

Happy Halloween!!



DOG HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Keeping you and your pet
safe this Halloween!



It is once again that time of year when the spookiness comes out. Scary sounds, sights, costumes and music. All of these things make for a spooky good time for us, but not so much for our furry friends. Even with the pandemic stuff, which is scary enough on its own, some people will still be doing some sort of activities for Halloween. I always like to take this time to offer some suggestions to help you and your pets safely navigate these eerie times.

Please take these suggestions into consideration as you plan for the festivities this year. As you consider all the activities, one activity you should plan to do is to make sure that your dog has plenty of exercise during the day so that he is tired at night. As the old saying goes, a tired dog is a happy dog. And if he's worn out by party time, he'll likely appreciate some alone time in his safe place while the party is on.

- 1. Costumes:** Please do not assume your dog likes to dress up. While there are some dogs who enjoy it, many don't. If you want to have your dog join in on the costume contest, please make sure he is comfortable before the big day. You should try to have him wear the costume before the event so that you will be able to tell if he truly enjoys wearing it or not. If your dog acts nervous as you are trying to dress him, **STOP!** If he tries to bite at the costume, **STOP!** If he exhibits any other signs of discomfort, **STOP!** The important thing to remember is that not all dogs like this. Don't force your dog to do anything he is not comfortable with. Also, make sure that any costume is pet friendly. Nothing at all that covers the eyes, ears, nose or mouth, and preferably nothing that covers his head, period. Nothing with small things dangling from it that he can chew or bite off and swallow - this applies to your and your kid's costumes as well.
- 2. Candy:** Make sure that you do not have candy where your dog can get to it. All those yummy treats smell good and can attract the attention of your dog inviting them to try to eat a mouthful or two or three. Please make sure it is out of reach!
- 3. Decorations:** We all know this time of year is synonymous with pumpkins, ghosts, goblins and spiderwebs. These can all attract or scare your dog. Even though pumpkin is not necessarily toxic for your dog, do NOT allow him to nibble on your Jack-o-lanterns. A raw pumpkin that has been opened up, carved and sat out is NOT good for him. If you light the pumpkin with a candle, make sure that the dog cannot go near it and knock it over potentially starting a fire! Those weirdly disgusting spider webs that people use to add an element of spookiness can allow your dog to get tangled up and potentially hurt himself when he tries to get free from the entanglement. As you can see, the decorations can be a hazard. Never leave a dog unattended around any Halloween decorations.
- 4. Sound Effects and Music:** Those eerie sound effect soundtracks do the trick for a lot of us. But they can overwhelm your dog. They are sounds that he might not be familiar with and can really frighten him. Best, if you are using them, is to put your dog in a room with soothing music on, at a volume level to help drown out the scary sounds where you and your guests are.
- 5. Parties:** Again, it is best to make sure that your dog is not out in the center of all the activities. It is best to have them in a safe room where they are comfortable.
- 6. Food:** Make sure that if your dog is out greeting guests, they are told that Fido does NOT get to share in the treats and feasts no matter what he says to the contrary!

From The President

Beth White, President of Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Inc.

I have been thinking yet again about the safety of our dogs. Here are some things to consider.

Do you have friends or neighbors who know what vet your dog/s go to? Or what medications your dog/s might need daily? If you don't make it home sometime (accident or health issue), is there someone you can call to help with the pets who knows what each pet needs? Do they know how to get into a locked door?

Posting your vet's name, friend's name, etc. on the refrigerator will make valuable information available should for some reason your pets need care and you cannot provide it. Authorities might come to the home and plan to take your pets to the local shelter. Having plans for your pets' care posted will definitely help them. Keeping valuable information in a file doesn't help much because who knows where the files are kept? The refrigerator in most homes contains lots of information, even if it should be only to state where the file containing more information is located. The use of fluorescent paper will attract attention to the information.

You might also tell your vet who might be authorized to bring the pets in. Having a letter giving permission for that friend or friends and listing the pets can save problems in the event that your pets need help. Keeping a list of all pets, names, species, ages, etc. is invaluable. You'd sure hate for Abby to get the medication that Babe should have because the dogs are not known to whomever is trying to be helpful. A picture of each pet (yes, cats too, and livestock if you have some) with the name and age and list of supplements or medications for each prevents mistakes that can occur if someone is guessing.

In a very sad case, a friend was not allowed by the authorities to help her neighbor when the neighbor had a heart attack. The authorities took the 5 dogs to a kennel even though the neighbor was prepared to care for the dogs in her home and knew each dog quite well. The bill for the owner was astronomical and the dogs also suffered being in a kennel rather than in a home. If you make plans, hopefully this won't happen to you or your pets.

If you enjoy your dog/s traveling with you, remember that we buckle up to be healthy and so should the pets. Riding loose in the front (NEVER should be there to meet the windshield in an accident or sudden use of the brakes) or even loose in the back seat can be deadly. Slamming on the brakes suddenly can send your friend flying to be injured and/or killed. A pet that becomes a flying object can injure the driver as well. An adopter once had her Dalmatian standing behind the front seat. When the friend hit the brakes, the dog went head first into the floor ahead of the front seat, breaking his neck. Such a tragedy!

By using a crate or an approved pet harness for the vehicle, your pet/s are safer. If there is an accident you sure don't want your dog to be sprung loose and lost. What if he/she is injured and needs care and cannot be found? I've seen posts of people searching for their dog following an accident far too often. How sad to think that that loved companion might be hit on the highway, need vet care but is scared and running away, to die alone or at least suffer pain and loss. Please consider this when you load up your friend/s for even a quick or short drive. It could be a bad decision to let them hang out the window to enjoy the wind. Of course, it is fun for the dogs to allow the wind in their face, BUT what happens if you are hit by another vehicle, blow a tire, or are struck by something? Strap your pets in or use a dog crate, please!

Post a list of all pets and names in the home at the front door, so that firemen know how many to look for in case of fire. Firemen like to rescue pets and many units have small face masks for pets that need oxygen. Help them get all of your pets out!

If your dog should manage to escape the yard or car, time is of the essence! The sooner you actively start looking, the better chance that you'll be successful. While cats tend to hole up under bushes or in garages or sheds, dogs tend to travel, hoping to find home. It is suggested that putting a cat's litter pan out will attract it back. Looking in all directions rather than assuming which direction the pet went is best. Call friends or family to help.

Try to not chase a loose dog because in unfamiliar territory dogs become survivors rather than your happy pet. While normally friendly, it is not uncommon for loose pets to become fearful of even people they know. If you see the dog, hopefully he/she will actually follow you when you attract the dog's attention by slapping your leg or sides and say "come on, Max". If he follows you, at some point just sit down and then you are less threatening. Talk to the dog and hopefully he will come closer to hear what you are saying. Dogs are normally socialized and like the human voice, so talking helps relax them. "Come here you silly thing. I'm not going to hurt you. I'm a friend of your mom's and she would like you to come home", etc. Just sit and talk if the dog is not wanting to leave the area. Chasing normally scares the dog more. I've caught more dogs by sitting than walking! Of course, should the dog just take off, you have to keep the dog in sight so you might have to hurry, but slow and easy is best tried first.

It is wise to walk your dogs in your neighborhood so that should the dog ever get out he/she will know the way home when he/she is done exploring. Introduce your dog to your neighbors so that should the dog/s be out of your yard, the neighbors will recognize the dog and contact you or hopefully will corral the dog/s for you. If you don't know your neighbors, it might be time to meet them. Offer to be an aid for their pets too. Getting to know the neighbors and their pets and they know yours sure is useful for everyone.

I've been advised by several attorneys that use of the "Beware of Dog" sign is not good. Should your dog bite someone, the sign states that you knew the dog was one to be beware of!. The sign suggests that you expect that the dog might bite. The sign that I have on my fence is "Guard dogs on duty" or even a simple "No Trespassing" sign. That was also suggested by an attorney and it hopefully will keep unwanted people out of the yard.

I would never use the word aggressive in regard to my dog. Even describing your dog to a friend...he's sort of aggressive. That word puts fear in many people which can cause a dog bite due to anticipation of a bite. We tend to get what we expect and dogs read us so well. The word aggressive also labels the dog in a way you don't want, legally. You can use the terms reactive, excitable, not too friendly, scared, protective, etc. in its place. Best to think about what you say.

If your dog should bite a human, that, too, makes a difference in the word used for the action. If it was a full-on bite then it is a bite, where the teeth were sunk into a human. Otherwise, it could be a nip, a pinch or grab. Often dogs will grab a hold with intent to stop a human action. It did not bite, but it took hold. A nip is like a pinch. It makes a difference what you say for the dog's sake.

Dogs that are not socialized well with humans and their pets can be unmannerly and cause trouble for you and the dog. Whenever possible, include your controlled dog (leashed) with company and neighbors. Take walks with your neighbors or friends and their dogs. Keep your dog active with people and pets and he'll be happier and not likely to be a problem. Offering treats when the dog is sitting makes for a good association with strange people and dogs. Having a dog like people and being social with other dogs is better for all involved, but it takes some work.

If your dog has at least your phone number/s on the collar's tag, a finder can contact you before taking your dog to a shelter. Listing at least two or even three numbers on the tag can get the pet home quickly. Numbers are more useful than your name. If your cell is dead, out of range or turned off, just listing that number is not going to be useful. Even adding a landline phone number of a friend (if you don't have one), can add to the success of reuniting the dog and owner. I once found a dog that turned out to be over five miles from the owner's work site. He had come along for the day and was wearing 6 ID tags and when I could not reach the first three numbers I was successful with the fourth. That person came right away to bring the escape artist home.

Xylitol is deadly to animals but safe for humans. Not everyone knows this and so Xylitol (sweetener) is sold everywhere. Many pets have died ingesting this product. Even if not normally available to pets, Xylitol can be found in many locations and, due to its sweetness, it will be eaten by many animals. Your child might have food sweetened with Xylitol in his lunch box or backpack that can be accessed by pets when no one is watching. Gum and even toothpaste are often sweetened with Xylitol and pets often find these items. Xylitol is also showing up in peanut butter, mostly the 'designer' brands. But I still check the label before I buy a jar at the supermarket. And Xylitol also appears in some medications and cosmetics. The smaller the animal, the less Xylitol it takes to kill.

If you live in the south where sago palms live, keep all animals away. The plant seeds and nuts are easily eaten and can be deadly. Best to just not plant the sago palm and keep pets and young children safe!

Antifreeze drips from the car or is spilled from the container and it has killed many animals. Even birds who might walk in or drink from a spill. If you spill antifreeze, thoroughly clean the area and dispose of cleaning materials where no animal will have access. Like us, animals love a sweet taste.

Any other tips for our readers to keep their dog/s safe are welcome.



Just in time for the Holidays! Dalmatian Rescue is fundraising with Sees Candy! Check out what you can purchase here. Think about Christmas Gifts, Birthdays, Thanksgiving or just needing to satisfy that sweet tooth. Place your order and ship wherever you choose. Fundraising starts now and continues through December 4, 2020.

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Disaster Prep Your Pet: 9 Essentials

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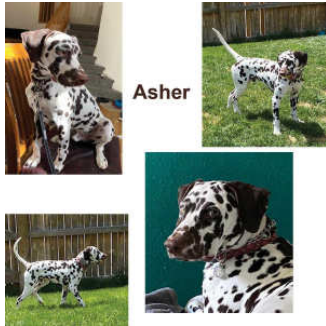
If faced with a national disaster, do you have a pet disaster plan? Earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires and floods happen around the world every day and affect thousands of people and their pets. That's why everyone should have a plan, not only for yourself, but for your pets. To help you plan for the unthinkable, here are our 9 essentials of disaster prepping for your pet.

1. **Proper ID.** The most important thing you can do for your pet before a disaster occurs is to make sure they have proper ID. This means having a physical tag containing your current info on their collar which they wear at all times, and having them microchipped and registered in a national registry such as the free Found Animals Microchip Registry.
2. **Vaccinations.** Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date to reduce their risk of sickness and disease. There are so many unknowns in a disaster. If you are evacuated, your pet may not be able to come with you to shelter and may be held in boarding with other animals whose health status is unknown. If your home is destroyed, your pet may be lost and living outside for a time and subjected to the elements, dirty water supply or worse. Be safe, not sorry, and vaccinate.
3. **Display a Pet Rescue Sticker.** Make sure you have a pet rescue window decal in a place visible to rescue workers.
4. **Identify Pet-Friendly Emergency Shelters.** Not all emergency shelters or hotels allow pets. Before a disaster hits, call your local emergency management office or animal shelter to see if there are places planned for people and pets to stay together in the event of an emergency. Research pet-friendly hotels away from typical disaster zones, or arrange to stay with family or friends outside of your area. Prepare a few options in a range of distances from your home in case of either local or region-wide emergencies.
5. **Assemble a Pet Emergency Kit.** You can buy a compact kit that fits under your seat, a larger bag you can carry on your shoulder, a grab and go bucket with everything your pet could need or and add pet-related items to your family's existing emergency supplies. Your kit should include the following items:
 - **Food and Water**
Plan to have at least five days of food, water and portable bowls. Dry food should be in re-sealable plastic bags. If your pet eats wet food, make sure to buy easy open cans so you don't need a can opener. Prepare a written feeding schedule.
 - **Medication and Medical Records**
Keep an extra supply of your pet's regular medication in a waterproof zip lock bag. Also include a copy of your pet's vaccination record and microchip number.
 - **Supplies**
For cats, include kitty litter and disposable litter boxes. For dogs, pack plastic waste bags and an extra leash and harness. Beds, blankets, toys and clothing are also useful to keep your pet calm and cozy in an emergency situation.
6. **Store Supplies for a Speedy Exit.** Place all of your emergency supplies in a safe, dry, convenient place near your escape route in case you need to leave in a hurry. The safest way to transport a pet in an emergency or disaster is in a carrier or crate, so keep one close to your emergency kit. Frightened pets can be difficult to manage with only a leash and collar.
7. **When a Disaster Strikes, Don't Hesitate; Evacuate.** Not all disasters come with warning, but if they do, follow emergency response recommendations and evacuate as quickly as possible. Disasters are very stressful on both pets and people, and no one can predict how bad things will get. Don't wait until the last minute to leave. Use your emergency plan as a tool to supplement first responder instructions.
8. **Leave with Your Pets.** If the area is not safe for you, it's not safe for your pets. It may not be possible to return for your pets, so take them with you from the start.
9. **If Your Pet Gets Lost, Check for Found Pet Alerts.** If your pets are separated from you, check your cell phone and email for Found Pet Alerts. When a rescue worker finds your lost pet and starts an alert in the Found Animals Registry, you will be contacted via phone calls, text messages, and emails based on your pet's microchip registrations. These alerts will provide information on your pet's location. If you cannot access your phone or email, or are unable to retrieve your pets, your emergency contacts and vet will also be notified.

For more information about Pet Disaster Preparedness, please visit the following websites:

1. Preparing your Pets for Emergencies, [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)
 2. Disaster Preparedness, [ASPCA](#)
 3. Pets and Disaster Checklist, [American Red Cross](#)
 4. Saving the Whole Family Brochure, [American Veterinary Medical Association](#)
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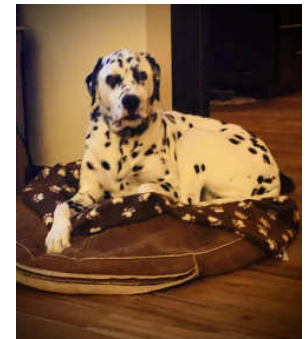
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Attention Adopters!!!

If you haven't already submitted your Happy Beginnings story, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take some time to do it now! Yes, I am begging. We really would like to have your stories on the website and make you a star here in the NewSpots!! What are you waiting for? Submit your stories and a new photograph of your fur kid(s), and yourself if you want, to me today!
DalmatianRescueOfCO@comcast.net

We are still running drastically behind on Happy Beginnings Stories!! We have adopted more than 45 dogs already in 2020 and only have 9 Happy Beginnings Stories posted to the website. Even those of you who adopted in previous years, if you still haven't submitted your story, it's never too late!

So I am asking everyone, if you have adopted your dog or dogs from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado and you haven't sent in your story yet...PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send it in today! We would love to be able to post your story (with pictures) and show the world how your dog is doing in his or her new 'forever' home! Please check out the stories on our website if you need any ideas on what or how to write your dog's story. You can check them out by clicking this link:

https://dalmatianrescueco.org/cgi-bin/dr_happy_beginnings.pl

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Trainer Tips

“Resource Guide To FEAR”

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Question:

I recently adopted a dog. She is quite vocal when I go to the barn to tend my horses at 4 am in the morning. Could this be separation anxiety? I also have an abundance of wild rabbits which gets barking and rooing from her. Shushing her and telling her to be quiet have little effect. How do I train her to be quieter?

The Trainer Answers:

Barking is a natural behavior for dogs, so you should never expect to entirely eliminate barking. However, there are times when it is more appropriate than others, and there certainly can be a limit placed on barking when it does occur.

First, you should consider why your dog is barking. When you go to the barn, you question if the barking is a sign of separation anxiety. Does your dog bark every time you leave the house? Does she express other signs of anxiety when you leave? If so, then we need to address the anxiety since the barking is only a symptom of the anxiety.

If she is barking only when you go to the barn, she could be expressing frustration at not being able to do what she wants. Surely, she is missing out on an exciting adventure! If this is the case, frustration intolerance and impulse control exercises would be very beneficial. An example of these exercises would include down-stays to earn meals, walks, and other things that interest her. She learns that sometimes she can earn the things she wants by being patient and waiting rather than barking and demanding to join you or get something.

Barking should never be successful at getting what she wants, so we need to teach her what will be successful. However, she also needs to learn that sometimes she will not get what she wants, and she will need to learn to deal with frustration and disappointment. That's life!

In regard to the bunnies, is she frustrated about not being able to chase the bunnies? Is she barking out of the pure excitement and arousal in seeing the bunnies? Probably both. Bunnies are a huge distraction for most dogs. You can work toward training her to never bark at the bunnies, or you can limit the barking. Let's say we decide she gets 2 seconds of barking and then she needs to stop.

Begin your training far away from the bunnies. Her arousal level is most likely far too high around the bunnies right now. If her arousal level is too high, she very likely might not even be able to hear you. Ever tried to get someone's attention while they're watching an exciting play during the Super Bowl?

Begin your work in the house with no distractions. Very gradually work up in your degree of distractions. Most people try to move too quickly which leads to failure – that's failure on our part. We've asked too much of our dog too soon.

The key to the bunny issue is teaching your dog to turn her focus away from whatever she is focused on, and give her a different job to do – such as focus on you. I break this into a couple of steps. First, I work on a “watch me” or “look” cue to teach the dog to focus on me. If I want her to take focus away from something else, I will need to give her something new to focus on.

Once I have the dog's focus on me, then I can give her a different job to do, such as walk away or lie down. The key is to keep her focused on something other than the bunnies.

Secondly, when she does bark, give her your time limit and then say, “Enough” or some other cue. Have something REALLY tasty used only for this exercise, such as chicken or roast beef. Place it right up to her nose as you say your cue, and feed as soon as she stops barking. Work toward combining this with your focus exercise, so once she stops barking, you immediately give her something else to focus on and do to take her mind off the bunnies.

Question:

My dog barks for attention. I have been telling her NO. It hasn't worked. Now when she barks, I've been looking away and ignoring her, but nothing seems to have changed. What do I do?

The Trainer Answers:

You are on the right track, but you're missing a crucial step! For dogs who bark (or paw at or jump on you) for attention, people often inadvertently perpetuate the behavior by giving attention, albeit what we consider “negative” attention, such as scolding, yelling, or pushing them away. While people think this will stop the behavior, it often encourages it because the dog is receiving some form of

Looking away and ignoring the behavior is one step toward eliminating the obnoxious behavior, in this case barking. If they receive no attention and are not getting a desired result, the behavior will eventually go away. However, because it has been rewarded in the past, it will likely take longer to eliminate. And if it is rewarded only occasionally, it will often stick around for a very long time.

The crucial step that is missing, and that will help eliminate the behavior much sooner, is to teach your dog an ALTERNATIVE behavior. If barking no longer works, then she will eventually replace the barking with another behavior. However, if you leave that choice up to your dog, she might choose another behavior that you don't like any better than the barking. By teaching her a better way – what I call a more polite way – to get your attention, you can choose the new, less obnoxious behavior.

For example, when we first adopted Jahzara, she would bark at me for attention. I ignored the barking from the start, so there was no history of reinforcement. I also taught her to sit and make eye contact with me. In her case, it took about a week. She never barked at me for attention again, but for the rest of her life, when she wanted some lovin' she would come up next to me, sit and look up pleadingly at me with her big brown eyes. And I was happy to give her attention for that.

One morning, Zuzu was out in our back yard and started barking. We could not see anything, but clearly she believed there was something on our property but outside of our securely fenced "back yard" area. We brought her in. She continued to bark. We let her back out, she continued to bark. Though we could get her to stop for short periods, something clearly had her agitated.

Later that morning, Zuzu and I headed out for our regular morning walk. It had been perhaps an hour since the barking and I'd more or less forgotten about it. We did our usual morning route. I saw some paw prints in the snow. I assumed they were coyote prints since they were clearly too small to be Zuzu's prints and no other dogs had been out on our property (at least that I knew of) since the day prior when the snow had fallen. It's not unusual for coyotes to come around overnight or early in the morning, so I didn't think much about the footprints.

We had probably walked for 10 or 15 minutes when I spotted her. Fortunately, she had spotted us before we spotted her. And fortunately, I spotted her before Zuzu spotted her. I spotted her just as she hopped our surrounding four foot fence and headed off onto the neighboring ranch. A bobcat. Apparently, she had hung around much longer than I thought. She didn't leave until we started getting too close to wherever it was she was hanging out. Most likely near our chicken coop, since I saw lots of prints near there.

Once I saw her, it made perfect sense why Zuzu was barking so much earlier in the morning. This was something that normally did not make an appearance on our property. In fact the only other time we have seen a bobcat (or signs of one) on our property was two years ago. At that time, the dogs treed the bobcat and once she left, we didn't see her again. At least, not until now, if this was the same cat.

So while some people might have been upset about their dog barking – and not terribly willing to stop barking – I was not. I know Zuzu well enough to know that she barks sometimes. But not a lot. And not excessively unless she's really excited about something. I knew she sensed or smelled or heard or saw something out there. And based on her barking, I knew it was not something she noticed regularly. And if there's something out there we don't usually see, then I actually do want my dogs to bark and try to scare it off. I don't really want bobcats or bears or mountain lions or skunks or porcupines hanging out close to home. So if my dogs can discourage them from coming around too often, I am perfectly happy to let them bark a bit and make it less appealing for those animals to hang around.

So barking is not always a bad thing. Sometimes I DO WANT my dogs to bark. Sometimes there is a very good reason, even if I do not know what it is. Good girl, Zuzu!

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Prices: The 20 ounce tumbler is \$40.00 and the 30 ounce tumbler is \$50.00

<https://www.facebook.com/craftymomcollection/>

Sincerely,
Kayla Fenton
Owner, Crafty Mom Collection



Your photo...



Turned into a vinyl application



And here's your Tumbler

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 700 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 ******

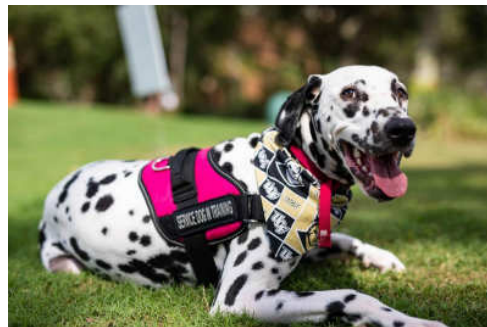
PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the 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 karl@dalmatianrescueco.org for inclusion in the next issue.

Sadly, There are no reader recommendations or tips this time around. If you have any that you think might be helpful or informative for our readers, please send them in and see your recommendations and tips in our next issue!



In The "Spot" Light... Our Featured Dalmatians

Aaron

4 Years Old, Black Neutered Male

Reason Available: Stray

Foster Home: Houston, TX

WHY do we still have Aaron? Well, that special, perfect person has just not appeared for this big, ole goofy dog! Aaron is a friendly, happy boy who is ready for that final, forever connection! TIME FOR A NEW HOME and COULD IT BE YOU??? Aaron is one happy fella located in HOUSTON TX with a ride to CO weekly. When we took Aaron in, he was terribly thin and his ears were horribly infected. He was also heartworm positive, but has been treated. Aaron was found in a backyard where the family had kids from one year to 8 years of age. He was playing with the kids and was wonderful with all of them. He is just a love bucket! In the foster home, Aaron loves to romp with the female dogs. He is housebroken, crate trained and just a fun fella. His future home would be best with a female dog and kids too. Now neutered, Aaron could possibly live with a mellow male dog too. The current male dog in the foster home is part of the issue. Older children would be best due to Aaron's size and energy. Aaron is a super cool dude who would love to meet you. For information contact Charles at charless787@yahoo.com. Donation \$250. You can submit an application for adoption at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. You will be glad you did!



Mandy

3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female

Reason Available: Stray

Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

Sweet Mandy is a lovely little Dalmatian Wannabe (45 pounds) who was very frightened by all the noise and barking in the shelter in Texas. Picked up as a stray, neighbors said her kids threw rocks at her and yelled a lot. She was terrified and responded by chasing the kids. She is lightly heartworm positive but has started treatment. Mandy has become a sweet, loving companion since she has had time to decompress and find out that everyone is not bad. She gets along great with the resident dogs at her foster home. Mandy loves to play and chase Breton in the backyard and respects Mojo's boundaries. She is a very loving dog who loves to sit in your lap. Mandy is very quiet, in fact she hasn't barked at all since she has been here, even when the resident dogs bark. So if you want a quiet dog, Mandy is the perfect dog for you! She just loves being the center of attention. Mandy is mostly white with nice spots on her ears and lots of freckles under her white fur. She is still a little skittish about loud noises and yelling but is a lot better than when she first arrived. A quiet home with all adults or teens would probably suit her best. For more information, contact Karl at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$250



Happy Beginnings Stories

Sadly there are no new Happy Beginnings Stories to share with you this month.

If you haven't submitted your dog's story, it is not too late!! Please submit it today.

Email the story and some photos (but not too many... even though I know you have hundreds) to me at:
karl@dalmatianrescueco.org

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!

About Us

NewSpots is published and released on the first calendar day of the month. The deadline for submissions for future issues of NewSpots is the 25th of the previous month. Submissions received after the deadline may be delayed in publication until the following month, subject to the Editor's discretion.

Send submissions to the Editor at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org.

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