

# Trooper

Trooper aka Troops, Super Trooper, Starship Trooper, or several other nicknames we have given him, joined our family on July 3rd, 2020. My wife, Jean and I had wanted to adopt another Dal after losing our female liver and white girl, Mesa (a 2008 DRC alumni) after losing her last December to old age. Plus, we wanted a new companion for our 4 1/2-year-old male Dal, Blue, (a 2018 DRC alumni).

We searched high and low on DRC and other sites to find Blue a companion. We saw Trooper listed. He had come from Texas and was undergoing treatment for heartworm like so many other dogs from Texas. We had experience with treating heartworm with a previous Dal named Perdy who was adopted through Dalmatian Rescue of New Mexico, so we knew how to handle Trooper's treatments. Perdy had lived a long life after her treatments, passing at 14 years old.

We were a little nervous about traveling from our home in Poncha Springs due to the pandemic restrictions, but we discussed it with Chris Iles, who was fostering and training Trooper. So, with face masks in hand, we travelled with Blue to Chris's home to see Trooper for the first time. Jeannine Holt of DRC was also there to help us with the adoption process. Blue showed a little aggression at first, but Chris helped us understand some of Trooper's and Blue's behavior issues and gave us tips on training him. We gladly adopted Trooper and headed home to start his new life.

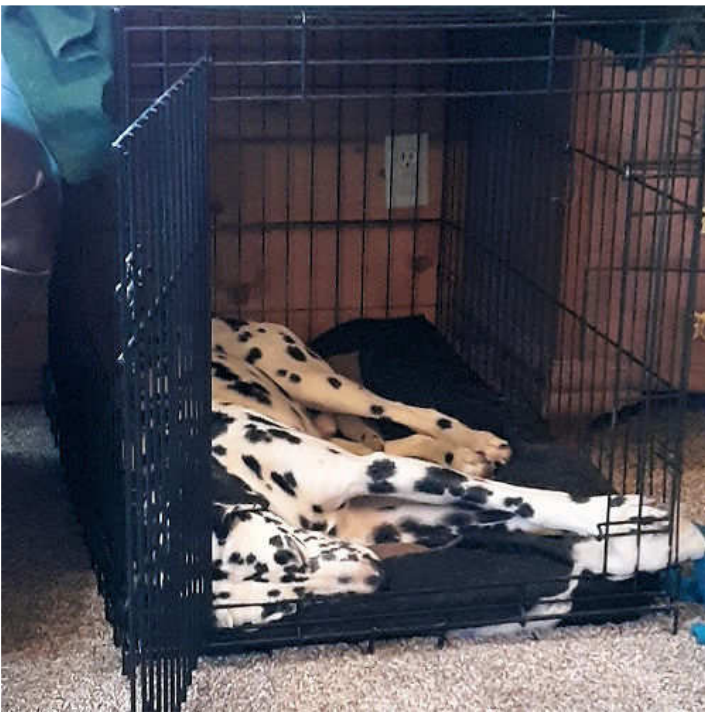


Trooper looking for grasshoppers.

Now Troop and Blue love play-fighting with each other, usually in the mornings after breakfast. Then it is time to nap for a while on the couch. They have become brothers and love going on walks or running around the house together. Trooper showed no resistance to his crate and will go into it during the day for a nap. Mealtimes are always the highlight of their day.



"Is it dinner time yet?"



Catching up on his naps.





Trooper follows Blue around his new backyard.



"Seriously. Is It Dinnertime yet?"

Our many thanks to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Jeannine Holt, and Chris Iles for helping us adopt Trooper as a new member of our family. We especially want to thank Beth White for all her work helping Dalmatians and wannabees find new homes for so many years.

Bill and Jean Dyer plus Dilly, Stoker, Mesa, Perdy, Blue, Trooper  
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