



Happy Halloween!!



Halloween Safety Tips For Your Pets

Halloween is coming!! I bet your little ghouls and goblins are already talking about all the great fun and candy they are going to have on Halloween. But what about your pets? Are they going to be equally excited about Halloween? I'm going to hazard a guess and say that they are not, and most likely will not, have a lot of fun that night. Halloween is a scary time of the year for both humans and animals, alike. Taking some simple steps before the Trick or Treaters show up at your door can make it a nicer, and safer, time for your pets. Below are some tips for your consideration:

1. When picking up costumes for your kiddos (the human ones), please keep in mind their safety - as well as that of your pets. Do not get costumes with sparkly things, dangly things or things that might be attractive to your pets or cause a choking hazard if chewed off.
2. If you are thinking about getting a costume for Fluffy or Fido, please rethink it. For some pets, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. I recommend that you don't put your dog or cat in a costume unless you know he or she loves it. If you do dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. Ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury. Be sure to have your pet try on the costume before the big night. If he or she seems distressed or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting your pet wear his or her "birthday suit" or don a festive bandana instead.
3. If you are thinking about bringing your dog around the neighborhood with your kids to go Trick-or-Treating - Please DON'T!! Your dog gets plenty of exercise 364 days of the year, let them take this night off. There are too many things that can go wrong with all the screaming, running little monsters out there. Your dog is probably not used to all that and seeing those scary creatures out and about is probably going to make them even more nervous. If I haven't convinced you yet to leave your dog at home and you're going to take them anyway (BUT PLEASE DON'T!!), please ensure that your dog's leash and collar are in good shape and can keep your dog safely attached to you. If possible, use a reflectorized leash and collar, with UPDATED ID tags!!! And never, ever leave your dog along and unsupervised in the yard on Halloween night!!!
4. While a carved jack-o-lantern certainly is festive, pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and start a fire. Curious kittens are especially at risk of getting burned or singed by candle flame. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic, but can produce stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them. Also watch out for electrical wires on those light up or blow up decorations. Dogs love chewing on things and the last thing you want to do is expose them to a shocking night!
5. Candy. Dogs don't need to eat anything your child brings home. Period. We spend a lot of time and money making sure our dogs eat the best food. Don't undue that in one night. Anyway, most of the candy is going to be toxic to your dog. Best not to allow them anything.
6. Finally, if hosting a party, please put your pets in a safe room with some distracting music or tv to help them stay calm while the party rages on. Make sure all guests know that Fido gets NO TREATS!!

A Tribute To "Tanker"

By Jen M.

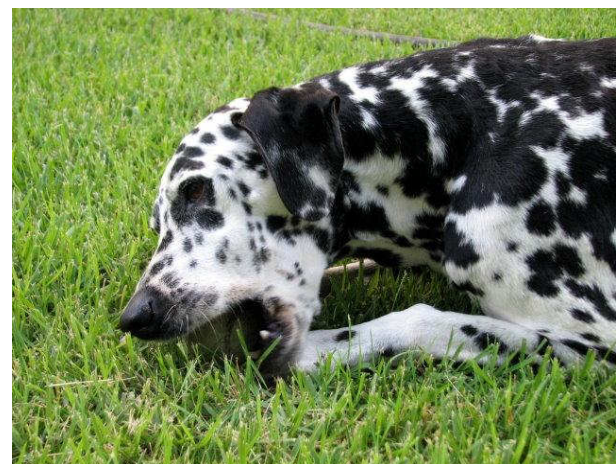
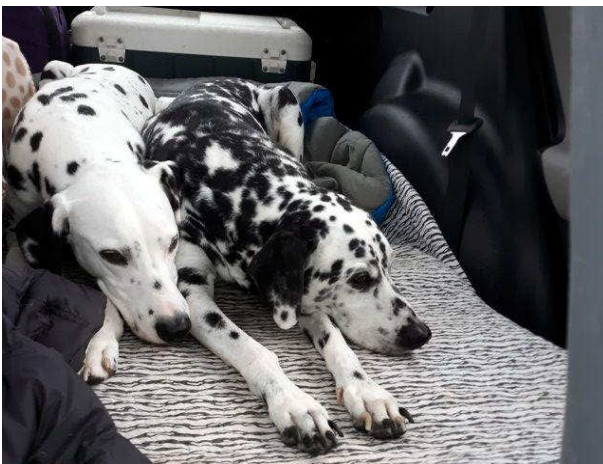


TANKER came to our lives from Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado in August 2012. He was a very well behaved 5 year old boy and hardly ever gave us much trouble in his entire life. He did get into a poisonous snake once just a short month after he came to us and he had an incident with a baby skunk when he was 8 years old. A bladder stone surgery took place when he was approaching 10 years old (which was a bit of a surprise). He was a true velcro dog but adorable in every way; yes, he always had to have human contact and liked to be in your face whenever you were doing something. Throughout his younger life he was almost unbearable during thunderstorms but as he got older his fears subsided. He lived most of his life on a quiet ranch with his Dalmatian sister Kelsie and his Dalmatian brother Pauly.

His health started deteriorating when he turned 13 (just a short while after we moved from Texas to Arizona) but it was all manageable and he kept his young striver well. Then, one early morning on September 21st he had a massive stroke. He lost his mobility, vision and hearing all at once. His Vet told us that we shouldn't let him live his life in such a condition anymore so with a very heavy heart we had to release him from his suffering.

We celebrate his life now and we are very thankful that he had shared his 9 years of it with us. He travelled with us all around Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming. He loved to explore all different scents and all new places. No doubt, we will miss him dearly, we won't have him kicking us in the middle of the night anymore (he dreamt a lot the last years of his life). We miss his beautiful eyes looking and asking us to be lifted to the sofas and beds. Run free my handsome boy, we'll see you again on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

Our special thanks to Amy Lessmann, Beth White and Tena Price for connecting us with Tanker, we are very grateful and so was Tank.



Aflatoxin... Avoiding the Deadliest Natural Toxin in Dog Food

<https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/canine-nutrition/aflatoxin/>

Aflatoxin is one of the most dangerous natural poisons known to food scientists. And many times, it can be found in some of the most popular dog foods on the market.

Recently... Aflatoxin has led to the tragic death of hundreds of dogs... and has caused an increasing number of life-threatening dog food recalls.

What Is Aflatoxin?

Aflatoxin is a potent 'natural' poison that's produced by a common type of food mold known as *Aspergillus flavus*. But it's NOT the mold you need to worry about.

It's aflatoxin... the deadly poison produced by that mold... that can cause liver failure, cancer and death... in dogs.

Which Ingredients Contain Aflatoxin?

In nature... *Aspergillus* mold is a gray-green, fuzzy-looking substance that can be found growing on the surface of cereal grains. Grains like wheat, millet, sorghum, and rice.

However, since 2009... Corn has been the most common source of aflatoxin in every poison-related dog food recall. Here's what corn contaminated with *Aspergillus* mold looks like:



Aspergillus mold on corn and producing aflatoxin

But keep in mind... Corn Is NOT the Problem

It's the companies that buy these moldy crops (in the first place). And then fail to test them for hidden toxins... BEFORE they're used to make pet food.

Larger, multi-national pet food companies tend to have the resources needed to routinely test for contaminants. Which is probably why (since 2009)... We've noted zero aflatoxin-related recalls from major brands, including those that use corn in their recipes.¹

What's more... Corn is not the only source of aflatoxin.

That's because... *Aspergillus* mold can grow on just about ANY food crop... including wheat, rice, millet... and dozens of others.

What Makes Aflatoxin So Dangerous?

Compared to almost any other dog food contaminant, aflatoxin has the potential to be FAR more dangerous.

That's because... Aflatoxin is invisible. So, you can't see it... not even with a high-power microscope.

Yet it can still be present... even when there's no visible sign of mold on the surface of the food.

What's more... Unlike *Salmonella* and other disease-causing bacteria... Aflatoxin is a poisonous chemical.

Which means... it's NOT alive.

So You Can't Kill It

And you can't cook it out of a dog food, either. In fact... Aflatoxin is so resistant to heat... It even survives the germ-killing process of pasteurization... a process required by law when making canned dog foods. Or the high heat methods used for making dry dog food. Which is why, after cooking, the deadly poison can still be found inside an unopened can of wet dog food... Or a sealed bag of dry kibble.



Corn contaminated with mold during storage

How Toxic Is Aflatoxin?

Compared to other natural poisons... Aflatoxin has the highest toxicity of all mold toxins.² And for this reason, it's one of the leading causes of liver failure and liver cancer in dogs.³ What's worse... There's no known anti-toxin to neutralize it. So, once aflatoxin enters a dog's body... there's no way to remove it.

Two Ways Aflatoxin Can Kill Your Dog

Dogs are highly susceptible to aflatoxin poisoning. That's because unlike humans, who eat a varied diet... Dogs tend to eat the same food... meal after meal... day after day... for a lifetime. Which is why there are 2 ways aflatoxin can kill a dog.

1. Acute poisoning
2. Chronic poisoning

Acute Poisoning

Dogs exposed to higher doses of aflatoxin can experience sudden and severe reactions to the poison. Acute reactions like these can progress so quickly that a dog can die before ever receiving treatment. These are the cases you hear about the most... and they represent the leading cause of aflatoxin-related recall events.

Chronic Poisoning

In contrast... Dogs exposed to lower, non-lethal doses of aflatoxin over a longer period of time may survive. But chronic, long term exposure to smaller doses can be just as deadly. That's because tiny, invisible amounts of poison can accumulate in the body... over time and can ultimately cause liver cancer later in your dog's life.⁴ Which is what makes chronic poisoning so much more dangerous.

The Bottom Line

Chronic, long-term exposure to tiny, undetectable amounts of aflatoxin in your pet's food has the potential to cause serious damage to the future health of your dog.

How to Protect Your Dog from Aflatoxin

On this page you've learned about aflatoxin and why it's so dangerous. Here are 3 things you can do right now to protect your dog from this deadly poison.

1. Become aware of recalls early. So you can take action... before smaller doses of aflatoxin can accumulate in your dog's body. [Click here to get free lifesaving dog food recall alerts by email](#) as soon as they happen.
2. Don't rely on grain-based dog foods alone. Keep in mind, aflatoxin is only rarely found in grain-free recipes. Instead, consider diet rotation to diversify your pet's menu.
3. Don't avoid corn. Mold toxins can be hidden in ANY grain-inclusive recipe. To lower the risk, avoid brands with troubled recall histories especially those known for being repeat offenders when it comes to aflatoxin or other matters of product safety. Repeat offenders are removed from each of The Dog Food Advisor's "best" lists as soon as they're discovered. So, visit one of the many [Editor's Choice](#) categories from our [Best Dog Food](#) page for some safe suggestions.

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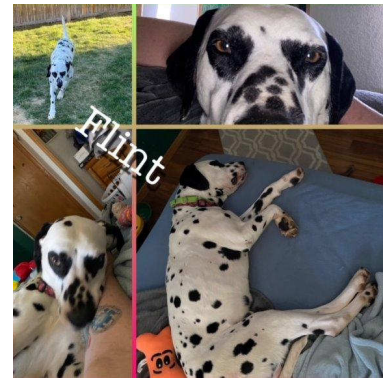
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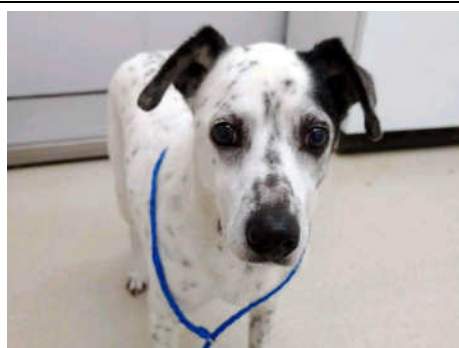
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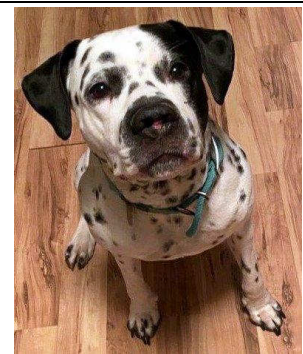
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Yes, I am begging. We really would like to have your stories on the website and make you a star here in the NewSpots!!
What are you waiting for? Submit your stories and a new photograph of your fur kid(s), and yourself if you want, to me today!

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Pet Evac Pak

<https://petevacpak.com/>

Pet Evac Pak is a company that has helped Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado immeasurably in the past. Pet Evac Pak was founded by Michelle Danielson and her friend, Claudia. Michelle has trained, fostered and transported many dogs for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. In addition, her company, Pet Evac Pak, has very generously donated Evac Paks and Dog First Aid Kits to our auctions!! Here's a little bit about them, directly from their website:

The little company with a big passion for pets!

In the wake of the 2017 fires in Napa and Sonoma Counties, Southern California, and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, it was heartbreaking to see the pets that had been left behind.

After Hurricane Harvey, Michelle collected donations, filling a trailer, and "Marshall's Mission" (named after her dog) was born. They drove from Nevada to Texas. "Marshall's Mission" delivered the much-needed supplies to shelters and, along the way, rescued four awesome dogs who were about to be euthanized. Back at home she was able to find them the perfect families. This trip inspired her to partner with her friend, Claudia, to start Pet Evac Pak.

Michelle and Claudia, with their therapy dogs, Marshall and Echo, visit a residential treatment facility for kids. Michelle and Marshall also visit seniors at a retirement home. Claudia and Echo go to the VA hospital and hang out with passengers at the airport.

I urge everyone to visit their website and check out their great products! I can honestly say that I actually have a Pet Evac Pak in my RV, just in case!! I bought it during one of our auctions!

Some of the Pet Evac Pak offerings are:



Pet Evac Big Dog Pak
\$79.99

For dogs between 30 and 70 lbs., the Pet Evac Big Dog Pak is designed with your pet in mind. Everything you need to be prepared for an emergency, evacuation or travel. Starting with the red and black backpack to the well thought out first aid kit, this pack has everything to keep your pet safe for up to 72 hours. You will have peace of mind that you are ready for any situation.



Pet Evac Ultimate Cat Pak with Carrier
\$99.99

For cats up to 16 lbs., the Pet Evac Ultimate Cat Pak is your cat's home away from home. Starting with the airline-approved Prefer Pet PREMIUM Hideaway carrier that can either be used as a backpack or shoulder style duffel bag, making it easy to get out quickly. The cinch bag included contains everything you need to keep your cat safe for up to 72 hours should you need to evacuate from any disaster such as earthquake, hurricane, flood, or fire. Items are packed in the cinch bag so you can just remove it to place your pet in the carrier. You will have peace of mind that you are ready for any emergency, evacuation, or just travel.



Pet Evac Small Dog Pak without Carrier
\$64.99

Already have a carrier for your dog? This is the perfect companion to get you prepared for an emergency, evacuation or travel. The cinch bag includes everything you need to keep your pet safe for up to 72 hours. You will have peace of mind that you are ready for any situation.

Visit and get your Pet's Evac Pak today!!!

PET EVAC PAK

NATIONAL FIRE PUP DAY - OCTOBER 1ST



National Fire Pup Day on October 1st recognizes the canine firefighters that have long been members of fire departments across the country.

While the Dalmatian's origin is unknown, their use in firehouses began during the 1700s. Trained as a carriage dog, the Dalmatian's agility transferred quickly to horse-drawn fire engines. Even though Dalmatians weren't the only dogs fit for carriage work, they were the ones who mostly filled the role of fire dogs. They were also easily identified by their spotted and speckled coats.

In the days of the horse-drawn fire carts, they provided a valuable service, having a natural affinity to horses. The Dalmatian's duty was to run alongside the horses. They ran in front of or beneath the wagon axles clearing the way.

Long after the red engines replaced horse-drawn wagons, the Dalmatian remains a recognizable tradition in fire stations across the country. These energetic firehouse mascots serve to educate the public about fire safety. They also represent past fire pups in honor of their heroism.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalFirePupDay

Learn more about fire pup history. Visit [rouver.com](https://www.rouver.com) to learn more. Use #NationalFirePupDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL MAKE A DOG'S DAY - OCTOBER 22ND

National Make A Dog's Day on October 22nd provides an opportunity to give all dogs the best day of their lives. The day not only encourages visits to shelters (and rescue groups), but it is also a reminder to animal lovers everywhere to adopt instead of shop for a new pet.

Approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters in the United States annually, many being relinquished by their owners. Worse still, approximately 35% of the animals that enter shelters are euthanized. While numbers continue to decline, the need for adoption continues to be overwhelming. One sure way to make a dog's day is giving them a new, loving home through adoption.



IF A DOG COULD TALK

Of course, adoption is just one way to make a dog's day. If your favorite canine companion could talk, they might tell us going for an extra-long walk would make their day. When was the last time you visited the dog park? Of course, a new chew toy might top their list. Sometimes, they just want to play. Throw the ball already! Another thing that tops the list of fur babies everywhere – don't stop scratching that itch.

While those ideas probably come to mind with ease, some other ideas are just as important.

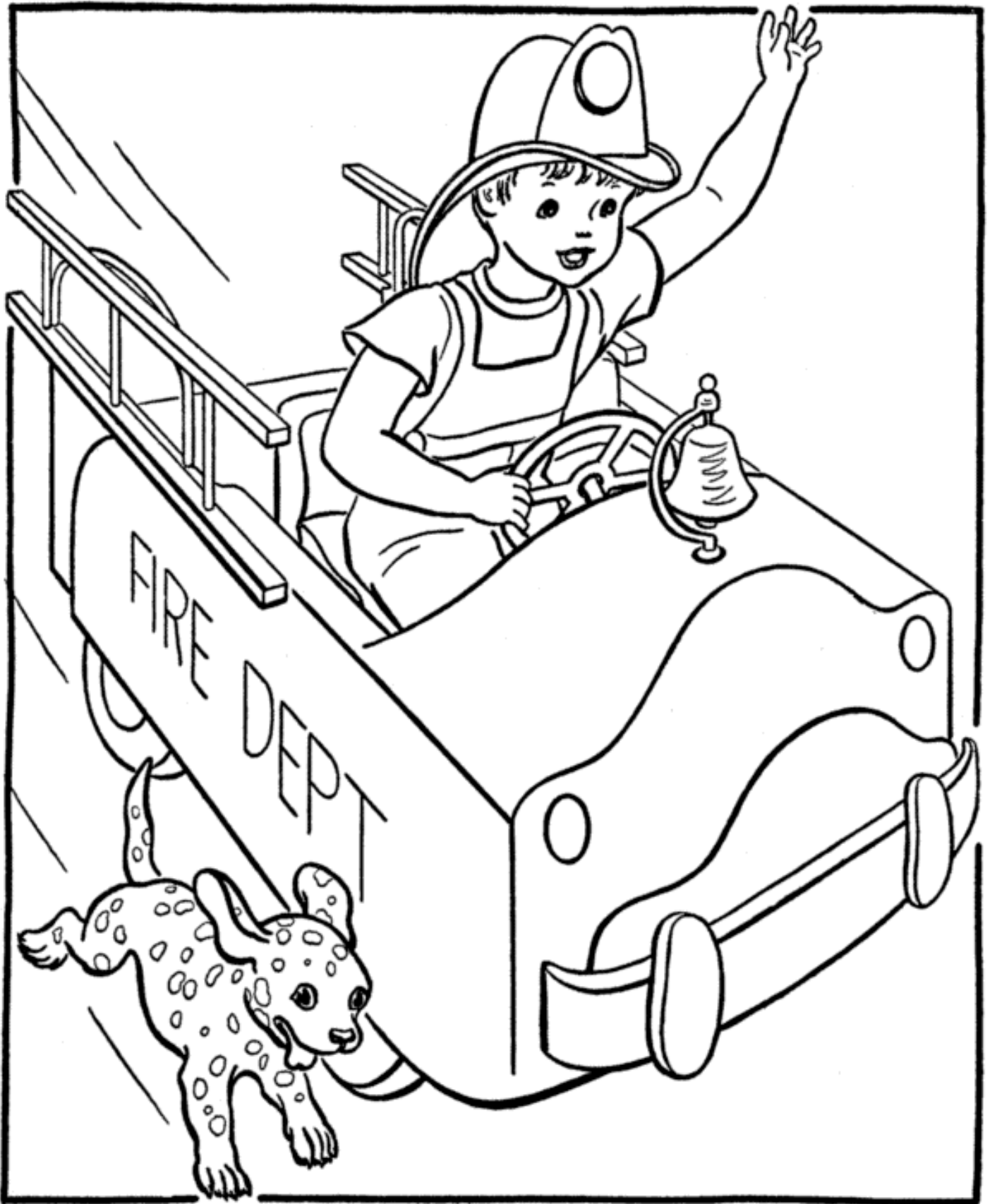
- Regular check-ups. Check with your veterinarian for the schedule that fits your dog.
- Vaccinations. Different schedules apply depending on where you live.
- Spay or neuter your pet. Beyond the health benefits, unplanned puppies cause the population in shelters to increase.

HOW TO OBSERVE #MakeADogsDay

Visit a shelter (or rescue group), find a loyal canine companion and make a dog's day through adoption! If the timing isn't quite right, all are welcome to stop by a shelter (or rescue group) and volunteer. Just by taking a shelter dog for a walk or bringing them a new chew toy, you'll make their day. New blankets or treats are always welcome, too. Check your local shelter's website for a list of needs. Each shelter takes donations, and their requirements vary depending on the time of year. If you're already the owner of a beloved dog, take the extra time to make your dog's day. Repay that unconditional love with creative tokens of dog-gone appreciation.

Post your stories and photos using the hashtag #MakeADogsDay on social media.

For The Kids



The next page is unbranded so your child(ren), or even you, can print, color and take to your local fire station to show your appreciation for these wonderful HEROES who help us every day of the year!

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Once logged in to your King Soopers or City Market account, search for Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Inc., either by name or FR415, and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card.

*Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card account to link to our organization. If you do not yet have a King Soopers or City Market loyalty card, they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market.

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Trainer Tips

“Introducing a new dog to the resident dog”

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Question:

We are planning to adopt a second dog. What's the best way to introduce the two dogs?

The Trainer Answers:

A successful first meeting between your resident dog and a new dog can help to ensure an easier integration of your new dog into your household. Some planning will help this first meeting to be a success.

First, how does your resident dog do when introduced to new dogs? Do you have a friendly dog with good social skills? Some dogs are very friendly but have poor social skills which can cause problems! Is your dog territorial at home or even in your neighborhood? If your dog has poor social skills, any potential dog-dog issues, space issues or territorial issues, then you will need to be more careful. The same questions apply for the new dog.

If there are any doubts, it's best to err on the side of caution and set yourself up for success. It's best to have one person to handle each dog. Rather than bringing the new dog into your house, with your other dog waiting just inside, it's best to bring your new dog into the house with your resident dog safely elsewhere. Give the new dog a chance to check out the new surroundings and check out the smells without a face-to-face meeting at the door.

The actual dog to dog introduction is best handled outdoors. If there are any concerns about territoriality or space issues, plan for the dogs to meet outdoors in neutral territory where there is plenty of space, such as a local park. If your dog is territorial in your neighborhood, a park that you do not frequent is best.

Start by having one person walking each dog, on leash, apart from each other. Rather than approaching head-on, you should gradually join up with the other dog walking in the same direction. Start by walking farther apart, so the dogs can see each other but not get too close. Gradually walk closer together until you are walking side by side. This gives the dogs a chance to get used to each other and check each other out without the pressure of coming at each other head-on. It is very important to keep the leashes as loose as possible but still keep hold in case you need to separate the dogs. If each person holds tightly to the leashes, you create tension for the dogs and could cause a problem that might not otherwise have occurred because they are picking up on your tension.

If you have a dog with any leash aggression issues, then a walk will not be the best way to introduce the two dogs. How to introduce them will depend on whether your dog does well off leash with other dogs or needs extra time to acclimate to another dog without being able to make contact. That situation will need to be addressed differently and is not discussed in this particular article. When you bring the dogs home, allow them to meet again outside the house, and then bring one in at a time. Do not walk them in together, as tight doorways are prime locations for dog-dog scuffles. Bring one all the way in away from the door, and then bring the other one inside.

Provide close supervision at first to ensure there are no problems. In particular, keep an eye on doorways and other tight spaces, as well as anything that might be considered a valuable resource, such as food bowls, bones, toys, beds, or even you. Put away potential problem items, such as bones, when first bringing both dogs in the house.

If you detect any potential problems, address it in a positive manner quickly to prevent escalation into a fight. If you are not sure what signs to look for or how to address early warning signs, contact a professional who will help you to address it appropriately. Punishment – even if it seems to work in the short term – is not the best way to address these issues, as you could make matters worse in the long run. Also, assuming that dogs will work things out themselves – although some will – is not always the best approach either.

Help your dogs to make good choices rather than assuming everything will work out without your assistance. Prevention is much easier than addressing problems that build up over time.



“Helping a new dog adjust to a new home”



Question:

We just brought home our new dog. What is the best way to help her adjust to her new home?

The Trainer Answers:

You might be tempted to forego the household rules when your new dog is first settling in at your home. This is especially true if you know – or believe – your dog to have been through a rough time before coming to live with you. If you feel sorry for the way the dog might have been treated in the past, you might try to “make up for it” by letting the dog do whatever she wants when she first arrives – within reason, of course.

In most cases, this really is not the best thing to do. Just as we do, dogs like predictability, routine and structure. They adapt to new situations better the sooner they can figure out the rules and

boundaries for their new living situation. By abandoning the normal rules, you will confuse your dog. For example, you might think your dog will be happier and feel more at home if she is allowed to sleep on the bed with you and snuggle on the couch. However, if your normal household rules are for your dogs to stay off from the furniture, you are not doing her any favors by allowing her on them now and then telling her she can't be on them later. If you have provided a comfortable dog bed, help her understand this is her space to rest from the start.

Your dog will settle in faster if you get her started on a daily routine right away. Nothing helps a dog adapt to their new home better than having a predictable routine. Many people bring home a new dog over a weekend or when they have a few days to spend with the dog before heading back to work all day. This is great, and I highly recommend it! However, this time should be spent preparing your dog for what your normal daily routine will be. If you spend 24 hours a day with her for the first two days and then suddenly disappear for nine hours the next day, it can be a very difficult transition for your dog. Take those first couple of days to acclimate your dog to her crate or other confinement space if she will have one. Begin helping her adapt to your being away for very brief periods before you disappear for several hours.

You might not have as predictable a schedule in your daily life. However, you can still help your dog adapt to a routine. Even if you don't wake up, depart the house, or stay away from home at the same time every day, you can still develop a routine for your dog. For example, you might take your dog for a walk when you first get up, feed her, then spend some quiet time working while she naps before you head out to work or run errands. Even if these things don't happen at the exact same time every day, there is some predictability in what does occur once you get up in the morning.

Some dogs adapt easily to changes in routine. Others you can set your clock by – much to the chagrin of those who would prefer to sleep in on the weekends! I used to be one of those, until my first Greyhound taught me to enjoy sunrise walks before most others were out of bed on the weekends. It was a valuable bonding time we shared that I would have missed out on had I insisted he adapt to my schedule and sleep in. Certainly there were mornings I would have preferred to stay in bed. However, now I look back on those walks as one of my favorite times.

While you might want your dog to adapt to your schedule, sometimes finding a compromise will ultimately work well for both of you. Establish your rules and boundaries from the start so your dog knows what to expect in her new home. However, remain flexible enough to consider changing – not bending temporarily, but actually changing – a rule that might not be that important after all.

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****** 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.

We NEED your participation to make the Reader Recommendations and Tips segment a successful segment. We received a couple recommendations a couple months ago, but nothing since. It is nice to be able to pass along information, tips and suggestions that you have found useful or helpful so that others can benefit as well, but without your participation it doesn't work! So please submit your ideas!!

**SADLY, THERE ARE NO READER
RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIPS THIS MONTH.**

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

Mandy

3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home: Colorado Springs, CO

Great News! Mandy was tested for Heartworms and is now negative!!! She is fully ready for her forever family! Sweet Mandy is a lovely little Dalmatian Wannabe 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. 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 unless she is distracted by the squirrels in the backyard running along the fence - then she yells at them to go away. 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 proba suit her best. For more information, contact Karl at karl@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$250



Mandy

Arson



3 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Richmond, KY

Meet Arson! This 16-month-old boy came to us with a badly damaged eye which was removed during emergency surgery. He is fully recovered and despite whatever happened to him, Arson is a sweetheart! He loves to be cuddled, he loves people, and is very outgoing, gets along well with his 3 "brothers," loves toys, is housebroken, and walks well on a leash. Arson needs a quiet home with a fenced yard, and maybe another dog or two to play with. While Arson likes kids, he does better in a quiet environment. Arson does have separation anxiety in a crate. We are looking for a home that will not crate him and understands his needs. His fosters have worked very hard to help him overcome this. He's been through enough in his short life so no crates. Arson is still a young, energetic dog and like many, he likes to get into things when left alone. A few favorite ways he spends his time when bored and alone are shredding pillows and dragging blankets around.

Because he can't be crated, he's been trained to wear a basket muzzle while unsupervised in his home. This prevents him from finding destructive pastimes but isn't restrictive. He's very tolerant of wearing it. Arson likes other dogs but does not like cats. At all. So he needs a home with NO CATS. Arson is healthy, heartworm negative, current on vaccinations, and neutered. He is located in Las Vegas, NV. His foster is willing to drive a couple of hours in any direction. Arson WILL NOT be placed on transport. So, if you are looking for a handsome, spotted, velcro boy to give all your love and attention to, and you think you might be a good fit, please contact Andy at firemans@embarqmail.com or Tena at tjp@mygrande.net for more info. Applications may be submitted at www.dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$400

We still need your Happy Beginnings Stories!!

We are now in October, 2021 but have received NO Happy Beginnings Stories submitted at all this year!

Please help us to get the word out to all adopters from 2020/2021 (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!

About Us

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

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