



# Spotted News

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## **This year's SOS Reunion will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Some ideas already submitted for a theme are NASCAR, Circus, or Pirate. Please email us at [sosdalrescue@earthlink.net](mailto:sosdalrescue@earthlink.net) and let us know if you have an idea, or want to vote for one of the three already suggested.

## **Shout of Thanks**

We want to give a Shout of Thanks to those that signed up and shopped on iGive.com

We received 3 checks for a total of \$206.01

The biggest check came from people signing up after we announced it and we then got a \$5 bonus for each one. There are so many stores that are now participating that anyone purchasing anything over the internet should check out iGive first to see if SOS could get a percentage of your amount purchased. Don't forget to tell friends and family what it is like to shop on the internet and to sign up under SOS Dalmatian Rescue.

There are now over 600 stores. To see all the stores go to [www.iGive.com/html/merchantlist.cfm](http://www.iGive.com/html/merchantlist.cfm)

## **DALLY UPDATE**

### **LOOKING FOR A HOME**

**Perdy** is doing well in her training class. She is still scared to meet new people, but we have been working very hard to socialize her to new people, places and noises. **Adoption Pending**

**Patches** is an 8 year old, neutered boy who came back in rescue. He was adopted out at 4 years old, however, was anxious around the family's 2 year old child. As of Saturday, Patches is now living with Arlene and Daisy.

**Copper** has been adopted by John and Barbara Steinbrecher and loves her new family.



## **“SPOT SOS”**

**Muskego Pet Fair** will be on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** from 10-4 at Alpine Lanes, S80 W18700 Apollo Dr., Muskego. This event is put on by the Calhoun Clipper and Good Shepard K9 Rescue. This Fair will be dedicated as a fundraising event to benefit area rescues. All profits from booth rental, exhibits, raffles, food and games will be donated to rescues participating in the days' events. If you'd like to help out or just stop by, we'd love to see you.

### **SUZIE**

Below are excerpts from an article written in the Depot Dispatch, Elkhart Lake, WI by Barbara Techel. The article was written about Suzie and her new mom, Laverne.

Dalmatians had been a part of Laverne's life for over 50 years. Her Abby passed away in February 2006, leaving Laverne feeling sad and lonely. With encouragement from her friends, she decided to look for an older Dalmatian. This brought her to Save Our Spots Dalmatian Rescue.

5 year old Suzie met Laverne and within minutes, had wiggled her way into Laverne's heart. Suzie arrived at Laverne's home in early October and has helped Laverne feel alive again. This story is a perfect example of the positive effect a dog can have on your life. Laverne is 80 years young and a gracious, big-hearted lady who knows how good it feels to be needed and loved. As she awakes each morning, she glances at the closet mirror opposite her bed. The reflection she sees gives her purpose to rise for the day. That purpose, Suzie, wags her tail and smiles only as a dog can do. Ms. Techel states, My December visit with Laverne and Suzie is an experience that will always stay in my mind. The special bond between them is what being loved and needed is all about. Laverne told me how Suzie brings her shoe to her each morning and places it next to her bed. It is Suzie's way of saying "it's time to get up and moving for the day". As she sits on the edge of the bed, Suzie walks over to her and places her head adoringly upon Laverne's knee. To witness such a sweet act is to know, without a doubt, that two hearts were rescued.



## LABORATORY EVALUATIONS

Blood work is generally recommended before any pet undergoes surgery, including teeth cleaning. It is often confusing what tests are actually given and what is being looked for. Below is a list of tests often requested based on the year of the pet. It is important to have these tests done, as they may be the first indicator of a potential problem, appearing before symptoms.

### THE PREANESTHETIC PANEL FOR PETS YOUNGER THEN 7YRS.

**ALT** – an enzyme that becomes elevated with liver disease or injury.

**ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE** – an enzyme produced by cells lining the gall bladder and assoc. ducts. Elevated levels can indicate liver disease or an adrenal disorder called Cushing's.

**BUN** – Blood Urea Nitrogen is produced by the liver and excreted by the kidneys. Abnormal levels can indicate dehydration, liver or kidney diseases.

**CREATININE** – A by-product of muscle metabolism and is excreted by the kidneys. Elevated levels can indicate kidney disease or urinary tract obstruction.

**BLOOD GLUCOSE** – High levels can indicate diabetes. In cats, high levels can indicate stress. Low levels can indicate liver disease, infection or certain tumors.

**TOTAL PROTEIN** – Changes may indicate a variety of conditions including dehydration and diseases of the liver, kidney or GI tract.

### THE PREANESTHETIC PANEL FOR PETS 7YRS AND OLDER INCLUDES ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS:

**ALBUMIN** – A protein produced by the liver. Reduced levels can point to chronic liver or kidney disease, intestinal disease or intestinal parasites such as hookworm infection.

**AMYLASE** – an enzyme produced by the pancreas. The pancreas secretes amylase to aid in digestion. Elevated levels can indicate inflammation of the pancreas.

**CALCIUM** – Increased levels can be seen with the disease of the parathyroid gland and kidneys or as an indicator of certain types of tumors.

**CHOLESTEROL** – Elevated levels are seen in a variety of disorders including genetic disease, liver, kidney and hypothyroidism.

**PHOSPHORUS** – Elevated levels can be an indicator of kidney disease.

**TOTAL BILIRUBIN** – Bilirubin is a breakdown product of hemoglobin and is a component of bile. Bilirubin is secreted by the liver into the intestinal tract. Levels are useful in diagnosing anemia and problems in the bile ducts.

Since there has been a major recall for multiple brands of canned food, pet owners are getting a little bit more cautious with what they are feeding. We thought we would pass along a scale that will help you understand what might be in your food and how it rates in quality.

## **Rate Your Dog Food** by Connecticut Canine Training & Behavioral Services

How to grade your dog's food: Start with a grade of 100:

- 1) For every listing of "by-product", subtract 10 points
- 2) For every non-specific animal source ("meat" or "poultry", meat, meal or fat) reference, subtract 10 points
- 3) If the food contains BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin, subtract 10 points
- 4) For every grain "mill run" or non-specific grain source, subtract 5 points
- 5) If the same grain ingredient is used 2 or more times in the first five ingredients (I.e. "ground brown rice", "brewer's

rice", "rice flour" are all the same grain), subtract 5 points

6) If the protein sources are not meat meal and there are less than 2 meats in the top 3 ingredients, subtract 3 points

7) If it contains any artificial colorants, subtract 3 points

8) If it contains ground corn or whole grain corn, subtract 3 points

9) If corn is listed in the top 5 ingredients, subtract 2 more points

10) If the food contains any animal fat other than fish oil, subtract 2 Points

11) If lamb is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other protein sources), subtract 2 points

12) If it contains soy or soybeans, subtract 2 points

13) If it contains wheat (unless you know that your dog isn't allergic to wheat), subtract 2 points

14) If it contains beef (unless you know that your dog isn't allergic to beef), subtract 1 point

15) **If it contains salt, subtract 1 point**

**Extra Credit:**

1) If any of the meat sources are organic, add 5 points

2) If the food is endorsed by any major breed group or nutritionist, add 5 points

3) If the food is baked not extruded, add 5 points

4) If the food contains probiotics, add 3 points

5) If the food contains fruit, add 3 points

6) If the food contains vegetables (NOT corn or other grains), add 3 points

7) If the animal sources are hormone-free and antibiotic-free, add 2 points

8) If the food contains barley, add 2 points

9) If the food contains flax seed oil (not just the seeds), add 2 points

10) If the food contains oats or oatmeal, add 1 point

11) If the food contains sunflower oil, add 1 point

12) For every different specific animal protein source (other than the First one; count "chicken" and "chicken meal" as only one protein source, but "chicken" and "" as 2 different sources), add 1 point

13) If it contains glucosamine and chondroitin, add 1 point

14) If the vegetables have been tested for pesticides and are Pesticide-free, add 1 point

SCORE 94-100+ = A 86-93 = B 78-85 = C 70-77 = D 69 = F

Here are some foods that have already been scored. Dog Food scores:

Bil-Jac Select / Score 68 F

Canidae / Score 112 A+

Chicken Soup Senior / Score 115 A+

Diamond Maintenance / Score 64 F

Diamond Lamb Meal & Rice / Score 92 B

Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Ultra Premium / Score 122 A+

Dick Van Patten's Duck and Potato / Score 106 A+

Foundations / Score 106 A+

Hund-n-Flocken Adult Dog (lamb) by Solid Gold / Score 93 B

Iams Lamb Meal & Rice Formula Premium / Score 73 D

Innova Dog / Score 114 A+

Nutrisource Lamb and Rice / Score 87 B

Nutro Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy / Score 87 B

ProPlan Natural Turkey & Barley / Score 103 A+

Purina Benful / Score 17 F

Purina Dog / Score 62 F

Purina Come-n-Get It / Score 16 F

Royal Canin Natural Blend Adult / Score 106 A+

Sensible Choice Chicken and Rice / Score 97 A

Science Diet Advanced Protein Senior 7+ / Score 63 F

Science Diet for Large Breed Puppies / Score 69 F

Wellness Super5 Mix Chicken / Score 110 A+

Wolfking Adult Dog (bison) by Solid Gold / Score 97 A



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