

The Purdue Vaccination Studies and Auto-antibodies

by Catherine O'Driscoll on April 26, 2011

A team at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine conducted several studies (1,2) to determine if vaccines can cause changes in the immune system of dogs that might lead to life-threatening immune-mediated diseases. They obviously conducted this research because concern already existed. It was sponsored by the Haywood Foundation which itself was looking for evidence that such changes in the human immune system might also be vaccine induced. It found the evidence.

The vaccinated, but not the non-vaccinated, dogs in the Purdue studies developed autoantibodies to many of their own biochemicals, including fibronectin, laminin, DNA, albumin, cytochrome C, cardiolipin and collagen.

This means that the vaccinated dogs — "but not the non-vaccinated dogs"— were attacking their own fibronectin, which is involved in tissue repair, cell multiplication and growth, and differentiation between tissues and organs in a living organism.

The vaccinated Purdue dogs also developed autoantibodies to laminin, which is involved in many cellular activities including the adhesion, spreading, differentiation, proliferation and movement of cells. Vaccines thus appear to be capable of removing the

natural intelligence of cells.

Autoantibodies to cardiolipin are frequently found in patients with the serious disease systemic lupus erythematosus and also in individuals with other autoimmune diseases. The presence of elevated anti-cardiolipin antibodies is significantly associated with clots within the heart or blood vessels, in poor blood clotting, haemorrhage, bleeding into the skin, foetal loss and neurological conditions.

The Purdue studies also found that vaccinated dogs were developing autoantibodies to their own collagen. About one quarter of all the protein in the body is collagen. Collagen provides structure to our bodies, protecting and supporting the softer tissues and connecting them with the skeleton. It is no wonder that Canine Health Concern's 1997 study of 4,000 dogs showed a high number of dogs developing mobility problems shortly after they were vaccinated (noted in my 1997 book, *What Vets Don't Tell You About Vaccines*).

Perhaps most worryingly, the Purdue studies found that the vaccinated dogs had developed autoantibodies to their own DNA. Did the alarm bells sound? Did the scientific community call a halt to the vaccination program? No. Instead, they stuck their fingers in the air, saying more research is needed to ascertain whether vaccines can cause genetic damage. Meanwhile, the study dogs were found good homes, but no long-term follow-up has been conducted. At around the same time, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force initiated several studies to find out why 160,000 cats each year in the USA develop terminal cancer at their vaccine injection sites.(3) The fact that cats can get vaccine-induced cancer has been acknowledged by veterinary bodies around the world, and even the British Government acknowledged it through its Working Group charged with the task of looking into canine and feline vaccines(4) following pressure from Canine Health Concern. What do you imagine was the advice of the AVMA Task Force, veterinary bodies and governments? "Carry on vaccinating until we find out why vaccines are killing cats, and which cats are most likely to die."

In America, in an attempt to mitigate the problem, they're vaccinating cats in the tail or leg so they can amputate when cancer appears. Great advice if it's not your cat amongst the hundreds of thousands on the "oops" list.

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Get Out & Active With Your Dog

One of the best ways to get in shape and stay that way is to give your dog what he already craves, plenty of fun exercise. Dogs make amazing work out partners because they are consistent, reliable, and enthusiastic; they also never make excuses, never tease you, and don't try to compete with you. Every dog should be walked at least twice a day until they're tired. If you get into the habit of providing your dog with exercise, you'll already be well on your way to a healthy lifestyle. You'll also be doing your dog the favor of helping him stay fit. Obesity leads to heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis in dogs.

Exercise also has a positive effect on both your dog's and your mental wellbeing. Having fun outdoors with your dog is a great way for you both to expend energy in a productive (rather than destructive) way. Have the kids home all day in the summer and not sure how to entertain them without just throwing them in front of the TV? Get them outside with you and your dog. You can all have tons of great, healthy fun by getting outside and getting some exercise.

If your dog is obese, or if your dogs have not been exercising regularly in the past, take them to see your vet to make sure they are physically capable of exercise, and to talk about the extent to which you should push them in the beginning.

Wherever you decide to take your pooch for outdoor fun, make sure he has an ID tag on his collar. You never know when he might find a way to escape even the most watchful eye. Also, always, always clean up after your pooch.

Head for the Hills

One fun way for the whole family, including your pooch, to get some exercise is with a hike. Hiking provides new and exciting sights and smells for your pup, and a beautiful atmosphere for your exercise. Before you go, make sure the trails you intend to visit are dog friendly. Lots of parks and trails forbid dogs.

Bring a couple bottles of water and a collapsible water bowl and take frequent breaks for your dog to drink. Be sure that your dog's collar and leash are rugged enough to withstand hiking hazards like sharp rocks, thick brush, and thorns. (If you accidentally drop the leash or your dog pulls it out of your hands and tares off into the woods, you want to know that he'll still have a viable leash when you catch him.) Leave the fancy leashes and show leashes at home and get a serious, durable leash, like the Ruff Wear Just-a-Cinch. If you intend to travel rough terrain, consider dog shoes like Bark'n Boots. Dog shoes will protect your pooch from hazards like sharp rocks, burrs, and broken glass. Don't forget the first aid kit, and make sure your dog is protected with a flea and tick treatment, and heartworm preventative.

While you're hiking, or taking part in any other forms of exercise with your dog, especially in hot weather, check your dog regularly for signs of dehydration. Symptoms include lethargy, sunken/bloodshot eyes, paleness, increased heart rate, and dry gums. Dehydrated dogs also lose skin elasticity. One way to check your dog for dehydration is to pinch a little chunk of his skin. If it stays pinched when you let go, instead of springing right back to where it was, your dog definitely needs a long break and water. Do not, however, let your dog quickly gulp down tons of water. This can lead to vomiting, general digestive upset, and a dangerous condition called bloat. If you stop him for a water break often enough, this shouldn't be a problem. To learn more about woodsy fun with your pooch, read our article about [Camping with Your Dog](#).

Beat the Heat, Hit Up the Beach

A trip to the beach for a nice frolic and a dip in the ocean is an extremely fun adventure for the whole family, as long as you check the rules ahead of time and know that Rover's allowed and understand what's expected of you. Most beaches have leash laws.

Make sure your dog is ready for the beach before jumping in. Try to let him get some water experience somewhere where there are no waves or any other hazards so he can get comfortable with his doggy paddle. If you're still concerned, consider a dog lifejacket. Bathtubs and kiddie pools make great first tries for small breeds. No matter how strong a swimmer your dog is, be mindful of the conditions at the beach. If there is an undercurrent or rip tide warning, stay out of the water. You can also talk to the lifeguard to ascertain if conditions are safe as far as waves and critters-- jelly fish and sea lice are hazards for dogs as well as people.

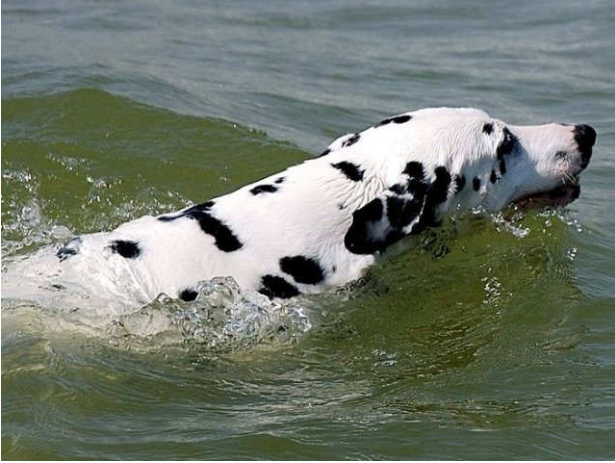
Remember that dogs are sensitive to the sun just like we are. Using Sun Protection Shampoo will protect your dog's skin and coat, and dog Sunglasses will shield delicate eyes. Also remember that wet, sandy collars don't work well and they can irritate your dog's neck, so check for sand under the collar and watch for rubs.

Exercise is more strenuous in the sand and heat, so be extremely vigilant. Dogs LOVE the beach; they can dig, they can run, they can swim, and there are all sorts of thrilling sights, sounds, and smells. All that excitement will often distract a dog from the fact that he is exhausted or overheated. You might feel bad reining your dog in from time to time in such a fun environment, but make sure he takes plenty of breaks to relax, have some water, and cool off in the shade.

When you leave the beach, rinse your dog off with fresh water, and make sure he gets a bath as soon as he gets home. Salt, bacteria, and pollutants in the water can irritate your dog's skin and affect the health and beauty of his coat.

If nothing else, head to the dog park, or just out back and throw the ball for Rover. He really wants to play with you, and the exercise will do you both tons of good!

Water Fun & Safety



As the days grow warmer and longer and summer inches its way closer and closer, thoughts begin to drift and fade into daydreams of sunny beaches and cool, refreshing pools. Then it comes—that first gorgeous, hot, sun-shining day of the season. It's time to hightail it to the nearest beach and celebrate summer, but does your dog get to come along?

It is an excellent idea to bring your dog with you to the pool or beach. Swimming is a fantastic way to exercise and most dogs love the water. However, one must be mindful of the dangers present when you mix dogs and water.

It is a misconception that all dogs are expert swimmers. Many dogs, especially Labrador Retrievers, Newfoundlands, Otterhounds, and several other breeds are natural swimmers. They have webbed paws to help them swim and their coats are made for getting wet. However, other breeds like Greyhounds, Bulldogs, Pugs, and Corgis by nature

of their body shape, weight distribution or coat have trouble swimming.

Introducing your dog to the water, whether he's a swimming breed or not, should be done gently so he doesn't develop water anxiety. Find a body of water with little or no current, or a quiet, mellow pool. If your dog doesn't immediately go straight for the water, try running in yourself or coaxing him with treats or toys. Having doggie friends around who like the water is another good way to get your dog interested. Once in the water, if your dog is having a hard time, try holding his back end up for a few minutes; it will help him learn how he must hold his body to swim well.

Once your dog is enjoying the water, you're free to do so as well, as long as you keep one eye on the dog. There are all sorts of dangers that can spell disaster for your dog on the water. One thing to watch for is the point at which your dog is too tired. Most dogs will hold their tail high in the water and use it as a rudder. If you notice that your dog's tail is hanging down, chances are he's worn-out and it's time to get out of the water. Other signs your dog has had enough include gasping, increased splashing while swimming, and coughing.

One must be mindful of the various perils of any swimming location and safeguard your dog with diligence. If you're at the beach or near a natural body of water, be mindful of sharp rocks, shells and the like, which can cut your dog's paws. Make sure you're familiar with the location and any environmental hazards such as jellyfish, sea lice, or riptides.

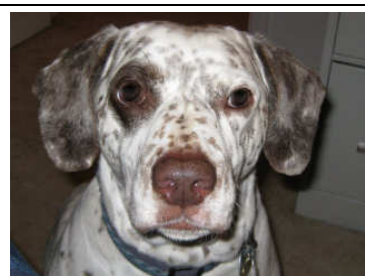
When taking your dog for a swim or boat ride, you should consider outfitting him with a lifejacket. Special lifejackets for dogs are a great way to make your adventure safer. Most dog flotation devices include a handle so you can easily lift him from the water. Since they add buoyancy, your dog can expend less energy swimming and use more energy having fun and staying warm.

Be mindful of your dog's personal stamina and the conditions. Even the strongest swimmers have a hard time when it's cold or the current is strong. Hypothermia is a serious peril in the water. Keep an eye out for shivering, shallow breathing and pale or blue gums; these are all symptoms of hypothermia.

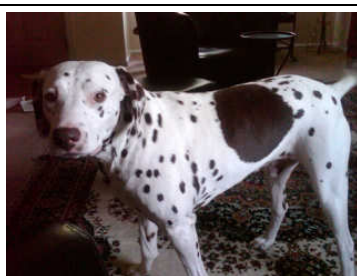
If your dog has short hair, white hair, or pink skin, he can get a sunburn. Use a dog shampoo with built-in sun protection and rub sunscreen on your dog's nose.

When you leave the water, whether it is a pool, river, or ocean, give your dog a thorough rinse-off. Salt, algae, and pool chemicals wreak havoc on your dog's skin and coat. Also, do your best to dry his ears completely. Damp ears lead to ear infections, mites, and yeast infections.

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Sleeping With (Incontinent) Dogs

By Victoria Rose
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There are two types of dog people in the world. Those who sleep with their dogs and those who don't.

I used to be one of the latter and now I am one of the former.

I used to have German shepherds and Labrador retrievers and I never wanted their hair in my bed. I would let them come up onto the bed in the morning when I awoke so we could cuddle a little bit before starting our day. But when it came to sleepy-time, my dogs always had their own beds in my room.

Then I got my first Doberman, Dancer, and learned that because Dobermans have just one short coat, they get cold easily. So I let Dancer get under the covers with me. <g>

And I discovered that I loved sleeping with my dog! And because Dobermans don't have a lot of hair, hair in the bed was never an issue for me.

Since then I have had two more Dobermans, Mocha and now Jetta, and have thoroughly enjoyed sleeping with them. Yes, I said it... and guess what else?

We "spoon!" I'm a single girl... gotta spoon with my dog. LOL!

Last newsletter I mentioned that I was joining a dating website. Well, I had my first date. His name is Rick and he took me to breakfast. Rick has a Labrador retriever named Molly. Until the previous week, Molly slept with Rick every night. But, Molly has developed incontinence. Concerns about her condition possibly ruining his mattress led Rick to reluctantly get her to start sleeping in her own bed beside his. Sad, because Rick likes to sleep with his girl too. He misses sleeping with Molly. In the morning he invites her up to cuddle before they start their day. (Isn't he sweet?)

I told Rick that Jetta is also incontinent at times (maybe once a month or so), but she still sleeps with me and there is no danger of her occasional leaks damaging my mattress.

"How?" he asked. He said he'd gotten a waterproof mattress cover but...

And I finished his sentence for him because I had also tried one: "It is noisy!" And he said yes and we laughed.

The waterproof mattress cover that I had was so noisy every time Jetta or I moved that I could barely sleep. Rick said he was experiencing the same problem. I remember it well... So I shared with Rick my solution to this problem.

Over my mattress I have a thick blanket. (It is in excellent condition and cost me only one dollar at a garage sale.) Because it is oversized for my queen-size bed, I fold it over, so that on Jetta's side, it is doubled. Over that, I have not one, but two regular mattress covers. Then, of course, on top of that is the sheet. Jetta does not leak often, but when she does, the urine has never penetrated this thick wall of protection. I wash the bedding and we're good to go!

Happy mom, happy Jetta, happy cuddling!

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

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Photo: When Jetta gets warm under the covers, she maneuvers for air

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Ask The Trainer

“Puppy Nipping”

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Frequent nipping and puppy biting can be extremely frustrating for a puppy’s human family. Nipping can take time to stop because: (1) it is difficult to be consistent about never rewarding it; and (2) most puppies have not learned another way to express excitement or frustration.

Try to NEVER reward nipping. If your puppy puts his mouth on you, but you do NOT feel any teeth, reward this behavior. We want our puppies to learn to use a soft mouth or an inhibited bite. However, if you feel teeth, you need to respond immediately. Remember, the result or consequence of a behavior must occur within 3 seconds!

Use a verbal marker (a word or sound) to let your puppy know he is being inappropriate. The best verbal marker is a high-pitched, short, sharp “Yelp!” or “Ouch!” This simulates the yelp another puppy uses if your puppy is being too rough. Immediately following the yelp, withdraw all attention from your puppy until he stops nipping. If you have a hard time “yelping” then use a specific word, such as “Ouch!” or “Too bad!” We are not scolding the puppy, only giving him a verbal marker that he made a mistake.

You can remove your attention in a few different ways. First, you can stand perfectly still where you are, fold your arms, turn up your nose and look away. No eye contact, no talking, and no touching. These are all forms of interaction. All interaction should end until your puppy is calm. When you do resume interaction, make sure it is quiet and slow to encourage his calm behavior.

Another option is to remove yourself from the situation. You must do this quickly with a minimum of interaction. If your puppy is chasing and nipping at you as you depart, he is being rewarded. Place yourself out of reach by stepping behind a baby gate or door so he can’t reach you.

You can also place him somewhere else, such as in his crate, behind a baby gate or in an ex-pen. This must be done quickly and with a minimum of interaction or once again, he will be rewarded for his behavior by receiving additional attention from you. Make sure he does not have the opportunity to continue nipping at you.

One other option is to have a drag line (similar to a leash) on your puppy. When he starts nipping, take hold of the drag line, not the puppy. Use this line to hold him off from you so he can’t nip at you. Similarly, you can use a leash and have it attached to a table leg or other object so you can simply step out of his reach.

If you are really having a difficult time, you can also consider using a head halter (such as the Gentle Leader or Halti) in conjunction with the drag line. (A head halter should never be left on an unsupervised puppy.) It will give you additional control when you need to stop your puppy from nipping you. However, please try other methods before resorting to this option.

Which method you choose is less important than your consistency with not rewarding your puppy for his behavior.

Another way to put an end to the nipping is to not give your puppy the opportunity to nip at you in the first place. Easier said than done! There are a few things you can do to achieve this seemingly impossible task.

When interacting with your puppy, always have at least one toy on hand that you can place in his mouth. Avoid using your hands near your puppy’s face when he is riled up or playing. He takes this as an invitation to play, which he often does by nipping. Avoid wrestling with your puppy.

You can’t expect your puppy to always be calm and relaxed. He is a puppy, after all! Part of the fun is to see him excited and having fun. However, make sure all his excitement is directed toward toys and other objects rather than toward your hands, other body parts, or clothing.

Take frequent breaks when interacting with your puppy. He must learn to play appropriately, but this will be difficult if you allow him to become frequently overly stimulated. Play for a short while. Take a break. Practice calm behaviors such as sits or downs. Play again. Take another break. Teach him a “relax” or “chill out” cue to let him know when it’s time to relax.

When he is relaxed and well-behaved, reward in some way, but do not get him riled up again. Use calm, slow talk and movements to encourage calm behavior. Puppies will feed off our energy, so be careful how you are responding. Are you contributing to his behavior?

Teething is one of the most difficult times to deal with your puppy's nipping. Have plenty of appropriate toys and other items for chewing. Puppy Kongs or other interactive toys filled with food, treats or chicken broth and placed in the freezer for several hours work well. If your puppy is not a heavy-duty chewer, try a washcloth or similar object soaked in chicken or beef broth and frozen. Place a few small treats in an ice cube tray, fill with water and freeze. Have several items so you can pull something new out of the freezer as needed.

Puppies have plenty of energy, but they also need plenty of rest. If your puppy has constant interaction, he will become overly stimulated easily and nipping will result due to frustration and crankiness. Be sure to give him some time with no interaction from anyone.

The two most important things to stop a nipping puppy are never reward his nipping behavior and to teach him an alternative action. As with other undesirable behaviors, consider what you want your puppy to do instead. If your puppy nips at your hand to demand attention from you, ask for an alternative behavior BEFORE he nips. Teach him to bring you a toy to play or sit next to you for some petting. If he learns an alternative behavior to get what he wants, and he learns it is more effective in achieving what he wants, he will start to offer those behaviors more often and the nipping will eventually go away.

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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!

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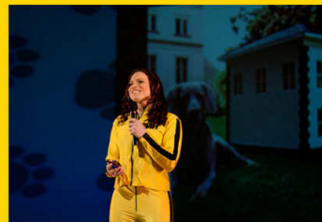
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*Arrive early to meet local animal rescues!

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Don't Kill Bill Comes to Colorado Springs!

If you wanted to go see this show in Boulder but couldn't make it, you have the chance to see it in Colorado Springs on June 25th at the Dusty Loo Bon Vivant Theatre on the UCCS campus. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. but you should try to arrive early to meet with the local animal rescue groups that will be present.

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!

Indoor Dog Agility & Canine Social Club

Opening In Longmont

We offer specials deals for foster dogs as well as newly homed rescue dogs who would benefit from the social and bonding aspect of group or private classes - please contact us for more information. Zoom Room can be used as an event center for adoption events, meet ups, or any fundraiser/party you can think of. Possibilities are endless!

Grand Opening!

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On May 7, 2011, the Zoom Room will open its doors to celebrate the social aspect of dog ownership in Longmont, Colorado.

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Free Dog Agility Classes

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Grand Opening Party

And then, from 6 pm to 10 pm, we'll host a blow-out party. Among other goodies, we'll be serving freshly brewed "Zoom Room Agility," a new line of direct trade coffee made exclusively for the Zoom Room by Intelligentsia Coffee and Tea.

We'll also serve Cru Vin Dogs wine, which benefits Denver-based Morris Animal Foundation

(<http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/>). And of course we'll have cold Tommy Knocker brew on hand.

Catering (for the humans!) will be provided by one of our favorite spots – Sun Rose Cafe (<http://www.sunrosecafe.com/>) – which has just celebrated two years in Longmont.

We'll also have treats for the pups, a Doggy Disco®, music, fun, and a chance to mix and mingle among other great dog owners in Longmont.

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Happy Beginning Stories

Angel4

Angel arrived to her new home in the fall of 2010. At first she had anxiety about being left alone, but soon over came this. Her day starts by waking up Ed (Bobbi's Dad) because breakfast is at 7:30am sharp! If for some reason, Ed's alarm does not go off, she will gently nudge his hand to wake him and if that doesn't work she will give him a little bark to let him know that "he" is late for breakfast.

She loves her orthopedic beds (she has 3 of these around the house). She absolutely loves her two walks with Ed every day. She draws quite a bit of attention from kids and adults alike. The kids want to know what the "fire dogs" name is and when Ed tells them she is a Dalmatian the usual response is "We've never seen a REAL Dalmatian before". She just loves being petted by the kids!!

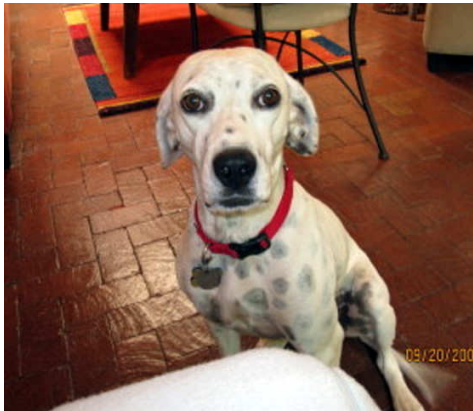
She greets us when we get home with her wagging tail and a BIG smile on her face as well as dog hugs. Supper is 6pm sharp! That is Bobbi's or my job to do this and if we are late she will let us know and if we are later than a half hour she will "chew us out", of course we deserve it!! Did I mention she is a good eater! She likes being petted and her ears rubbed every night.

She also especially likes going for car rides and going to Petco. The store manager just loves her and knows her by name when she comes in. She is such a joy and we were lucky to get her. Even though she is an old "Dal gal" she has lots of love to give us and our family would not be complete without her. We do not know how much time we will have with her as she is older, but only God knows how much time we all have. Whatever that time is, we cherish her being part of our family.



Bobbi and Marty K.
Rapid City, SD

Kawaii



My name is Clover and I came to my new home on 8th of August (2009). My mom had recently lost her dear Percy, another rescue Dal, and needed someone new to love and play with. I enjoyed the ride down to Santa Fe but never had time to sleep between getting out at rest stops to meet other dogs and say hello to all the people and just looking at the scenery.

My house is great. I have two beds, one in the living room and one in the bedroom, a garden filled with trees and plants and neighbors (people and dogs) all around that I check all the time. I can't actually see them because of the walls but I know every move they make. The best part of the garden is the Russian sage plants. Bees love Russian sage and I love bees - stalking, catching and eating them! My mom raced off and bought some antihistamine when she saw me actually eating the bees, just in case, but they don't bother my tummy at all. I spend hours every day out there but lately, there seem to be fewer bees. Either I've eaten them all or it's because it's starting to get cold here and they've moved on to somewhere warmer.

I go to work most days with mom and I met my new best friend, Dreamer, there. He's a great big shepherd-type boy, a rescue from outside Gallup. And there's also Peanut the Chihuahua, Hugo the Pug, and Barkey the grumpy Shi Tzu. Not everyone comes to work every day, just me. Even the lady who brings the mail to work every day has decided she's not scared of dogs, since I'm always happy to see her when she rings the front door bell to come in. The food here is great. Breakfast is early, after we've gone for a walk in the park across the street. I eat while mom reads the paper and drinks her tea. Then I go back to bed (on her bed) so I can keep my eye on her while she gets ready for work. Once I see the harness in her hands, I get so excited and start running all over the place. But when she says "SIT", I stay still long enough for her to get it on and then I know we're off to work. Dinner comes as soon as we get home at night and then we usually go to the dog park. I love it there. Some of the people there have named me "White Lightning" because as soon as we're behind the fence I'm off, running so fast it's hard to see where I've gone. The park is huge and you never know who you'll meet there. The best is when Dreamer, who comes to stay here sometimes and I spent the weekend at his house last weekend, is there. I'm way faster than him but he keeps trying to keep up with me and that's good, because he's getting a bit chubby if you know what I mean. I run and run and run and then find the nearest water tank and dive right in. I'm a great swimmer!

So life is really good here. Yesterday we went to the store and bought me a coat, a red fleece coat to match my harness and lead. It's getting pretty cold here at night and since I don't have much hair on my tummy and not much anywhere else really, it will keep me warm.

I hope my buddies in Colorado Springs find new homes like this one!

Clover

as dictated to Jo C.

Santa Fe, NM

In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatians

Laken



3 Years Old, Black Spayed Female
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home, Greeley, CO

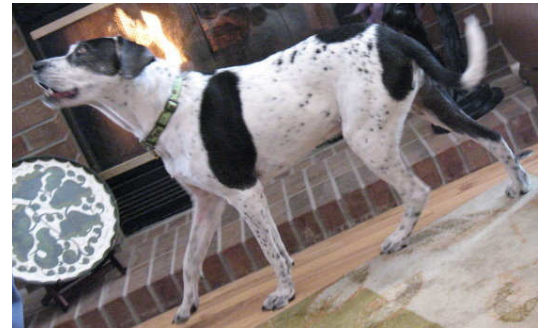
Little Laken came from a home with too many dogs. She is good with dogs, kids and has been good with cats too. She's just a cool young lady with lots of love to give. She was a shelter favorite and fell in love with the foster mom's young sons and 3 year old grandson, and they fell in love with her. Laken is a Dalmatian mix possibly with pointer. She is good in a crate, uses a dog door and is not a barker, but she would do best with at least a 5 ft. fence or a hot wire. This is an active young dog who

would make a wonderful pet for an active family. Laken is a quick learner and strives to please. She can also be a real snuggle bug. Poor Miss Laken is so hoping for a very special Valentine, a home of her very own.

George2

6 Years Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Owner Surrender
Foster Home, Colorado Springs, CO

George had always been an outdoor dog until he came to us. He is great in the house, mellow, jovial and likes everyone. We think he might be good with cats too. He sure is good with dogs and people. Currently living in Colorado Springs, George is mellow, mannerly, and just a cool dude! He would really be happy living with another dog or with someone who is home most of the time. George has chewed on things he shouldn't have in the past, but recently he's been left home with the other three dogs in the house for up to three hours and hasn't had a problem. He is often referred to as a 'Velcro dog' by his foster dad because he likes to be in the same room with his dad all the time. George doesn't like to be left alone much at all, but he's a really great boy to be around and to share your life with.



Witfield



1 Year Old, Black Neutered Male
Reason Available: Stray
Foster Home, Colorado Springs, CO

Little Witfield (or Wit for short...which means white in Dutch) had his spots stolen somehow, except for those on his ears. He acts like a Dalmatian all around except he has no spots on his body! Maybe that is why someone threw this youngster away? Whatever Wit is, he is handsome, very affectionate and loves to romp and roughhouse with other dogs. Wit can jump a 6' fence so he needs supervision when out in the yard. He doesn't run off, but he does go

visiting. Wit will need to be trained with an underground fence that lines a solid fence to keep him safe. Wit is very well mannered in the house and is learning basic commands. He is in a foster home in Colorado Springs. Check out this rare white bunny who thinks he is a dawg!

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