

A Personal Note From The Editor

I hate to say that I suffered a catastrophic computer crash last month and lost all my files, including the email list. So until I can figure out a way to import the existing email list into a different program I am unable to send out notifications to let you know when the new issues of NewSpots! Is available online. I can only ask that you check back around the first to the third or so of each month to read the current issues. I hope to find a way to get the email list back, but until then I will have ask that you just check the website periodically to find the new issues when they are posted. Thank you.
– Karl.

Importance of Heartworm Prevention

Cases of heartworm infestation are increasing every year. Some areas are much worse than others, naturally, but reports of HW positive dogs are reported now in areas that never had the parasite. It is most important that you have your dog tested each spring, before starting medication. Generally, the once-a-month products keep your dog from having heartworms. But it is only 98% effective and it is possible to still contract heartworms despite the treatment. An annual blood test before starting on medication is very important.

Another reason to test your dog is that it takes six months for the test to show positive. So it is MOST important to know if the previous test was a false negative. If you tested today but your dog was bitten yesterday, he/she could be positive within six months, but you think the dog is negative. There have been frequent reports of dogs testing negative and being on monthly medication and still being positive, so you really should know whether your dog is positive or not.

If your dog should show a positive test, it is wise to test again, just to be sure. If there are two positive tests then contact us for information about updated treatment methods. Heartworm is a death sentence if not treated, but it is also normally a long-term disease (8-10 yrs), so immediate treatment is not necessary, but getting the right treatment is.

If you decide to do the fast-kill method with injections of immiticide, please make sure it is not two shots in 24 hours. This method is outdated and can be deadly. It has killed many dogs because of the side effects of the medication LONG BEFORE the dog would have died of the heartworms. The fast kill (immiticide) is very hard on liver and kidneys, as most medications are. Some vets still use it, however. A much safer method is the “new” one immiticide shot, followed by one month of very controlled activity, then two more shots within 24 hours, followed by yet another month of down time. Some vets are fortunately going this route, because it is much less deadly to the dog, and a slower kill. However, you will have two months of no activity for the dog.

What many vets don't know about with the “fast” kill method is that the dog should be on a dose of Doxycycline two weeks prior to the first treatment and then through the no-exercise period. Either one or two month periods. The Doxycycline has proven to have two benefits. One is that it kills the heartworm's own parasite, called wolbachia, and it also has an anti-inflammatory effect on the arteries that often are affected by the worm die off. The reason for limiting activity is to prevent aneurisms from killing the dog while the worms die and could potentially clog the arteries. Doxycycline reduces inflammation in the arteries.

There are other methods available for slower treatment of the heartworm, as well. Some vets know about them, but many don't. Medicine is an evolving science and not all professionals are current on the most modern methods. Many vets don't treat as many dogs for heartworm (especially in Colorado) as many rescue groups do. The rescue community also shares information with each other! Feel free to contact us if your dog should prove to be heartworm positive (HW+) and we can provide you information on a newer, slower kill method.

For more information, check out <http://www.dogaware.com/health/heartworm.html> and http://www.yourpetsbestfriend.com/your_pets_best_friend/2009/05/are-heartworms-getting-worse-a-seminar-part-1-of-6.html

Beth White, President, Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado

Dog Park Safety

Dog parks can be a great way to socialize your dog, but can also be unsafe if proper measures aren't taken. The following tips will help you keep your dog safe and happy at the park.

- **Know your dog.** Not all dogs enjoy meeting new dogs. Don't let your dog get overwhelmed by meeting too many dogs at once. If your dog has not interacted regularly with other dogs, find out how he will react. You can perform a test by introducing your dog to a friend's dog that you know interacts well with other dogs. Testing your dog in a controlled environment is ideal before you go into the dog park.
 - **Keep your dog healthy.** Be sure your dog isn't vulnerable to picking up infections from other dogs by keeping him up-to-date on his vaccinations and worming medications.
 - **Observe.** Consider visiting the park without your dog for the first time to familiarize yourself with the park itself and the dogs that play there. Before bringing your dog inside the park, spend a few minutes watching the other dogs and how they interact. If the dogs seem too rough for your dog, come back at another time or try a different dog park. On your next visit you may want to bring your dog and sit quietly with him outside the park. Having your dog with you to observe from outside the park enables you to watch how he reacts to seeing the other dogs.
 - **Start out slow.** The first few visits to the dog park should be short, no longer than 15 minutes. Slowly increase the length of your stays as your dog becomes more comfortable with the dog park atmosphere.
 - **Choose a time that is less busy for your first few visits to the park.** Weekday evenings are peak, high-traffic times at dog parks, and weekends and holidays tend to be busy all day long. Acquaint your dog with the dog park when the park isn't as crowded.
 - **Closely supervise your dog.** Don't get distracted while talking to other owners. When dog owners bunch together to talk, often the dogs will do the same, which increases the risk of a clash between the dogs. If owners witness this beginning to happen between dogs, they can improve the situation by breaking up their group, in turn breaking up the dogs. Keep an eye on your dog at all times to make sure his interactions with other dogs are safe by watching his body language to help you avoid any trouble.
 - **Let your dog off leash as soon as you enter unleashed areas.** Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs can create a hostile situation. Leashed dogs, and their owners, often display body language and behavior that is threatening to the unleashed dogs and may encourage them to be aggressive and defensive in return. A leashed dog cannot make the choice his natural instinct tells him of "fight or flight"—if he cannot take flight, he may have to fight.
 - **Watch for potential hazards.** Be aware of potential hazards that may be in the park, such as toxic chemicals, garbage or noxious plants. Be sure to wash any chemicals, such as fertilizer or pesticides, off of your dog's feet and legs to ensure they aren't licked and ingested.
 - **Leave children at home.** Don't bring children with you to the dog park. You will not safely be able to watch your kids and your dog at the same time. Many dogs have not been socialized to children. Both frighten and excite easily—and react differently—creating a dangerous atmosphere. It's simply too easy for a child to get hurt at a dog park.
 - **Leave small puppies at home.** Puppies less than four months old aren't fully immunized yet and are at higher risk for contracting diseases. They are also very vulnerable to being traumatized by another dog's aggressive behavior.
 - **Do not bring toys or food.** Most parks are already littered with balls and toys that other people have brought. Rewarding your dog with treats or giving him toys in front of other dogs can create jealousy and aggression.
 - **Interpret canine body language.** Educate yourself about dog body language and communication signals so you can tell the difference between fear, play and anger. Your trainer can help you learn to "read" your dog's body language.
 - **Know when to leave.** You should remove your dog from the park if he is being threatened or bullied and seems fearful; begins to display aggressive behavior by becoming overexcited or threatening toward other dogs; is panting heavily; or seems overly tired. Keep your dog's welfare a top priority.
 - **DO NOT physically intervene in a dogfight.** Never reach in to break up fighting dogs. Squirt the dogs in the face with a water bottle or try to distract them by throwing something near them, but never physically intervene.
 - **Prevent injuries.** Be aware of the signs of a possible dogfight before it might happen. Don't allow a dog's overexcitement to turn into a fight. If your dog injures a person or dog, give your name and phone number to the injured party. Report to law enforcement authorities any handlers who refuse to take liability for damages or injuries and who are endangering the safety of others.
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Recent Adoptees!



Dee Dee1
Fort Collins, CO



CJ
Littleton, CO



Rosie A
Denver, CO



Jeter
LaVista, NE

Are Onions Bad For Dogs?

There are many foods that humans have, which are harmful to dogs. Onions are one of them. Onions and dogs do not make a good combination, as feeding a dog with onions can be toxic to the dog, making it seriously ill. Hence, it is the owner's responsibility to keep their pets away from foods containing onions. You may assume that only raw onions are bad for a dog's health, so it is very easy to prevent dogs from eating them. But what about cooked onions? Are cooked onions bad for dogs too? The answer is yes. Onions in any form, whether raw, cooked, or in a powdered form (mixed in any food) are harmful to dogs.

Are Onions Poisonous or Toxic to Dogs?

Onions are poisonous to dogs. They contain a substance called thiosulfate, which can be harmful for dogs, as dogs do not have the enzyme which is necessary to digest this substance. However, there won't be visible side effects if your dog consumes a small amount of onions, as in burgers, pizzas, or even table scraps fed by loving owners. But having small quantities frequently will definitely affect your dog's health, and can also prove to be fatal. Onions also contain organosulfur compound which causes toxicosis (a condition caused by poisoning), and is easily absorbed by the digestive tract of the dog. Onions are toxic to dogs, and can prove to be fatal. They can affect the dog's health under two circumstances. If a large quantity of onions (600 - 800 grams) is consumed in a single meal, it would lead to indigestion, causing the dog to fall seriously ill. The symptoms can be immediate in such a case. Second is when the dog consumes small quantities of onions (150 grams for several days) on a regular basis. The symptoms might occur in 24 hours, and lead to poisoning in a few days.

The problems that can occur in dogs due to onion ingestion are as follows: liver damage; allergic reactions; asthmatic attacks; weakness; discolored urine; diarrhea; vomiting; anemia; dermatitis (inflammation of the skin)

Onions and Dogs - Heinz Body Anemia

One of the biggest problems arising from onion toxicity is Heinz body anemia in dogs. Also known as Hemolytic anemia, it is caused by the destruction of the red blood cells in the body, which results in a decrease in the number of red blood cells in the body, thereby leading to anemia. This anemia is called Heinz body anemia because of the abnormality of the red cells, which can be seen with the help of a microscope. The symptoms of Heinz body anemia depend on the amount of onions consumed, the size of the dog, and the period for which the onions have been consumed.

Symptoms of Heinz Body Anemia in Dogs

The mucous membranes (gums) will seem to be pale in the case of moderate or severe anemia. If many red blood cells (RBCs) have been destroyed, the urine will appear reddish or brownish due to hemoglobin in the urine, and the tissues might become jaundiced. Lack of oxygen reaching the tissues might cause rapid heart rate, rapid respiratory rate, depression and weakness. There might also be diarrhea, vomiting and loss of appetite in dogs. The blood test of the dog conducted by the veterinarian will show some different characteristics in case of Heinz body anemia.

Onions and Dogs - Treatment Available

It is necessary to consult a veterinarian in case of any symptom occurring due to ingestion of onions. The treatment will be provided in the following ways.

Routine/Regular Treatment: Vomiting is induced, gastric lavage (stomach is flushed out) is carried out, and activated charcoal (used for the treatment of poisoning and allergic reactions) is used. In case of skin infection, the dog will be bathed and dried.

Other Treatments: Fluids are provided in the bloodstream through the vein to maintain body hydration. There will be treatment for liver damage, or liver failure in dogs. There might also be blood transfusions in some cases.

Now you know all about onions and dogs, and these were the answers to the question are onions bad for dogs. Always be careful about what you feed your dog. Do not buy products containing onion powder, and avoid giving table scraps to your dogs. Dogs are very friendly and loyal creatures. Thus, it's our responsibility to look after them. As Corey Ford said, "Properly trained, a man can be dog's best friend."

Doggie Parenting

Tips and tricks on loving and living with dogs!

Annoying Beggars

By Victoria Rose
Nanny 911 For Dogs
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It is not WHAT you feed them... it is WHEN you feed them.

Feeding dogs snacks, treats and "human food" does not turn them into beggars!

Feeding them WHILE YOU ARE EATING is what spoils them, making them drooling munchkins with their paws always stretched out for tidbits.

I sometimes sit on the couch eating my meal in front of the boob tube with Jetta lying beside me. She does not watch me eat because she knows she never gets any. I have never once fed her from my plate. She's also been taught "Leave It." I can leave my plate there on the coffee table and go to the kitchen for a drink or to my office to answer the phone or whatever, and she will not disturb or even *look* at my food.

If I want to share my dinner (the healthy items only, of course) with her, I always wait until I am done and some time has passed so she makes no connection between my eating and her getting a yummy "human" treat. This way, she will never become an annoying beggar.

'Til next time, "kiss the kids"
Tori (Mom of Jetta WAC, CGC)

Want more Doggie Parenting tips and tricks? Visit my website below to subscribe to my free 4,000-subscriber e-newsletter. I have *hundreds* of tips to help living with dogs easier and more enjoyable.

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My Doberman, Jetta, and me

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Ask The Trainer

“Crate or Confinement Training”

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The use of a crate or other method of confinement is widely used today with puppies or adult dogs. When you are unable to be at home with your dog or unable to supervise your dog while at home, the use of confinement can be an effective tool in helping to housetrain or to prevent destructive behavior from your dog. Crates are one popular method of confinement. There are wire crates, plastic (airline-style) crates, or mesh crates. Depending upon your dog and your situation, other methods of confinement can also be used. Ex-pens are another option if your dog will not jump out. Baby gates or closed doors can be used to block off a kitchen, laundry room, spare bedroom or other small room or area of the house. For the remainder of this article, the term crate will be used to represent any of these methods of confinement.

While some dogs have already been crate-trained or have no trouble adjusting to a crate, others will need our help. Your dog should see this space as a safe, quiet, interruption-free, happy location where she can go when she wants some time to herself. If she does not already seek out this location at least some of the time on her own, we need to help change her perception of this place. We want the crate to be her destination of choice to chew on a bone or take a nap.

If you simply push her in the crate and leave, she might decide this is a bad place. Every time she is placed in it, you leave and she is left alone. While the crate itself might not have been bad, the association she makes with it – your absence – now makes the crate a bad place. Or, if the crate is used regularly as a punishment for undesirable behaviors, she might see the crate as a bad place.

While the crate is a place that can be used to confine our dog while we are away or when she needs a time out, we first must ensure the crate has plenty of positive associations for the dog. If she equates the crate to bad things, you will have a difficult time getting her in it.

When you first bring your puppy or adult dog home, start immediately with positive associations near and in the crate. Feed her meals just outside the crate. Toss tasty treats or terrific toys inside the crate. Allow her to go in and take out the treats or toys without the door closing behind her. Let her see you toss treats or toys in the crate. Other times, toss them in when she is not around. We want her to start checking out the crate to see if there is something good in inside.

Once she is comfortable eating outside the crate, move the food bowl just inside the crate. She should have to put her head in the crate to eat, but not her entire body. Once she is comfortable with this, move the food bowl further toward the back of the crate until she is eating her meal with her body entirely in the crate.

If she will readily go in the crate after a treat or toy, decide what your cue will be to get her in the crate. You might use something like: “Kennel up” or “in your crate” or “bedtime” or anything else you would like and will remember to say. Now, use your new word or phrase just before you toss in a treat or toy.

Take one of your dog’s favorite chew toys, interactive toys, bones or other objects that will occupy some of her time and place it in the crate. The crate might be the only place she gets a really special treat. Kong or Busy Buddy toys filled with food and treats are a great option. Place it inside the crate and close the door – with your dog on the OUTSIDE of the crate. Does she want to get in the crate? Good! Let her in and quietly close the door behind her. BEFORE she finishes her treat, open the door and let her out.

While you might not want to put your dog in her crate while you are home – after all, she spends enough time in there while you are at work all day! – it is important that she spend some time in there with you nearby. This way she will not associate being locked in the crate with your absence. If she will be lying down chewing on a bone in the evening while you watch your favorite television program, use that opportunity for a little time in the crate. If you know she always naps right after breakfast, use that as some additional time in the crate. We don’t want her to spend ALL of her time in the crate, but some down time with you around can be good.

If she seems comfortable in the crate with you in the same room, try walking just out of sight and returning immediately. Reward her if she was calm. Gradually walk a bit further away as long as she is comfortable. If she is not, then back up a step or two.

If she starts to fuss, ignore her until she is quiet. Try to never let your dog out of her crate when she is crying, barking or otherwise carrying on. This will only reward her for throwing a tantrum or demanding you let her out. As soon as she stops fussing, let her out and reward her calm behavior. The only time you should let her out of the crate for barking or

carrying on is if you know she needs to get outside to potty. Don't ignore her if she is really telling you she can't hold it much longer!

If she has trouble being left alone, you will need to take these steps very slowly. If you are having a serious problem with leaving her alone, consider researching methods for treating separation anxiety or consulting a professional trainer or behavior consultant for additional advice.

Once she can be trusted loose in the house, gradually wean her off the crate and give her more freedom ONE step (or room) at a time. Make her earn it. Don't give her full run of the house from the start!

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

Please send questions to: sbrown@lovedogtraining.com



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Bits & Pieces

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 a little over 450 people of the new editions of NewSpots! That's a lot of word of mouth and print advertising for FREE!!

Advertising in NewSpots! is free!!

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

*****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 closet 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

Does your dog eat poop (Coprophagia)? We have used 'Distaste' and found it works well as long as everyone in the house gets it. Here is a link: <http://www.dogeatingpoop.com/distasteful-poop.html>.

Scott F.

Might be good for "Happy Tail"? I saw this posted and wondered too if these wraps would help a tail heal from happy tail injuries that happen to uncoated tails? You'd have to put holes in the cover if there are none, naturally, so the tail could breathe, but as hard as it is to get those pesky tails to heal once they break open, this looks pretty good. A set of three sell for \$11.95 at this link:

http://www.gundogsupply.com/lewis-dog-tail-protector.html?utm_medium=shoppingengine&utm_source=googlebase&vsfa=2266&cvsfe=2&cvsfhu=4c455749532d444f472d5441494c2d50524f544543544f52

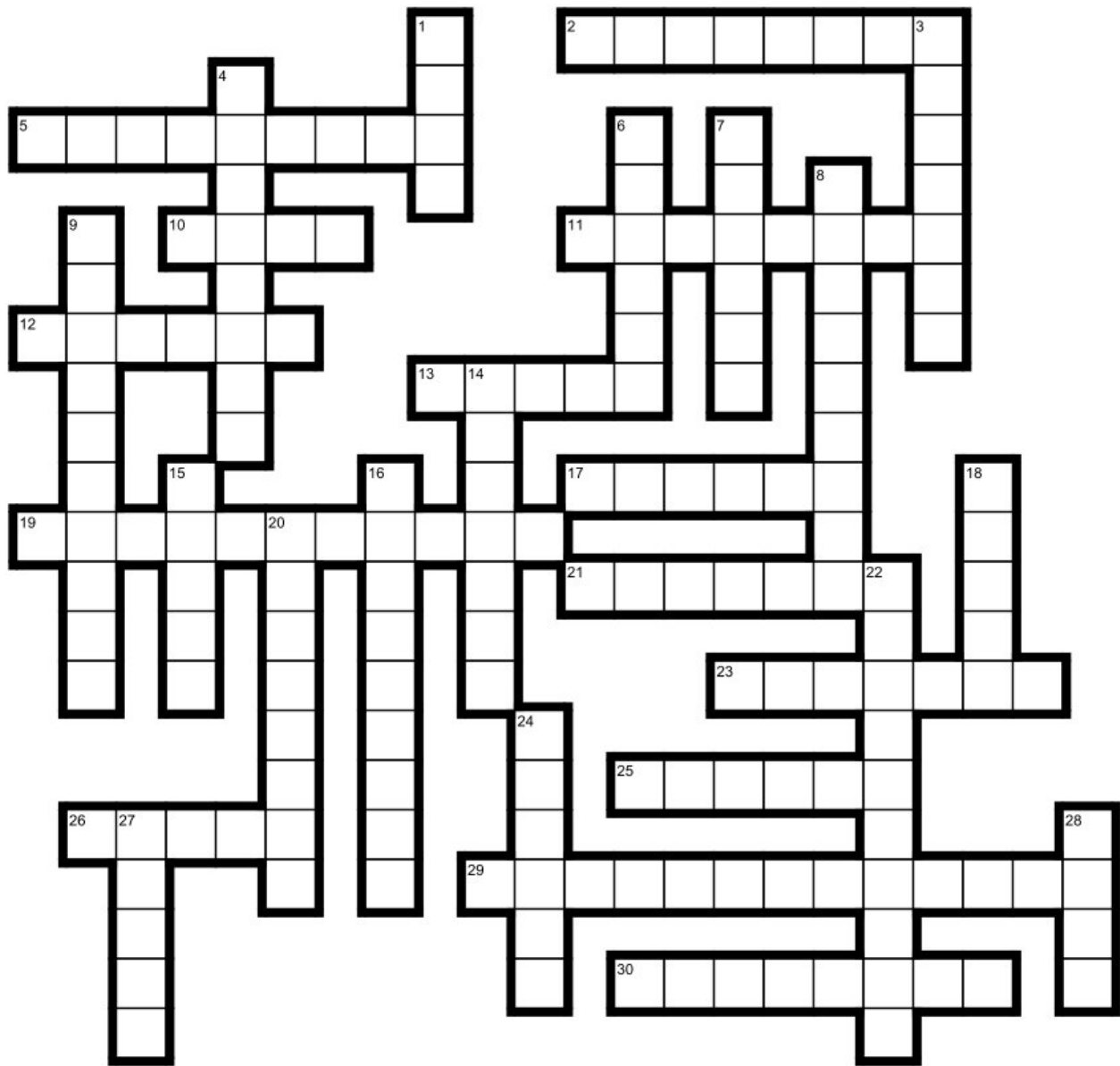
Beth White



5 1/2" length.

The Lewis Bright-Sight Tail Cover is a set of three slip on waterproof tail protectors for your dog. Slipped on in seconds and secured by three small pieces of waterproof tape (not included), this cover protects your dog's tail.

Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado April 2011 Crossword



Across

2. A problem caused by onion ingestion by a dog (8)
5. What onions can be to a dog (9)
10. Tori signs her article with "Kiss the ____" (4)
11. The name of our newsletter (8)
12. She's a happy beginning story, also (6)
13. He's in the dog house (5)
17. She's in the dog house (6)
19. The habit of eating feces (11)
21. What feeding a dog while you eat can make them (7)
23. A place to take your dog for fun and socialization (7)
25. A person who takes in a Dalmatian in need until they are placed in a forever home (6)
26. Dalmatian Rescue's President (last name) (5)
29. What donations to Dalmatian Rescue are (2 words) (13)
30. Activated _____ is used for the treatment of poisoning and allergic reactions (8)

Down

1. One of two "kill methods" to treat heartworm infestation (4)
3. A person who donates for a specific foster dog (7)
4. Another problem caused by a dog ingesting onions (8)
6. Also known as Bella (Happy Beginning Story) (6)
7. Our organization's purpose (6)
8. This person donates their time or talent to our group for no charge (9)
9. A nasty infestation contracted from the bite of an infected mosquito (10)
14. A dog's fear of being left alone (second word) (7)
15. Another name for a kennel (5)
16. Our favorite spotted dog (9)
18. A recently adopted Dalmatian (5)
20. Not a mixed breed (8)
22. A dog's fear of being left alone (first word) (10)
24. Lady _____ Beasty (you can find her in the Rainbow Memorials on our website) (6)
27. _____ body anemia (5)
28. Dalmatian Rescue's President (first name) (4)

Want to see your dog in print?

(or on our website or advertising flyers, etc.)??

We are seeking reader submitted photos! So get busy with your camera and start sending the photos in today. We prefer either TIF or JPG format and sized no smaller than 640 x 480 pixels. Please include some descriptive text to help identify what's happening in the photo(s) and be sure to include your dog's name(s), your name, city and state (so that I can give you credit for the photo). Send photos to me at spotted-dog-designs@comcast.net. I cannot guarantee that we will use all photos submitted. The more interesting and unusual the photo, the better the chance of it being used. ☺ Some ideas of photos could be your dog 'reading' a newspaper (hint, hint) – even better if he'll wear glasses while doing so; your dog watching television; sitting in the driver's seat; wearing a harness (this one could be used for a safety article); costumed up ready for Halloween. So there you have it... time to get busy with the camera and submit your photos today! See below for a few sample reader submitted photos – three of them have already appeared in NewSpots!



Doggie In The Doghouse???

If you are having a problem with the dog you adopted from us, please let us know. We'd like to help before the problem becomes too bad. Nipping a problem in the bud is the best way to get a handle on it! Some of us have years of experience with dogs, and we can also hopefully find a resource near you. We want to help! Don't suffer in silence...let us know!

Happy Beginning Stories

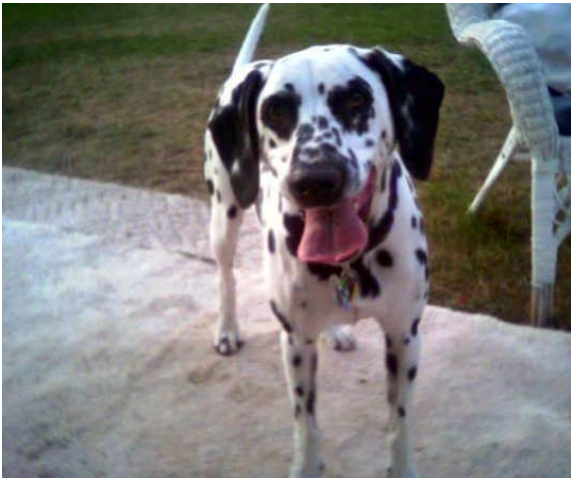
Bella (aka Shelby)

My dad is a veterinarian and when I was very young someone brought in an adult female Dal with a minor eye problem to be put down. My dad asked if he could keep her and they let me in her kennel during her recovery. That was it I have been a Dalmatian lover ever since. I lost my Dal in September of 2007 and searched desperately for a Dalmatian for our family and could not find one anywhere. I searched every state my family lived in as well as Nebraska where I was living at the time. I wound up rescuing a mutt from the shelter in Chickasha OK but I was still desperate for the connection only a Dalmatian friend can give you so I secretly kept searching. We moved 3 more times that year and a friend of mine in Colorado told me about the Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado. That is when I met Beth and also got to meet Opie. We were temporary fosters for Opie but that did it...once again. I was certain I needed more than just a taste of the Dalmatian world in my home so I told Beth we were willing to foster again. She offered up Shelby (now Bella) who was arriving soon so I drove to Denver to pick her up. I had my two girls with me so excited to meet another "Opie" dog. I had the back of the car all ready for her but I had not anticipated how terrified she would be. My youngest daughter started crying because she was hungry and before I could walk from the back of the car to the front Bella had climbed through the gate and was in Kaitlin's lap resting her head and licking her every so often to try to calm her down. I could not believe it. Once I started the car and headed home Bella was taking turns lying near each of the girls so they could pet her. Though she was terrified she found comfort in comforting the girls. I had a terrible feeling that this dog was going to be a source of conflict between my husband David and me. I ignored the feeling and just brought her home. My husband ignored her as much as possible and told me to do whatever it takes to help her find a home. That was my intent, at least at first. But I had no idea I had already found her a home...our home. I had to go on a trip to Oklahoma and I took Bella with me. As it turns out she was an awesome travel companion and I knew if someone came to take her away I would be heartbroken. As it stands Bella has joined our family and taken her place as a friend to me and playmate for my girls. She has certainly carved out her own place in all our hearts and is a welcome addition to our home.



Kami B.
Brighton, CO

Kawaii



I stumbled across the Dalmatian Rescue web site shortly after I had to put my 15-year-old Dalmatian to sleep. I browsed for several weeks never feeling quite ready for a new pet. Around mid-May 2009 I saw a posting for "Kawaii" in Wyoming. The moment I saw her picture I knew I had to have her. I contacted Beth and later spoke with her foster dad, Jim, and was sure I needed to drive down to Wyoming (I'm from Montana) to get her. In an odd turn of events, Jim's neighbor's dad was returning to Great Falls at the end of May and could swing through Helena and drop her off to me. That worked out really well, and I appreciated not making the drive to Wyoming -- although I certainly would have!

I can't tell you how happy I am with Kawaii. She is simply delightful!! She is a happy, happy, happy, lovely dog. She talks, and purrs and smile and LOVES to play with and fetch toys. She is just a trooper and during what is turning out to be a cold, snowy winter she doesn't even mind wearing her doggie coat and dog booties (by the way, if you're looking for great polar fleece dog booties dogbooties.com out of Duluth, Minn. is super). She has big fluffy beds all over the house and sleeps on the bed with me a night. Delightful ... it is the best adjective I can use to describe Kawaii. I can't even tell you how much I love this dog. I can't do it right now, but I'm hoping in the future I will be able to adopt another Dal from the site and have two.

I wish I had better photos but I don't have a real digital camera -- these were taken with my cell phone. It's been 8 months (sorry, it took me a while to do the 'happy beginning') but I wanted Beth and Jim to know she has a wonderful home and is very, very loved!

Darci G.
Helena, MT

In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Brooke



2 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Boarding

*****Foster Home URGENTLY NEEDED*****

URGENTLY NEED A FOSTER HOME FOR BROOKE WHERE SHE CAN CONTINUE HER LEARNING. DOG FOOD PROVIDED.

Brooke has been through a lot for her age but maintains a positive and patient attitude. She was brought into a shelter as a stray when she was about a year old and was adopted out a short time later to a wonderful family. Unfortunately, they had no experience with dogs, let alone a strong, high energy deaf dog. As a result, Brooke returned to the shelter. Since then, she has been in boarding for MANY months since no foster home is available. Despite this, Brooke has learned sit, down, watch me, wait, no, and how to sit before going through doorways and gates. This little girl so badly needs the consistency of a home environment so she can be loved and give love. Due to her high energy and drive, Brooke will do best as an only dog, with no other small pets or young children, although she loved the kids in her previous home. She is very sweet, and playful, but she will need to be in an environment where she has a strong, positive and consistent leader. Oh does she love her walks, chasing balls and tugging on ropes! Exercise is her friend! Help give this girl find a home where she can play all day and not live in a kennel. It's driving her nuts as you can imagine! Brooke is in Wheatridge but wants to be in a home. An experienced home with a male dog would probably be fine. She has no experience with cats so best to have no cats. Brooke is a babe that needs a break!

Marky

6 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Abandoned
Temp Foster Home

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Marky Many Spots is a kind, gentle soul who spent his Christmas sitting in a TX kill shelter because his owner wouldn't pay the fine. The shelter actually asked us to take Marky, because he is such a lovely boy, rather than just putting him to sleep. Marky is fabulous with all dogs, likely good with cats too since he is so agreeable and mellow, and so friendly. He came to us pretty tubby but so far has lost about 10 pounds now. What a joy he is to his foster mom. He's completely housebroken, won't get on the furniture, good on the leash and just a joy to have around. SOOO happy to be out of the shelter too. We need a foster home for Marky. Mark my words, you'll be glad to have Marky in your home!



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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