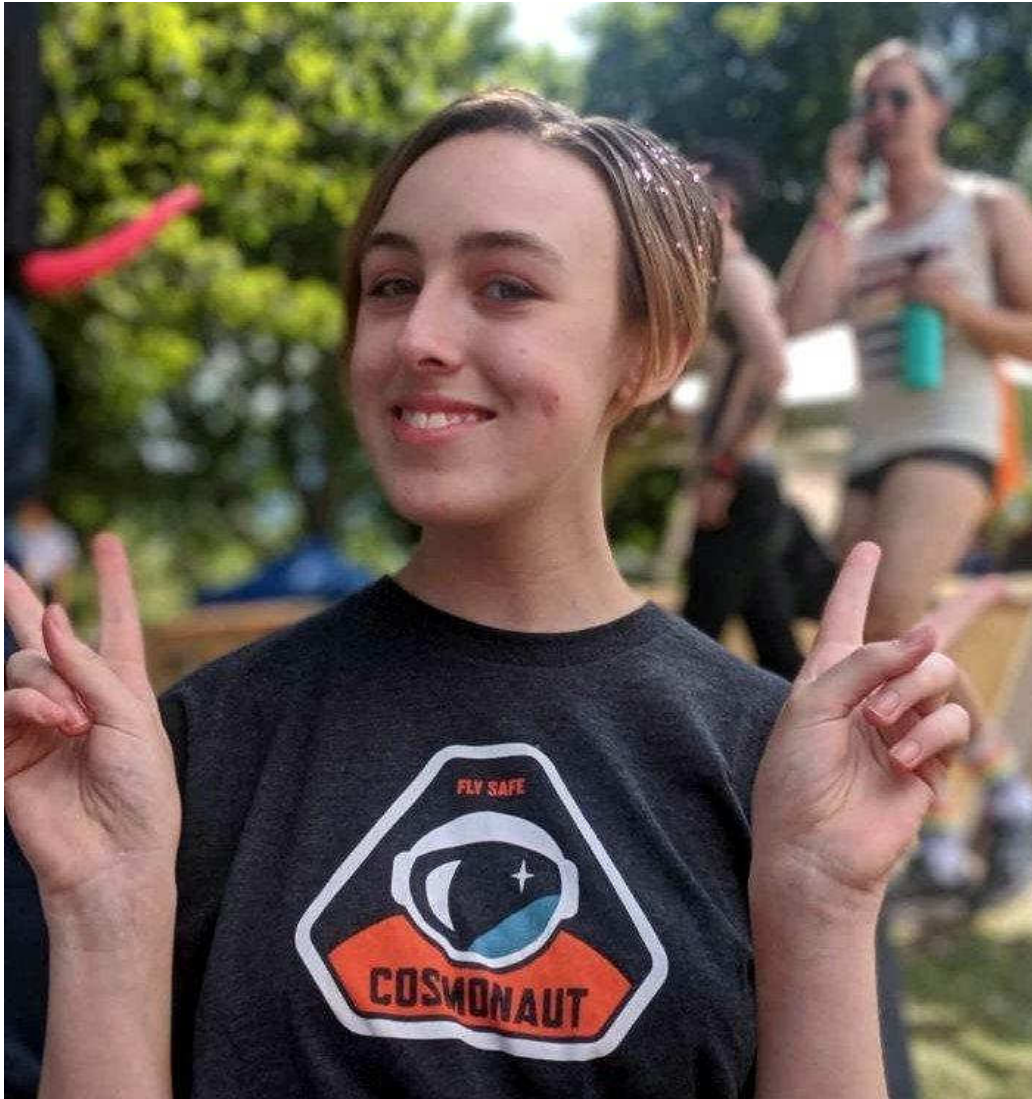


### IN MEMORIAM



### **Riley Simone Cochran (2021)**

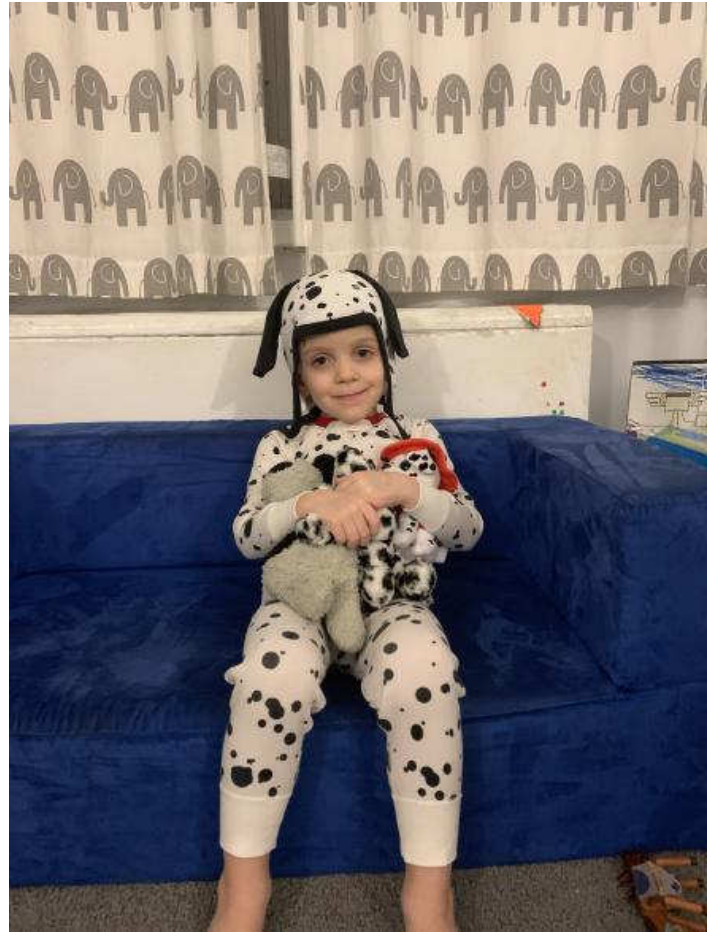
Riley discovered Dalmatians when she was six years old, after reading “101 Dalmatians” and its sequel, “Starlight Barking.” The books captured her imagination and left her with a lifelong passion for this special breed. She was a great lover of all dogs, especially Gonzo and Dixie, her rescue pups, but Dalmatians always had a special place in her heart. She dreamed of moving to the countryside in England one day to start her own “Dalmatian plantation,” and planned to fill it with as many rescued liver spotted Dalmatians as she could.

# *SPONSORING MARSHALL . . .*

Henry Strumolo lives in New York City with his parents, brother, and sister. He has loved dogs his whole life, and his absolute favorite kind of dog is Dalmatian. He is turning 7 years old in April, and he will be getting to sponsor the amazing Marshall to celebrate his birthday - and make a difference in the life of a rescue dog! Thank you, Henry!



Marshall



Henry

## *Fire Trucks and Dalmatians*

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day, when a fire truck zoomed past them.

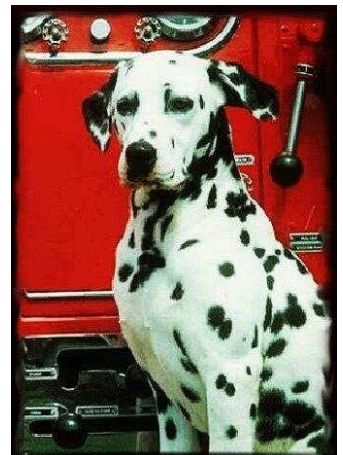
Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep the crowds back," said one youngster.

"No, he's just for good luck," said another.

And a third child brought the argument to a close.

"They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants!"



# Easter Pet Safety Tips

Although our normal daily routines have been upended due to the coronavirus pandemic, the earth is still turning and as always, the days are getting longer, flowers are blooming and birds are singing because spring is here! We are buzzing with spring fever as we look forward to another season of working with – and on behalf of – the animals we love.



This weekend, many will be celebrating the Easter holiday, but due to social distancing, you may not be able to gather with your usual crew of family members and friends. Luckily, you still have your pets to keep you company! And as such, we want to remind animal lovers everywhere to take steps to keep their pets safe from the following potential holiday hazards.

## Easter Baskets and Candy

Children's Easter baskets should always be kept out of reach from pets. Just like us, pets are tempted by holiday treats. Candy and chocolate can affect a pet's nervous system if ingested, and xylitol, an ingredient found in sugar-free candies and gum, can be toxic to dogs and cats. The colorful plastic grass and eggs found in Easter baskets can also prove dangerous: pets love to nibble on them and, if ingested, these decorations can lead to a blockage of their tiny digestive

tracts. To keep pets safe, put Easter baskets and candy on high shelves, away from the reach of a curious dog or cat.

## Dangerous Blooms

The beautiful Easter lily is one of the most dangerous flowers you can have around your cats. Unfortunately, it's also one of the most common flowers found in homes around this holiday. It, along with several of the other varieties of 'true lilies,' will wreak havoc on cats' digestive systems, potentially leading to kidney failure or death. Since just one bite of a petal, leaf or stem can harm a cat, we recommend cat owners refrain from keeping the flowers in their homes.

## Drinks and Food

As you sit down for your holiday feast, make sure your pet isn't given table scraps of pork roast, ham or other fatty cuts of meat. Dogs and cats can develop digestive issues or pancreatitis if they consume excessively fatty foods, and the twine that is often used to hold these cuts of meat together can block their digestive tracts. In addition, many of the ingredients used in Easter dishes, such as onions or garlic, are poisonous for pets, as is alcohol. If you have beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks, place them where a sneaky pet can't get to them.

## Easter Animals as Pets

Parents might think it fun to give bunnies or chicks as gifts, especially as their children are stuck at home for the long-term, but these animals require special feeding and care. Sadly, most families are unprepared for the responsibility of owning these vulnerable animals, and unintentionally, many of the baby bunnies, chicks and ducks that become Easter gifts die within a few weeks. Those that do survive the first few post-holiday weeks are often given to animal control or a local animal shelter once the novelty of their presence wears off. Go for a cute stuffed animal instead!

Keeping these few simple precautions in mind will help ensure your beloved four-legged companion can enjoy the holiday weekend too.

# Recent Adoptees!



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Underwood, WA



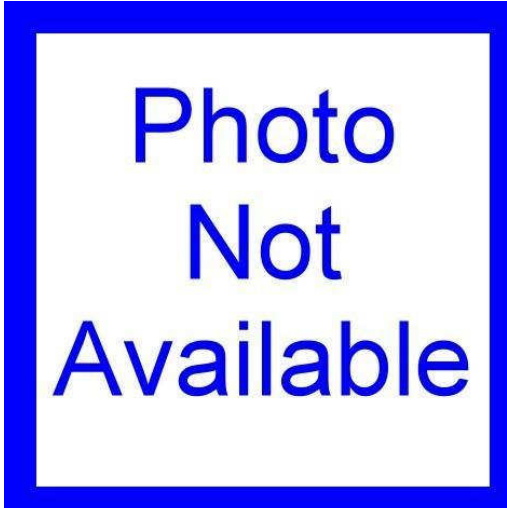
**Spot**  
Dothan, AL



**Jemma**  
Jasper, AL



**Arlo (aka Otis)**  
Fremont, MI



**A Kona**  
Denver, CO

## 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](mailto:DalmatianRescueOfCO@comcast.net)

*"Dalmatians are not only superior to other dogs, they are like all dogs, infinitely less stupid than men."  
~ Eugene O'Neill*



## NATIONAL PET PARENTS DAY - APRIL 25

On the last Sunday in April (25th), National Pet Parents Day recognizes the pet parents who go the extra mile to care for their fur babies.

There is a very special connection, a unique bond, between a pet and its owner. This unique relationship, which can often last for many years, is often a vital part of the 'pet parents' life. Their loved pets are considered to be a member of the family.

Some pet parents are new to the experience. Others are repeat performers. No matter how many pets or how often they engage in the relationship, it's a special one every time.

The observance was created to honor all dedicated pet parents across the nation with a special day of their own.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalPetParentsDay

There are several ways to celebrate this day.

- Give yourself some extra cuddle time with your pets
- Pick up some pet swag like National Day Calendar's pawsome [socks](#)! You can find the ones below in our [store](#).
- Take a photo with your pet.
- Check out the [best ways to save on pet care](#) while still giving your pet the best health possible.
- Use #NationalPetParentsDay to post on social media.

### NATIONAL PET PARENTS DAY HISTORY

Founded by [Veterinary Pet Insurance](#) (VPI) in 2007, National Pet Parents Day was created from inspiration in seeing the majority of their policyholders consider their pets as part of their family.



National Pet ID Week  
[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)

Begins April 17  
#NationalPetIDWeek

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## NATIONAL PET ID WEEK

National Pet ID Week is always for seven days starting April 17. It gives pet owners a great opportunity to review the steps they can take to make sure their pet has the best chance of being recovered should the animal become lost.

It is estimated that one in three pets will go missing at some point in their life. It is also estimated that about 5 million animals enter shelters each year and of those 40 to 60 percent are lost pets. Getting those pets back home can reduce shelter crowding and free up valuable resources and kennel space for truly homeless animals.

Dog collars with identifying features are historic. Ancient kings, queens, and pharaohs used dog collars to show the status of dogs. Even though it is believed that dog collars with identifying features originated in Ancient Egypt, it was in Ancient Greece that gave dog collars their practical purpose. While the Egyptians used dog collars for decorative and possibly even identification purposes, it was in Ancient Greece where dog collars were used for more than identifying the dog and its owner. Farmers created spiked dog collars as a way of protecting their dogs' throats from being ripped out by wolves.

Microchips for pets began in the mid-1990s. Global Positioning Systems were developed to become "bionics capable" of being read by satellites using Radio Frequency Identification of RFID. They could be tracked within inches of their location anywhere on the planet.

### HOW TO OBSERVE

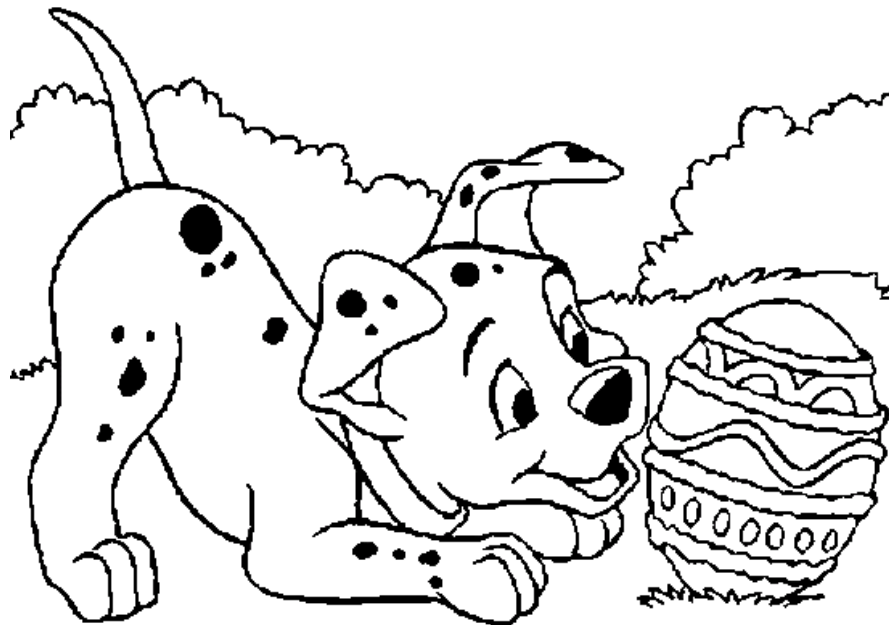
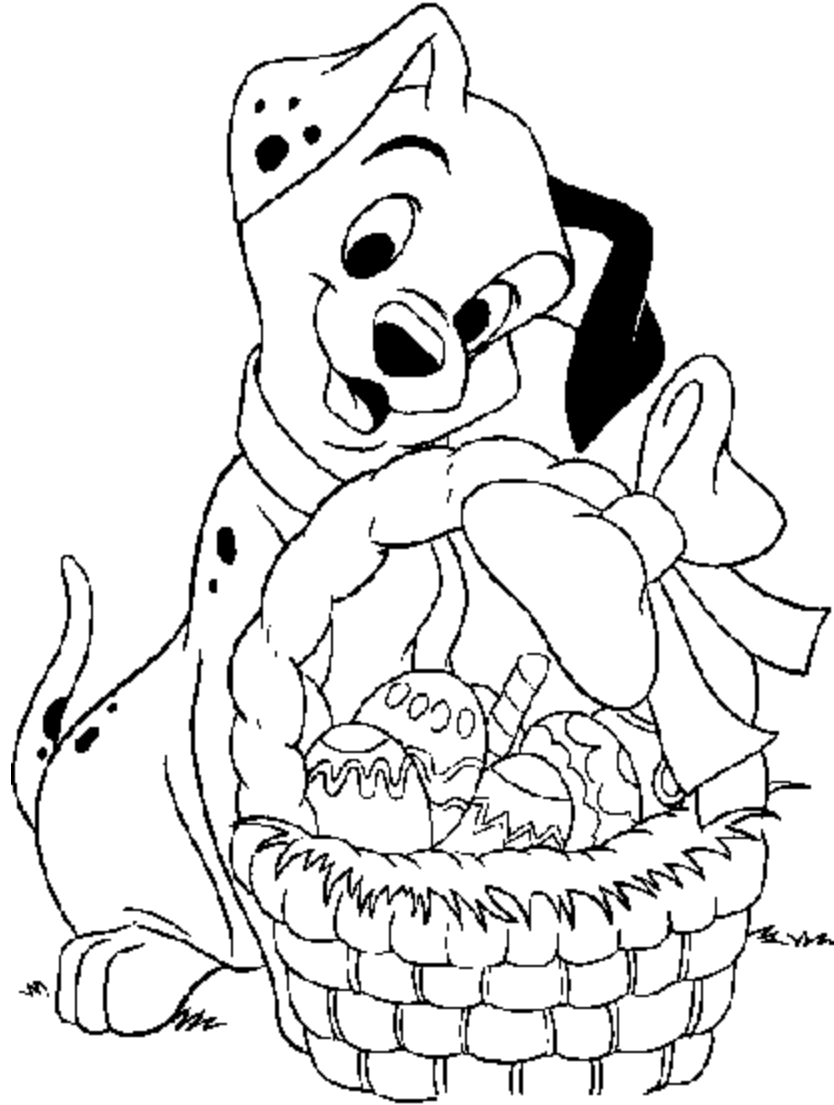
Follow on Social Media #NationalPetIDWeek, #PetIDWeek

Vets recommend every pet owner prepare for a lost pet. They say pet identification is a crucial step to keep pets safe. Even the most well-behaved cats and dogs can get lost, run off unexpectedly or get separated from their owners. Two popular ways to I-D your pet, are to use a microchip and dog collar and tag. Collar tags are historically the most common. Pet owners can get personalized tags that are available at pet stores or online. Make sure the tag has the most important piece of information:

- your cell phone number. Inspect your pet's collar and tags.
- Are they in good repair?
- Are the tags readable? Or scratched and worn?
- Is the contact information up to date? (Contact info should include your cell phone number and your address.)

If you have "chipped" your pet with a microchip, this week is a good time to see that it is working and you are prepared to use it. Do you have the microchip brand, the 1-800 number of the company, and the microchip number of your pet in an easily accessible place?

# For The Kids



# Help Us Raise Money While You Shop!!

## What's It All About?



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## KING SOOPERS/CITY MARKET COMMUNITY REWARDS



For Colorado supporters (or anywhere King Soopers or City Market operates), Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado has also enrolled in the King Soopers and City Market Community Rewards Program.

To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program, simply visit the appropriate link below.

For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

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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.

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REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our organization until after you have registered your loyalty card (the same card that you use to build fuel points). You must swipe your registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card or use the phone number that is related to the registered King Soopers or City Market loyalty card when shopping for each purchase to count. This does not affect your fuel points!



## Trainer Tips

# “Is Your Dog Jumping On You When You Arrive Home? Try This!”

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Overly enthusiastic dogs jumping on family and visitors is a common issue, especially for adolescent dogs.. It is addressed in my book, *Juvenile Delinquent Dogs: The Complete Guide to Saving Your Sanity and Successfully Living with Your Adolescent*, and is a dedicated online training module we developed to help people work through this issue with their dog.

We love that our dogs are so enthusiastic to greet us when we arrive home. Who else in your life is so thrilled to see you – even if you’ve only been gone for ten minutes?! That’s one of the things we love about our dogs. However, if your dog is jumping all over you, it’s not always so enjoyable.

[Here is a link to a short video of our adolescent Vizsla, Romeo, for whom jumping has always been an issue.](#) (And if you know any other Vizslas, it is a common issue in the breed.) This demonstrates what Romeo does when I walk in the door if I am not actively working to control his jumping behavior.

As anyone who has trained with me knows, I will tell you NOT to give your dog any attention for the jumping. Even scolding your dog, pushing him away, or other things we think of as “negative” are usually looked at by our dogs as some form of attention. And they will take whatever attention they can get. Ideally, we want to prevent the jumping and replace it with an alternative behavior, such as sitting. But sometimes, it’s really difficult to prevent any jumping.

I attended a seminar by John Rogerson. I’m pretty sure most of you have never heard of him, but as a dog trainer, I have been hearing about him for quite some time. Until now, I never had the chance to hear him speak. Since he lives in the UK and travels around the world, he’s not often anywhere near here. Although he also does not believe in the use of harsh punishments, choke chains, prong collars or shock collars, he does do some things very differently from most of the trainers I have learned from.

At one point, he talked about dogs jumping on people when they arrive home. He suggests something I thought was a great idea. Here it is:

1. When you arrive home, ignore your dog and walk straight to the nearest window.
2. Stand still and spend two minutes describing everything you see outside the window.
3. After your two minutes are up, look around to see where your dog is and what s/he is doing. If s/he is calm, go ahead and say hello calmly.

While his idea of ignoring your jumping dog is similar to mine, I love the idea of giving you something to do that helps you to completely ignore your dog. Even though I tell people not to give their dogs any attention, I know many still do – even if they are trying not to do so. But by describing what you see out the window, it gives you something to focus on so you’re really not paying any attention to your dog.

If your dog is a jumper, try this out for a week and let me know how it goes!

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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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## Bits & Pieces

### ***Advertising in NewSpots! is FREE!!!***

Do you have a business or a hobby that other adopters, fosters, and volunteers might be interested in? Let us help you spread the word by 'advertising' in Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's monthly newsletter – NewSpots! We currently notify about 700 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!

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

### ***\*\*\*\*\* Be a Pal, Save a Dal \*\*\*\*\****

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

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

## *Reader Recommendations and Tips*

This is where we share recommendations and tips from and for our readers. Our newsletter is read by as many as 1800 people each month. That number constantly increases as we have more adopters and adopters recommend it to their friends and family as well. So, go ahead... share your tips and recommendations. Please send along any information you want to share with others, like products that you would recommend, dog toys, great pet insurance, good vets (or bad ones to avoid as well), etc. Is there anything you wish someone had told you about that you have found? Pass it along. Send your ideas, recommendations and tips to Karl at [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto: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 haven't had anything to include here since November 2019!!***

***If we don't start getting some suggestions and/or recommendations, I am going to simply remove this segment from the newsletter since it hasn't been useful in over a year!***

***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!***

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

## Zara

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

Sweet 3 year old Zara is a Dalmatian mix who is seeking a forever home or at least a loving foster family where she will feel safe, cared for & protected. She is an Owner Surrender whose family broke up when her mom had to move. All 3 puppies were thrown on to their own resources. Zara was severely malnourished &

Needed to learn how to live in a family. Her skin rash has healed & she's ready to spread her wings. Zara is crate & potty trained, micro chipped & UTD on vaccines. We are seeking either a family with no other dogs or just one dog. She is fine with children. Zara is presently in North Carolina. If you are interested in her please contact [sandy@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:sandy@dalmatianrescueco.org) or on FB. Her adoption fee is \$250.00.



## 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



**Mandy**



home with all adults or teens would probably suit her best. For more information, contact Karl at [karl@dalmatianrescueco.org](mailto:karl@dalmatianrescueco.org). Adoption \$250

*We still need your Happy Beginnings Stories!!*

*We have had several adoptions in 2021 but have received no Happy Beginnings Stories submitted!*

*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!**

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