

Merry Christmas!!



At this time of year, I just wanted to wish you and your fur babies a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and Happy New Year, filled with many fun adventures. This issue of NewSpots! will have some winter safety tips (I know it's a bit late in the year - but it's been unseasonably warm so far that I haven't really thought about winter yet), and some ideas and tips to help you and your pets safely celebrate the upcoming holiday season. I hope you enjoy this issue and the great information presented.

Karl Schill

Editor

NewSpots! Newsletter

In Memoriam



Meghan Vaxman passed away unexpectedly on October 17th, 2021. Meghan was a Cleveland native, but currently lived in South Beloit, Illinois. An avid dog lover and rescuer, she also loved to cook, work on crafts and make anything for her loved ones. Meghan spent her weekends with her beloved dog, Ginger, competing in agility trials and barn hunts, where Ginger won numerous titles. Together, they also went to the Dalmatian National Specialty in St. Louis earlier this year. Meghan has a special affection for Dalmatians. She had previously rescued three dalmatians (Amy, Riley and Aero), and was always looking for ways to help - whether it be transporting dogs, searching for homes or helping rescues and fosters get more visibility. She will be dearly missed by everyone that loved her - both human and four legged companions alike.

14 Tips for Pets at Christmas

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Happy Holidays

Consider your pet's curiosity while decorating.

1. Do not hang lights or tinsel low enough on the tree to tempt them. Lights may not only be a fire hazard but also possibly shock your pet if they chew on them.
2. Tinsel is impossible to ignore especially for nosy cats. Sadly, ingested tinsel can become tangled in the digestive tract and is usually only remedied with surgery.
3. Beware of pine needles that can also cause serious damage if swallowed by puncturing your pet's digestive tract.
4. Some wrapping, ribbons, bows, and strings can result in GI obstruction as well.
5. Remember, it's not just about your tree, choose safe places to display your Christmas plants. Poinsettias, Holly, and Mistletoe are all poisonous to your pets.

Traditional foods we love are not good for our pets.

1. Fatty and spicy leftovers should not be fed to Fido. Turkey skin is especially hard to digest and can lead to pancreatitis.
2. No Bones about it. Do not feed your pet cooked bones. They can splinter and result in a Holiday Emergency instead of Holiday cheer.
3. Your pets are never of age. Keep your holiday spirits out of their reach. Alcohol can be poisonous and even deadly to your furry family member.
4. Don't be a nut. Make sure walnuts and macadamia nuts do not find their way into your pet's mouth. Your dog can have a toxic reaction to both.
5. Holiday spice isn't nice for everyone. Many of the spices we

use for our holiday staples are dangerous to your pet. Sage can upset your pet's stomach while nutmeg can cause seizures and other neurological problems if ingested.

6. Your pet is sweet enough. Everyone knows chocolate is a no-no but basically, anything sweet can cause stomach trouble or worse for your pet.

Vital outdoor safety rules to follow.

Whether you are the Griswald's or the Grinch, make sure all outdoor electric decor is properly insulated and taped to the wall or buried.

1. Pets may chew on extension cords and be electrocuted.
2. They may become tangled and strangled on low hanging lights.
3. Make sure yard ornaments are out of reach. Materials may be toxic and/or cause GI obstructions if ingested.

My dog at Christmas time... "You say no sticks inside, yet you drag a whole tree in the house?"

A Guide for Keeping Your Pets Safe in Winter

<https://weather.com/safety/winter/news/2019-11-19-guide-keeping-your-pets-safe-winter>



Dogs and, yes, even cats, can have a blast in the winter, exploring and frolicking in freshly fallen snow. But dogs (well, most dogs anyway) particularly love a snowy terrain. They like to bound and dig in their giant, new, snowy playground and never seem to want to go inside no matter how ready their humans are to leave the cold and wet outdoors behind.

However, frozen precipitation and colder temperatures can also be dangerous for dogs if their owners don't take proper precautions. If you're a new pet parent, or simply unsure of the best way to care for your pet during the winter months, it's important to get acquainted with the do's and don'ts of keeping your pet safe and healthy out there.

Keep them bundled up

Even if the temperature is above freezing, pets' extremities, just like our own, are extremely susceptible to wind chill. They can get hypothermia and frostbite on their exposed paws, noses and ears. While dogs and cats don't typically wear hats for long, you can help protect them from the cold by putting them in insulated sweaters and jackets, and covering their feet with waterproof paw booties. Those booties will also help keep their paw pads from cracking from the de-icing salt on roads and walkways.

Wipe them down as soon as they come inside

As a form of precipitation, snow can leave pets cold and very wet at the end of a snowy play session, and if they remain like that for a while, they could get a cold or hypothermia (your furniture will also take a beating). In order to avoid all that, make sure to towel them off as soon as they come inside. You can keep a designated pet towel by the door so you never forget this important step. NEVER leave pets outside overnight or for an extended period of time

According to the Humane Society, you should never leave pets outside for long periods of time when it gets cold. In fact, leaving a pet outside alone in temperatures below freezing for more than 30 minutes is considered neglect, which is a punishable crime. Even if you have a typically outdoor cat, they should be able to get inside somewhere warm whenever they need to. If your pet has to spend a significant amount of time outdoors, they should have access to a dry, insulated shelter that's large enough for them to move around in and maintain their body heat.

Eating and drinking guidelines

Dogs especially expend more energy when they're running outside in the cold. You can help them make up for that by feeding them a bit more food so they can replace the energy/calories they lost playing. You may also want to consider exchanging your metal food and water bowls for plastic ones if you keep them outside as a warm dog tongue could easily get stuck to them.

Keep pets from eating rock salt

Pets suffering from salt poisoning, unfortunately, becomes much more common in the winter months, because rock salt is regularly used to de-ice the roadways and walkways they walk on. If they ingest it, either while on a walk or by licking it off their paws, it can be fatal. The best way to prevent salt poisoning is to keep an eye on your pet and if you notice they've eaten salt, wash their mouth out and call the pet poison hotline. If you're not sure whether or not your pet has ingested salt, here are some warning signs of salt poisoning to watch out for: vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, not eating, excessive thirst and/or urination, incoordination, tremors and seizures.

Take them for their annual vet visit

Right before winter hits is the perfect time to take your pets in to see the vet, because you'll learn if they have any new conditions that might make winter a bit tougher on them. For example, chronic illnesses like diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease can lower a pet's cold-temperature tolerance. And, of course, new or worsening arthritis can make for stiffer joints during cold snaps.

Shorten walking times

It may be tempting to let your pet play in the snow for hours on end, but like us, they have cold weather limits, they just aren't as aware of them. So if it's below freezing, you should limit playtime to under 30 minutes, especially if you have an older pet or one that's compromised in any way.

Don't leave your pet in a cold car

Just like how a car left in the hot sun can heat up fast and basically become an oven for any living thing inside it, cars left out in the winter become like refrigerators. So the general rule of thumb is don't take your pets on errands if you know you're going to be leaving them in a car for longer than five minutes, especially if it's balmy or freezing outside.

Pet-proof the inside of your house

Since your pets should be spending more time indoors in the winter, it's a good idea to secure all of your heating devices that could be susceptible to a bounding and/or large creature. For example, if you've set up a portable heater in your living room, make sure you have a barrier around it so that your pet doesn't knock into it or knock it over and potentially start a fire. And if you have radiators that can get hot, you might want to put a barrier around them as well so that pets don't burn themselves.



These are just some of the pet safe ice melt products available in the marketplace today. I always buy safe products for snow and ice melting in the winter. I don't really use the same brand over and over, so I cannot really recommend one over the other. But I definitely recommend that you use a pet safe product over the standard salt-based ice melt products.



Cold Weather Safety For Your Little Buddy



- ❄️ **Provide a warm shelter.** Bring them inside if you can.
- ❄️ **Make noise before starting your car.** Some animals try to stay warm by utilizing a warm car engine or wheel well.
- ❄️ **Check their paws.** Salt from sidewalks and frostbite can injure the pads of their paws. Wipe them with a warm cloth when they come inside.
- ❄️ **Recognize the signs of trouble.** If your pet is whining, shivering, anxious, or slows down, your pet is at risk of hypothermia.

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Winter Safety Tips



- ❄️ Matted fur and other imperfections allow cold air to more easily reach the skin.
- ❄️ Bang the hood of your car before starting it in the mornings to scare off cats keeping warm inside.
- ❄️ Dog houses that are too large for the dog don't hold heat as well.
- ❄️ Increase food portions, because regulating temperature requires more energy.
- ❄️ Check and clean paws as needed if pets are exposed to salt or deicer.
- ❄️ Pets get lost easier and more often in snow and ice. Keep their ID on.

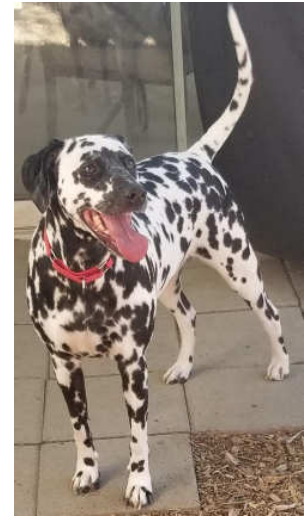
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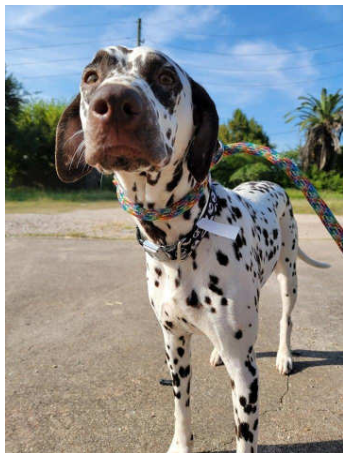
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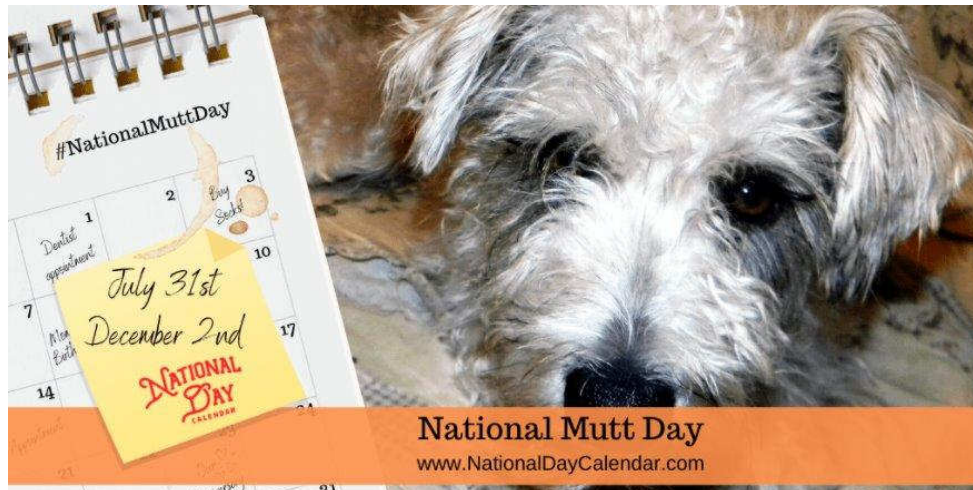
Attention Adopters!!!

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

"Look for the happy spots in life!"
~ Anonymous

NATIONAL MUTT DAY - DECEMBER 2, 2021



National Mutt (or as we like to call them - Wannabes) Day encourages us to embrace, save and celebrate mixed breed dogs twice a year on July 31st and December 2nd.

Desperately longing for a new home, millions of loving and healthy mixed breed dogs in shelters wait for someone to come and adopt them. National Mutt Day provides an excellent opportunity to find the perfect canine companion. Despite the name, a mutt learns, obeys and trains much like purebred animals. While their lineage cannot be traced and their features a bit murky, their companionship will be faithful.

According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year. When

these abandoned and often abused animals find their way to a shelter, each one needs a forever home. Whether you know it or not, their potential is limitless. Some of the benefits of adoption are often hidden. Humans and canines both enjoy increased physical activity. Another boost is social interaction through daily walks. While humans develop patience, their four-legged companion learns to trust and new limits. For example, as dogs explore the many scents of the human lifestyle, they usually discover shoes are off-limits.

No matter the breed, size or demeanor of the human, er, canine, the shelter will take the time to find the right home for their animals. They schedule visits and have procedures in place to promote healthy adoptions for families and individuals. While some dogs experience injury or illness, the shelters work with veterinarians to heal the animals before making them available for adoption. Of course, shelters always welcome donations and volunteers. Dogs love walking, playing and being loved even if they haven't found their forever home. Every moment they spend socializing increases their opportunity for adoption.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalMuttDay

Visit a shelter; if you are unable to adopt a dog, you can always volunteer. Post on social media using #NationalMuttDay and encourage others to join in.

NATIONAL PET SUFFOCATION AWARENESS WEEK (WEEK AFTER THANKSGIVING)

National Pet Suffocation Awareness Week reminds us of the risks food packaging poses to our pets. Each year during the week after Thanksgiving, take time to learn the preventative measures to keep your pets safe.

Most pet owners are unaware of the dangers food packaging poses for their pets. That's why this day is so important. Any type of plastic wrapping or bags poses a danger. Our pets are drawn to the smell and flavor of our food as well as the lure of their snacks and kibble. We all do it. During a commercial, we leave a bag of popcorn on the coffee table. We set the groceries on the counter. The garbage can is also an easy target while we take a shower.

Our pets by nature wait for their opportunity to pounce. And it's dangerous! Regardless of the size or breed of animal, they can suffocate in 3-5 minutes. The average commercial break is 4 minutes. Our average shower is 8 minutes long. Even the closed snack and cereal packaging left on countertops lure our pets while we are not at home.

Pet owners can protect their furry companions.

- Store packaged food in high cabinets or in pantries
- Use a locking garbage can or store under the sink
- Gates provide separation from food areas and pet areas during family gatherings



- Store snacks and cereals in plastic containers
- Eat snacks from bowls instead of from the bags
- Cut bags along both sides to prevent an animal from being trapped in the bag
- Become diligent about returning packaged foods to their storage areas
- Learn pet CPR
- While exercising our pets, watch for litter. This includes bags that may have blown into our yards as well.

The week is also an opportunity to share the stories of our pets – those we've lost due to suffocation and those who've been saved thanks to increased awareness. Our pets bring joy to our lives. They improve our health and are a part of our family.

HOW TO OBSERVE #PetSuffocationAwarenessWeek

Take time this week to make your home pet safe. Share information with your pet-loving friends and family. Let your veterinarians know of these risks so they can share with their clients, too.

To learn more, visit preventpetsuffocation.com and use #PetSuffocationAwarenessWeek to share on social media.

OPERATION SANTA PAWS - DECEMBER 1 -24, 2021



Operation Santa Paws encourages animal lovers to share the gift of giving at shelters everywhere from December 1st to December 24th. During this holiday season, let's show a little extra love to our furry friends whom we love with all our hearts. The campaign goal of Operation Santa Paws is to stock the shelters with much-needed supplies. Our four-legged friends need to feel loved during the holidays just like we do!

Our pets are significant to us. For many people, they're a member of the family. They are our best friends, our protectors; sometimes, they even serve as therapists to us. The campaign reminds us of the millions of pets in shelters in need of a loving home. Unfortunately, about 7.6 million companion animals (dogs, cats, and other domestic pets) enter shelters around the country yearly. Although many get adopted, the majority spend much of their lives in cages. December is a time to donate a new blanket, toy, or even some treats for a shelter animal to enjoy during the holidays.

HOW TO OBSERVE #OperationSanataPaws

Use #OperationSantaPaws to spread the word on social media! The more we raise awareness, the more people all over the nation will take a little time out of their day to donate. In your post, show others what you gave so they have an idea of what they can go shopping for. Without the support of kindhearted, generous people all over the United States, Operation Santa Paws wouldn't work. If you have donated or plan to this year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

A Message From The Editor of The Dog Food Advisor

Dear Fellow Dog Lover,

I'm writing to you today to share something that recently happened to one of our readers... that I think you should know about. After losing her dog to cancer, Becky, was understandably heartbroken. And desperate for answers.

She wanted to know if something in her dog's food could possibly have caused such a tragic diagnosis. Sadly, of course... There's no way to know for sure.

But when trying to answer Becky's question... I was reminded of a scene in Ernest Hemingway's famous novel, *The Sun Also Rises*. In that piece there's a dialog between two of the story's characters which goes like this:

How did you go bankrupt?" Bill asked.

"Two ways," Mike said. "Gradually, then suddenly."

That response, "Gradually, then suddenly" might be one of the most profound and revealing insights EVER. About HOW teeny, tiny amounts of a cancer-causing chemical in a food can "gradually" build up in a dog's body over time. Before it "suddenly" shows up years later as a deadly tumor.

In a previous email I warned readers how a microscopic amount of a mold toxin (like aflatoxin) can build up in a dog's body and cause a deadly form of liver cancer many years later.

Look. Here's the point.

There are a number of dog food additives that can cause life-threatening illnesses (like cancer) over time. I'll be sharing a lot more about these risky chemicals with you over the coming months.

I recently updated a special report that I first published back in 2009. A report about a little-known (but perilous) ingredient... known as BHA. Here's a link to that article: [BHA -- Does Your Dog's Food Contain This Cancer-Causing Ingredient?](#)

Here's the problem: BHA is a controversial preservative that's been shown to cause cancer in animals. Even worse, BHA is linked to so many health problems. It's been banned from use in human food in a number of European countries. Yet shockingly you can still find it in a number of popular U.S. dog food brands even today.

Crazy, huh?

In my updated article, I'll share the answer to some important questions. Like:

1. How can you tell if your dog's food contains BHA?
2. What are the 2 safest preservatives typically found in the best dog food products?
3. Where can you find a list of top dog foods that contain no BHA or other risky preservatives?

[Read the article here](#)

Please be sure to share this important message with other dog owners.

Keep learning.

Mike Sagman, Editor

The Dog Food Advisor

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Trainer Tips

“A Joxer Story: Fear Of Balls”

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Joxer was my Smooth Collie. I adopted him through Collie Rescue in October of 2001. He had been in rescue for 8 months or so when I adopted him. They think he was perhaps 2 -3 years old when he came to them.

Joxer had a lot of issues when I brought him home. He was afraid of many things in life. He was scared to death of children. The squeak sound of squeaker toys. Balls of any kind. Loud beeping type noises, like when your microwave beeps when it's done. Or most other electronic devices that make loud beeping type noises. Anything dropping or flying through the air. Do not throw a toy! We had a LOT of things to work through when he came to live with me. We had to break down things into small pieces and find places to begin.

Some things we managed. All of the toys with squeakers got stored away and we never brought them out again until after Joxer was gone.

Some things we were very careful about his exposure to. We had to be careful about when we did our walks to avoid kids catching the bus for school and school letting out in the afternoon. If we were out walking at those times, we were certain to stay far away from the schools in our neighborhood at the time. If the neighbors across the street were playing basketball in their driveway, we sometimes would get stuck not being able to get back home if we were already out on a walk. If we had not left yet, sometimes we had to wait until they stopped. His fear was severe.

Joxer really had no idea how to play with toys at all when he came to me. None. I decided to work on his fear of balls. Fortunately, he was HIGHLY food motivated. He would do just about anything for treats. Unfortunately, when I brought him home, he really had not had any training and did not know how to

do anything.

When it came to balls, we started slowly. Balls could not be moving at all. And could not be raised in the air. Balls had to be on the floor and very still.

I literally started by just associating treats with balls nearby. Gradually working the treats closer to the ball. Eventually, he would nudge a ball to get the treat positioned just slightly under the ball.

Sometimes he could take a treat off from the top of a ball. He gradually got used to balls moving slowly. And never in the air, at first. I had a few tennis balls with holes drilled in them so I could put treats IN the ball. A home-made puzzle toy! He learned to nudge the ball and get the treats to fall out.

Over time, I was able to roll balls across the floor without frightening him. And very slowly, I was able to raise balls over his head, drop balls on the floor, bounce balls and even throw balls (never at him, of course).

He did overcome his fear of balls over time. But it took baby steps along the way to get there.

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

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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.

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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

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 finally received a couple recommendations. 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

Xena

9 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Concordia, MO

Xena Warrior Princess Dog, or Xena for short, was taken into animal control as a stray. Xena was severely underweight, covered in fleas and heartworm positive at that time. If you want a companion with lots of personality, this is the girl for you! Xena is good in the house, does like to sit on the furniture at times and will check out the countertops and she is crate trained. Xena gets along well with other dogs, but she has not been around cats. She could be okay but we just don't know. Xena also does well in the yard because she doesn't dig or try to climb or jump the fence. She enjoys the sun and the space. For more information contact Jon at js86bacon@gmail.com. Adoption \$300.



Zara

3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home: Concord, NC

Originally from a rural shelter, and now in COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, Bailey is an active 6-7 year old neutered male dog with lots of love to give the right family. He is so sweet! He loves to run and, with a little more training, could run beside a bike. Bailey can be a little reserved when he first meets you, but doesn't take long to warm up. He enjoys walks but really needs to run for more exercise. Bailey can be strong-willed, so continuing obedience training is a must! Bailey is mellow, a cuddler and a kisser, and always wants to be by your side. He is crate trained, has good house manners and likes car rides. There are no birds in the backyard, because he chases them off; he does not do well with cats. Bailey enjoys watching over his family and house from a deck or porch during the day and capturing your bed at night. Bailey needs a home with another dog for company and romping, and at least a 5 ft. fence for security. For more information, contact Jeannine at jeannine@dalmatianrescueco.org. Adoption \$250. You can submit an application for adoption at www.dalmatianrescueco.org.



Happy Beginnings Stories

Rylee (aka Riley)



Rylee aka Riley, joined our family on April 19, 2020. My husband, George and I adopted Rylee about one month after the passing of Willie, our second rescued Dal from DRC. Although it was a bit soon after losing Willie, it was in the middle of the COVID pandemic, and we had a big hole in our house.

We were looking for an older dog and found Rylee listed with foster parents, Jon Bacon and her husband in Missouri. After several communications and Zooming we agreed to meet up in Hays, KS for the transfer. 'Riley' was surrendered from a ranch in Texas, so adjusting to the city and the abundance of squirrels was a challenge. As it turned out Rylee (Irish spelling) was 8 yrs old, now 10, needed training to learn how to walk on a leash and deal with some aggressive issues. Fortunately, we found a wonderful trainer who said he could teach 'old dogs, new tricks'. After 10 weeks of training, Rylee is now well adjusted to the neighborhood, loving all the walks and hikes he gets to take.

We are grateful to the Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Beth White, Jon Bacon and her husband who fostered 'Riley' and all of the other dedicated folks who assist Dals to find their forever home.

Jean and George S.
Denver, CO



Testing out the new bed

In training with Larry the Dog Trainer



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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