



## *Should dogs wear seatbelts?*



### Deerhound missing from auto accident

From Gloria Barrick, Irish Wolfhound Rescue

(Editor's Note... this is an old posting and we do not have any further information or know if the dog is still missing)

An 11 month old male deerhound ran away after a car accident in Bowie, MD. The deerhound has been missing for 2 weeks. There was a greyhound and deerhound in the vehicle. The greyhound ran across the road and was hit by a car and killed; the deerhound managed to get across safely and just continued running.

Until we get more information please contact Karon Volk if you hear anything about this dog.

Thank you for any assistance.

Karon L. Volk

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Those of us in rescue have heard many stories like this, and may have even experienced them ourselves. This is one of the more heartbreaking stories, since a dog was hit and killed, not all of them end like this; some times the dog is injured and permanently disabled resulting in unwarranted pain and suffering and high vet bills. The sad thing is that most of these stories could have been prevented by simply using a pet seat restraint or crate when transporting the dogs.

How many times have you seen a dog riding loose in the back of a pickup truck? Or riding loose in the back seat of a car with his head hanging out the window? Every time you see this, you think to yourself what would happen to that dog if there were an accident. Many people know the hazards of having the dog's face sticking out of the window and will keep the windows up but still have the dog loose in the car. Having an unrestrained dog in the car is still a hazard to everyone in the car and to other drivers. The dog can distract the driver by moving from the back seat to the front, or by jumping around in the back. If the dog gets up front they can paw at the steering wheel, or get underfoot and step on the accelerator or brakes and actually cause an accident. **Having an unrestrained pet in the car can distract the driver and can potentially cause an accident.**

In most jurisdictions, there are no seatbelt laws to protect pets – as there are for you and your family – but we hope that you will agree that as pet parents it is your undeniable responsibility to protect your four-legged family members just the same. Whether driving to the convenience store at the corner, across town or across the country, we urge everyone who travels with a dog to use some form of pet restraint. They may cost a little to buy, but they are certainly cheaper than vet bills to mend broken bones and the heartache of seeing your dog killed when ejected during an accident.

**Dogs should NEVER be allowed to ride, restrained or not, in the front seat because of potential injury that can occur during airbag deployment!!**

There are many pet seat restraint systems on the market from harness systems to seat belt clips that clip onto the seat belt. A lot of people don't use them because of cost or the added time that is required to restrain the pet. But think about it... you wouldn't allow your child to flop around in the back seat. Not only is it illegal but because it is dangerous. The same dangers exist for unrestrained dogs.

### **Seat Restraint System Links**

(Dalmatian Rescue does not endorse any product listed below, they are provided as informational sites for our readers to research safety products for their dogs.)

The Roadie Restraint™ by Covercraft

Canine Auto Restraint Equipment™ (C.A.R.E.)

Huckleberry Finn Pet Supplies

<http://www.covercraft.com/pet%20safety.htm>

<http://www.canineauto.com/>

<http://huckfinnpetsupplies.com/petbuckle.html>

# Bits & Pieces

We want to thank everyone that has been using GoodSearch.com for their internet web search needs. **The other day we got a check from GoodSearch.com for \$29.95!!** So it is working, and we are getting the money!!! Please continue using it, and recommending it to all of your friends and family. This is one of the easiest ways for us to earn much needed money to be able to keep helping our Dal Buddies!



## "I Adopted Your Dog Today"

I adopted your dog today  
The one you left at the pound  
The one you had for seven years  
and no longer wanted around.

I adopted your dog today  
Do you know he's lost weight?  
Do you know he's scared and  
depressed  
and has lost all faith?

I adopted your dog today.  
he had fleas and a cold,  
but don't worry none.  
You've unburdened your load.

I adopted your dog today.  
Were you having a baby or moving  
away?  
Did you suddenly develop allergies or  
was there no reason he couldn't  
stay?

I adopted your dog today.  
He doesn't play or eat much  
He's very depressed,  
but he will learn again to trust.

I adopted your dog today.  
And here he will stay.  
He's found his forever home  
and a warm bed on which to lay.

I adopted your dog today.  
And I will give him all that he could  
need.  
Patience, love, security, and  
understanding.  
Hopefully he will forget your selfish  
deed.

-Author Unknown

submitted by Suzy

"You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'"  
---Dave Barry

## I AM AN ANIMAL RESCUER

I am an animal rescuer; my job is to assist God's creatures. I was born with the drive to fulfill their needs; I take in helpless, unwanted, homeless creatures. I have bought dog food with my last dime; I have patted a mangy head with my bare hand. I have hugged someone vicious and afraid, I have fallen in love a thousand times and I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body too many times to count. I have animal friends and friends who have animal friends; I don't often use the word "pet". I notice those lost at the roadside and my heartaches, I will hand raise a field mouse and make friends with a vulture, I know of no creature unworthy of my time. I want to live forever if there aren't animals in heaven but I believe they are... Why would God make something so perfect and leave it behind? Some may think we are master of the animals, but the animals have mastered themselves something people still haven't learned. War and abuse make me hurt for the world but a rescue that makes the news gives me hope for mankind. We are a quiet but determined army and we are making a difference every day. There is nothing more necessary than warming an orphan, nothing more rewarding than saving a life. No higher recognition than seeing a baby play, who only days ago was too weak to eat. By the love of those who I've been privileged to rescue, I have been rescued. I know what true unconditional love really is, for I've seen it shining in the eyes of so many grateful for so little. I am an animal rescue, my work is never done, my home is never quiet, my wallet is always empty, but my heart is always full!!

Author Unknown

## **\*\*\*\*\* FOSTER HOMES DESPERATELY NEEDED \*\*\*\*\***

**PLEASE, we 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 Rescue so we can save lives like we saved your dog's life!! PLEASE give a warm home to a dog that can relax, show his true personality, enjoy a thick bed rather than a concrete floor in a shelter and be ready for a new home. PLEASE help us 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 be until their forever home comes along. PLEASE be a spot for us... and for them?**

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

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# In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

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## Leroy

1 Year Old, Neutered Male, Stray  
In Foster Home

"Little" Leroy is a really fun dog. He was abandoned to a shelter likely because he had no manners. Being deaf didn't help either. Even the shelter didn't realize that, so maybe the owner didn't either? Leroy has come a long way in his manners. He spent some time in boarding where they worked with him and he is now in a foster home continuing his education. Leroy has learned signs for "sit", "good dog", and "stay", although he has problems with actually staying. He is good with cats and most dogs. Leroy is crate trained and housebroken, he'll whine if he really needs to go out, so he's good inside. Currently in a Colorado Springs Foster Home, but Leroy wants more than anything to have a forever family to go for walks, and play ball and to just cuddle with! He is the most amazing cuddler if given the chance. He likes toys and retrieves and just smiles and smiles. Everyone who has met him just adores him.



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## FreedomA

4 Years Old, Spayed Female, Stray  
Private Owner



Freedom is a darling little lady, originally found as a stray. She had found a home through us before, but she has picked up the habit of eating the pea gravel at her home, so we (and her adoptive parents) are concerned about her health as they can't seem to get her to stop eating the gravel. So we are looking for a new home with lots of GRASS for her to munch on instead! She is very good in the house, great with other dogs, loves everyone she meets, and loves to go for big runs too. We do not know about cats, however. Freedom is currently in Watkins east of Aurora waiting for her New Years Forever Home!

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## Featured Happy Beginning Story

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### Sadie-Lynn

Sadie is all Pointer on top and all Dalmatian underneath! Of course, she loves belly rubs. When she turns over for them, we tell her, "Present spots!" Her hair here is so fine and thin that she'll glow pink when she's warm from curling up on her pillow.

When she's not sleeping, Sadie loves to run. She doesn't pull on her leash, then, because we're finally going at her pace! She heels well at a jog, and we're taking her to obedience school to learn doggie manners. Already she sits when asked to greet guests. Everyone comments on how pretty she is! One time, somebody even pulled over in her car to ask what breed of dog she is. We get that question a lot between her patches and her spots.

The Pointer in her means she loves to search out small game. Her nose and her eyesight are incredible. She spots birds in the sky, squirrels in trees, and cats on the ground before I do. Usually by the time I see the cat, it's already on the run! In the backyard, Sadie loves to chew on cow hooves—her favorite treat. Lately when we've left her, she has revamped our shoe closet. She'll leave a trail of our shoes down the hall, through the kitchen, and out the doggie door. Sometimes she'll match a pair and leave them, dropped perfectly, as though helping us to ready putting them on — probably to take her for a walk. She never chews on the shoes, and she doesn't like any other soft toy we've given her.

As much as we try to spoil her, Sadie is a pretty simple dog. Foremost, she just likes to be around us, whether in the same room or in the backseat of the truck. Sadie Lynn has fast become a member of the family, and we love her!

Liz and Jason



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**Please don't forget... if you haven't sent in your Happy Beginnings Story yet, why not do it right now while it's fresh in your mind! It's never too late to see your story in print!!**

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