



# RockySpot NEWS



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## A Special Christmas Wish: The Stray Dalmatian

Dear God, please send me somebody who'll care! I'm tired of running, I'm sick with despair. My body is aching, it's so racked with pain. And dear God, I pray, as I run in the rain.

That someone will love me, and give me a home. A warm cozy bed and a big juicy bone. My last owner tied me all day in the yard, sometimes with no water, and God, that was hard!

So I chewed my leash and I ran away, to rummage in garbage and live as a stray. But now I'm tired, and hungry, and cold, and I'm so afraid that I'll never grow old.

They've chased me with sticks, hit me with stones, while I run the streets, just looking for bones! I'm not really bad, God, please help if you can, for I have become just a "victim of man!"

I'm wormy, dear God, and I'm ridden with fleas, and all that I want is an owner to please! If you find one for me, I'll try to be good. I won't chew their shoes, and I'll do as I should.



I will love them, protect them, and try to obey, when they tell me to sit, to lie down, or to stay! I don't think I'll make it too long on my own cause I'm getting so weak, and I'm Oh, so alone.

Each night as I sleep in the bushes I cry, cause I'm so afraid God, that I'm going to die! I've got so much love and devotion to give, that I should be given a new chance to live,

So, dear God, please, please answer my prayer, and send me somebody who will care, that is, dear God, if You're really there!

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Please give a gift of love  
this season...



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Located in central Oklahoma, RockySpot Rescue, Inc. is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abandoned, abused or unwanted Dalmatians. We provide consultation assistance to current and future owners for the welfare of the Dalmatian and participate in educating the public about the Dalmatian breed.

We are not a shelter, volunteers. There- extremely limited, as only take shelter dogs.



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RockySpot was founded about seven years ago by Theresa Monnard. Starting as a backyard breeder, Theresa soon realized that many Dalmatians were being abandoned and abused, so, instead she began to house these unfortunate dogs. Theresa's home and land is now used by RocySpot to house, feed, and care for 38 needy Dalmatians.

The release of Disney's "101 Dalmatians" and then, "102 Dalmatians" focused attention (who could resist such lovable dogs?) on the Dalmatian breed. Hundreds (thousands?) of litters were bred in anticipation that an increased demand for spotted puppies would clearly spell PROFIT. While some of these breeders were able to sell their litters, other's weren't so lucky and entire litters were simply abandoned or turned into shelters. Pups who were sold to unprepared impulse buyers were also left on the doorsteps of shelters across the country and there were few homes for the UNwanted adult Dalmatians.



Our Founding Angel:  
Theresa Monnard



In The Kitchen For Feeding!



## Flight Of An Angel

I remember the day you came. So unhappy, your eyes cast down in shame. Why would someone give you up? They'd had you since you were a pup.

What would your story be, sweet one? Did your family grow tired of the doggie fun? Or maybe you just got old and gray, no longer moved fast, and just got in the way.

You were so scared, so unsure because the person that you loved left you alone. I called

you, told you it would be all right; I put my arms around your neck and held you so tight. As time went on and I earned your trust, manners and training were a must. And I know that we made quite a pair. Another pup turns in foster care.

Not every day was hearts and flowers, you know this much is true, but as a team we kept on trying and saw it all the way through. We spent much time chasing demons; consistency was the key. But little did I realize I needed you as much as you needed me.

The time has come, my Golden one, look how much you've grown. There's a family who wants a dog to love for their very own. You have to move on, as another needs your space. I know you are ready now, the wag of your tail, that smile on your face.

I took notes and pictures, right from the start. But the best memory I have of you is etched deeply in my heart. I will not say goodbye, as that is forever. Our bond is special, I'll forget you never. So spread your wings, my precious one, the world is waiting for you. Soar high, and fly, and begin your life anew. (By Pam Thiess)

## History of Dalmatians

Our first president, George Washington, raised Dalmatians. So did Benjamin Franklin, as a fireman, he was probably the first to use the Dal at the fire-station. Other famous people who have owned Dalmatians are Arthur Fiedler, Glenn Ford, Gloria Estafan, and Richard Simmons.

The history of the Dalmatian can be traced back to ancient Egypt and the pyramids. There are spotted dogs depicted in artwork accompanying chariots. The Dalmatian is originally from the Austrian Empire's Dalmatia coast, hence the name, Dalmatian. This area is known as Croatia today. Dalmatians were imported into England in the 18th century, where they became very well liked and known. The Dalmatian has been used in many rolls. He has been used in wartime as a sentinel as well as an attack dog. The most popular use was as a coach dog, for this they are considered the only coaching breed. The aristocratic lords of England naturally adopted their distinctive and neat appearance. Many coaches had

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Many coaches had one or more Dalmatians in attendance. The dogs would ride next to the coachman or run just ahead or just under the axle of the coach. Their natural stamina, speed and agility made them ideal companions to the horses and coach. His protective instincts were a great asset to the coach's occupants, especially while traveling in the less desirable areas of the country. Naturally the Dalmatian's talents were adopted and used by the fire service, to attend to the horse drawn fire engines. In the cities of old, the Dal played multiple rolls in the fire service. At the station he would root out the rats, protect the men and equipment from vandals and vagrants, and be a loyal companion. On the fire calls he would run ahead of the engine to ward off other dogs from the horses path. When the engine arrived at the scene the Dalmatians would keep the horses in place and ward off any unwanted dogs.

Today the Dalmatian is the official mascot of the fire service. He can be found in fire stations around the world. His aristocratic good looks, low maintenance, high energy and unrelenting loyalty suite him well for the fire service. Many a Dalmatian can be seen riding high and proud on the fire apparatus as it speeds to an alarm. To the "Coach Dog", nothing is more enjoyable than a ride.

## Remarkable Rescues

TYLER is named for the town he came from. (Tyler, Texas) When he arrived, Tyler was possibly the skinniest dog RockySpot had ever seen alive. The kill shelter that he was liberated from could barely be considered much of anything, as Tyler had to sit for days in his own waste and was not fed anything for two days at the shelter were certain to live that day. They just bathed him, BEFORE he ported to RockySpot.



Finally arriving at RockySpot Rescue, Tyler had to be fed two table-spoons of wet food at a single feeding, several times a day. Due to the starvation his poor stomach could not handle eating a normal meal. On top of all the other suffering, Tyler was also heartworm positive. The treatment for heartworms can be compared to chemotherapy for humans. Because we knew the treatment would be so harsh on his body, we waited until Tyler had put on some weight and regained his strength before starting the remedy. Tyler is the sweetest dog in the world. He will sit for hours and hold your hand with his paw, with eyes closed taking deep breaths of contentment. He was adopted in November.

## Ready To Bring LOVE Home?

We have so many great Dals it's VERY hard to choose just one to feature here each month. Being in the Rescue can be stressful and taxing on any living being, and these lovely nature Dals are no exception.



This month's Dog of the Month is

DUKE. Duke is a 2-year-old deaf Dalmatian. He is a timid, submissive, 48-lb neutered male with beautiful spots and body structure. He has a proud air about him, but is really just a shy, loving soul. He is a very happy boy who is still afraid of being abused again. Duke needs lots of love and time to heal his emotional wounds. Duke gets along with all the other dogs, but really needs a friend to be his ears. With the right home, Duke will make someone a very beautiful, loving companion.

*Are you his home?*



Our newest members needing YOUR help. These beautiful "liver" colored Dals will make great best friends for you. Call us today to see them up close.

## Awesome Adoption

**SPORT** came to RockySpot in June, 2000. Theresa, our founder and President, pulled a cold and afraid Sport from a shelter in Moore. Sport and his brother, Willie, had been used as stud dogs in a backyard breeding operation. Finally at RockySpot, at the age of two, Sport was real grass and dirt for the first time. He loved to play in his kiddie pool. Sport loved most anyone who would take the time to show him some affection and rub his belly. Yet something was still missing in his life. He had all his basic needs met, but there was still that empty spot in his heart.



In July, during the Midsummer's Night Festival, Sport's dream became more than a figment of his imagination. Cecil and Jean came to visit and see the menagerie of spots. Not really wanting a fully-grown dog, they came to the event very apprehensive. But with one look into Sport's beautiful blue eyes they were mesmerized. Hesitantly they took Sport home to see how they would feel about having him in their lives.

Sport knew he had found his new mom and dad. He never left their side. The place in Sport's heart that was aching so badly was now filled with love.

Finally, Cecil and Jean called and made it official. Sport was the ONE for them. We all thought it was a miracle, as we always knew that Sport's new home would have to be very special. And they are. Sport let us know he is the happiest dog in the world. We are so delighted that Sport, who almost didn't go to the event, was at long-last able to find his forever home. Thank you Cecil and Jean for being that special home!

## Twas The Night Before Christmas Rescue

Twas the night before Christmas,  
When all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
With no thought of their Dalmatian filling their head.  
And mama in her 'kerchief', and dad in his cap,  
Knew he was cold, but didn't care about that.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
Joey sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window he flew like a flash,  
Figuring the dog was free of his chain and into the trash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave the luster of midday to objects below,  
When, what to his wondering eyes did appear,

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## Dalmation Spirit

The Dalmatian is an active, energetic dog that enjoys lots of exercise. Dalmatians are people-like and people oriented. They do best when given the opportunity to spend lots of time with and around their families. Dalmatians are rather sensitive, too - they can sulk when scolded, and "talk" up a storm when they're happy or want your attention. If a Dal is what you crave, be prepared to make him a part of your life, both outdoors and indoors. Dals love to play ... and play ... especially as youngsters. Bred to run for hours under, or alongside the axle of a horse-drawn coach, most Dalmatians do not tire easily. However, they do poorly as full-time outdoor dogs. Their sensitive skin and short hair does not allow them to handle weather extremes well, and they will pick up fungi from moist soil and grass; not to mention fleas and ticks!

Carefully bred, Dalmatians are "up" dogs, as bold as their unique spotting exemplifies! They are the clowns of Dogdom. But parents with small children (under 5 yr.) should be aware that Dals are very exuberant and will want to consider their potential reaction when the dog accidentally knocks a child down. Mind you, small children must be taught not to poke at eyes or pull tails; both Dal and child need to learn proper behavior! Because of their intelligent and exuberant nature, early obedience training is \*essential\* for Dalmatians. Dalmatians usually get on well with other dogs and are great in multi pet households. It is desirable to socialize puppies with children, adults, and with other dogs from an early age. Dals can also get along splendidly with cats if introduced appropriately. A well-bred Dalmatian should be aloof with strangers, but never shy or aggressive. Once they get to know a stranger, that person may be treated to the full toothed smile or, "smarl" - a combination of a smile and a snarl that can be disarming to one unfamiliar with the ways of a Dal! Dals can also be very vocal. They coo and grunt and will give you a whistling yawn when attempting to avoid a scolding! As former guard dogs, Dalmatians make good watchdogs. Sensible and alert, they are usually not hysterical "yappers" but will bark only when necessary.

Are Dalmatians stupid? Definitely not. On the contrary, they are extremely intelligent and creative! They are often smart enough to recognize a situation where the owner is unable or unwilling to enforce a command. They ARE often headstrong. If you do not give them consistent, firm training and boundaries as puppies, you will wind up with an unmanageable adult. Dalmatians may also be easily bored. Males, in particular, may have an independent streak. For these reasons, Dalmatians often respond best to more positive training methods, as opposed to methods which rely primarily on scolding and telling the dog what NOT to do.

## IN MEMORY OF

**SHADOW**

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**TIPPER**

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## Twas The Night Before Christmas Rescue

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But Santa Clause - with his eyes full of tears.  
He unchained the dog, who was once so lively and quick,  
Last years Christmas present, now painfully thin and sick.  
More rapid than eagles he called the Dals name.  
And the dog ran to him, despite all his pain;  
“Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Let’s find this dog a home where he’ll be loved by all!”  
Joey knew in an instant there would be no gifts  
For Santa Clause had made one thing quite clear,  
The gift of a dog is not just for the season,  
They had gotten the pup for all the wrong reasons.  
In their haste to think of the kids a gift  
There was one important thing they missed.  
A dog should be family, and cared for the same  
You don’t give a gift, then put it on a chain.  
And he heard Santa exclaim as he rode out of sight,  
“You weren’t given a gift! You were given a LIFE!”



God Bless All  
Living Creatures  
(especially DALs)  
At  
Christmastime



## Can You Share Just A Little Love Today?

### Volunteers Needed - Please Help Us Save The Dalmatians

Many people think that if they can't foster a dalmatians in their home, they can't help RockySpot Rescue. Nothing could be further from the truth! Here's just a taste of what YOU may be able to do. And the DALs would LOVE you for helping!

Help pet owners be better pet owners by being available to answer training questions.

Volunteer to become a rescue representative

Conduct a home visit...or accompany a rescue person on a visit.

Drive a rescue to and from vet appointments.

Go to a foster home once a week to help socialize a dog.

Donate a dog bed, crate, collar, treats, flea control products, a sterilized bone, chew toy, blanket, stainless steel food dish, grooming supplies or even your services if you run a business.

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