

## Puppies... We Have Puppies!



August 1<sup>st</sup>, a friend in southern New Mexico discovered a family peddling Dalmatian puppies on the side of the road. It was only 106 degrees! The pup's parents were there, both purebreds, and so were SEVEN darling babies, only four weeks old. The man said that whatever he didn't sell he'd get rid of by the end of the day. Sooooo, my friend called and asked how many did I want. I said all of them, of course!!! We purchased these poor babies and they headed to Colorado.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> they arrived in Fort Collins to begin their new life. Although we were told they were only four weeks old, I feel they are more like five and a half to six weeks old. They will be ready for placement in about two weeks. We have three females and four males. All are black and white, no livers. One of the males is patched and another has two blue eyes.

If interested in a darling bundle of fun, kisses and love, contact me right away because with the dearth of purebred puppies for some time, I do expect to see these guys go quickly. They will have their first puppy shot and be wormed before they leave,

and the females will be spayed at 8 weeks of age. The males will need to wait for neuter until 11-12 months.

Waiting to neuter a male is a normal precaution for any male Dalmatian since all Dalmatians are potential stone formers because they have high uric acid. This means that they should not be neutered until their urethra is fully mature, so that in case in the future there is any stone issue it is not complicated by the urethra being smaller in size.

NOW, (smile) we all know that if you feed your Dalmatian properly then stones rarely develop. This is: low purine food (not low protein level), floating the food each meal in lots of water to force the dog to drink more than he would normally (to flush the urinary tract) and allowing the dog to urinate frequently. This means not keeping a dog locked up inside for 8-10 hours during the day. Sure, they can hold it and because they are housebroken they will, but in purebred Dalmatians this can ultimately cause stones that would not have developed had the dog been able to urinate throughout the day. Put in a dog door or get someone to let the dog out at least once a day if you're working.

We are asking a donation of \$300 per puppy and of course this generous donation is tax deductible, and it helps us continue to help more Dalmatians and Dalmatian mixes. My number is 970-226-2844 if you have questions.

--Beth White, Puppy Momma



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# Mushroom Warning!

With all the rain we've been having lately, mushrooms are sprouting up all over the place, in the mountains, in the plains, and possibly even in your back yard? Many variations of mushrooms can be toxic to dogs. Several Colorado veterinarians have been seeing increasing numbers of mushroom poisoning in dogs this year. In the last month or so, those numbers have been increasing drastically. The onset of mushroom toxicity is fast, usually within fifteen to thirty minutes. Treatment is usually successful if caught early but it is not cheap! So spend a few minutes walking your yard instead of several hundred dollars treating poisoning.

**SYMPTOMS OF MUSHROOM POISONING** – include acting intoxicated, seizures, running into things, head tilts, staggering, excessive drooling and walking in circles. **IF YOUR DOG EXHIBITS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS GET HIM/HER TO THE VET IMMEDIATELY!**

Please go to

[http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/20043106/detail.html?treetts=den&tid=2656532812813&tml=den\\_7am&tmi=den\\_7am\\_1\\_08000207142009&ts=H](http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/20043106/detail.html?treetts=den&tid=2656532812813&tml=den_7am&tmi=den_7am_1_08000207142009&ts=H) and read the news article.

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## Westminster Has Active Plague in Prairie Dogs

<http://www.9news.com/rss/article.aspx?storyid=119504>

Just a warning that any prairie dog town can contain plague. I have personally known three people who have died of plague from prairie dogs and/or chipmunks. I've known of dogs that have romped around prairie dog towns and have become lethargic, vets put them on Tetracycline and all was well. The one dog, however, passed the plague on to its young 16 year-old owner and she died because the plague wasn't diagnosed in her or the dog. He had been running loose where there were prairie dogs just prior to becoming ill. Tetracycline for her would likely have saved her life as well.

If you suspect any of your animals have been exposed to plague via prairie dogs or chipmunks, remember that Tetracycline is the drug of choice.

--Beth White

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## Splish Splash... Doggie Needs A Bath!

Most of the time we don't really need to worry about bathing our dogs. But every once in a while you dog gets really dirty, like after a rain storm or playing in a creek or lake. And then it's time for the dreaded bath. Do you have everything you need to take care of it? Will your dog fight you about taking a bath? If your dog is like mine was, she'll hate bath time with a ferocity little seen in today's domesticated dog. The biggest problem for us was that she truly HATED bath time, which was really odd given her propensity for jumping into every body of water outside the bathtub.

I have found over the years that the slippery floor of the bathtub is the cause of a lot of problems. This can be prevented (or at least alleviated a little) by using a non-skid bath mat in the tub. It helps them feel more at ease because they can actually get some traction and footing now.

Next up, you need to have all your bath time tools ready and accessible during the bath so you don't have to worry about reaching for them while trying to keep your dog inside the tub. And being organized before your dog enters the bath can help to make the whole event more fun for both of you. A shower caddy or similar type of coated wire basket can be used to hold your dog's bath time needs all in one central place and easily within reach. This brings up the kind of things that should be in your dog's bath kit.

Here's a few basic things that you might want to have in your bath kit:

- Shampoo (and conditioner – optional)
- A sponge
- A scrub brush
- A bath mat (as mentioned above)
- One or two heavy, absorbent towels
- A hand sprayer or large cup for rinsing
- A leash if your dog is really hard to keep confined during the bath
- A plastic or rubber apron for you – unless you don't mind getting wet!

Choose the right shampoo for your dog. There are a LOT of different options for you to select from out there on the shelves of your local pet supply store. Trying to figure out which one is best for your dog can be very confusing. However, for most dogs a general all-purpose shampoo will do just fine. If you want your dog's shampoo to do more than just clean and deodorize, consider looking at specialty shampoos.

You can accentuate your dog's coat by selecting a made especially for his/her primary coat color. For dogs with sensitive eyes, you should choose a tearless shampoo. For dogs that have sensitive skin (as many Dalmatians do) you would do well to go with a hypoallergenic shampoo. This kind of shampoo can reduce or eliminate sensitivity reactions to the shampoo. If your dog has skin conditions that are constantly being treated, you should select a medicated shampoo designed to treat your dog's skin problem. But make sure that you make this selection with the input of your veterinarian. Ask him/her for a suggestion and recommendation about what product is right for your dog.

One final note. If your dog fights you at bath time, consider a shower instead. I have learned over the years with all the foster dogs that I have had that many who fight baths actually tolerate and accept taking a shower. So slip your shorts on and jump in the shower with him/her!

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# Ask The Trainer

## “Boredom”

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**Question:** If we leave our dog alone for more than a few hours, he becomes destructive. What can we do?

**The Trainer Answers:** First, let's try to understand WHY your dog is being destructive. If your dog is anxious about you leaving, the destruction is around windows and doors, and it happens every time you leave, then we need to consider separation anxiety. In most cases, however, the destruction is due to something else. How often does the destruction occur? It sounds as if your dog is OK for shorter periods of time, but not for anything more than a few hours. In most cases, this is a result of boredom. The dog becomes bored after a certain period of time or at certain times of the day and is looking for something to do.

Take down some notes about all of your recent departures. How long is the dog left alone? At what times of the day? When has he been destructive? See if you can determine any patterns – periods of time, times of the day, etc., that will help you narrow down WHEN the destructiveness occurs.

Next, note what was destroyed. Does he target particular items or areas of the house? Do they have certain texture, smell or other similarity? Some dogs prefer wood or paper products. Some prefer soft items, such as pillows or couch cushions. Some prefer items that smell like a certain person – shoes, socks, etc. Some dogs choose to empty the trash or clear off the counter or table tops. Is there a pattern? What does your dog do with these items? Move them? Shred them? Chew on them? Consume them?

If your dog is bored and looking for fun things to do, we need to make some changes to prevent the destruction of inappropriate items. First, you need to ensure the dog does not have access to the entire house so you can manage what he can and cannot access. This might mean crating your dog or confining him to one room of the house until the situation is better under control.

Next, find ways to burn off your dog's energy in more constructive ways. Find ways to help your dog burn off energy BEFORE you leave. Take him for a walk. Play with him in the back yard. Do some training. Have him work for his breakfast. Mental and physical exercise will both burn off energy so he will be calmer when you are gone.

When he is left alone, provide him with appropriate activities that he will enjoy. If he tends to chew up items, you should find appropriate but safe chew items to leave with him. However, simply leaving a bone or toy for him might not be enough. You need to find ways to ensure he does not have opportunities to chew inappropriate items and also find ways to make appropriate items more enticing to him. Simply leaving out bones or toys will not ensure that he will use those rather than chew on inappropriate items.

Give your dog some activities he can do on his own while you are gone. Some dogs love playing with toys if there is someone to throw the toy for them, but do not know how to play with a toy by themselves. Try some interactive toys in which you can place food or other toys so your dog must work to access food, treats, or other toys. Hide food or toys so that your dog must find them. If you can find ways to make appropriate items more interesting, your dog will begin to ignore the other items. You might need to teach your dog how to use interactive toys. Don't assume he will simply know how to use them on his own. With some advance planning, management and appropriate exercise, your dog should learn how to handle being alone without destroying your house or personal belongings.

(This “Ask The Trainer” article is reprinted with permission of Sue Brown, owner of Love My Dog Training and a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant. Love My Dog Training is located in and services the Denver Metro Area.

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**\*\*\*\*\*Be A Pal, Save A Dal\*\*\*\*\***

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

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

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# From the President...

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Recently a family pet was lost in the mountains and she finally found her way 15 mountain miles to a reservoir where there were campers. Fortunately, a friend of mine was up from Texas for a fishing holiday and she learned of this little lost dog that was so terrified that she could not be touched or caught. The dog was being fed by campers finally, and she did have a collar and ID tag and after three weeks she was in somewhat of a routine for bedding down. Trouble was she was too fast and too scared to allow anyone to touch her collar.

I checked with rescues and animal controls in the area but no one had reported such a dog missing. There is a very happy ending although this little dog was never actually caught. When my friend decided to offer the dog jerky so that she couldn't run off with the treat, the phone number on the tag could finally be read. The owner was called and he drove three hours to call his dog to him.

Now, what has occurred to me is that maybe when we put our own ID on our pets, that we have the phone numbers made in LARGE print, and also in a contrasting color to the tag color. Perhaps white letters on black and blue or red tags. Should our dog ever be too scared to be caught, these large numbers will help the dog go home. Large phone numbers could be read from a distance and save lots of heartache. Many dogs are so scared when they are lost that they lose their social skills. They don't trust anyone or anything and they don't act like they might normally. So, just a thought that making sure the numbers are on both sides of the tag and that they are large and easily seen could save a dog weeks of being lost. The tag on this lost dog kept facing the dog as well and if the numbers had been on both sides of the tag the owner and the dog would have been reunited sooner than they were. Something to think of even if your dog doesn't go camping, hiking or to the mountains. Dogs can and do get lost and scared. Making their identification more visible is just a good thing.



--Beth White

ED: Also, a while back we ran an article that suggested other ways of making the phone number easily read from a distance by either writing it with indelible marker or using cloth paints. Any of these could easily be done to help your dog get back home sooner rather than later should s/he become lost.

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## Bits & Pieces

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### Yuck is Yucky!

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Need a deterrent to your dog licking either an injury or bandages, or even another dog licking your dog's wounds? Try Yuck Anti-Lick Gel. It really works! And you'll know if you don't get your hands properly washed following application because you'll be frothing and drooling if you touch your fingers to your mouth. Eeeewww is it awful!!

There is also Bitter Yuck and Yuck Spray which are both water soluble. They can actually be sprayed onto wounds rather than just around them, as there is no pain or irritation to the wound.

They can be found at <http://www.calvetsupply.com> or other like dog supply companies.

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## Little Known Tips

Wesson Corn Oil can help eliminate ear mites. All it takes is a few drops of Wesson Corn Oil in the ear. Massage it in, and then clean with a cotton ball. Repeat daily for three days. The oil soothes the skin, smothers the mites and accelerates healing.

Dawn Dishwashing Liquid kills fleas instantly. Add a few drops to your dog's bath and then shampoo the dog thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin irritations of residual soap. Good-bye fleas.

Bounce can help eliminate 'wet dog odor'. The next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the dog with a Bounce (or any dryer sheet) instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh.

ED: Although these tips are not scientifically proven, even if they don't work they certainly shouldn't hurt.

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## Bug-Off Instant Screen Door

Want to enjoy an open door without letting bugs in? Pets can use the Bug-Off Instant Screen Door, too! View this link for more information and be sure to scroll down the page a bit to view a video explaining the installation and use of this cool door! <http://www.smarthome.com/6264/Bug-Off-Instant-Screen-Door-with-Magnetic-Closure-for-a-Single-or-Sliding-Door-34-W-x-79-H/p.aspx>

There are also some less expensive varieties available as well:

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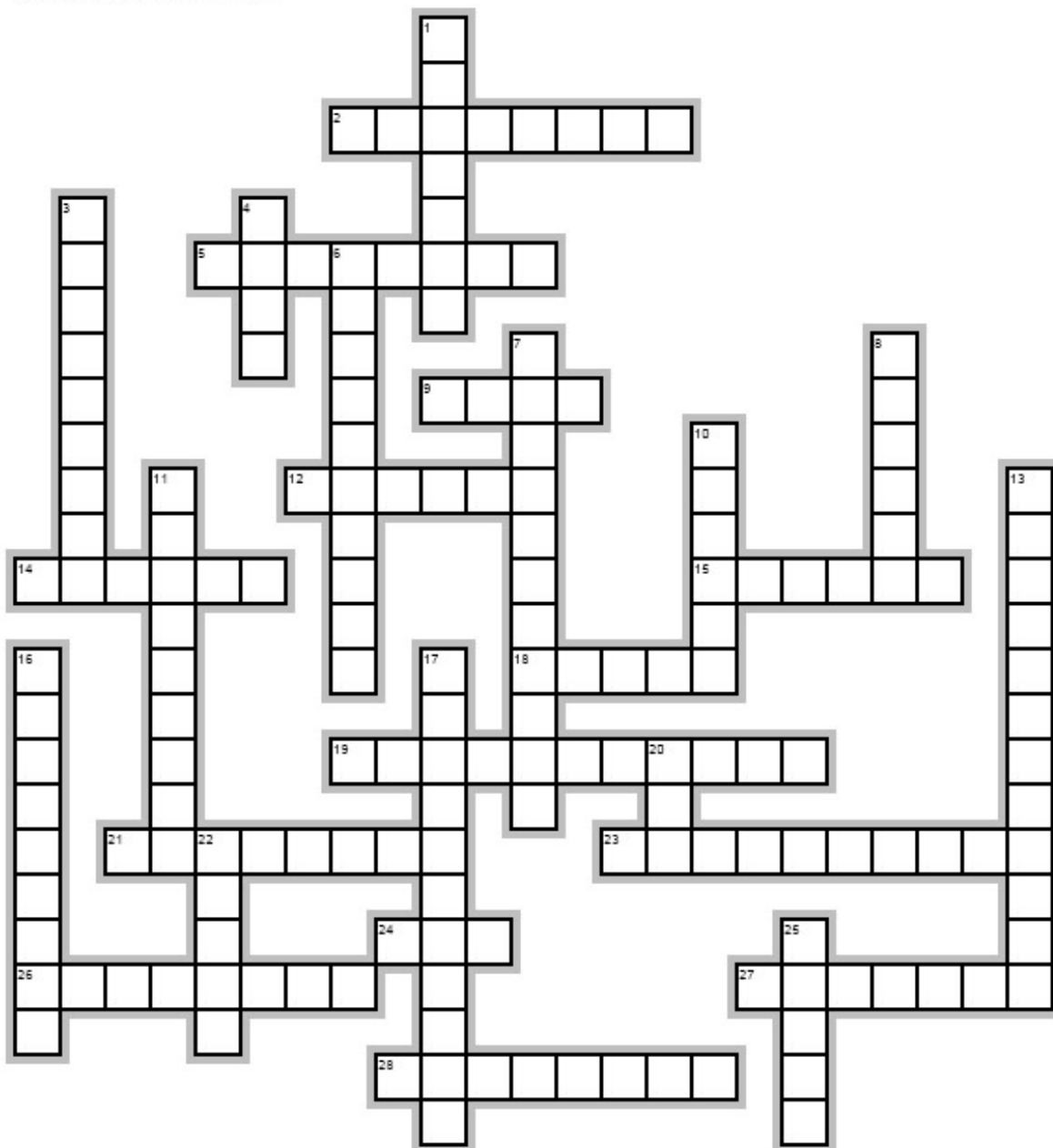
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We're going to try something new here. In this issue is the first crossword puzzle. I would appreciate it if you would let me know how you like this addition to NewSpots! and if you would like to see it continue in future issues. Thanks! --Karl Schill, NewSpots! Editor.

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**Across**

2. Not a mutt or mixed breed dog
5. Name of our "Ask The Trainer" Columnist
9. The operation to 'fix' a female dog
12. A deadly virus carried by prairie dogs
14. The operation to 'fix' a male dog
15. He's our featured Dal this month
18. Not Black and White, but \_\_\_\_ and white
19. DRCI Board Member
21. DRCI Newsletter Name
23. DRCI Board Member
24. Be A Pal, Save A \_\_\_\_
26. How people get Dals from DRCI
27. The recommended method of serving your Dalmatian's dry food
28. Common nickname for Dalmatians

**Down**

1. Another common nickname for Dals
3. Recommended Dal diet
4. Anti-lick gel
6. Vice President of DRCI
7. DRCI Secretary
8. I hope you read her Happy Beginnings Story
10. Temporarily house a Dalmatian
11. President of DRCI
13. DRCI Board Member
16. Our favorite Breed
17. DRCI Treasurer
20. Breed Group (Abbrev.)
22. Primary Dalmatian color
25. Common spot color of Dalmatians

# Looking For Crate Pads?

Here's what some people are using in their crates/kennels. Toni Linstedt from jUjU Dalmatians (<http://www.jujudals.com>) recommends "Crate-A-Lounge" from Summerwinds.Com (<http://www.summerwinds.com/Lounges.html#CRATEALOUNGE>). And another option comes highly recommended, by many people in the show world, is the "Primo Pad" (<http://primopads.com>). The "Primo Pad" seems to be favored more, and rightly so (IMHO) because they do have a guarantee on their pads. "If your dog tears up a 'Primo Pad' in anyway (sic), within the first thirty days of receiving it, we will replace it free. You will have to pay the shipping & handling charges. If your dog tears it up with the first ninety days we will replace it for 1/2 of the purchase price plus shipping & handling." So if you're looking for a crate/kennel pad to use either on the road or at home, check these out!

## Reader Contribution – Submitted by Jim Brewer, Anchorage, Alaska.

Just for fun here is a video clip of my two Dalmatians visiting the dog park. I think you will find it very entertaining. Beth assisted me with their rescue about three years ago (Poncho and Taylor) and they are both doing 'splendidly' (as you will see)!

Feel free to post the link on the website, in the newsletter, or wherever. I think most Dalmatian owners will be able to relate!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjooROdbCJo>

Jim Brewer  
Anchorage, Alaska

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never say it's not quite as good as his mother's...

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want...



then adopt a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't care about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies...

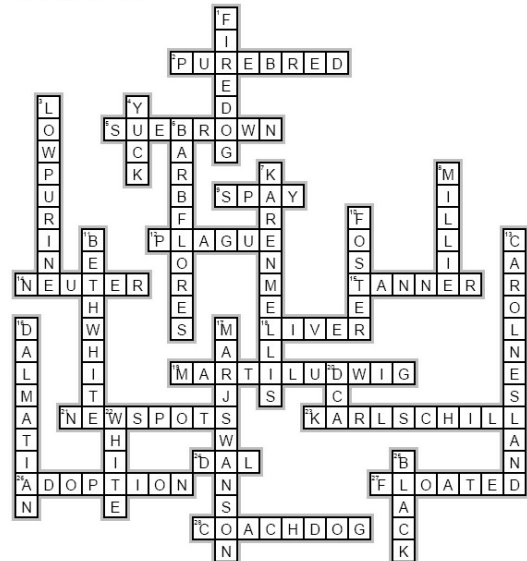


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# In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

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## Simon6



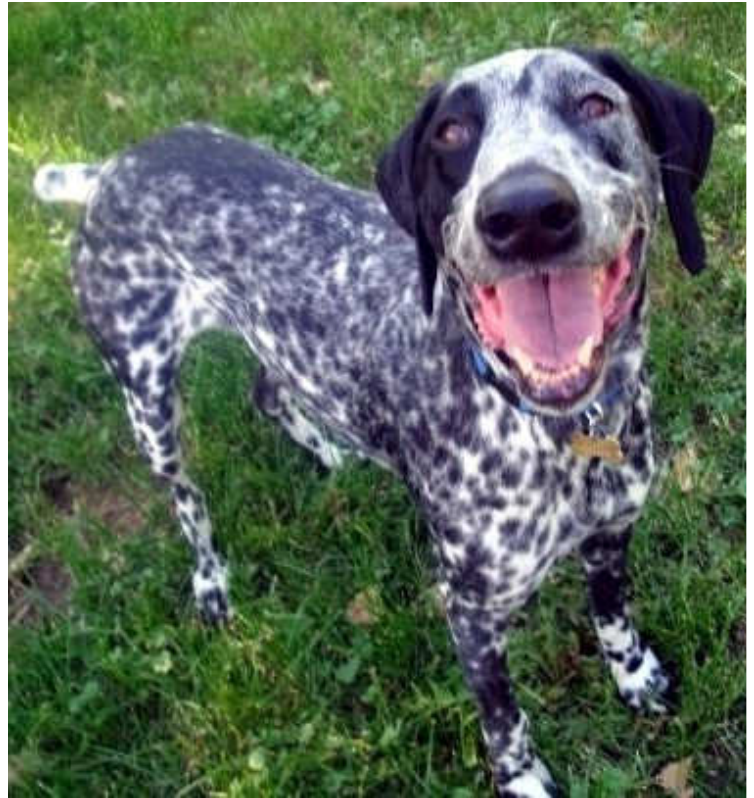
6 Years Old, Liver Neutered Male  
Reason Available: Owner Surrender  
Foster Home, Denver, Colorado

Simon caught a ride from LA, CA where he was pulled from the shelter. He is now in Denver and doing quite well. Simon is a handsome liver (brown and white) male that has a very unique patch on his side. Most patches on Dalmatians are on the head and ears but even his patch is special. Simon is quite special in that he waves at everyone and everything. We're not sure why he does it but he seems to have learned to do it for some reason. Possibly begging for pennies on the street or waiving at flies in a barnyard?? Who knows, but he's a sweet dog with not much experience in the outside world. His foster dad is working on that angle and says that Simon's horizons are expanding slowly. He does love to ride in a vehicle though. Being liver and having his odd patch, and waving...Simon is a real original!

## Connor

6 Years Old, Black Neutered Male  
Reason Available: Unknown  
Foster Home, San Antonio, Texas

Okay, Connor is a German Shorthair Pointer, not a Dalmatian, but he is black and white! Connor is tall and was surrendered because he could hop a 4' fence. He is fine in a 6' privacy fence, however. This big boy is currently at Camp Bow Wow in Ft. Collins but he has had volunteers take him out to the dog park and to country hiking where he does great. He is good in the house, on leash and in the car. Connor is somewhat hesitant meeting new men but given just a little time he is fine. We assume that his previous owner wasn't the nicest to him. No cats for Connor, unless you want to thin the herd!



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# Happy Beginning Story

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## Josie, Abby, Maggie & Siren

My husband and I adopted our first Dalmatian in 1991. Chloe was with us for a little over 8 years before she died of cancer. Our hearts were broken and it was only because we saw our male, Siren, on TV in Boise, ID that we even considered another Dal. We went to Boise and saw him and loved him immediately and got to bring him home a few hours after he was neutered. Soon afterwards a friend of ours who was a Marshall from Huntington, Oregon advised his sister-in-law had a Dal that was dropped off at her house and would we be interested. Of course we were and we added Sadie to our home. We lost our Sadie one day in June, when we came home from work and she was lying dead on our couch. She was about 13 years old. Again our hearts were broken, not only ours...Siren's was too.

We waited for a bit, but didn't feel like we wanted to wait any longer. I started checking around the Boise area again, but there were no Dals. I contacted Portland, OR and was told that unless we lived within 40 miles of Portland we could not adopt. I checked in California and received the same answer...we had to live within a 40 mile radius of Sacramento. Needless to say, we were rather dejected. We weren't looking for a puppy, we wanted an older dog... they are harder to place.

I got on the internet and found Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado...Colorado, my home state. I emailed Beth and explained our loss and that we wanted to adopt an older dog. Oh my goodness... I opened a door! By the first part of August we were meeting Laurie in Reno, NV to pick up our first, Abby, then we met Paige in late August in Colorado to pick Josie up. We thought we were done adopting, but Beth called in February on a Friday, asking how close we were to Caldwell, ID. Their shelter had an older Dal that was going to be put down on Monday if they could not get her adopted. My husband and I agreed to foster her so that she could be put on the website for adoption. By Saturday, as she lay on my husband's lap while he read, he looked up at me and said to call Beth...Maggie was home.

Siren is very happy with the girls and they all get along very well together. They each have their own idiosyncrasies. Josie was afraid of my husband for about a year and a half. We worked very hard at getting her to feel comfortable with him. She will now come to him and snuggle with him too. She and Siren are our smilers. The other two do not smile. I have tried many times to get a photo of Josie smiling, but as soon as I bring out the camera she shies away. Absolutely does not like to have her picture taken...especially smiling, and she has such a pretty smile.

Abby is our "wild" child. She is so much fun, so full of energy. She is really good with kids and is the one we take with us for the Fire Department parades... (I forgot to say that my husband is on the local Fire Department). She loves to ride and is not afraid of the sirens. She sticks her head out and barks "hello" to everyone, especially the other dogs. She has a patch over her left eye and everyone loves to take her picture or ask to have theirs taken with her. She's a ham.

Maggie is a much older girl and is perfectly content lying on the couch with her "dad". She is definitely a "daddy's girl". She still has some get up and go in her, but doesn't like to ride on the Fire Trucks or be around all the kids... one or two is fine, but when there are several she doesn't like it.

Needless to say, we have a house full, but there is nothing like coming home to four delightfully happy souls to see us. They are such fun and as we have no children at home, they are like our children... spoiled. Thanks, Beth, for helping us with our family!

Kathie and Kevin H.  
Ontario, OR

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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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