

Blue

(aka Blue2)



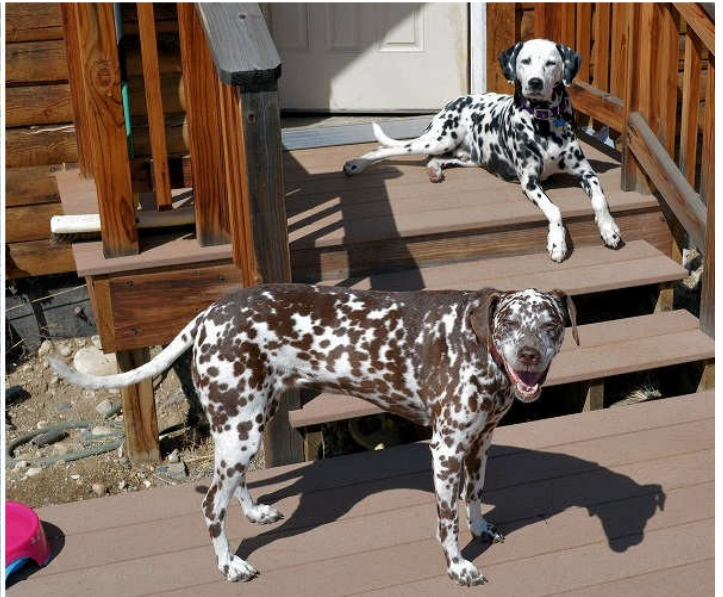
My wife, Jean, and I have been in love with Dalmatians since we adopted our first back in 1996. We bought Dilly from a friend whose son could not keep her in his apartment while he was at work. Over the intervening years we adopted three more Dals. Two of them were puppies, Stoker and Mesa, who came from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. Dilly became a surrogate mom to both Stoker and Mesa. When Dilly passed in the fall of 2011 at the age of 16 1/2 years, we found an 8-year-old female through Dalmatian Rescue of New Mexico. Perdy had been over-weight when they got her but thanks to a diet they put her on, she soon returned to normal weight. But unfortunately, she also had heartworm which we had our vet treat when we got her back to Colorado. She responded well to the slow-kill treatment and she and Mesa became quite the pair, going everywhere together.

When Beth White heard that our 14 1/2-year-old Perdy had to cross the Rainbow Bridge last July, she quickly reached out to us to help us find a new Dal for our home. Unfortunately, we were in the midst of remodeling our home and could not adopt right away. When we finally could adopt, we saw a handsome black-and-white male named Blue2 on the website. We arranged a visit with his foster family, the Gauthiers, at the end of August. Meeting Blue for the first time, we saw he also had a weight problem. (79 lbs!) We took 10-year-old Mesa along with us and at first, she was a little intimidated by his size. Beth called him a "Big Galoot". She also said that he has had four other homes in less than three years. He was split up in a divorce, been on Craigslist and had two other owners before we were lucky enough to get him. He was just approaching his third birthday. Jean and I agreed that we liked him, and we could work the weight off him and brought him home. He has settled in nicely and is very smart. While he still pulls a little on the leash, he quickly falls back when you call his name and will walk beside me with the leash slack. He retrieves frisbees and balls and drops them at my feet when told. He even sits still while we brush and clean his teeth. And yes, he is a true velcro dog that likes to follow us everywhere and cuddle on the couch with us. It didn't take long before we knew that our home would be his fifth and forever home.



Although he is bigger and younger than Mesa, she has established herself as the alpha dog in our home.

Unfortunately, we do have to keep our guinea pigs in a closed room as Blue has shown aggressiveness toward them.



Once again, we want to thank Beth and everyone at Dalmatian Rescue for helping us find another wonderful Dalmatian for our family. The fifth time is the charm!

– Bill and Jean D.
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