

NewSpots! Returns...

Dear Readers,

My apologies for the lengthy disappearance of the newsletter during our website transition. For a period of time as we went through the transition from the old website to the new, it was not possible to upload the newsletter. Thankfully, we have finally gotten everything worked out, so the NewSpots! newsletter is back!! ☺ We hope that you will continue to view it and get lots of great information, news and features that you have come to know and expect from us.

--Karl Schill
Editor, NewSpots! Newsletter

They May Have Killed 600 Dogs, But They're Headed Back To Store Shelves

By Dr. Becker, DVM

March 5, 2014. I've written many articles here at Mercola Healthy Pets about the jerky pet treats imported from China that have sickened over 4,500 pets and killed 600 dogs over the last seven years. Each time I write an update on this appalling and seemingly never-ending situation, I try to provide suggestions to readers on how to avoid potentially tainted chicken, duck and sweet potato death treats.

A little over a year ago, and six years into the FDA's unimpressive search for answers about the tainted treats, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) found trace amounts of residual illegal poultry antibiotics in several lots of the very same brands of treats implicated in reports of pet illness and death. This revelation prompted Nestle Purina PetCare (makers of Waggin' Train and Canyon Creek Ranch jerky treats) and the Del Monte Corp. (makers of Milo's Kitchen products) to voluntarily pull their jerky products from store shelves across the country.

Pet owners breathed a sigh of relief at the news, however, predictably, both the pet treat manufacturers and the FDA claimed the antibiotic residue was not what had sickened or killed thousands of pets. Knowing the primary motivation of huge pet food producers (Waggin' Train put \$54 million in Nestle Purina's coffers last year, and Milo's Kitchen treats accounted for \$60 million in sales for Del Monte), and given the FDA's unwillingness to act on behalf of pets and their families, I correctly assumed we hadn't seen the end of the jerky treat disaster.

Potentially Tainted Treats Are Back on Store Shelves

Here's why I've made such an effort to steer as many pet owners as possible away from these treats for good.

According to a late January report by NBC News:

"Two of the top-selling brands of jerky treats for pets will soon return to U.S. store shelves, a year after a nationwide recall and with government experts no closer to solving the mystery that has linked the products to hundreds of animal deaths and thousands of illnesses."

Yes, they're back. Nestle put their still-made-in-China Waggin' Train treats back on store shelves in February, and Del Monte will return their treats to the market this month.

For the record, Del Monte says its Milo's Kitchen Chicken Jerky Strips and Chicken Grillers Recipe treats are made from "U.S.-sourced meat," and Nestle has announced that in addition to their China-supplied treats, they will also introduce "new products sourced entirely in the U.S." (Important note: "Made in the USA" may or may not mean all ingredients in the product were made in the USA. As long as the product was assembled here, regardless of where the ingredients come from, manufacturers can stamp "Made in the USA" on the package.)

Needless to say, knowledgeable pet owners, animal advocates and veterinarians aren't happy about this, since there's really no information about what changes, if any, the pet treat producers have made to their products. A veterinarian in Florida who has treated several cases of Fanconi syndrome, a serious kidney disorder linked to the treats, says she would like to see clinical trials in pets that prove the "revamped" products are safe.

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Declines to Take a Stand to Protect Pets

Just a few days after NBC News reported the return of pet jerky treats to store shelves, they announced more disheartening news. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recently rejected a resolution to discourage pet owners from feeding jerky products.

According to AVMA spokesman David Kirkpatrick, *"The resolution as presented is basically dead. We don't have the scientific proof to say, 'Don't do it.'"*

Dr. Kendal Harr, a veterinarian and clinical pathologist in Seattle who helped sponsor the petition for the AVMA resolution, believes the tests to identify the toxin in jerky treats don't even exist at this point in time. He says the search for the problem is like a "needle in a haystack" of potential compounds. It's moving too slowly in his estimation, and he doesn't believe there's been any real progress despite several years of FDA involvement.

It would seem the AVMA, like the FDA, sees a clear link between the treats and sick and dead pets, but chooses not to take an official stand to protect companion animals and their owners. It's worth noting that according to NBC News, federal tax records show Nestle Purina is a minor donor to the AVMA.

Recommendations for Avoiding Toxic Pet Treats

There's no shortage of commercial pet treats on the market today. They come in every conceivable shape, size, smell, flavor, color and texture. The challenge is finding safe, high-quality, species-appropriate treats in a sea of products claiming to be "all-natural" and "made in the U.S.A."

The following recommendations will help point you in the direction of selecting safe, wholesome treats for your furry family member.

Tip #1: Don't Overfeed Treats to Your Pet

Dog or cat treats – even very healthy ones – should not constitute more than 15 percent of your pet's daily food intake, and preferably less than 10 percent. And it's best to limit them to training and behavior rewards, as a bedtime ritual, or as a "time to get in your crate" enticement - things of that nature. Treats should be offered primarily as rewards during house training, obedience training or other similar activities, and not because the rest of the family is sitting down with a bowl of popcorn to watch a movie.

Also keep in mind that cat and dog treats are not a complete form of nutrition for your pet, and should never be substituted for balanced, species-appropriate meals. Overfeeding treats on top of daily food intake will result in an obese pet. Overfeeding treats while underfeeding balanced meals will result in a dog or cat with nutritional deficiencies.

Tip #2: Treats Should Be Sourced in the U.S. and Made in the U.S.

Legally, pet food manufacturers can make the "made in the U.S.A." claim as long as the product was assembled in this country – even if the ingredients are imported. So when you're shopping for safe treats, it's not enough that a product claims to be made in the U.S. You want to be sure all the ingredients originated here as well.

The U.S. certainly produces its own share of tainted products, but as a general rule, the contaminating agent is quickly identified and these days, immediate action is taken to remove the product from store shelves.

The chicken jerky dog treats and other treats suspected of causing illness and death in so many pets have ingredients imported from China. Despite the efforts of the FDA and independent laboratories to isolate the contaminant, nothing has been identified, and five years after the first reports of sick and dying pets, the treats are still being produced by major pet food companies and sold by major retailers. So I would certainly strongly recommend avoiding any product containing ingredients sourced from China.

That said, I have found several excellent quality treats from New Zealand and Canada. The important point is to know and trust your treat company's commitment to purity and quality control.

Tip #3: Treats Should Be High-Quality

A high-quality pet treat will not contain grains or unnecessary fillers, rendered animal byproducts, added sugar (sometimes hidden in ingredients like molasses and honey), chemicals, artificial preservatives, or ingredients known to be highly allergenic to pets. These criteria rule out the vast majority of commercial pet treats on the market.

As is the case with commercially available pet foods, high-quality pet treats aren't likely to be found in big-box stores, large pet store chains, your local supermarket, or your vet's office. Your best bet shopping locally is to visit small, independent pet stores with knowledgeable staff who can answer customer questions and are competent to recommend products that make sense for individual pets.

Most excellent quality, human-grade pet food producers – typically smaller companies – also make a few types of treats. So if you're already feeding your dog or cat a high-quality commercial pet food you trust, see if the manufacturer also makes treats.

Another option is to shop online, especially if you've done your research and know exactly what you're looking for.

Tip #4: Offer Fresh Human Foods as Treats

I recommend avoiding all grain-based treats. Your dog or cat has no biological requirements for the carbs in these treats, and in addition, they are pro-inflammatory.

Consider instead living "human" foods. Berries are a great treat because they're small and loaded with antioxidants. You can also offer small amounts – no more than 1/8 inch square for a cat or small dog and a 1/4 inch square for bigger dogs – of other fruits (melons and apples are good fruits to start with) as well as cheese.

Many cats enjoy bits of zucchini or cantaloupe. You can also try offering some dark, green leafy veggies as treats for your kitty. It might even keep her away from your houseplants!

Excellent training treats for dogs include frozen peas and raw almonds, cashews and Brazil nuts (but NEVER macadamia nuts).

Tip #5: Prepare Homemade Treats for your Pet

If your dog happens to be wild for dehydrated chicken strips (chicken jerky), you can make your own quite easily. Just buy some boneless chicken breasts, clean them, and slice into long, thin strips – the thinner the better. Place the strips on a greased or non-stick cookie sheet and bake them for at least three hours at 180 degrees. The low temp dries the chicken out slowly and the strips wind up nice and chewy.

Let the strips cool, and then store them in plastic bags or another airtight container. You can also freeze them.

If you buy commercial canned food for your dog or cat, you can 'repurpose' a can for use as a supply of healthy treats. Open a can of your pet's favorite brand, preferably something with a strong aroma, and spoon out little treat sized amounts onto a baking sheet covered with parchment paper.

Put the baking sheet into the freezer until the bite sized bits of food are frozen. Then move them to an airtight container and back into the freezer they go until you're ready to treat your pet to a treat! (Most dogs will enjoy the treats frozen, but you'll need to thaw them to a chewy consistency for kitties.)

For recipes to make pet treats at home using beef, liver and turkey, check out my article titled "Nutritious, Delicious Pet Treats You Can Make in a Flash" (<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2012/02/10/easy-to-make-pet-treats.aspx>).

Ticks: These creepy crawlies can give you more than 'the willies'

By Maureen Blaney Flietner

They're tiny. They can carry disease. And they want blood!

No, it's not an ad for a new horror flick. It's an alert about ticks and the harm they can cause us and our pets.

Ticks are little parasites without the ability to fly or jump. Can't be much of a danger, right? Wrong. When warm weather arrives, they crawl up grasses, shrubs, and other plants and wait until you, your pet, or another animal passes by. Then, they drop down and hook on!

If the ticks are infected with pathogens—nasty bacteria, viruses, and the like—they can transmit those when they bite.

Ticks infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacterium, for example, transmit Lyme disease. That disease can produce joint damage, kidney disease, and neurologic dysfunction. Ticks also can transmit pathogens that cause Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, bartonellosis, and other infections.

There are about 30,000 human cases of Lyme disease reported each year to the Centers for Disease Control by state health departments and the District of Columbia. But the CDC estimates that about 10 times as many people are actually infected annually.

“Because only a fraction of illnesses are reported, researchers need to estimate the total burden of illness to set public health goals, allocate resources, and measure the economic impact of disease,” says Candice Hoffmann, press officer with the CDC. “Preliminary results from three different evaluation methods suggest that the number of people diagnosed with Lyme disease each year in the United States is around 300,000. Notably, this new estimate does not affect our understanding of the geographic distribution of Lyme disease.”



Although Lyme disease cases have been reported in all 50 states, the reports reflect where the patient lives, not necessarily where he or she became infected. Infections are usually the result of travel to a state where the disease is common, she notes.

Most Lyme disease cases reported to CDC are concentrated heavily in the Northeast and upper Midwest, with 96 percent of reported cases occurring in 13 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Dogs and humans are very susceptible to tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease. It's been estimated that many dogs in Lyme disease hot spots have been exposed to the disease, but only a small percentage develop clinical signs.

While Lyme disease is rare in cats, according to the Cornell Feline Health Center, cat owners should still be aware of the possibility of infection. Cats are prone to a dozen or so tick species associated with other major feline diseases. One is tularemia, transmitted by the dog tick, wood tick, and lone star tick, as well as deer flies. That illness ranges from mild to life-threatening, depending on how it enters the body. Cats can transmit the disease to humans. Hoffmann also noted that at least one child in the U.S. has developed tularemia after being bitten by a pet hamster.

So what can pet owners do?

- Talk with your veterinarian about tick-borne diseases in your area and the use of tick preventives on your pet. Ask your veterinarian which products she recommends. Never use a product on a cat that was intended for use on dogs. Cats are very sensitive to chemicals and can get sick or die from inappropriate tick preventives.
- Check your pets and yourself for ticks daily, especially after time spent outdoors. If you find a tick, remove it right away. Follow safe handling techniques, since it is possible to become infected if the tick is improperly handled. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice changes in your pet's behavior or appetite. For cases of Lyme disease in dogs, lameness may not occur for 2 to 5 months after tick exposure, according to the Baker Institute at Cornell University.
- Check the Environmental Protection Agency website to be aware of any problems with pet pest products. For example, in mid-March 2014, the EPA announced that Sergeant's Pet Care Products, Inc., and Wellmark International will cancel flea and tick pet collars containing propoxur marketed as Bansect, Sentry, Zodiac, and Biospot. The EPA found some unacceptable risks to children from exposure to propoxur pet collars on the first day after application. Under the agreement, manufacturers are allowed to produce the pet collars until April 1, 2015, and will not be allowed to distribute the products after April 1, 2016.
- Avoid tick habitats and create areas that are unfriendly to ticks as well as the mice and deer that often carry them. Ticks like damp, shady areas. Experts suggest that homeowners remove leaf litter, clear tall grasses and brush around homes and at the edge of lawns, prune branches to let more sunlight into darker areas, and place a 3-foot-wide barrier of wood chips or gravel between lawns and wooded areas to restrict tick migration.

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This is an easy fundraiser to help fund our services and we hope you share it with your entire address book. In just over 7 years, C.A.R.E. has transported more than 21,300 animals to safety, helped another 2,700 animals with veterinary care through our Jake's Fund, and sponsored spay/neuter surgeries of over 8,200 animals in low income/rural communities. Our agenda is vigorous and requires great financial backing.

Please do help us continue our lifesaving work to assist the animals that need us the most. For more info on this fundraiser, please visit our web site, www.caretransport.org and click on the Macy's link. Please donate online or checks can be mailed to C.A.R.E. 5276 S. Hanover Way Englewood CO 80111. We are even offering some incentives with multiple pass purchases.

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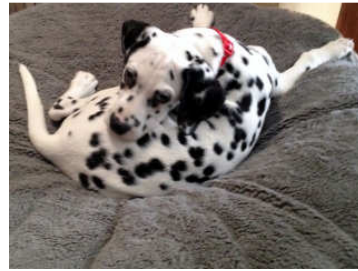
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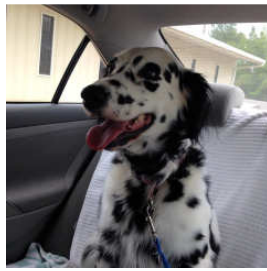
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Attention Adopters!! – Yes, I'm talkin' to you!

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

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Here's a blog about him by Dr. Patty Khuly, VMD, MBA

<http://www.dolittler.com/2009/03/16/Why-veterinary-behaviorists-cant-stand-Cesar-Millan.html>

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Dr. Nicholas Dodman, the director of the Animal Behavior Clinic at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine of Tufts University, has said "Cesar Millan's methods are based on flooding and punishment. The results, though immediate, will be only transitory."

Jean Donaldson, the San Francisco SPCA Director of The Academy for Dog Trainers has criticized Millan for physically confronting aggressive dogs and using check chains for fearful dogs.

On September 6, 2006, the American Humane Association issued a press release criticizing Millan's tactics and called on the National Geographic Channel to cease airing the program immediately.

In October 2006, the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants wrote a letter to the National Geographic Channel regarding concerns "that the program may lead children to engage in unsafe behaviors." The Association called for a change in the program's rating of TV-G.

Cute Comment From A Student

In my intake questions, I ask all students:
Who is in charge - you or your dog?

The serious answers run the gamut from "My dog is" to "I am" (which makes me wonder why they need help then) <g>. I rec'd a cute reply a couple weeks ago. Student Teresa said of her Akita and herself:

"We take turns."

Does Your Dog Need More Motivation To Play With Toys?

Try this:

How to create a motivating toy

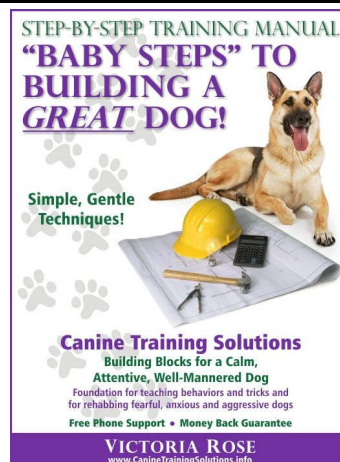
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'Til next time, "kiss the kids"
Tori (Mom of Jetta WAC, CGC)

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Trainer Tips

“Training Tip – If your dog digs holes”

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Dogs love to dig holes! There are a variety of reasons why dogs dig holes. Some examples include:



- To burn off energy
- To get at something (buried treasure, rodents underground, etc.)
- To escape or get somewhere else
- For fun
- As a stress reliever
- To find a cool spot to lie down.

Some dogs will dig hole to create a cool spot to lie down when the summer heat is getting to them. If that's the case with your dog, you might be able to eliminate the digging by providing a cool spot for your dog before he decides to dig. Make sure you have a nice spot in the shade for your dog. Cool surfaces make the spot even more comfortable. Cool green grass. Cool dirt. Maybe even a kiddie pool with some shallow water to lie in is a favorite for some dogs. If you provide a nice cool comfortable spot, your dog might decide digging a hole is not worth the effort!

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

Purple Ear Cleaner

This is the best solution I have used when it comes to yeast infections, and gunky ears. It was given to me years ago by a veterinarian.

16 oz. bottle isopropyl alcohol (or witch hazel)
4 tablespoons Boric Acid Powder
16 drops Gentian Violet 1% Solution (will stain)

Mix all ingredients in the alcohol bottle & shake. (Make sure you shake before every application). Put in a bottle for ease of application. I use a Sally's bottle for hair dye.

Treatment: Fill ear with solution & massage gently. The dog will shake the excess out. Be careful, the Gentian Violet could stain.

Treatment:

2 times per day for the first 2 weeks

1 time per day for the next 2 weeks or until the ears are clean of infection.

1 time per week, then once a month thereafter for maintenance.

If your dog has been swimming, playing in water, bathed etc. To prevent infections treat the ears afterwards.

All ingredients are available at a pharmacy. The Boric Acid is usually in the First Aid section where you find the alcohol, or ask for assistance from the Pharmacy. The Gentian Violet will be in a small bottle maybe near the iodine.

Even despite the alcohol, dogs don't object to even the first treatment. The Boric Acid soothes the ear & the Gentian Violet is an anti-infection agent. This solution is also effective for the treatment of fungus type infections on the dog including hot spots.

Avoid getting in eyes.

- Rhonda C.

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In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Sparkie Belle

1.5 Years Old, Black Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Danbury, TX

*******URGENT*******

URGENT! A RIDE TO CO AVAILABLE 8/12. Sparkie Belle is a wild woman! She has lots of energy and she wants and needs to run every day. She has the potential to be a great agility dog, a road trial dog and a biking/jogging partner. Sparkie is spayed, crate trained, housebroken, has come a long way meeting new people, where she was timid when we first got her. She is in a foster home south of Houston and she has 2 acres to run on and enjoy. You up for such a pretty lady? Adoption \$400. For more information contact Janie at emilycharlie02@gmail.com or (979) 248-1003.



Lucky13

3 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Abandoned
In Boarding: Houston, TX

*******URGENT*******

Lucky is only lucky in that he escaped dying in an overcrowded shelter where he was first adopted from as a puppy. His owner moved away leaving him behind. They didn't care anyway since they let him become heartworm positive! His HW treatment has been donated but this poor boy is living in a kennel now since no foster home was available. He has shown well at several adoption events in Houston area but so far no home. The kennel is so lonely. Can you find a spot in your heart for this lovely Dalmatian mix (Dalmatian Wannabe) who has been pretty UNLucky? For more information, contact Karen at karen.cloud@bracewellgiuliani.com weekdays or (281) 300-5114 weekends. Karen can let you know where Lucky will be shown on Saturdays. Let's let Lucky be Lucky again! Remember his heartworm treatment is donated!



Olivia

Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Abandoned
In Boarding: Houston, TX

*******URGENT*******

URGENT...FOSTER HOME NEEDED! Olivia is now in a boarding kennel in Houston, being unable to stay in her foster home any longer. This very sweet little girl loves to run and this is going to be hard on her to be so confined. Olivia was mom to three pups and landed in a big ole scary shelter in TX. As usually happens, puppies are saved but mom isn't. But we saved this black and white beauty. Livvy is quiet in the house, housebroken, crate trained and she comes well when called. Still a puppy, she might nibble where she shouldn't, but Olivia wants to please and is learning her boundaries. She might have come from a heavy handed person as she will cower when yelled at. But there is no need to yell at Olivia...she only wants to please you and be with you! There is absolutely no aggression in this little girl with some pit in her. A Chihuahua fussing at her can make her turn belly up. She will sit in the lap of any person who wants her to and for hours. She's a nice size for a lap puppy too. Rides are often available to CO or sometimes in other directions. For more information contact Sharon at sharkent@gmail.com. Oh for an Olivia in your home!! Adoption \$200.



Happy Beginning Stories

Jazzi (aka Dixie9)



Jazzi with her new buddy Riley

Hey guys!

Well, Jazzi has sure developed a personality in the almost month we have had her. She absolutely loves the farm and loves to be free. She does not ride on the golf cart but will chase it around and around and around the farm until her little legs say enough. She LOVES car rides and will always jump in when invited.

She has a swimming pool at the farm that she can cool off in when she is hot. She has already been to the doggy spa and did well.

She has this new habit when playing ball that she will back up twice and then hop to the side then barks and you release the ball. She is crazy fast and we are working on her bringing the ball back to us.

She has tried every seat in the house and has found the house to be her favorite. She is way too good to sleep on a dog bed so she does a round robin of napping/sleeping on the most comfortable bed.

She is not so shy anymore. We had about 75 people to our farm for 4th of July and she met everyone. She loves to give puppy kisses and will only beg for food when we are not looking. She was not afraid of the fireworks at all. In fact she just hung out the entire time and sniffed for scraps.

My brother has taken her on trips to Orschelns and bought her doggie treats and toys and then she went on a road trip to sonic to get her own cup of ice cream.

When I was home over the 4th of July she was trying to play a game where she made a noise and I went and checked on her then she was quiet. She did this several times until I got smart and climbed over the counter when she did it.

She is the perfect dog. My brother adores her and insists on giving her belly rubs when he comes home from work and leaves for work.

She has a protective side and will run the neighbor's dog off our property - when she sees the dog she gets a mohawk down her and she bears her teeth but she would not hurt any of us as we pick her up and she calms down.

Ear infection seems to be all gone.

Thanks again for all your help! Jazzi is pretty spoiled to say the least.

Jandi & Colleen
Goodland, KS

Marilyn

We are really enjoying having Marilyn around! Here are a few pictures we took this morning, which I think turned out really nice. All the neighborhood kids are helping to train her! She sits and lies down pretty well and was able to hold her bark with the cat in the room this afternoon. We took her on several walks, and she just loves catching june bugs, gathering feathers from the ducks, and sniffing around the lake and turtles.

Today we are working on pooping outside. I saw that she used the dining room twice, although she is peeing outside. I kept her on a leash the entire day today inside and outside, but she held it. Hopefully tomorrow she'll see that it's okay. I assume she just doesn't know how to let us know she has to go because of the doggie door. We've been practicing having her sit down before we open the door. I think she'll realize that sitting at the door will be the way to make us open it.

Thanks again!
Elizabeth



Marilyn and the girls posing for a cute pic

Casper



Casper waiting to get into the pool

Hi, my name is Nicole, and I wanted to share my families' story of adopting Casper. On March 02, 2014 my boyfriend Devlin and I adopted Casper. We have two daughters' that are 11 and 12. I have never had the privilege of being a dog owner, however my boyfriend has. When Casper first arrived at our house I was shocked to see what a big boy he was. I had envisioned adopting a much smaller dog. He is a beautiful white Pit-bull/American Bull-dog mix. Despite his size we immediately fell in love with him. He had brought so much happiness, joy, and fun to our family. He is always doing something new, and creating new experiences in which we all have to laugh at. Casper is a fun loving, sweet boy who loves to play. He does look a bit intimidating, but he is such a big teddy bear. I cannot quite put into words the joy he has brought our family.

About four weeks ago we adopted a sister for Casper, and named her Charley. He loves to play with her, and is very protective of her as well as our family. Charley and Casper are true brother and sister. They play all day long, and love to make messes in the backyard. My family and

I would like to thank the Dalmatian Rescue for their hard work in ensuring animals find their forever homes. However, we have to give a special heart felt thank you to his foster Erin McLaughlin-Nash. She provided us with everything we would need to begin taking care of Casper; including dog food, leash, bowls, and toys. She has kept in contact with our family, and loves to see pictures of Casper. She has went above and beyond to make sure we had everything we needed to take care of Casper, as well as offering advise most recently went we found out Casper has allergies.

Casper and his sister Charley have made our family complete, and we now cannot envision not having them in our lives. They are truly our other children, and our family.

Nicole J.

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