

PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST!

Dalmatian Rescue is in the process of updating our databases and our website. We've tried to find all duplicate contact information – however, we may have missed some. Please excuse us if you receive more than one copy of this newsletter. Also, please drop us an email at dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net if you received more than one copy of the newsletter and let us know each of the email addresses which received a notification and which email address you would prefer we use, so we can continue updating our database.

Pets and Marijuana: Keeping your furry friends safe



Nowadays, it seems like marijuana is in the news on a regular basis. With medical marijuana being legal in 29 states, and recreational marijuana being legal in nine states, it is not a topic that is likely to go away.

But what does this have to do with your pets?

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) advises that if there is something in your pets' environment, there is always a chance that they could ingest it. After all, our furry friends are forever curious. So if you or someone in your household may have marijuana or THC (tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive component of marijuana) infused products in your home for whatever reason, you'll want to keep these tips in mind.

But my pet wouldn't eat it...

If you think that taste will deter some pets from eating foreign objects and substances, then we have unfortunate news: it won't. Marijuana edibles—which are commonly dessert-type foods, such as cookies, brownies or gummies, made with marijuana or laced with THC—have become very popular. And just in case you didn't see our Top 10 Toxins from 2017, our

four-legged friends love desserts just as much as we do! In addition, pets don't feel the need to watch what they eat or stop with just one dose—they will eat all they can get, frequently consuming several human doses at once.

But marijuana won't hurt my pet ... right?

Some people may think: "So my pet will just be stoned for a while, that's not a big deal."

While many times marijuana ingestion is not life-threatening for pets, it doesn't mean that there aren't still some concerns. Signs pets commonly show after ingesting marijuana or marijuana products include unsteadiness on the feet, depression, dilated eyes, dribbling urine, sensitivity to sound and touch, slow heart rate and even low body temperature.

However, one thing to consider is that nowadays there are many highly concentrated forms of marijuana available. If a pet gets into a product with a higher concentration, or large quantities of marijuana, more serious concerns are possible. Your pet may show signs of low blood pressure, agitation, seizures or even asphyxiate. In rare cases, death has occurred.

So how do I best keep my pet safe?

If you or someone you know has any type of marijuana in your home, it is best practice to treat it as a medication and keep it far out of paws' reach. This is especially important for the edible products, since our pet's sense of smell is much better than ours, and curious paws and noses can always find a way.

If you suspect your pet has been exposed to any poisonous substances or ingested something dangerous, contact your veterinarian or emergency animal clinic immediately!

In The Doghouse...Our Featured Dalmatians

Xena

6 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Concordia, MO

Xena Warrior Princess Dog, or Xena for short, was taken into animal control as a stray. Xena was severely underweight, covered in fleas and heartworm positive at that time. She has gained weight and is on heartworm treatment, and her health has greatly improved since arrival in her foster home in Concordia MO. If you want a companion with lots of personality, this is the girl for you! Xena is good in the house, does like to sit on the furniture at times and will check out the countertops and she is crate trained. Xena gets along well with other dogs, but she has not been around cats. She could be okay but we just don't know. Xena also does well in the yard because she doesn't dig or try to climb or jump the fence. She enjoys the sun and the space.

For more information contact Jon at js86bacon@gmail.com.
Adoption \$300.



Toby3 A



8 Years Old, Tri-colored Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Centennial, CO

No, Toby is no Dalmatian, but Toby needs a home just the same. He appears to be a cross between a beagle and a wired-haired breed, maybe Jack Russell? In the fall of 2016, Toby's mom's health began to fail severely and he could no longer stay with her. In early January, his mom passed away and one of her last requests was that Toby find a fabulous forever home and we want very much to fulfil that final wish. Toby had been a great companion for his mom and did live with cats and dogs in the past. Today, Toby is in Centennial where he goes to the dog park most days and romps with a cute little Dalmatian in his foster home. He loves attention, is good in the house, uses the dog door and will sleep in a crate but he doesn't figure he needs to. And he likes car rides too. Toby has been adopted before but it was not a good fit for him. He needs patience and understanding or he can become defensive.

For more information, contact Tori at Torystori@gmail.com. Adoption \$100.

“Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”

— *Karen Davison*











5 Reasons To Vaccinate Your Pet

1. Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses.
2. Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatments for diseases that can be prevented.
3. Vaccinations prevent diseases that can be passed between animals and also from animals to people.
4. Several diseases are fatal to pets. Treatment can be difficult or impossible once contracted.
5. In many areas, local or state ordinances **REQUIRE** certain vaccinations of household pets; meaning....



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Recent Adoptees!

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| <p>Ember6 Lakeside, OR</p> | <p>Garnet Evans, GA</p> | <p>Bean Arlington, TN</p> | <p>Mandi Grand Junction, CO</p> |
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| <p>Freckles Boulder, CO</p> | <p>Ty (aka Tyson) High Point, NC</p> | <p>Bleu Brooklyn, NY</p> | <p>Fiercy Boise, ID</p> |
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| | <p>Max7 Bailey, CO</p> | <p>Teddy Bailey, CO</p> | |



Trainer Tips

“Adding Another Dog”

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Question:

We think our dog is lonely and are thinking of getting a second dog to keep him company. Any advice?

The Trainer Answers:

In order to make the best choice for your situation, there are several things to consider. First, do YOU want a second dog or are you only considering another dog for your current dog? In most cases, I do not recommend adding another dog unless you really want one. While another dog might give your current dog a buddy to play with and keep him company, you will have the extra work of another dog, including training, walking, feeding, etc. Some dogs really prefer to be an only dog and some are much happier with canine companions.

If your current dog suffers from separation anxiety, adding a second dog might or might not resolve the issue. If this is your reason for adding another dog, and it does not work, what will you do?

Are you thinking of adding a second dog to help burn off the seemingly nonstop energy of your current dog? Do you think your current dog is bored and you can resolve boredom and any resulting behavior issues by bringing home a playmate for your dog? What if you bring home another dog and the two dogs do not play well together?

Does your dog have opportunities to visit and play with other dogs now? If so, does he get along well with most other dogs? Or does he only seem to like certain dogs? Does he play well with other dogs, or does he not seem to have that much interest in the other dogs? Does he display appropriate social skills when interacting with other dogs? If your dog does like to play with other dogs, could you take him to day care, schedule play dates with friends, or take him to the dog park?

Does your dog do well in sharing your attention with others? Does your dog guard resources, such as food, bones, toys, beds and his human family members? Is your dog well-behaved in the house and out in public? If you have any current behavior issues with your dog, you should consider addressing those issues before adding another dog. A well-behaved dog will help a new dog learn to be well-behaved. A dog with poor manners or bad habits can just as easily teach a new dog those bad habits.

If you decide you do want to add another dog, carefully take into consideration the personality of your current dog. Is he submissive and easy-going? Does he tend to be bossy or pushy with others?

When adding another dog, you are generally better off choosing a dog that is not the same gender as your current dog, and is not the same age. Statistically speaking, dogs in the same household are more likely to have problems if they are the same gender and around the same age – particularly two female dogs. For example, if you have a more mature female dog who likes to control the dog toys and bones, you will generally have more success in bringing home a younger male dog who will easily give up the toys and bones.

If you want to make sure a new dog can play with your current dog, you also need to consider their play styles. A dog who loves to play rough and wrestle around will probably not play well with a dog who loves to play chase but never wants to wrestle. If you want them to play well together, you are usually better off (and safer) choosing a dog of similar size.

I recommend having the two dogs meet before you make a final decision. Have them meet on neutral ground, and take them for a walk together before you turn them loose to play or interact.

For additional training tips and information, you can read our blog at <https://thelightofdog.com/read/> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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*“The World Through Dexter’s Eyes
- The Foibles of a Too Big, Deaf Dalmatian and the Power of Love”*

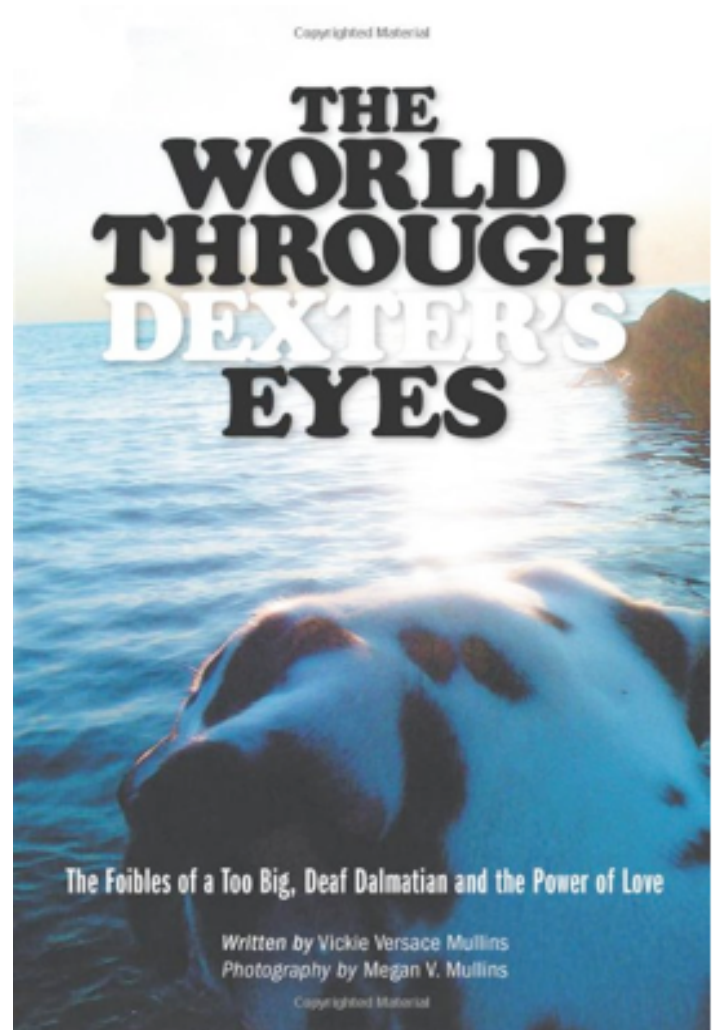
Dexter comes into the world with many problems, and he turns his family’s life upside down. Outside and lonely, he pulls the siding off the house, destroys the back door, chews up the cable wires and wood patio furniture. Inside, he does more of the same. He appears to not be trainable, so out of frustration, Mom contacts a dog whisperer who tells her Dexter died in a storm in a past life. And when he could not find his family on the other side, he grabbed the first body back, into the world, to try again.

There is something very familiar about this story to Mom. Then again, maybe she just feels sorry for the poor deaf guy. Whatever, Mom has tremendous compassion towards Dexter, and there was never such a bond between master and dog; one so strong, he telepathically conveys his story, to her.

This book is funny, sad, sweet and deep and a little inverted as it is from Dexter’s point of view. For all his antics, he is redeemed as all he wants to do on this earth is love. And it isn’t until he and Mom figure out the riddle the dog whisperer presented to them, that Dexter becomes the dog he was meant to be. Then miracles happen; grannies die, daughters go away to school, marriages fall apart, but love prevails.

About the author

Vickie Versace Mullins is a bubbly spirit who prefers laughing through life rather than all the other alternatives. She has a B.A. in English Literature from Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a poet, and Dexter’s story is her first attempt at prose. She has published poems in various local literary magazines. She lives with her family in Cleveland, Ohio.



*“The World Through Dexter’s Eyes ~ The Foibles of a Too Big, Deaf Dalmatian and the Power of Love” by Victoria Mullins, is a book we should all read to understand deafness and how it is not the worst thing. There are many sites on-line to order the book and a portion of the proceeds are most generously donated to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. Thank you, Victoria!
– Beth White*

What a delightful read and clearly written from the heart. This is a true story as told to us through the eyes of Dexter, a deaf Dalmatian who, as it turns out, is a larger-than-life character in more ways than one. This author’s ability to entertain us when sharing our lives with a beloved pet, cannot be understated as she makes it so easy for us to make connections. Whether there is a pet in your life or not, Dexter’s story will warm your heart and you will catch yourself chuckling out loud at his exploits as well as at the vulnerability of mankind when it comes to life with a pet. You come to realize that what one person deems useless will make another person’s life perfect. And, as if that is not enough, this author has kindly donated proceeds from the book to Dalmatian and animal rescue, so you are passively doing a good deed when you read it... Clearly, this is a win-win situation and a story to ass to your “must read” list. - Michelle Winner

*Please help support Dalmatian Rescue and get yourself (and a friend)
this really great book!*

Bits & Pieces

Advertising in NewSpots! is FREE!!!

Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify about 1500 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!

Simply contact the editor, Karl Schill, at dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net and he will work with you to provide your ad and place it prominently within the newsletter.

******* Be a Pal, Save a Dal *******

PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the one closest to where you now live, so they can save lives like they saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog who can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and get ready for a new home. PLEASE help rescues and the dogs so that others might have a dog that is well socialized, trained and ready to love. PLEASE think about this... Dalmatians are everywhere and are literally dying to meet you or someone willing to give them a "spot" to LIVE until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for rescue and for them?

We thank you and you know any dog you help your local rescue save will be eternally grateful! PLEASE submit a foster application if you can possibly help your local rescue and them! PLEASE take your cookie... good boy/girl!

Reader Recommendations and Tips

This is where we share recommendations and tips from and for our readers. Our newsletter is read by as many as 1800 people each month. That number constantly increases as we have more adopters and adopters recommend it to their friends and family as well. So, go ahead... share your tips and recommendations. Please send along any information you want to share with others, like products that you would recommend, dog toys, great pet insurance, good vets (or bad ones to avoid as well), etc. Is there anything you wish someone had told you about that you have found? Pass it along. Send your ideas, recommendations and tips to Karl at dalmatianrescueofco@comcast.net for inclusion in the next issue.

No Reader Recommendations and Tips this time around, so here's a tip from us. Please share yours!



Here's The Deets

When: May 4th, 2019 Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Washington Park, Denver, CO

How much: \$55 day of event, \$50 early reg.

Why: Fundraiser for Denver Dumb Friends League

Online at: http://support.ddfl.org/site/TR?fr_id=1440&pg=entry

This two-mile fundraising walk/fun run in Washington Park benefits the pets and horses at the Dumb Friends League. Enjoy refreshments, contests, demonstrations and more than 100 pet-related sponsors and vendors at a "Flea-less Market."

Happy Beginnings Stories

CoCo (aka Aurora)

This beautiful girl was once called Aurora but now is CoCo Channel. She is a blessing to us! She is building up her endurance to run and her muscles seem to be getting stronger, her open wounds are almost healed, she is ALMOST house trained, she lifts up her top lip to smile when you sweet talk her, she clicks her teeth together if she's excited or if she gets scolded and she's not afraid to use her bark when someone comes through the door. Contrary to previous info, so far, she's been very good with children. She knows our routine and is getting more comfortable every day.

Thank you for all of your endless hard work,

Anna
Alabama



Dean



Dean has made such a wonderful impact to my life!! I am a Disabled Veteran and have several medical issues, and with Dean coming into my life, I have been feeling a whole lot better with my health. As we walk and play outdoors, my body and mind have changed enormously, and I cannot wait for Spring and Summer come! Dean keeps me laughing and has me experiencing feelings I haven't had in such a long time. I invested in a little folding bicycle, so that I can keep up with him this summer on the bicycle trails.

Here are a few pictures of us right now, and when I acquire more over the Summer, maybe I can add them to our Happy Beginnings, as an addendum.

Sincerely,
Lauren and Dean Mitchell

It's never too late to see your story in print!

If you have adopted your pup from us, regardless of when, and have not submitted their Happy Beginnings story yet, please do it now while it's fresh on your mind.

These stories are the "pay" that fosters get for all their hard work!

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