



"SPOT ON!"

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LEADING THE PACK...



REMEMBER YOGI??

Sure you do! He is not just a RockySpot dog... he belongs to the whole RockySpot Family! He is "your" dog! If not for all of your support when we found him, "your" Yogi would not be alive and well today and READY for his new home. His leg has healed and he has been given a clean bill of health. He can't thank his extended family enough (and neither can we!)

Here is what his foster mom has to say about "your" Yogi...

Yogi has been wonderful, even the few times Mr. Grumpy visited. Although he has an alpha personality, like our Champ, he seems to get along with him fine and my husband says he is even better behaved! So he should be fine around even grumpier dogs! And he is totally fine with our cats!

He LOVES to go for car rides (as long as it is not the VETS office which he hates, naturally after all he has been through) and will argue about getting out of the car when it is time. Yogi WILL stand his ground with anyone if he feels threatened or intimidated (hello mini Mr. Grumpy) so he could make a good guard dog too. Because of that I would not place him with very young children. He won't stand for being abused or manhandled in any way.

He loves water and when outside he gets in the kiddie pool and drinks from the water hose. He was by far the easiest dog to bathe. He always comes when he's called and is an all-around good dog.

I wish you could see him when he is happy as he is normally very happy guy and quite the cuddle-dal. He is totally housebroken and does not mark anything ever! He is so smart we taught him to sit in no time! I sure hope someone wants to take a look at Yogi - he's such a good boy!

Please help us find "your" Yogi, this special thrown away boy, a wonderful forever home. From abandoned alone for days to drown in pouring rain with a broken leg, to playing in a pool of water and loving it! What a spirit! We can't let our love for him stop now! He STILL NEEDS US!



**Let's help Yogi Bear
find a home!!**



**"We took the time one day
when most of the dogs were out to play,
to snap a few, to show to you
what all your awesome support goes to!"**

**Check out where your RSR doggies live
at this link:**

[http://picasaweb.google.com/
RSRcalendar/RSRKennels52408](http://picasaweb.google.com/RSRcalendar/RSRKennels52408)



THIS QUARTER'S "SPOT ON!" VOLUNTEER...



AWESOME ANN!!!

Someone left the door open a tiny crack one day, and Ann silently slipped almost unnoticed into our rescue chaos. Bringing food as a distraction (mmm... Chicken Pot Pie!) she quickly slid past us into the storage room originally designed to be the RSR office. Hidden for weeks among mountains of boxes and paperwork, few knew she was even there and those that did only saw brief glimpses of her as she darted around in the rubble. Ann slowly and quietly nibbled away at the years of neglected filing and documentation until one day her head peeked out, then her shoulders, and then THERE SHE WAS! For all of us to see standing in a beautifully organized RSR OFFICE no longer a dumping ground or storage room!!! HI ANN! It is SOOO nice to meet you! Are you new? Tell us about yourself! And this is what we heard!

"My name is Ann, I am an accountant by profession and I live with my husband, his cat Six, and our other cat Tigger from OKC animal Shelter, Snickers (aka JJ) the Chi and Daisy (aka Daisy Mae) the Doxy both from Pets and People, Precious (aka Pogo Puppy) the Boston who discovered our garage one day and stayed, Charlie the lab/basset who had been wandering the streets for weeks, hairless as a pot bellied pig, Boomer the lab mix my husband rescued from a flea market, Takoda (aka Kody) the paint horse who was a gift from my Grandmother when she passed, and Gringo the quarter horse from Habitat for Horses!"

Since her official introduction into our "pack", Ann has offered to be a hospice foster home for two MORE homeless rescue babies. She now provides warm loving laps to RockySpot's Dodie the Ratty (cancer patient) and her very bonded best friend in the whole world, Fala the Chi (heart patient) both affectionately known at RSR as 'the flea' and 'the tick'. Ok now that is officially 7 dogs, 2 cats, 2 horses and 4 step kids which Ann says thankfully are grown and gone!

NOW we understand Ann... NOW we understand! You were just trying to come here to hide and get some much needed REST! Ann you are a Saint. Thank you, but we think you MIGHT have slipped in the wrong door to 'rest"! ;-)

No more cracked doors at RSR. We can't take the chance of this one getting back OUT!

"SPOT ON!" TIPS...

Here are some tips you can implement to try to ease the strain of keeping your pet in today's economy. Not all of them work for everyone, but sometimes just employing a few can make the difference:

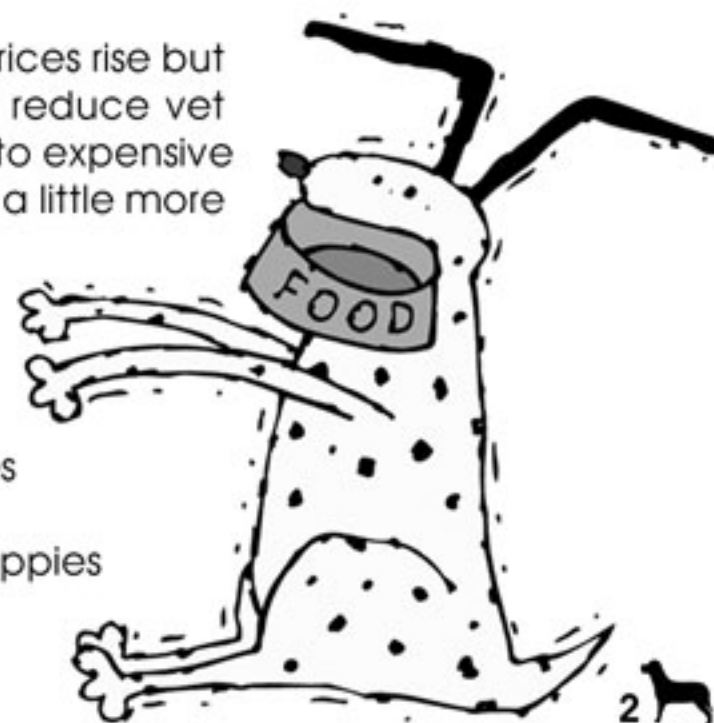
- **Shop for a vet:** Not all animal doctors charge the same. Make a list of your pet's medical conditions and needs (including shots and other recurring medical expenses) and call around. Make SURE the vet you choose KNOWS you are looking to cut corners without cutting care. Not all shots are necessary every year. Talk to your vet to see if a two- or three-year cycle is appropriate.

- **Shop for medicine:** Many vets mark up medication prices — some by as much as 150 percent to 175 percent. Ask your vet for a written prescription and take it to your pharmacy and check online. Be sure you're comparing the same medication of the same quantity and dosage.

- **Don't buy cheap food:** This can be a tough one as people see dog food prices rise but put this in the category of preventative care. High quality food will actually reduce vet visits by keeping your pet healthier in the long run. There are also alternatives to expensive commercial food such as home cooking for your pet. You may have to invest a little more time but in the end you may save a lot more than your invest.

- **Do not overfeed:** Many owners overindulge their pets. They equate food with love and there are an estimated 30 million obese pets in the US. Overfeeding is both expensive and unhealthy.

- **Spaying and neutering:** Having your pet fixed is not cruel, and some studies show that it cuts back on some serious medical conditions and expensive behavior modification classes. This will also cut back on unwanted litters of puppies and help to reduce pet overpopulation which will help everyone all around. There are many low cost spay/neuter clinics available. Please contact us if you need help finding one.





Dear RSR Family,

The best to you and all the wonderful moments that you bring into the four legged dots that run or slowly walk your path of love and the emotions of care and thoughtfulness on a daily basis. For without you and your friends that help you, they would be so lost and alone.

Just know your reward will come as it has Dal by Dal that finds a loving home and human beings that actually act as decent human beings. For we may be small in number compared to the unbelievable number of our four legged loves that are awaiting someone to take them into their arms and give them the love they are so looking for. My reward is having Tommy and Sabrina in my life; they show their love to me on a daily basis, an unconditional love that is so heavenly and great it makes your heart swell with joy and love to give to them in return.

I wish that the human beings out there that are lonely and in need of love, would reach out and turn their computers on, and bring up the sites that show rescue sites and do as I did, start going from one loving and some times scared face, and allow the touch of a face that goes deep into your heart bring to your thoughts; this is the ONE. Your whole life will change and there will be a happiness and warmth within your body that can never be replaced; unless you have at least two dotted pals to share your life.

Connie-Tommy & Sabrina, Springfield, Missouri

Dear RSR Family,

I read your post, and it brought back some painful memories, but I have to tell you, you've made such a difference in our lives by having Dutch and Reggie. Pokey, our original Dal, was a birthday present from my parents. She was a special dog, and I guess I thought she'd live forever. She and a tough little wiener named Heidi were best friends. After years of relative calm - except for Ken's cancer - things fell apart. His mom died then my mom and then my dad. All that happened in a 15 month period.

Then our wiener died from congestive heart failure. I found her with Pokey and Tootie sitting by her side in the yard. That was in December, and the following September, Pokey just dropped dead running and chasing birds. I was crushed. But you guys had Dutch. He needed a home for the short time he had left, and he ran and walked and loved being in his forever home. He helped me move beyond some of the losses we had. Then he moved on and left a place for Reggie for what time he had left. I know Reggie had awful allergies and arthritis. He was stubborn as a mule, but he was perfect. He took care of Tootie, and the cat was his best friend forever. (Who knew the dog slowest to accept a cat would bond with one!)

It made our family complete again. I know I've said this before, but if my Pokey and my Dutch had puppies, Reggie would have been the result. He was so much of both of them. I'm sorry you've had such a tough time, but what you do has made such a difference. I couldn't find a puppy, but you helped me find two more Dals. I'd just have been lost if you'd not been there with those two although we miss them both horribly. And when I am ready again, I will be coming to you for more spotted love.

Lynnda & Ken - Tootie & Tenny the Cat, Weatherford, Texas



**Do you have a story
you would like to
share?**

**WE'D LOVE TO
HEAR IT!!!**

Email your
"RSR Love Letter"
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HANDYMAN SKILLS NEEDED!

- ceiling fan hangers
- building painters
- simple cabinet builders
- sink & counter top installers
- landscaping designers
- heat & a/c experts
- trees trimmers



7 Good Reasons to Give Back: *Improve Your Health and the World Around You*

By Leanne Beattie, Health & Fitness Writer

Whether you donate money or time, giving back is beneficial-- and not just for the recipients. Research has shown that the old adage, "it's better to give than to receive" is true after all.

1. Develop new skills. Gaining skills, knowledge and expertise are common side effects of volunteering. Giving others your time brings you interesting and challenging opportunities that might not come along otherwise. This experience can be added to your resume and could result in a better paying job in the future.

2. Make social connections. Loneliness and boredom are common among retirees, students, and transplants to a new city. Volunteering can relieve this sense of social isolation and help you fill empty hours in the day.

3. Give back to your community. Doing something for the community you live in and returning the favor to those who have helped you are strong motivators. Everyone, rich or poor, takes from society, and volunteering is one way to show a sense of appreciation.



4. Develop and grow as a person. Volunteering is an excellent way to explore your likes and dislikes. If you're interested in a new career, volunteer in the field first to see if you will actually like it. You may find a totally unrelated field is a much better fit for you, one you'd never consider if you hadn't volunteered there first.

5. Gain a new perspective. Life can be hard and when you're feeling down, your problems can seem insurmountable. Volunteering can offer a new perspective—seeing people who are worse off than you are, yet still hanging in there, can help you see your life in a whole new light.

6. Know that you're needed. Feeling needed and appreciated are important, and you may not get that appreciation from your paid work or home life where the things you do are expected or taken for granted. When you volunteer, you realize just how much you are truly needed. Meeting people who need your help is a strong incentive to continue—people are depending on you. If you don't do it, who will?

7. Boost your self-esteem. Many volunteers experience a sense of increased self-esteem and greater self-worth. Helping others makes you feel good about yourself, because you're doing something for someone that they couldn't do for themselves.

Research has shown that the good feelings you experience when helping others may be just as important to your health as exercise and a healthy diet. But it's the smile from a child or thankful person OR the frenzied tail wag of a homeless ANIMAL) that shows you're really making a difference in their lives. And that's the greatest feeling in the world.

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RSR'S PETS IN CRISIS: "PEABODY"



Peabody, a sweet fuzzy, black and white bearded collie mix, sits quietly in her run at the RSR Kennels while many other dogs run and play outside in the pretty day. Confused and scared and patiently waiting, watching the door for months for the family she loves to come back to get her. She does not know what happened to her bed, to her home, to her family. The last she saw of them they were hysterical which worries her even more.

Day by day things continue to get worse; gas prices at an all time unbelievable high, foreclosure rates still climbing, food prices climbing and paychecks and jobs are not even coming close to keeping pace. RockySpot, as well as animal shelters across the country are bursting at the seams with abandoned pets and owner surrenders, the common reason being that the family cannot afford the pet any more or that they have to move from a house to an apartment and cannot have their dog. To add to the crunch, adoption rates and donations are down.

Sadly many very loved and spoiled furry family members, such as Peabody, are now sleeping in crowded, noisy 5x5 ft runs here in our kennels. Most were not vetted due to finances and many need antibiotics and vet care. All are scared, hurt and confused.

If you are in a situation to help other furry RSR family members, please consider opening your home and your heart to foster OR sponsor one of these Pets in Crisis. RockySpot is in dire need of foster homes for these well behaved and formally spoiled animals. Somewhere that they will not feel so overwhelmed and left behind. Somewhere they will get more attention and love than can possibly be done with the triple dog per kennel that RockySpot is currently experiencing. Yes, times are tough and there doesn't seem to be a break coming anytime soon with donations faltering and dog care and expense rising, yet together we can weather this storm. Contact us TODAY if you feel you can help even a little!



If you yourself are experiencing economical crisis and are having trouble feeding or vetting your RSR fur baby, please let us know. We don't want your baby to end up back here. Remember WE ARE FAMILY and we are here for you and them. Let us help YOU keep your pet. Tell us what you need!



Let's help Peabody find a home!!

RSR DOGS READY FOR ADOPTION...

...See all of our dogs that need a home at www.RockySpot.org



"ELLIE"

**Adult female, White - with Red, Golden, 54 Pounds
Pointer/American Staffordshire Terrier**

Hi, I'm Ellie. I don't have spots so know I'm not a Dalmatian. RockSpot became my home a few years ago when they helped me and my other doggie friends from VICI. All the others found homes or foster homes so I'm here with all the Dals. Everyone tells me I'm pretty... but I don't mind cuz I love the attention. I'm not very old but don't let that frighten you cuz I promise I'm not rowdy. I do have pointer in me so don't be surprised if I start hunting for something in the yard... don't worry all you have to do is say my name and I will come running back to you (I never go far cuz I don't want to worry you). I love male companions but I can be bossy with other females (but that's only because I know I'm a queen and don't like competition). I am very good in the house and have mastered the doggie door. I like it here all the volunteers are very nice to me but I can't wait for you to come pick me up and take me to my forever home.

www.RockySpot.com



"MATTIE"

Adult female, White - with Black, 40 Pounds, Dalmatian

They tell me I'm pretty but that's not my name... You can call me Mattie. I'm not as young as I used to be but don't let that fool you, I get around just fine. I had a family once but I'm not sure what went wrong. You see my foster mommy keeps telling me that she can't understand why my former owners took me to the shelter. She makes sure to tell me everyday how awesome of a dog I am and it makes me blush and smile when she says it. I just can't hear it enough. If you have kids, cats, or other dogs it's okay I won't mind. I am very easy going. I love lounging around but don't go to far without me. If you want to sit around all day and pet me I won't complain. I'm not much trouble but I do require a certain dog food. I am already housebroken so you don't have to worry about accidents. I love my foster mommy but she tells me there is something better out there waiting for me. Are you that wonderful home she keeps telling me about? I can't wait to finally meet you!

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"BUD"

Adult male, White - with Black, 45 Pounds, Dalmatian

Bud has had a very hard life. Even after his rescue! At the tender age of 2, Bud was discovered living in a small 800 sq ft abandoned house in Tulsa with 52 other dogs. Never seeing the light of day and living in a foot of feces, Bud could barely stand. You see he was already missing his left back leg. Goodness only knows what happened to it. He and his sister Nellie were brought to RockySpot to find a new life. Both were adopted to different homes but RockySpot lost track of Bud when his owner moved (and later we discovered.. gave him away!)

RockySpot has spent the last 4 yrs looking for our special Bud! We finally found him living outside in a backyard, covered in fleas and allergies. It has been a long hard 4 yrs since we saw Bud last but he is still just as loving and friendly and wonderful as ever.

We are praying this time Bud finds a home that will love him for life and spoil him like he has never known. Come see our special Bud TODAY!!



"FELIX" Young male, White - with Black, 55 Pounds, Dalmatian

My Name is Felix. I use to be very tense here as it is very scary! Thank goodness for my good buddy Oscar (He is not a Dalmatian though) because he is SO brave. We are both happy creatures who would love a home together.. although I think that Oscar would not mind one without me!! Actually the longer I am here the less I need Oscar. I have my own kennel and my own bed and I get to play with all the other dogs a couple of times a day. Nothing like having my own HOME though with my own FAMILY.. so I will wait for you.. and wait!! BTW I am calm gentle yet playful dude who will make any home proud!!

Felix's Best Friend:
OSCAR
Young male, Merle
48 Pounds,
Australian Cattle Dog/
Blue Heeler



Adoptable Together?

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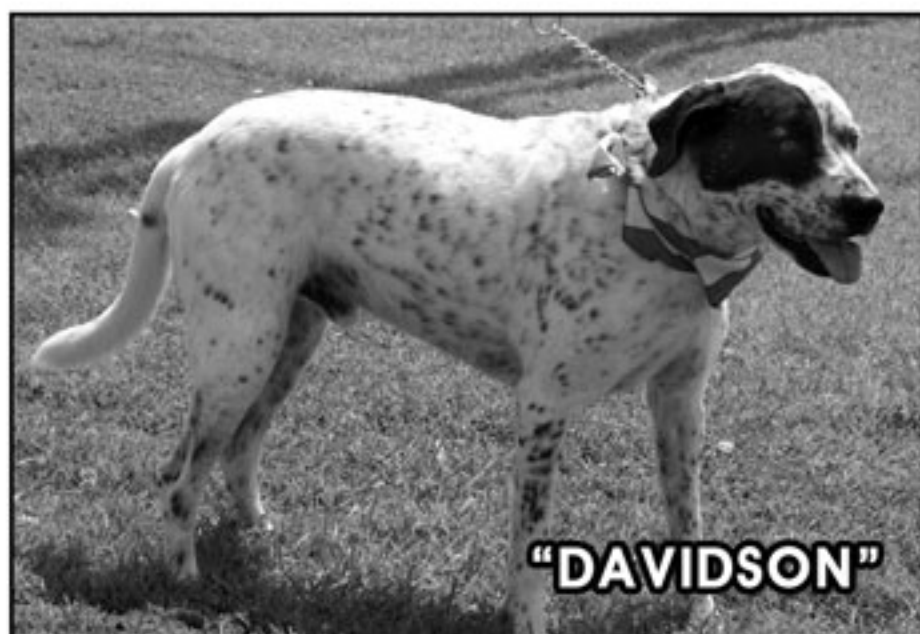


"KATIE"

Adult female, White - with Black, 58 Pounds, Dalmatian

Now how did I end up back here??? I remember a looong time ago I was in this place, and from what I hear people say my old daddy disappeared and left me and Magic alone. Now I'm back as a senior looking for a new home. Well surely SOMEONE will love me.

I'm a very sweet girl who doesn't act her age at all. I'm crate trained (and love to take naps in there on my big pillow), well-behaved, and enjoy chasing my squeaky ball around the house and yard. I'll even play with the others dogs, but I get tired pretty easily. Though I'm mostly deaf I respond to a dog whistle and can hear my squeaky ball. What I really need is just a nice soft place to retire - maybe a long-term foster home to live out my years? What do you say - I promise I won't be much trouble.



"DAVIDSON"

Adult male, White - with Black, 58 Pounds, Dalmatian/Labrador Retriever

Hey, Davidson here. I am a male mix. My other namesake Harley found a home so now I am looking too! Pens don't slow me down but I never run off.. I just like to have a yard to investigate and a house to come into and be loved. They think I would take very well to agility training because I am so smart and athletic. Shoot I already know how to stop, sit and shake! I am very sweet and although at first I thought I was a bad *ss.. I am over that and even belly up to the "Prrrrnnnceessss" (yeah right!)

They gave me a kiddie pool and boy do I love the water.. maybe my dad was a Lab? I love kids too!! And I love to play ball and have fun but still know how to sit quietly and reflect on the day! I am that all around GOOD FAMILY DOG!! I have been told over and over that I will make someone a wonderful pet! So..I got me eye open for that SOMEONE!!



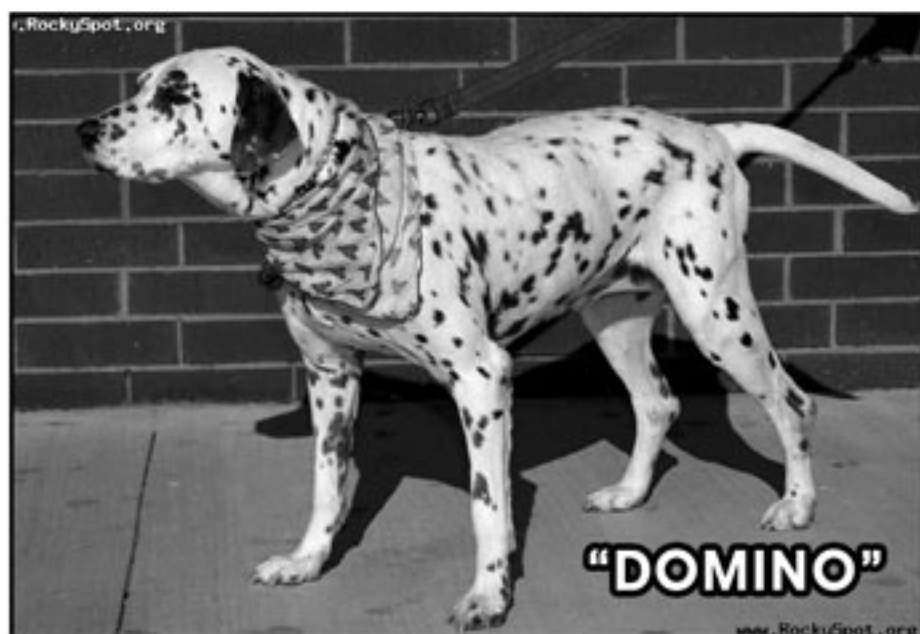
"LEO"

Young male, White - with Black, Dalmatian/Labrador Retriever

HI THERE! My name is Leo! I just got here..I spent some time at Second Chance but it was not a good place for me! They said I was UNADOPTABLE!..... huh??? I am a good boy!!! Honest!!!.. check me out!

I live here at RockySPot now and I get along with ALL the dogs (am the most behaved of the kennel crew) and I seem to like all people and even silly cats! I am good with kids and I play ball and know some tricks! They say I look like Davidson's little brother! Who knows! Maybe I am cause Davidson is a handsome feller!

More on me later as I settle in here. Keep posted for more pictures too! Just imagine a younger better looking Davidson.. THAT IS ME! (shhh don't tell him I said better looking.. he is a fine looking dog.. I am just .. hmmm.. better! LOL)

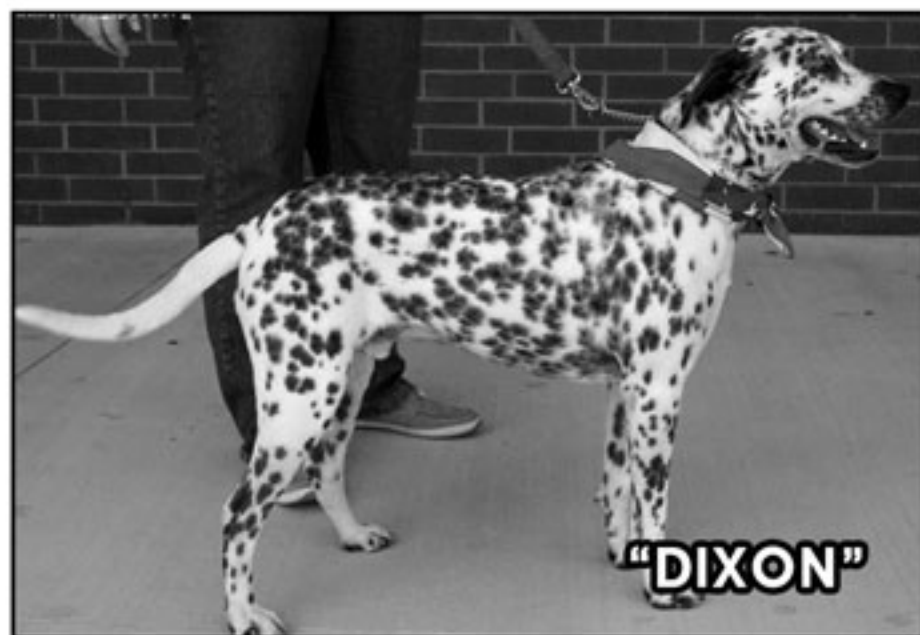


"DOMINO"

Senior female, White - with Brown or Chocolate, 55 Pounds Dalmatian

I'm a senior girl who's just looking for a soft place to retire. My favorite thing is to just hang out on my big fluffy bed in the kitchen. Wonderfully mellow, that's me! My back legs don't work as well as they used to - age has a tendency to catch up to us some time. I do have a wheelchair, but luckily I don't have to use it quite yet. As you can see in my pictures, I'll get around when I want to. Do you have room in your life and your heart for an ol' gal like me?

SURPRISE SURPRISE SURPRISE! I am a BALL dog! I love to play ball and now my back legs are Stronger than ever while I chase that silly ball.. nonstop till you MAKE ME STOP.. just love it.. I do I do!!!



"DIXON" Adult male, White - with Brown or Chocolate, 53 Pounds, Dalmatian/Weimaraner

I am a very playful.. LOVE playing fetch and WATER.. gosh I really love water!!!! And I am very sweet & loving. I am the whole package! Housebroken, playful, sweet, love cats and kids.. what more could you ask for! I had a home with 4 kids and 2 other dogs and 2 cats but they got divorced & my sister Sandy (choc lab) & I had to go to the 'shelter again'... ughh.. thankfully I have this thing called a "microchip" in my neck and they found out who to call to save me!! WHOO HOO.. (I asked them to take Sandy too and they did! yeah!!) So she is here with me too.

Dixon's Sister:
SANDY
Adult female
Brown/Chocolate,
87 Pounds
Labrador Retriever



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**"WELCOME,
New RSR
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Members!"
3rd
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APRIL:

- Whitey (Poppy) - Kinyon/Roberts Family, Tuttle, OK
- Lacy - The Simmons Family, Kelso, TN

MAY:

- Eugene (Gene) – Eastman Family, Tulsa, OK
- Heidi (Lucy) – Eastman Family, Tulsa, OK
- Kipper – Ramirez Family, Edmond, OK
- Decker – Carter Family, Edmond, OK
- Shay – Widener Family, OKC, OK

JUNE:

- Yukon – Eklund Family, OKC, OK

Rainbow Bridge:

- Gunner - The Buhrlé Family
- Baby Alex – The OKBR/RSR Family
- Dallie Mae – The Kleski Family
- Pongo – The Washington Family
- Aric – The Shelton Family
- Kenai – The Nastro Family
- Betsy – The Lindsay Family
- Timber – The McPherson Family
- Alexander – The RSR/OKBR Family
- Dillon – The Crean Family
- Trevor - The Gray Family



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