



Spotted News

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We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season!

DALLY UPDATE

LOOKING FOR A HOME

MONTY – Hi, my name is Monty and my picture is highlighted to the left. I am 7-8 yrs. old and very tiny for a Dal boy (Easier to sit in your lap). I came into rescue very scared, after shelter people tried to catch me and I almost got hit by lots of cars. I'm still scared as I don't know what happened to my family and just want to be a permanent part of a family again. I am very sweet and just want to snuggle and be loved.

SARGENT Hi, my name is Sargent and I am 1.5 years old. I am very sweet, do well with other dogs and have been around kids and cats. I know some commands and catch on quickly. I am a big boy, a big bundle of fur to hug. I'd love to have a family of my own. **ADOPTION PENDING**

SIREN—This boy is 1-2 years old (probably closer to two) and was found in a vacant house. He was taken to a safe place until we could be called. He is being treated for Lymes disease, but after a 3 week course of antibiotics, he will be cleared to be neutered.

TOSCH—11 year old female in a shelter in upper WI. Was surrendered to the shelter, because of a baby in the house. Please let us know if you are interested in taking her in.

“SPOT SOS”

Great Lakes Family Pet Expo. February 10, 2007 at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex. 6000 W. Ryan Rd. Franklin. The event will run from 10-5. We participated in this event last year, and it is a worthwhile event to attend. Come and say hi.

Our fall events are over and we now need to begin thinking and planning for the International Kennel Club Show at McCormick Place in Chicago on February 24th and 25th. This is a large event that draws thousands of people. It is one of our largest fundraising events and we need help in staffing our booth for 2 days. Please let us know if you may be available to help.

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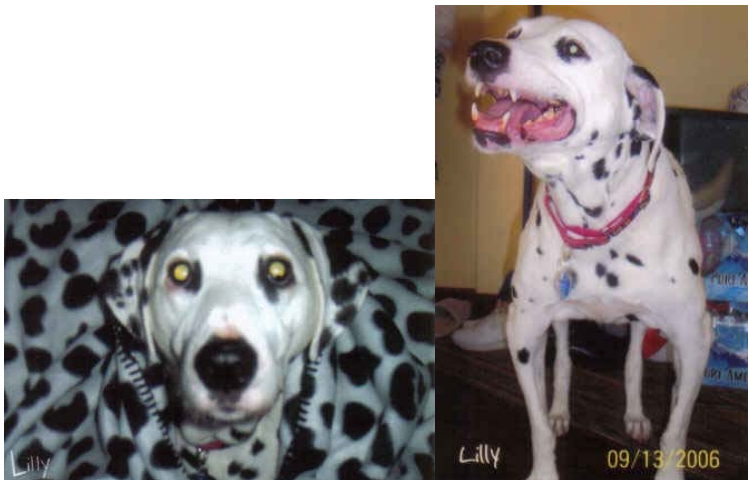


ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT

LILLY

It has been almost 2 years since we adopted Lilly. We took her in while her foster mother had surgery. After 6 weeks we were unable to take her back. We fell in love with Lilly and knew we had to adopt her. She is the joy of our lives and the sweetest girl. She is on a lot of pain medication but is happy and always has a big Dal smile.

Ray and Ellen



Thank you!!

Your generous support is very much appreciated

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EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIONAL

From Problem dog to Therapy Dog

Many of us who have gotten an older dog with “baggage”, knows the trials families go through. Brady came to us from Rescue at 1 ½ yrs of age, after being surrendered due to “getting into it” with the family’s other dog. He remained in a shelter for 3 months until taken into rescue and my home as a foster dog. Brady was a cute, overweight dog who wasn’t terribly affectionate. Within the first week of coming to our home, Brady boldly jumped up on our bed, stared me straight in the eye, squatted and peed through blankets, sheets and mattresses. It was clearly an act of defiance, one of many that were forthcoming. He clearly was testing me on whether I would hang in there with him. Also in our home was our 7 year old dal who was used to being an only “child”. It was clear to see what was meant by “getting into it” with the other family’s dog. From day one, he would go up to Norm, slap him on the head with his paw, steal his toys and as we realized later, set him up to get yelled at by us (we now feel really bad). This went on regularly for about 2 months, until Norm finally attacked. Nothing serious, but he did puncture skin and send Brady yelping back to his crate. It stopped Brady for about a week.. Not to sound totally negative, his big plus (and it turned out to be very big plus) was his good temperament around adults and kids. He never nibbled, snapped or rarely even jumped on people.

The years went by and Brady continued to destroy shoes, underwear, socks, dishes, cutlery, just about anything he could get his mouth on when we weren’t looking. For the first two years, I literally never let him out of my sight. Where I went, he went. Unfortunately, my husband didn’t do the same, so more things tended to get destroyed on his watch. Through out these years, Brady was involved in 3 episodes of training. He did great with sit and down, but tended to become stubborn with other directions. I however, realized, I was the one who easily gave up and didn’t follow through consistently. At age 4, I took him for his first attempt at being certified as a therapy dog. We went through Canine Good Citizenship and although he did fair, he didn’t pass. His enthusiasm took over and he failed. As is the case with many humans, I didn’t continue with training until 4 years later when the possibility of taking Brady to work with me to see my patients (kids) in a psychiatry clinic was likely to be approved. I started training again and I learned to be more consistent. We took the class and he passed, finally. Brady began coming to the clinic with me in November and has become an important part of treatment for those children who it was believed would benefit from Animal Assisted Therapy.

Animal-assisted therapy (AAT) is a goal-directed intervention in which an animal that meets specific criteria is an integral part of the treatment process. AAT is directed and/or delivered by a professional with specialized expertise, within the scope of his/her profession. In my case, Brady is my dog and I deliver the service. More common is for a volunteer to bring in their therapy dog to a Physical Therapy Program of a hospital, for example, and will work with the physical therapist on activities to help the patient in rehabilitation. Animal Assisted Activities (AAA), are therapy dogs with their volunteer handlers going into nursing homes, hospitals, etc to visit patients. There is not a specific treatment goal with AAA. This is, however, the most common use for certified dogs.

To have you and your dog certified as a therapy dog requires passing tests. Taking the Canine Good Citizenship (CGC) class is a good way to start, after basic obedience is mastered. Your dog needs to be able to follow basic commands, have no issues with being touched and have a good temperament. There are about 10 different areas that are looked

at. Once the dog passes the CGC, then he needs to pass the therapy portion. Sometimes the CGC is offered with the therapy portion and often they need to be taken separately. There are two organizations that certify dogs. Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and Delta Society. Brady was certified via Delta Society. With Delta, not only does the dog get tested (of course your attached during the test), but the handler needs to read a book and take a written test. With Delta, you need to be recertified every two years. This is, in my mind important, as temperament in dogs can change due to age and life experience.

Having your dog certified takes time, commitment and work. However, it is worth it as you see the faces, both young and old, of those who interact with your dog. Even though Brady had a rough start and I never would have thought he could do it, he is now an amazing dog, loved by the patients he sees weekly, as well as by me.

Linda Mueller

Doggy Terms explained

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

SMELL: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop. This can also be done to human's crotches.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

GOOSE BUMPS: A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require..... especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above.

LOVE: Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return. If not, you can always sniff their crotches.



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