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You may be looking at this and thinking, I want to adopt, but I don't want someone else's problems. Remember there are no bad dogs, just bad owners. So many things that might have seemed to be problems can be cured with a little love. Also it could be something like the fact they have a chewing problem, how old are they? All my kids had chewing problems when they were younger. Now they chew on the things they are supposed to, like chewies and toys. Dogs want to be family members, not an outcast put out in a kennel 20 hours a day. They want to be with you, go places, and go for walks and get exercise. With a dog you will have unconditional love and the best friend you will ever have in your life!

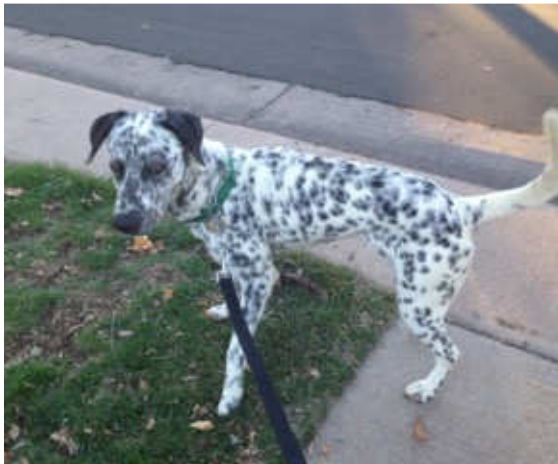
I adopted Spot when he was 7 and he passed away recently at 17 1/2. I love him more than I can describe and I will never forget him as long as I live. Wilbur was a puppy that followed us home and adopted us. We all adopted Buddy a little over two years ago. I didn't want Wilbur to be alone when Spot passed on. After Spot passed there was an emptiness in the house. I knew that I could never replace him. After a few months I started to look to see if there was someone new to join our family. I found Dalmatian Rescue of CO. They are a wonderful, helpful, caring group of dog lovers. I watched the website and had talked to some foster parents but there didn't seem to be the right one. One day I got an email, "maybe a dog for you" with some info and a photo of Max. I talked to his foster Dad quite bit. I thought long and hard, looked at his photos, read the emails and decided I wanted him to join our family. With the help of many of the rescue people, and especially Barb, Max is now home in SD.

Wilbur has always been very friendly, loved to meet other dogs, and was happy when we brought Buddy home. I was shocked by his reaction when I brought Max in the house, the look on Wilbur's face..... Shock, hurt, dismay, anger..... Buddy goes along with whatever Wilbur is doing. With all of that Max was calm and let them bark and sniff and be all over him. Max loves to play with them and loves to play chase, but he is a little big for them and can be a bit too rambunctious. When it's getting too rough out in the yard they run and get under the table. After a few weeks they had all settled in and are getting along fine. Max is house trained, he is 2 so he still chews, but only on the things he is supposed to. He loves everyone and loves other dogs. They all went to daycare recently and did great and loved it. His only "problem" is being so lovable he likes to jump up and

give big wet kisses. He is only 45 lbs. but has very long legs and is quite tall when he stands up. We are working on down and he is getting better. He loves kids but could knock them over easily. So that is something he will have to stop. But it is charming when you get home and he stands up to give you a hug and a kiss. Unfortunately there is no in between, jumping up is ok or it is not. So far he has been good in the house but he goes in the crate when I go to work. I don't know if I'm ready to trust him for a 4-5 hour stretch yet. He is a part of the family now. I will give him the best care I can as long as we live. I'm happy he is here. Another rescue that is a great dog and I can't imagine why anyone would abandon him. Dogs are really great additions to the family and rescue is giving someone a home that really needs one. Adopt, you won't be sorry!

I love them!!!!!! Adopting is the best thing I have ever done!!!!!!!!!!

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On the way to my new home – pitstop in CO



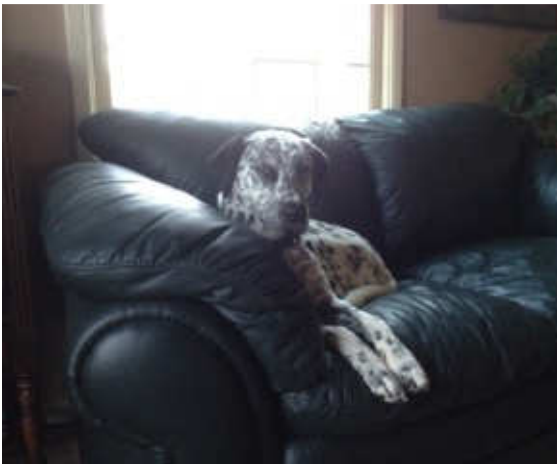
Check out the climbing tree in my new back yard!!!



My new brothers let me line up first for dinner! Aren't they great brothers?



Where's that killer squirrel? I know he's around here...



Chillin' after a day of squirrel hunting!! ☺

An update on Max's Happy Beginnings is on the next page... be sure to keep reading!!

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Now in times of trouble if I had to face this alone it would have been very difficult. I have my three best friends to help me. Wilbur, Buddy, and Max. They are all adopted, and I found Max with the help of Dalmatian Rescue. We are going on six years now. When I first brought Max home, I wrote the happy beginnings. But it's like those JD Power initial quality surveys. It's all nice that things start good, but what about the long term...

It took a long time to get to know Max and for him to actually feel like he was part of the family, because he had been through so much. Rescued from death row to foster care in TX, then off to CO staying at a couple of places, then to Ft. Collins. Then a wonderful lady brought him to Omaha where I picked him up. I brought him home and then a few months later we moved from Sioux Falls to Rochester MN. I think he thought he was on the road again to some different place and people. We were staying in a house with five cats while I was finding our new home. I found a house with a nice yard that had trees across the back, full of squirrels! So, there is lots of running and chasing. Coming from TX I didn't know what he would think, but he seems to like to play in the snow. When he runs through the snow he leaps like a gazelle. I think it took him about a year to really relax, and to know I'm home and I'm loved! One time I had gotten a solar lamp post and I had to screw the pole part together. I had it done and held it up and said, "almost finished," he dropped to the floor and was cowering. Then I knew that there had been times that he was beaten with some kind of stick. I carefully put it down and sat beside him. I held him and told him how much I loved him and something like that would never happen to him again as long as I was alive. That evening he jumped up on the couch beside me and laid down with his head in my lap. He settled in with a big sigh and I knew that he could finally relax, he was home, and it was going to be ok.

How much training did he need, destructive, not good with the others? I have not had a single problem with him. He is perfect in the house. Good all day when I'm at work. Very respectful of his brothers even though they are much smaller than him. Never gets in the food or trash. He was only two when he first joined us and was very rambunctious and full of energy, with a little work, now he is great on our walks. Wilbur likes to bark at other dogs, people, cats, etc. He is the instigator and Max would love to join in, but I've got him settled down now. He is very smart and very understanding. Sometimes amazingly so.

All three of my kids are great, with no problems. I am so lucky and blessed to have them. Now we are in a time of crisis with worry and separation. But I am not alone. I have the three best friends and family members I could ask for. There are so many wonderful amazing dogs out there just begging for a home and some love.

Please save a life and adopt today!