

Hap, Piper and Winnie

A Happy Journey Story

Hello... I realize I may be a "little" late on my Happy Beginning stories but since they actually cross the span of almost 10 years now I thought it would be more of a "Happy Journeys" story instead. I actually did submit a Happy Beginnings story for Hap in 2007 but I couldn't leave him out of the Journey.

My Happy Beginnings with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado started in 2007 when I first met one of the sweetest dogs I will ever know, Hap. I remember when I first called to talk to Beth about him she told me what a lovely little dog he was and that whoever ends up with him is going to be one lucky person....let's just say I hit the jackpot! The sweetest, most gentle soul I will ever know. I love this dog to my core and will be forever grateful that Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado entrusted me with the rest of his life! Hap is now between 10 and 11 years old and looks exactly the same as he did the day I picked him up! Just take a look at that face... it says all you need to know about my little angel, Hap!



My second Happy Beginning with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado came in 2012 when I adopted my darling little Piper. She was such a petite little dog and so needing of nothing but love and attention. She just wanted to be with you! She was actually a bit of a celebrity at our local dog park since unbeknownst to me, Piper was a speed racer. The dog park had about a ¼ mile loop around it and from the very first day I got her and took her down to the park, she got on that track, put her head down and just ran and ran and ran. Everyone asked me how I trained her to do that... I wish I could have taken credit for it but it was all her. It was one of my greatest joys to watch her run! Sadly, Piper was born with a condition called Copper Storage disease and after a long, arduous fight; I lost her to liver disease at the young age of 3. I was, and still am, devastated that she was taken so soon. I emailed Beth about Piper's loss and I will never forget the kindness and compassion she showed me. I don't think I would have ever been able to move past the extreme sadness without Beth's help. It was such a painful loss. I will never stop missing her!



I begged and prayed for God to bring Piper back and once again God answered my prayers through Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado with my third Happy Beginning, little Winnie, who came to me from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado via Texas in 2014. The moment I saw her I fell in love! She is such an adorable, sweet, funny little Dal and she is identical to little Piper in so many ways that I am 100% convinced it was no mistake that she came into my life. What a joy she is AND (like everyone else) ADORES Hap! What a gift!





I have found that there are very few moments in your life that are so impactful that you never forget them. Those moments that you remember exactly where you were, what you were doing, what you were wearing, what the weather was like, and every single emotion you were feeling. For me those unforgettable moments were the very first moments I met my dogs, and the moments I had to say goodbye to them. I am incapable of putting into words the impact the dogs I have been so blessed to share my life with have had on me. They are in every sense of the word – PERFECT! I will never be able to thank Beth White and Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado enough for the gifts they have given me and I hope will continue to give me for as long as I am here on this earth.

Thank you Beth... you truly are one of God's greatest gifts to so many of us! Thanks, too, to all at Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado... I am eternally grateful!

– Jenny R.