

5 Best Known Dog Facts for Dog Lovers

By Ryan Crawley (menwithkids.com)

Whether you already have a dog or are looking at getting one in the near future, there are certain things you should always keep in mind. These are 5 dog facts that dog lovers need to always consider.

Dog Years Are Different Than Human Years

In general, smaller breeds of dogs often live longer than the larger breeds. This is not always the case, but most of the time this is how life plays out for them. Smaller dogs may live on average 10 to 15 years or so while bigger dogs are often lucky to get to 10 years old.

Keep in mind that one human year is said to equate to about 7 dog years. So when a dog is approaching 10 years old in human years, it only makes sense that they move around much slower since they are 70 in dog years.

Make the most of your dog's years and find them the perfect friend through Rover! They can be the best friend that your dog needs when you are not around!

There Will Come a Time

No one likes to think of the day that will finally come where your doggy will not be around any longer. (If you can get through this video without crying, you are a much tougher man than I.) But, eventually, the time will come. No one lives forever. Except maybe Kirk Douglas.

You may believe that you will never care for another dog as much as you cared about the one who just passed. I totally understand that. I love my dogs more than anything or anyone in the world.

However, at some point when you are ready, in memory of your passed dog, you should go out and save one from the shelter by welcoming it into your family. You aren't replacing the pet you just lost, but rather saving another one's life in their honor.

Keep Open to What Heaven Presents You

A few years went by after we lost our dog Riley to a stroke one day. Then out of nowhere, I saw a posting on Facebook for a small dog that was just brought to an animal shelter. Two days went by and I could not shake the feeling that I was supposed to adopt this dog.

Finally, I called the shelter and said I would be there the next day to adopt him. They replied by stating that the dog had literally just been adopted, but they had other dogs that I may like. I tried to explain to them that I just had this feeling that the dog which was just adopted was supposed to be mine. I'm sure I sounded like a crazy person to them.

Two to three months went by and I finally decided that maybe I should give the other dogs at that shelter a try. I went on their website and I immediately saw a picture of the original dog that I wanted to adopt. At first I thought that the website had not been updated for a while. But after an hour, I felt like I should call them to make sure.

The shelter told me that the dog had just been returned by a family the day before because it had anxiety issues. I knew it was meant to be! I told them I would be there the next day to adopt him and not to give him to anyone else.

The next day when I was pulling up to the shelter in my car, out came a man with a leash on the dog that was to be mine! I hopped out of my car and said hello to my dog. I frightened the man half to death. He said he was a volunteer at the shelter and was just there to walk him. Flash forward, my dog Flair and I have been together for the past ten years. Some things are just meant to be, so don't ignore the signs.

Treat Your Dog Like a Member of the Family Because They Are

I have an uncle that hates dogs and will shout at them anytime one comes near. Guess which uncle never gets invited to my house, what would you say? Your dog is a member of your family. They depend on you for a lot of things, but they also give back more than money can buy. Give them gifts now and then to show your appreciation for them. Let them know you love them!

Dogs Will Reduce Your Stress

If you are having a sleepless night of tossing and turning, snuggle up to your dog. They will let your stress melt away and allow you to fall asleep much easier. There is just something so calming about petting a dog. Hospitals should have a dog in every patient's room and all of us would recover so much better!

Life will present you with many challenges and there is no way around it. Some people seem to get challenged more often than others. But knowing that your pet is at your side and will never abandon you should help carry you through any problems you may be facing.

Have a dog or don't we all can agree that the unconditional love that a dog can bring is truly a miracle!

6 Tips For Your Pet Health Spring Checklist

By Dr. Fiona Lee, DVM (petsbest.com)

The sun is peeking through the clouds, temperatures are rising and the flowers are starting to show their heads; spring has finally sprung! For you, this means dusting off the sunscreen and sandals, but springtime can also be a good time to go through a "Spring Pet Health Check". Here are some things to be mindful of in order to keep your dog and cat fit and happy this season:

1. Start heartworm preventives

If your pet isn't on heartworm preventatives year round, it's time to start up again! Heartworm disease is a potentially devastating disease that can cause heart failure and potentially death if left untreated. Treatment is costly and can be difficult. Prevention is the key in heartworm disease. If you have never had your pet on a preventative before, your veterinarian will likely want to run a quick blood test to ensure your pet is heartworm negative prior to prescribing any medications.

2. Start a flea and tick preventives

Some areas of the nation require year round prevention of external parasites, but if you stop during the cold winter months, now is the time to start back up. Ticks can carry many diseases, some of which can be dangerous, such as Lyme Disease. Flea infestations in your home can be very costly to treat and often require an exterminator. Some pet insurance companies will even help to cover a portion of flea, tick and heartworm prevention with their routine care plans. By preventing fleas and ticks, your pet and your home will be healthier.

3. A trip to the groomer

Warmer temperatures can translate to shedding! Dogs and cats naturally like to be clean, but sometimes they need a little help. Grooming can be done at home, or with a professional groomer. In the winter you may have had less outside time with your dog, which can mean their nails didn't wear down like they do in the summer. Be sure to keep nails trimmed in order to prevent splitting and breaking.

4. Update vaccines

There is a good chance warmer weather will mean more excursions to places where dogs are welcome. If you and your furry best friend frequent the dog park or other public places, be sure they are up to date on all required vaccinations and deworming.

5. Limit exposure to spring toxins

Spring is a common time to fertilize your lawn. Be sure to use pet safe products, and still keep your pet off the grass for the entire time recommended. Spring blooms can be pretty, but some plants and flowers are toxic to pets. Easter often brings lily flowers; these are EXTREMELY toxic to cats, less so to dogs, but exposure should still be avoided. Because accidents and illness can happen at any time, even with the most careful of pet owners, it's a good idea to consider pet insurance for our pets. Pet health insurance may help pet owners afford the best level of care in otherwise-dire situations.

6. Ease into activity

If you and your pet have been inactive all winter, ease slowly into activity. Start with leashed walks, and shorter play sessions and gradually work up to maximum activity. Starting all at once can lead to injuries and sore muscles.

Protect Your Dog From Dog Park Bullies

By Jane Harrell (petfinder.com)

Dog parks can be a great place to let your dog socialize and burn off some excess energy.

But can you tell when play between dogs has gone from fun roughhousing to bullying? [Watch our video](#) and check out these tips.

How to Spot a Dog-Park Bully

Bullying means one dog is playing too rough for another (remember, the bully might be YOUR dog!), and when it happens, it's time to leave. Here are signs that play has stopped being fun:

- One dog repeatedly pins another down, with no reciprocation
- One dog repeatedly chases another, with no reciprocation
- A dog does not back off when the other dog gives a high-pitched yelp
- A dog continues to pursue another who is trying to end the play session by, for example, hiding behind your legs or jumping on a bench
- You see anything that makes you uncomfortable (you know your dog best, so trust your instincts!)



Signs Your Dog Is Uncomfortable

Your dog might not come to you when he's feeling bullied or uncomfortable, so keep an eye out for these body-language cues:

- A tail that is low or tucked under
- Lip licking
- Yawning
- Barking while backing away from another dog
- Avoiding eye contact and turning his head away when another dog approaches

What Does Good Play Look Like?

While it's important to remove your dog from a bullying situation, it's also good to know when play that looks rough to you is really fun for him. Here are signs your dog is having a great time:

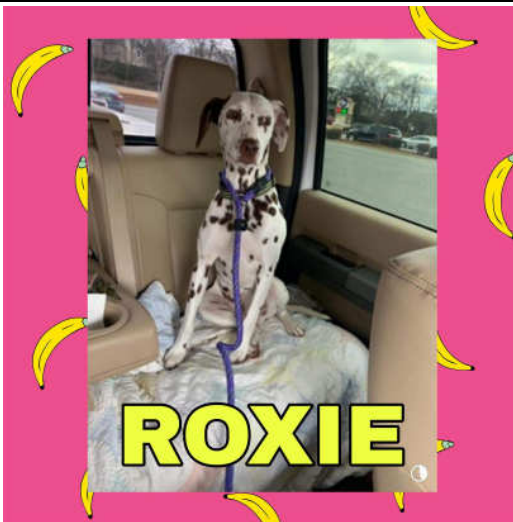


- A tail wagging in wide sweeps or fast circles
- A playful bark that's slightly higher than his "alert" bark at home
- Play bows (see photo at left)
- Reciprocation: each dog taking turns doing the chasing, pinning, etc.

The fact is, any dog of any breed, size, sex, age or temperament can be a bully — or a victim of bullying — and many dogs can go from bully to bullied in different contexts.

If your dog doesn't have a group of pals with whom he can play in a positive way at your local dog park, reach out to local pet parents, or check out [Meetup.com](#), and organize playdates at a safe, fenced-in area. Your dog will thank you with a nice long nap afterwards!

Recent Adoptees!



Roxie
Huntsville, AL



Domino
Barnhart, MO



Marshall
Portales, NM



Cooper (aka Casper)
Center, 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!

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"Dalmatians don't shed, they emit magical fibers of joy and love."

~ Anonymous

Mind Your Canine Manners At The Dog Park

That dogs love going to the dog park is inescapable. All that grass and dirt. Trees, shrubs, rocks and maybe, if they are lucky, a stream or creek running through. Perhaps a metal fence for added protection. As thrilling as the adventure promises to be, it's essential that both you and your dog know proper dog park etiquette before you even enter the park. There might not be signs posted alerting visitors that "BAD MANNERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED," but every well-informed pet parent should know what they are. For those first time owners who have absolutely no clue, the following is a list of the most essential "do's" and "don'ts" of playing safely at the dog park.

Most dog parks in the city will have rules. They are normally posted on a sign at the entrance gate or somewhere close by the entrance. Make sure you read and follow the rules at all times. Some dog parks have separate areas for large and small or infirm dogs. Please use only the most appropriate area for your dog. If the dog park has special features, like agility courses, those features may have their own set of rules. Again, make sure you read, understand and follow them.

DO keep your dog under control at all times and DO make certain that he always comes when called. Pity those poor owners standing helpless and hoarse, leashes dangling, while their own dogs dance off disobediently into the distance.

DO keep your dog's collar on him and make sure that he has up to date information on his ID tags. In the event that your dog escapes the dog park, be ready and know what to do if your dog goes missing.

DO make certain that your dog has been properly socialized beforehand. What's worse than watching an aggressive dog going after a timid dog, resulting in punishment for one and pet therapy for the other?

DO ensure that your dog is up to date on all of his vaccinations, is heartworm negative and parasite protected. Think about all of those tiny, unseen menaces like fleas and ticks lurking about in the grass.

DO monitor the behavior of the other dogs, and their people, in the park and be alert to possible signs of trouble. Step into referee mode and start dropping penalty flags on the field if loose packs are forming, playing is getting too rough or bullying has begun.

DO keep your leash with you and be prepared to leave the park if it means avoiding a potentially unpleasant or dangerous situation. Whether it's your dog's fault or someone else's dog, finger pointing is preferable to finger biting. But both should be studiously avoided.

DO be considerate of the other dogs and their – hopefully — considerate owners. Stoop and scoop up carefully after YOUR dog. If you don't appreciate your dog's nose sniffing at, or your feet slipping on, another dog's droppings, you're certainly not alone. Be prepared with poop bags that you bring with you, just in case the park doesn't furnish them or the poop station is empty.

DON'T bring an intact male or female dog to the park. Picture the pandemonium that would ensue. Not to mention the potential for a passel of unplanned pups.

DON'T bring food (human or dog treats) into the park. Leave your picnic lunch outside. Other dogs may not have good manners around people enjoying a meal, and can act aggressively toward you if they pick up the scent of the food you're eating. If your dog does his business or performs a command and usually gets a treat for it, be sure to give him verbal praise and a good pet to reassure him that he still did a good job to reinforce the good behavior. Dog treats aren't the only special reward dogs are seeking from their pet parents. Keep in mind you should give treats after dog park trips, not during the outing in the park. It's tempting to give your dog treats or feed him at the dog park, but wait until you get home to avoid competition between the other dogs he may interact with.

DON'T allow your dog to resource guard. If you bring his favorite ball or frisbee, he must be able to share. If your dog doesn't share his toys well at home, leave the toy at home.

DON'T overstay your welcome. Even if your dog is having the time of his life, don't overstay your welcome. A 30 to 60 minute visit should allow your pooch time to run and play without getting overtired. When your dog only wants to hang with you or stands by the gate, respect his wishes and take him home.

Forewarned, as they say, is forearmed.

Now, go play!



National Rescue Dog Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY - MAY 20

On May 20th, National Rescue Dog Day recognizes all the benefits of allowing a four-legged canine to adopt you into their immeasurably lovable life.

According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year. When these abandoned and abused animals find their way to a shelter, each one needs a forever home and their potential is limitless. They're rescue dogs.

No matter their size, color, or breed, dogs will find a way to nuzzle, fetch, or beg their way into your heart. You'll find it hard not to scratch one behind the ear.

Rescue dogs often overcome extreme obstacles and yet provide comfort, security, and friendship as family pets. But, rescue dogs are capable of much more. With training, they contribute to the independence of people with disabilities as service animals and give comfort to the elderly. In these circumstances, they become our eyes, ears, or legs as well as our best friend.

Rescue dogs provide a variety of therapeutic benefits. Children, teens, and adults with autism may benefit from services provided by trained rescue dogs. As emotional support companions, rescue dogs help to relieve anxiety, depression, and PTSD among the military or those who suffer from mental illness.

They make excellent teachers, too. Rescue dogs show children about caring and kindness. Rescue dogs can even be trained to rescue us from dangerous situations or help to investigate the cause of a fire.

When it comes to four-legged friends, they improve the human condition by leaps and bounds, barks, and yips. It's hard to imagine a more helpful, worthy companion. Give them a treat!

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalRescueDogDay

Get involved in the lives of rescue dogs. There are a variety of ways to share the puppy love.

- Volunteer at your local shelter. Taking dogs for walks, grooming, and giving them plenty of affection improves their socialization.
- Shelters always need donations. Financial donations are always welcome. Most shelters have a list of constant needs, such as blankets, bleach, toys, treats, and leashes.
- If there is room in your life for a rescue dog, consider adoption and giving one a forever home.
- Consider fostering. Many dogs abandoned to shelters require some medical care or rehabilitation in a home setting before an adoption can take place.
- Remember to spay and neuter your pets. Overpopulation is the number one reason shelters exist.

Is there a rescue dog in your life? Share your rescue dog stories and use #NationalRescueDogDay on social media.

NATIONAL RESCUE DOG DAY HISTORY

Tails That Teach founded National Rescue Dog Day on May 20 to honor the inspiring ways rescue dogs become a part of the human family and increase awareness about the number of dogs in shelters. Given a chance, they would fill their forever homes with unconditional love and unabandoned joy with every belly rub.

The Registrar at National Day Calendar proclaimed National Rescue Dog Day to be observed annually beginning in 2018.



NATIONAL DOG MOM'S DAY

During the second Saturday in May, National Dog Mom's Day sends out a chorus of yips, barks, and howls of praise for all the dog mommas!

Our dogs are our family members, whether they came into our lives unexpectedly or as carefully planned additions. We adopt them as puppies, adolescents, or fully mature animals with a bit of baggage, and yet, we find common ground, a connection, and bond like families do. They know our moods, and we know theirs. We care for them, shelter them, and share an immeasurable loyalty with them.

National Dog Mom's Day recognizes the bond women share with their fur kids. When they humor us, charm us or even when they are naughty, they are like any other child to us.

HOW TO OBSERVE #DogMomsDay

Celebrate by making sure to get some extra cuddles. Bake up some yummy homemade puppy treats. Plan for some double pampering – a pedicure for you and paws for the puppers. Then take an extra special selfie with your fur baby to mark the occasion. Use #DogMomsDay to share on social media.

NATIONAL DOG MOM'S DAY HISTORY

Dig – The Dog Person's Dating App founded National Dog Mom's Day to celebrate and thank the dog moms who dedicate their love and support every day to their dogs. It's a different, special and visceral love that deserves its own day to be recognized and appreciated.

The Registrar at National Day Calendar proclaimed National Dog Mom's Day to be observed the second Saturday of May beginning in 2018.

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Trainer Tips

“A Gunner Story: The Long Walk And An Argument About Which Way To Go”

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If you have done much training with me, chances are you have heard a story or two about Gunner. Gunner was the first dog I had as an adult. The first dog who was entirely my responsibility. I adopted him before I became a professional dog trainer and behavior consultant, and he taught me a lot.

Gunner was a Greyhound from a racetrack in Wisconsin. I adopted him in 1993 and he was with me until he died in 2000. He was between 2 and 3 years old when I brought him home. He was originally adopted by another family but returned when he growled at their baby. I was single, no kids and no plans for kids at the time. So he joined me when I lived in Minnesota. He made the move with me to Colorado in 1995.

Gunner and I did a ton of walking. We walked dutifully twice a day every day. We took very long walks. We did lots of hiking. He and I spent a lot of time out exploring our neighborhoods, walking on trails, and just being out and about. Gunner and I were living in Colorado at the time of this event.

Gunner and I were out for one of our long walks. We were exploring the neighborhoods where we lived, as usual. We had been out for a while and got to a place where we either had to go left or right. I started to the right. Gunner started to the left. We both stopped and realized we wanted to go different directions. Let me backup for a moment before I continue with what happened next.

On some of our walks, I chose our direction and let Gunner know which way we were turning at each intersection. On some of our walks, I let Gunner choose. I would say, “which way do you want to go?” and he would get to choose. Dogs don't get a lot of choices in their lives. We generally decide what to feed our dogs. When to feed them. When to walk them. If we walk them. Where their bed is placed and what time we go to bed. For the most part, dogs don't get a lot of chances for decision making.

On our walks, I liked to give Gunner the chance for some decision making. That's why I sometimes would let him decide which way to go. Until this particular day, we seemed to have a pretty solid agreement that if I asked him which way, he could decide. If not, I got to decide.

So back to this day. . .

Gunner wanted to go left. I wanted to go right. We had already been walking for quite a while and I felt it was time to head in the direction of home. Which was to the right. He refused. Now, I could have simply tugged on the leash and forced him to go the direction I wanted. Gunner was 72 pounds of muscle but he never really fought me on decisions, so force was never an issue.

Instead of forcing it, I said fine, we will hang out right here until you agree to go right with me. I literally sat down on the sidewalk and waited. I probably sat there for a minute or so. Then I got up and said, let's go. To the right. He started off to the left again. We both refused to give in. After trying to convince him to go right without success, I sat down on the sidewalk again. I sat there a few minutes longer this time.

I figured if he had a bit of time to consider my proposal, he would agree to it. I did not set a timer, but I would guess that I sat there a total of five to ten minutes. After a few failed attempts, Gunner finally decided to cooperate with me and go to the right. And we headed home and never talked about it again.

I could have forced it. That's what pretty much anyone else would have done in that situation. But I didn't. In that moment, I decided to wait it out. He had a choice to make. I did let him choose our direction quite often. But when I said we really need to go this way, I needed him to cooperate with me. I am not sure why he did not want to go with me that day. I suspect he really just wanted to keep walking. He knew to the right was headed home. And he did not want to head home just yet. It was the only time we ever had that argument. (We had a few other arguments in our time together, but never this particular one.)

Your dog might not be able to speak English and discuss things with you verbally. But Gunner and I most definitely had a conversation that day. He and I were pretty good at communicating with each other. We had a bit of a disagreement that day. In the end, I got what I needed. I just had to be patient and let him consider his options. When he realized I was not going to change my mind, he decided it was best to cooperate with me.

There are lots of other stories about Gunner, and I will share some of those in other posts. Gunner taught me a lot about being patient and giving my dog a chance to think about his options. I will always be grateful that he shared the last 7 years of his life with me. He taught me so much. Far more than I ever taught him.

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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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!!

Reader Recommendation submitted by Chris Knight for all the bookworms amongst us!

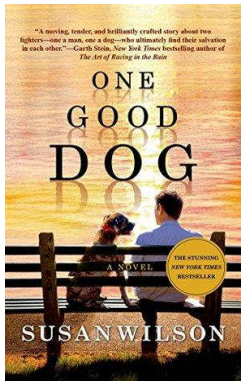
For anyone looking for reading material for lazy summer days to come, I highly recommend author Susan Wilson's "One Good Dog" and "The Dog Who Danced."

I don't recall how I came across these books, but they were immensely enjoyable reads. Her writing style is so engaging... I challenge you to read just the opening two pages of "One Good Dog" and see if you're not instantly hooked. Both books are fiction, but could easily be drawn from real life.

I just discovered that this author has several more dog-themed books that I haven't read yet, so I'm looking forward to finding the others and adding them to my dog-library as well. Hope you enjoy these as much as I did!

One Good Dog

by [Susan Wilson](#)



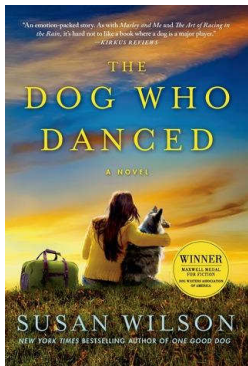
Adam is a successful man who has it all: the beautiful wife, the high-powered job, the glittering circle of friends.

When he loses the life he's worked so hard to achieve, he doesn't believe it is possible to sink any lower when assigned to work in a soup kitchen as community service. But unbeknownst to Adam, this is where his life will intersect with Chance.

Chance is a Pit Bull mix, born and raised to fight. But Chance is not a victim or a monster. It is Chance's unique spirit that helps him escape and puts him in the path of Adam.

The Dog Who Danced

by [Susan Wilson](#)



The one bright spot in Justine's loss-filled life was Mack, her Sheltie – that is, until she is summoned back to her childhood home after more than twenty years away.

Ed and Alice are mourning an unspeakable heartbreak, unable to bridge the chasm left between them. When they find a little dog by the side of the road, they take him in.

Fiercely loyal, perceptive and guided by a herd dog's instinct, Mack has a way of bringing out the best in his humans. Whether it's as Justine's partner, or just the flow of a family's rhythms, it's as though the little Shetland Sheepdog was born to bring people together.

Everyone needs Mack. But to whom does the little dog who danced belong?

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

Pat

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

Pat is a loving, gentle & playful boy. He loves learning new things & being with people & other dogs. Pat has had a very difficult earlier life. He ran away 4 times and ended up at the Lexington Humane Society. He was brought there again after his owner died. He is gradually losing his hearing and is very nervous about this.

He does not like a lot of shadows or flash lights. He is learning hand signals and has just learned to stop, to sit and to shake paws.

Pat loves to share cuddles and craves human contact. He'd be thrilled at the opportunity to be a velcro dog - a very Dalmatian trait!

If you are looking for a very handsome, smiling love bug and are interested in him, please contact sandy@dalmatianrescueco.org. Donation is \$300.00.



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 home with all adults or teens would probably suit her best. For



Mandy



more information, contact Karl at 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 for those dogs!

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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