

# **Merlin**

## **(aka Merlin3)**



I sit for treats!!

**On April 14, 2018, I had to put my male Dal down. I'd had him from the time he was a puppy and he would have been 13 last July. I was heartbroken.**

**I began looking online at all the Dal rescue organizations in my area, but there weren't any that seemed right for me. A friend who was trying to help mentioned that Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado seemed to have quite a few dogs who needed homes. I saw lots that I liked but settled on a dog that was in Texas. I planned my trip, had a nametag made for her, bought the food she was accustomed to, and prepared to drive to get her.**

**About a week before I left, someone called and asked if I would consider a second dog who had been taken to a shelter and was in a foster home a few hours from where I was going. I said that I would. So, I went back to Petco, had another nametag made, and bought a second leash.**

**Two days and 1100 miles later, we arrived in Texas to meet them. It didn't work out with the female, and I was afraid I would be driving home alone.**

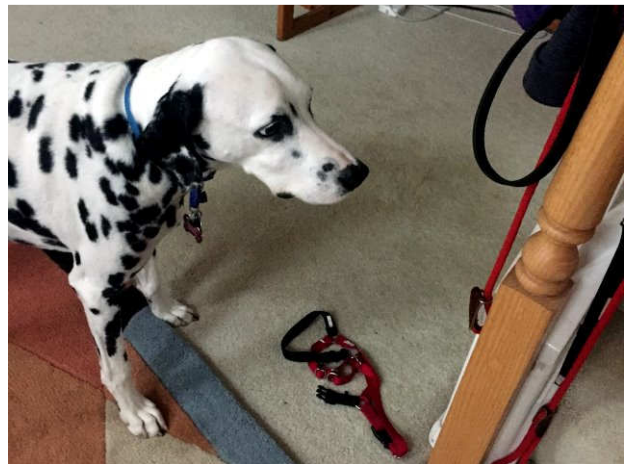
**And then I met Merlin. He'd had a hard few weeks – going from a shelter to a foster home to a kennel. But it was clear that he was a happy guy who craved attention. We walked around the kennel for a while and bonded right away. Two days and 1100 miles later we arrived home.**

**He's a typical high energy, needy Dal and I adore him! We take long walks every day and have worked with trainers for several months. In structured training environments he loves to play with other dogs. He even went into the trainer's doggie pool on his own for the first time during our last session. My favorite thing about him is that he smiles. He is perfect for me and adds so much joy to my life.**

**– Nancy W.  
San Diego, CA**



Mom and me chilling in the shade.

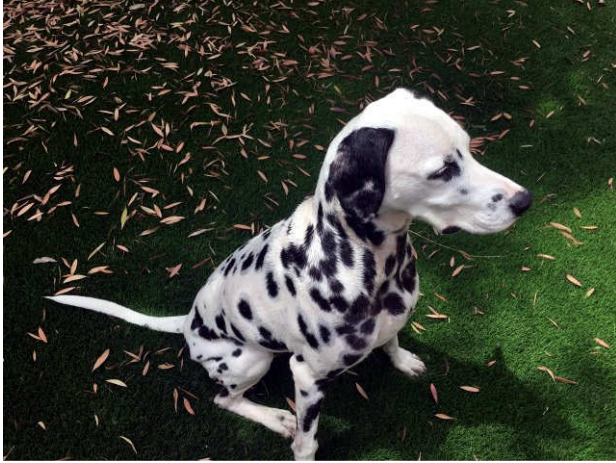


Mom, may we please go for a walk now?

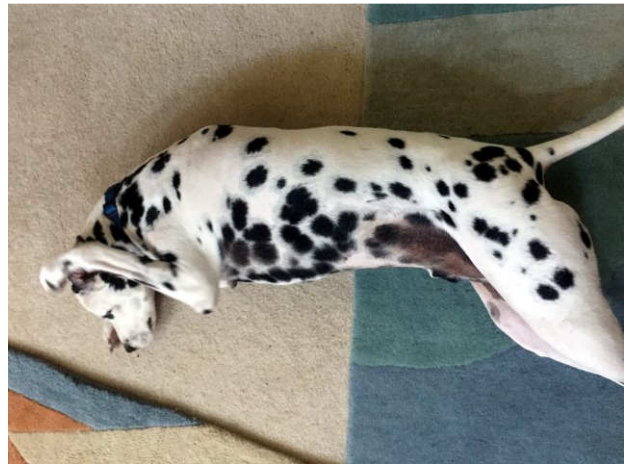
### **Merlin's One Year Anniversary Update:**

**It was one year ago this weekend (June 16, 2018), that I drove to Amarillo to get Merlin! It's so hard to believe – I feel like he's been part of my life forever!**

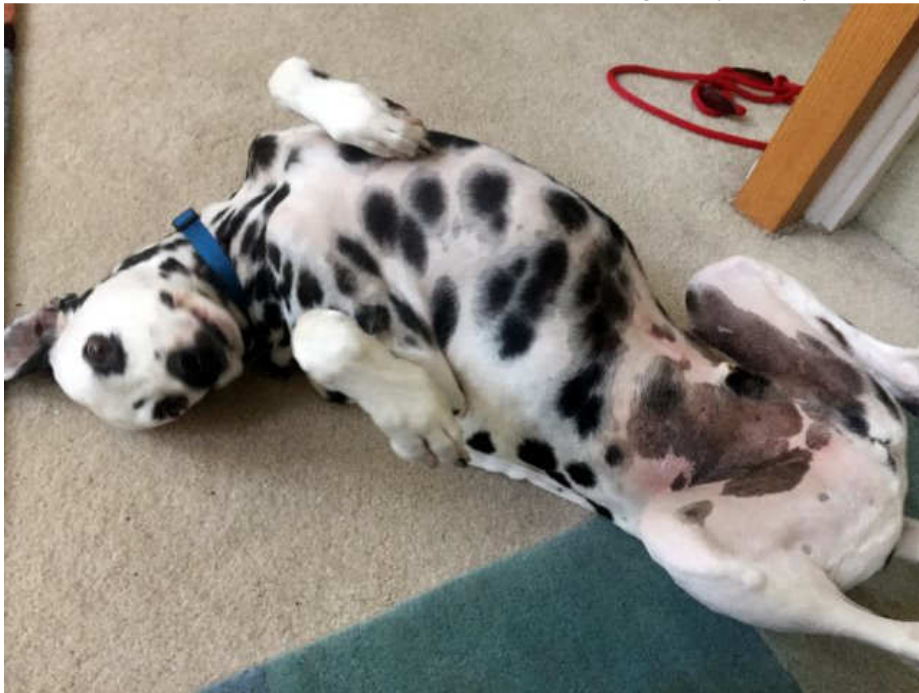
**Thought I'd send a few pics. One I call his "beefcake pose" and one is after his last bath.**



Posing after my bath



Getting ready for my 'beefcake' pose



"Beefcake"