

Happy New Year!



We, here at Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!

Winter Weather Pet Tips

By Dr. Justine A. Lee, DVM, DACVECC

As winter approaches, we want to make sure our four-legged friends are safe from the elements. After all, people can bundle up, but our pets can't add extra layers on a whim. As I'm based out of Minnesota (where it's winter 6 months out of the year), I know how severe cold injuries can be to pets. Here are some cold weather tips that I hope you will utilize to protect dogs and cats this winter:

1. Bundle up your dog

If your dog doesn't have a thick, plush hair coat consider a winter jacket when temperatures drop below 20°F. Make sure the jacket is snug and that your male dog doesn't urinate on the bottom belly strap (which can then worsen frostbite or cold injury).

2. Watch where you salt

While ice salt is only mildly poisonous to dogs, it can cause irritation to the skin, paws, and gastrointestinal tract when directly ingested. Make sure to use pet-friendly ice melts (which don't contain salt). More importantly, since you don't know what your neighbors have put down, make sure to use a damp cloth to wipe off your pet's paws after coming into the house.

3. Check under the hood

There are a myriad of reasons why it's advisable to keep your cat indoors at all times. Still, even if you know your cat is in the house, make sure to bang on your car hood before starting the car (this is particularly important if you see paw prints on your hood). Stray cats often hide under a vehicle's hood when it's warm and can develop severe fan belt injuries (including broken jaw bones, severe lacerations, etc.) when the car is started.

4. Avoid space heaters

Avoid the use of space heaters, and other sources of external heat, due to the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning, accidental fire, or thermal injury to your pet.

5. Keep an eye out for frostbite

20 minute walks outside are unlikely to result in a problem, but if you take your dog skijoring (skiing behind your dog) or running for prolonged hours at a time when it's less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or with a significant wind chill, ice crystals can develop in peripheral tissues (like the ears, prepuce, vulva, tail tip, and toes). Keep a careful eye out for the following signs:

- Redness
- Coolness to touch
- Swelling
- Eventual sloughing of the tissue

If you do notice any signs of frost-nip (the stage immediately before frostbite) or frostbite, make sure to bring your pet into a sheltered, warm area immediately. Most importantly, avoid touching or actively heating the area aggressively; rather, slow rewarming of the tissue with lukewarm water is best. This will prevent further injury with rapid thawing of the ice crystals in the tissue. Do not rewarm the area until it can be kept warm. Warming and then re-exposing the frostbitten area to cold air can cause worse damage. If no water is nearby, breathe on the area through cupped hands and hold it next to your body. Seek immediate attention from your veterinarian to make sure pain medication, salves, or antibiotics aren't necessary. Keep in mind that once tissue has undergone frostbite, that tissue is more susceptible in the future.

Ticks, Dogs and Winter Weather: The Danger Is Still Here

By Dr. Ruth MacPete, DVM

Did you know that ticks are not just a spring and summer problem? You might be surprised to learn that ticks can be found year round, and not just in warmer climates. A 2010 study from the Journal of Clinical Investigation showed that some infected ticks have actually developed a type of antifreeze glycoprotein to survive the cold. Unfortunately, this means that just because winter has arrived, dog parents cannot let their guard down when it comes to ticks.

Why should winter ticks concern you?

Ticks are found throughout the United States and can spread diseases like Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Anaplasmosis, Tularemia and Babesia. Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses are a significant source of morbidity in people and dogs — in particular, Lyme disease; the CDC says it has been reported in almost every state as of 2013, and its prevalence is increasing in the Northeast, Southeast, and Midwest according to a Parasites & Vectors report. Check with your

veterinarian about the risk of Lyme disease in your area and [click here to view the CAPC prevalence maps for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.](#)

Signs and symptoms of tick-borne illness

The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses depend on the particular illness. For example, Lyme disease symptoms may include:

- Stiffness
- Fatigue
- A painful gait
- Swollen joints
- Fever
- Swollen lymph nodes

Many other tick-borne illnesses have no signs or take months for symptoms to develop. Since many of these illnesses either have subtle signs and symptoms, or mimic other diseases, screening for tick-borne illnesses is a vital component of a dog's annual exam. If your dog has been exposed to ticks, speak with your veterinarian about screening tests and prevention rather than waiting for symptoms to develop. [Click here for potential symptoms of more tick-borne diseases.](#)

Treatment of tick-borne disease

Treatment varies depending on the type of tick-borne illness. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borelia burgdorferi* and is treated with broad-spectrum antibiotics. Other tick borne illnesses caused by different pathogens require different antibiotics.

Diagnosis of tick-borne disease

Since many affected animals may not show signs of disease, or may take months to develop symptoms, screening tests are a vital component of a dog's annual exam. These tests screen for the most common tick-borne illnesses, such as Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, and Anaplasmosis.

How to protect your dogs from winter ticks

Speak with your veterinarian to find out if ticks are a year round problem in your area and if she recommends your pet be vaccinated for Lyme disease.

Consider these three tips to help protect your dogs from tick borne illnesses:

- When your dog goes outside, make it a habit to check him thoroughly for ticks! If you find a tick, remove it immediately.
- Since many tick-borne illnesses have no signs or symptoms early on, do screening tests annually. They allow your veterinarian to identify illnesses early so that she can initiate treatment right away.
- Utilize tick preventives year round if you live in an area where ticks are a year round problem.

While spring and summer are the most dangerous times when it comes to ticks, it's important to remember that these creepy critters can be found year round depending on the weather in your area. By keeping your dogs on tick preventatives, screening for tick-borne illnesses yearly, and checking for ticks, you are doing everything you can to keep your dogs safe from ticks.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.



Recent Adoptees!

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<p>Bonnie (aka Tiva) Bend, OR</p>	<p>Evey Denver, CO</p>	

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 60 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

Please submit your story to karl@dalmatianrescueco.org



*My Dalmatian isn't
spoiled,
I'm just a well trained
owner!*



National Dress Up Your Pet Day – January 14th

National Dress Up Your Pet Day on January 14th provides a special day to celebrate with your pet and show of their fashion style. Pets do become part of one's family. Whether you take a visit to the groomer or take it a step further and dress up in matching outfits, be sure your pet companion is safe and comfortable.

Please remember to keep your pets safe and comfortable in the pet clothing and costumes that you choose.

Tips for dressing up your pet:

- If your pet just doesn't like dressing up, let them sit this holiday out.
- Be sure it fits. Restricting movement or ability to breathe can cause injury or illness.
- Many pets like to chew. Avoid loose or dangling pieces which can cause choking hazards.

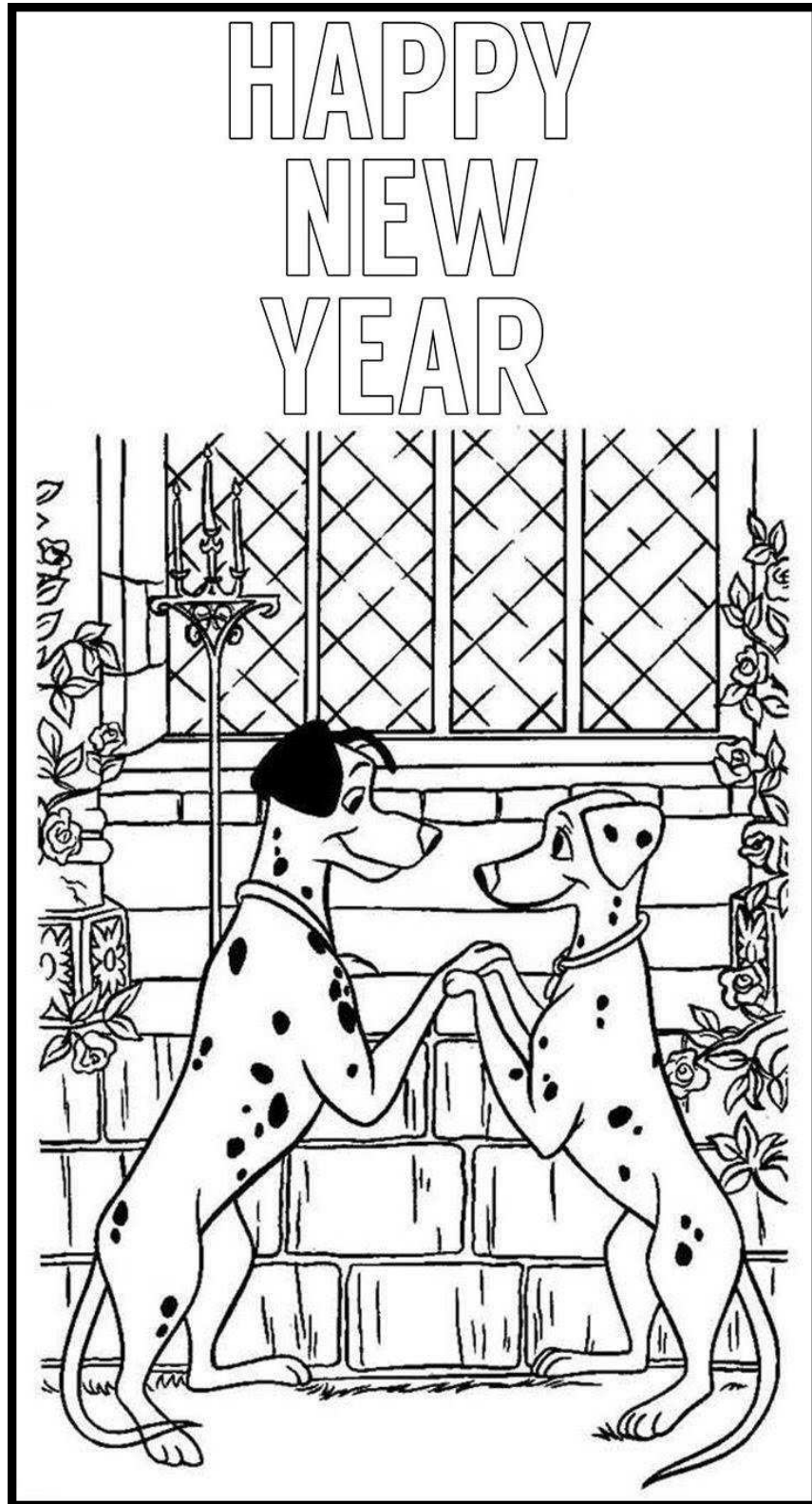
HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalDressUpYourPetDay

The name of the day tells you how to celebrate it; dress your pets up! Keep your pet's comfort first and foremost. A visit to the groomer for a bit of polish and trim always improves our pet companion's appearance. Get a snazzy bandana, bow, or collar to show off the fresh do. How about a sweater for chilly, long walks? If the tutu is too, too much, your pooch will let you know. Be sure to share your favorite pet poses with us. We love to see how you #CelebrateEveryDay. Use #DressUpYourPetDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY HISTORY

National Dress Up Your Pet Day was founded in 2009 by Celebrity Pet Lifestyle Expert and Animal Behaviorist, Colleen Paige.

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Trainer Tips

“Reactive Dog? Here Are Four Categories Of Alternative Behaviors We Use”

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Do you have a reactive dog? One of the most common behavior issues I am asked for help in resolving is reactivity issues. One of the ways we work to address these issues is through the use of alternative behaviors.

For most dogs, this is reactivity on leash and can be directed toward other dogs, people, other animals, or vehicles. Or some combination of any or all of these.

This reactivity could also be displayed at home, generally toward passersby on the street or visitors to the home. It could also be displayed in the backyard at the fence line.

Sometimes this reactivity is called leash aggression. Or barrier aggression, especially if it's on the other side of a door, window or fence. Reactivity sometimes includes some aggressive displays. Some reactivity might look aggressive but actually is more about overexcitement or

frustration. And sometimes it is about fear or insecurity. And in reality, sometimes it can be very hard to tell whether there are any actual aggressive behaviors mixed in there. What looks “aggressive” is not always.

That's why we often use the term “reactivity” rather than aggression, because that reactivity can be caused by a lot of different things. Regardless, though, we have an issue to address so no one gets hurt and so that dogs are better able to handle these situations.

When working with clients, one of the things we work on is alternative behaviors. If we do not want the current behaviors displayed with this reactivity, we need to help the dogs understand what to do INSTEAD.

Reactive behaviors might include things like barking, lunging, pulling on the leash, jumping up, whining, snarling, or snapping. You might see any combination of these or other behaviors. Generally, they fall under the “this is so embarrassing” category. You know, those behaviors that are sometimes difficult to control but that also make you embarrassed to take your dog anywhere in public.

When working on alternative behaviors, I generally have four categories of behaviors that I use. For some dogs, we will work on all four categories. For some, we will work on various combinations of these.

Which behaviors we choose depends on lots of things. Some of those include, what the dog is capable of, what the humans at the other end of the leash are comfortable working on, and a whole host of other things that could take up an entire blog post.

These four categories of behaviors are:

1. Connection
2. Self control or impulse control
3. Relaxation
4. Fun/Active

Connection is about helping your dog tune in with you. If your dog is tuned in with you, it's harder to over-react to other things. We want the dog to turn their focus away from whatever they are reacting to and connect or re-focus on you. If you do not want your dog fixating on that other dog, person, or whatever it is, you need to give them something to focus on. That's you. You can't give your primary focus to two things. So let's make sure you are the primary focus.

Connection activities include things like Eye Contact/Watch Me/Look and Touch/Nose Target. These activities require your dog to direct their focus on you. Making eye contact. Touching their nose to your hand. Or other activities that engage your dog directly with you.

While focus on you is good, one of the most important aspects of these activities is to take focus away from the object causing the reactivity. If we can take focus off the object of their fixation, then honestly, I am less concerned about whether they are focused directly on you or not. However, we do want dogs to be able to focus on you at times!

Self control or impulse control is all about your dog learning that just because that object draws their interest, it does not mean that your dog NEEDS to go after that object or stay fixated on it. We all need to learn to control our impulses. It's a daily practice for us, right?

Some of us are more disciplined at it than others. But it's important to note that self control is essentially a muscle we build. The more we practice, the better we get at it. Self control is something we can develop. That includes our dogs. The more we practice self control or impulse control, the better we get at it and the better we are able to deal with those big distractions in life.

Self control exercises include things like Wait or Stay. Anything that makes your dog hold back and resist temptation is a self control exercise. These are difficult exercises to do when something has your dog's interest peaked and your dog is overstimulated. But it is something they can learn to do!

Other self control exercises could include things like Leave It. While I do think a good Leave It is a valuable skill to have, to be honest, I do not use it nearly as often as I used to. Because I am focusing primarily on those alternative behaviors that give your dog something specific to do. Leave It, if you think about it, is still about what NOT to do. It can be useful in certain situations, but it is not always the best option.

Relaxation exercises include things that help reduce your dog's stress and adrenaline levels. Things that help your dog feel more relaxed or that are associated with relaxing will help them to calm down.

One example might include a stretch. Think about when your dog naturally stretches. For most dogs, that is when they get up from sleeping. Those big stretches before they get going with whatever is happening next. How does your dog feel at that time? Usually pretty relaxed and chill, right? That's the feeling we are going for!

Relaxation exercises might also include things like a Down (usually the entire body is resting on the ground but the head is up) or a Sleep position (lying flat on their side with head down). Dogs would normally only be in these positions if they are feeling relaxed and comfortable and not feeling threatened or on edge.

What other positions might your dog be in that indicate they are feeling very relaxed and comfortable and NOT stressed? Look at what they do when they are just chilling out around home and get some ideas you can get them to do elsewhere.

Fake it 'til you make it. Have you heard that? That's exactly what we are going for with the relaxation exercises. Studies show that if you cause yourself to "fake it" you can impact how you actually feel. It's not a sure bet, of course, but sometimes we can help our dogs feel better by helping them "fake it" until they actually do start to feel a bit better about the situation.

Fun/Active exercises are all about helping to bring a bit of joy and fun to the situation. If you do the things that make you feel happy and joyful and playful, then maybe, just maybe, you will actually start to feel more playful, joyful, happy. What does your dog do when they are feeling happy?

Bouncy, playful behaviors are what we are looking for. Fun tricks like Spin, Shake, Over/Under, or other fun things can impact this feeling. Or fun games like Tug might be an option.

In addition to creating a more fun, playful feeling, the Fun exercises are also generally ACTIVE exercises. If I want to absorb some of that adrenaline pumping through my dog's body, asking for a Sit/Stay is not going to do it. If I can give my dog some active fun behaviors to do, I can help create an outlet for that adrenaline to go toward (rather than expended by lunging at that dog passing by.)

Think of the behaviors your dog displays when they are happy and wanting to engage in play. There are lots of different options here. However, remember that if your dog is reactive on leash and when out on walks, we need to choose activities you can do with your dog ON LEASH. So, something like Fetch is probably not a good choice.

To be successful with any of these alternative behaviors, we have to ensure the dogs know how to do these in less distracting situations first. Does your dog know these behaviors at home? How about outside at home? How about on your walk but before that big distraction shows up? If your dog can't do it pretty well elsewhere, don't expect them to be able to do it when that big distraction appears. Not yet.

Now, another part of the trick to being successful is figuring out when and how to use all of these behaviors. There are times and situations that will call for certain of these and definitely not others. Partly depends on how fluent your dog is with these behaviors and exactly how distracting that big distraction really is.

The help of a professional with plenty of experience with these issues will help you to implement in a way that helps your dog learn how to more appropriately deal with these things that cause such a big reaction right now. It seems daunting sometimes. Oftentimes. But it's do-able. It just takes knowing how to set your dog up for success and work through steps in a way that does not overwhelm your dog. Or yourself.

If you have a reactive dog, we can help! Doing it all by yourself can be overwhelming. Getting a team in place to help you will also help your dog. And we want you both to be successful!

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My name is Kayla Fenton and I am the owner of Crafty Mom Collection. We make custom tumblers and personalized items. My biggest seller has been my Spot On Custom Dalmatian Tumbler. The Dalmatian tumbler is a 20 oz stainless steel tumbler that is coated in a beautiful white glitter or can be left a solid white and is sealed with FDA compliant epoxy. I use a picture of the owner's Dalmatian and turn it into a vinyl decal and apply that and any wording to the cup as well as generic Dalmatian spots all around. These are very unique and special because no two cups are the exact same and it's the owner's actual dog on the cup and is "spot on". I didn't expect these to ever blow up the way they have but the love I have received from these is truly amazing. I run my business from home alongside my 4 year old and 1 year old so the fact I have created these and they are known all over the country now is just amazing to me. I will donate a portion of each sale to Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. I am a dog lover so the least I can do with these creations is pay forward to a rescue. You can check out my Facebook page Crafty Mom Collection and my Instagram @craftymomcollection.

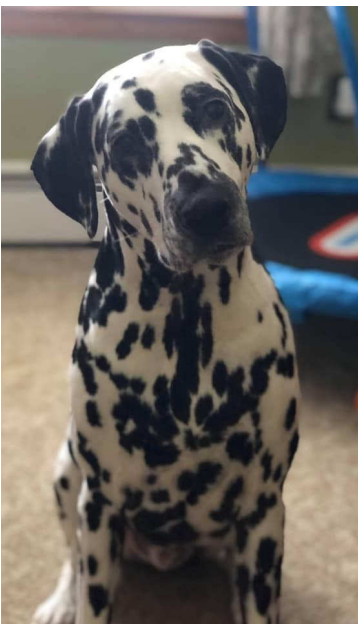


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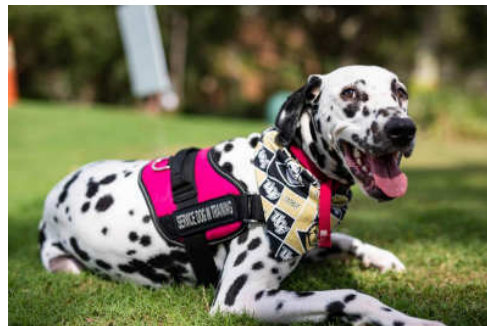
PLEASE – They need YOUR help!! Remember when your rescue Dalmatian came home with you, from the warmth of a loving foster family? If we hadn't had foster homes, you probably would not have gotten YOUR dog. PLEASE think about fostering a dog for the Dalmatian Rescue where you obtained your Dal, or the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

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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

Aaron is one happy fella located in HOUSTON TX and who is still looking for a forever home. He came to us quite thin and with horribly infected ears, and he was also heartworm positive. Aaron is nearing the end of his heartworm treatment and will be tested again in the summer. 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 girls. He is housebroken, crate trained and just a fun fella. His future home would be best with a female dog and kids too. After being neutered, he could possibly live with a mellow male dog too. Older children would be best due to Aaron's size and energy, though. 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.



Molly Mae



3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female

Reason Available: Stray

Foster Home: Gatesv

Three year old Molly Mae is DRC royalty because she likes to be treated like a Texas Queen! This sweet cuddler sits pretty and loves attention. She will hold court while you and your family pet her and she soaks up all of your love. If you have older kids, she thinks that would be great too! And if you're not careful, she will convince you to let her sleep in your bed at night; her favorite place! Young Dalmatians enjoy a regular routine of exercise to wear them out. They find it much easier to behave that way! Do you have a fenced back yard where a girl can run, chase, and play? Molly Mae would love that in her forever home! Also on her wishlist is a partner who jogs, but someone who has a long, daily walking route would be great too. Like most "Queen Bees" Molly Mae likes to be the center of attention. She says, "no thank you" to a home with cats, or other "Queens". Molly Mae might entertain the idea of a four-legged male companion. Families with boy dogs will need to do a meet and greet to see if we and Molly Mae feel they would be a suitable fit. All of this fanciness aside, this special girl has a heart of gold and is just looking for the right person or family to call her forever home. If you think Molly Mae might be a good match for you, please contact Tena at tjp@mygrande.net or AJ at rumrunnerkennels67@gmail.com Applications may be submitted to www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Molly Mae is currently located in Jonesboro, TX, near Gatesville, TX. Adoption donation \$400

Happy Beginnings Stories

Cecil



Cecil was found as a stray on May 1, 2019 on Cecilia Street in San Antonio Texas. The San Antonio Animal Care Services that found him named him Cecil after the street where he was found. Cecil is a Dalmatian and Chocolate Labrador blend and they estimated he was about 2 years old. He was under nourished and weighed only 30 lbs when he was found. For the next 6 months he moved around Texas to several rescue facilities. In November 2019, the Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado brought Cecil to a foster home in Colorado. In January 2020, his foster mom Edee, brought Cecil on to the Denver 9News Petline9 Program. When we saw him on TV he was so timid and scared but we had an immediate connection and something clicked between us and Cecil. Within two days we visited Cecil at his foster home. Cecil was so scared and timid to see anyone new and it was over 20 minutes before he could be coaxed over to come near us, then we spent the next hour on the floor with him. A week later we visited Cecil again and this time it took him only 10 minutes to come see us. What a great breakthrough and we went for a walk with him around his neighborhood. One week later his foster mom brought Cecil to our home to check out our home and make sure that it was acceptable to Cecil. Cecil loved our big yard. Edee decided we were a great match and left Cecil with us for a trial period. Cecil settled into our home over the next few days and we adopted Cecil 2 weeks later January 19, 2019. Within a few days Cecil trusted us and wanted to be with us all the time. We have a small, fenced area for Cecil but we also have a large yard without fences. For the first six weeks we walked Cecil on his leash many times a day to show him his boundary of our yard. In those six weeks he learned his boundaries and he is now allowed off leash in his big yard when we are with him. He knows not to cross over into the neighbor's yards. Cecil is so smart, and it amazes us how quickly he learns and wants to please. We learned from Cecil's reactions to any of our quick movements that he cowers and must have been abused in the past. He was so afraid of people. We wish we could read his mind to figure out what happened to him in the past so we can ease his fear. Cecil has now been with us for almost a year. Cecil has brought great happiness to our lives and he loves us both. Cecil has found his forever home.

Betty and Rich, Colorado



We still need your Happy Beginnings Stories!!

Over 60 dogs have been adopted this year (2020) and we only have 9 stories!

Please help us to get the word out to all adopters from 2020 (or any year, since it's never too late!) to submit their Happy Beginnings Stories.

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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