we need to know about dogs. So even if you don't have a puppy right now, get this newsletter and hang onto it for the future. Dogs who do not get proper socialization by the time they are 4 months old can have unbelievable problems the rest of their lives and it's lack of early socialization that leads to fearful dogs, which are the most frequent biters. A lot of times these dogs do not live full lives because they are fearful and aggressive and end up biting someone or their owners just find it too difficult to keep them.

Like I say, these are some of my favorite and most helpful newsletters. Enjoy!

- Puppy Socialization: The Most Important Thing People Need To Know About Dogs (4)
- "Find-It!" Game – Fun For Dogs And Kids (And Adults!) (5)
- Bacon And Cheese Bones Recipe (6)
- Trimming Dogs' Nails With A Rotary Power Tool (Dremel) Waaaay Better Than Clipping (6)
- Urine Cleanup – The Right Way (11)
- Plastic Fencing Affords More Options For Off-Leash Exercise And Play (12)
- Toys To Entertain Dogs While They Eat Meals (13)
- Abuse Disguised As Dog Training – Yelling At Dogs (14)
- Cleaning Ears And Preventing Ear Infections (16)
- Dog Can Be Aggressive After Being Attacked – Spray Shield Wards Off Some Attacking Dogs (18)
- Is Your Dog Fit, Fat, Or Obese? (20)
- EVERYONE'S Dog Should Be Muzzle-Trained (20)
- Frequent Farting Is Not Normal (21)
- Bathing Your Dog With Peanut Butter (22)
- Dogs NEED Water When Out And About – Cool Tools In The Car And While Walking (23)
- Freecycle – Give Things Away And Get Things FREE (26)
- Keep Poop Bags In Sock Drawer To Remember To Take Them On Walks (28)
- How To Switch Your Dog's Food To Avoid Diarrhea, Pumpkin To Treat Diarrhea and/or Constipation (32)
- Indoor Dog Potties – Not Just For Small Dogs (35)
- Dogs Living Alone Outdoors Are Neglected – "Dogs Deserve Better" Comes To The Rescue (40)

Soon I will list 20 more favorites.

'Til next time, "kiss the kids"
Tori (Mom of Jetta WAC, CGC)

Want more Doggie Parenting tips and tricks? Visit my website below to subscribe to my free 4,000-subscriber e-newsletter. I have *hundreds* of tips to help living with dogs easier and more enjoyable.

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Trainer Tips

“Puppy biting getting worse? The Zuzu Chronicles”

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The puppy biting seemed to be getting a little better. But now it's getting worse again! Most likely your puppy is teething. The baby teeth are getting ready to fall out and the adult teeth are starting to come in. It's a difficult time for everyone!

This is a time when many people living with puppies get frustrated and sometimes even take out their anger on their puppies. Please don't! Smacking your puppy on the nose and other responses that are made out of anger should not be used. We shouldn't take out our anger or frustration on canine toddlers any more than we should with human toddlers. They simply don't know any better just yet. They still need lots of help learning the right way to handle things at this age.

Zuzu is going through this right now. Since bringing her home at six weeks, the biting/nipping has always been an issue with her. It was getting better, but now I am seeing more biting starting to happen again. She's 16 weeks now and will be going through this for a while. No baby teeth have fallen out yet, but they will start any time now.



Frozen beef broth cubes and fleece tug toy

Old washcloth or similar item.

In addition to the usual biting/nipping recommendations, there's another one I highly recommend at this stage. Their mouths are probably hurting when they are teething so providing some appropriate options to help soothe them will help you and your puppy feel better right now. Here are two things I am doing at this stage with Zuzu:

- 1) I take a couple of her toys, soak them in water and then stick in a Ziploc baggie in the freezer and pull out as needed. Cold or frozen items to chew on will help soothe their aching gums. You can buy toys specifically made for this, or find a suitable toy you already have to use for this. For example, I use a small braided fleece tug toy that works well. Some people use an

- 2) Regular ice cubes can work well, but I take an ice cube tray and fill it with beef broth (not the canned kind with lots of sodium) and freeze those. You could also put small treats in the trays and then fill the remainder with water. While many puppies love plain old ice cubes, adding a little flavor will make them even tastier.

So when Zuzu is getting especially rough with her teeth, I go to the freezer and pull out a special treat. She's always very happy to get something icy cold!

If you have an issue you would like addressed in a future installment of Ask the Trainer, please send your question to:
sbrown@lovemydogtraining.com or Sue Brown, Love My Dog Training, 1494 S Perry Park Road, Sedalia, CO 80135.

For additional training tips and information, you can read our blog at <http://www.lovemydogtraining.com/wp/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Bits & Pieces

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 a little over 450 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!! Below is an advertisement appearing for the first time in NewSpots!!

Advertising in NewSpots! is free!!

Simply contact the editor, Karl Schill, at dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

*****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 closet 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

Free and Clear

Recommended for Urinary Health



Urinary tract infection pet, urinary tract crystals, pet urinary, small animal urinary, vet approved urinary, prevent urinary, treat urinary, dissolve urinary tract crystals, clinical, animal urethra, urinary pain, urinary discomfort, animal urinary flush

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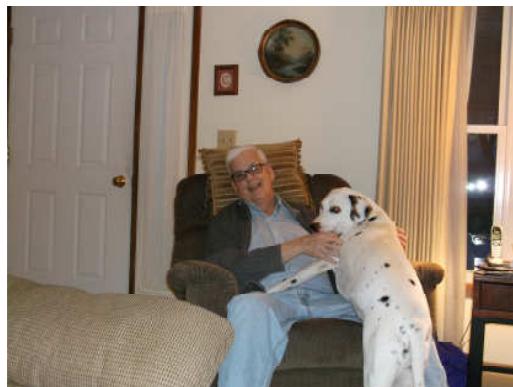
Reader Submitted Photos



Bandit IV poses for a close up



Bandit IV sitting in the office



Bandit IV trying to get attention from Ralph

All photos courtesy of Ralph C., Mason City, IA

In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Annabelle1

1.5 Year Old, Black Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Fort Collins, CO

*****URGENT*****

A NEW FOSTER HOME IS NEEDED FOR ANNABELLE! Annabelle is a young, single mother with 8 mouths to feed. She gave of herself and all she had to raise 8 gorgeous puppies. Found on the street in TX in horribly thin condition, she delivered her brood in a high-kill shelter, and a wonderful family in Fort Collins offered to foster her and her kiddos and so they came to CO. No, she has no Dalmatian in her and is not even a Dalmatian Wannabe, but she needed help and she found it with us. Annabelle LOVES everyone she meets and is learning to be a house dog now. She likely was a street waif for many weeks

and maybe never was indoors until now. This is one SWEET, SWEET young lady who has lots to learn but lots of love to give and will make someone a fabulous and fun companion. Her coat color is striking and gorgeous now and she is gaining weight nicely, and will soon be spayed. She might be German Shepherd and Collie cross, but that is just a guess. Annabelle is in Ft. Collins ready for a life where she is the center of attention and not her babies! Anyone for an Annabelle? Adoption \$200.



Mylie

Liver Female
Reason Available: Annabelle's Daughter (The last of 8 pups needing a home)
Foster Home: Fort Collins, CO

*****URGENT*****

Mylie is the last of the litter of 8 needing a home. She's currently in Ft. Collins and soon to be spayed. She is microchipped, has had shots appropriate for her age and she's a wonderful snuggler. She also comes with a great book to help you raise her. "How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With". \$250 adoption.



Sammy2

Black Male
Reason Available: Unknown
Foster Home: Aurora, CO

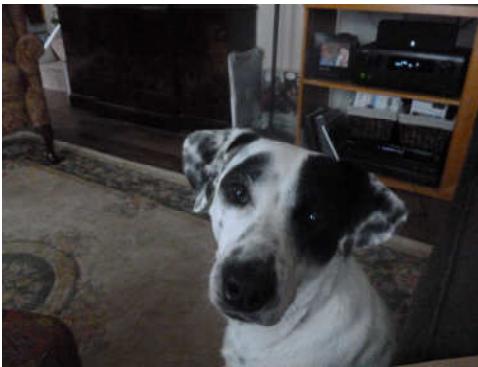
*****URGENT*****

Just a little tyke, Sammy is maybe Dalmatian x Jack Russell. Whatever he is, he is cute, cuddly and loving! He needs a secure fence because if there is one little hole he'll find it. Good in the house, loves to snuggle, loves car rides and he is crate trained. Now in Aurora, Sammy really, really wants his own home with hopefully another doggie playmate or someone who is very active to take him running a lot. Cats are unknown but he loves every dog he meets! This boy has energy and is ready to do whatever you want to do. He would excel in Agility for sure! Sammy is only about 18 lbs so will fit just about anywhere. \$200 adoption.



Happy Beginning Stories

Lucia



Lucia poses for a close up

On March 1, we will have had Lucia for one year! She was our dog from the first time we saw her photo and she is our dog now. Lucia still doesn't trust the world as much as we would like, but she is more tolerant than she used to be. We have followed the suggestions of our trainer, Scott, and Lucia has responded. To us, she is sweet, loving, loyal, gentle, and it seems her whole world revolves around us. She loves to take walks and even plays now. It took a little while, but she regularly wags her tail! It has been only a year since her foster mom, Angela and two of her children brought Lucia to us, that cold Friday night. That evening we slept downstairs with her, and I think that was the first message to her that she was ours and we were hers. We feel very lucky to have her in our lives.

Tom and Phyllis L.

China

China has been an answer to my prayers. When my Italian Spinone died, my heart sank down to my kneecaps. I believed it to be broken beyond repair. However, God has a miraculous way of healing. He provided me with one of the most adorable dogs in the whole world. China is not only cute; she's also sweet and very smart. She is definitely a one of a kind dog. Many thanks to Mrs. Holt and Mrs. White for assisting me in the process of purchasing China. I will never forget their kindness!

Have a wonderful day!

Alexa
Montana

P.S. Please note that her eyes are open!



China relaxing on the bed

Ollie (aka Tollie)



Ollie and Otto

Here's a pic of Tollie which we call Ollie. He is a fantastic Dal. He loves running, going for walks and especially playing with his best friend Otto.

Bret C
Denver, CO

Please don't forget... if you haven't sent in your Happy Beginnings Story yet, why not do it right now while it's fresh in your mind! It's never too late to see your story in print!!

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

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