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This year's SOS Reunion will be held on August 4th
The idea submitted most frequently was NASCAR, so NASCAR it is. See how creative you can be in having your pups get into the racing theme. Please mark your calendars now to attend. It is always fun to see all the humans and their wonderful Dals.

DALLY UPDATE

LOOKING FOR A HOME

Patches is an 8-year-old boy who was surrendered to a shelter in northern WI. He lost one of his front legs in an accident as a puppy, but can move around great on 3 legs. He is good with kids and other dogs. Can you open up your heart to this sweet boy?

Cosmo is a 3-year-old boy surrendered, as his family was moving. He is good with kids, dogs and cats. He knows some commands, but would still be good to take through training.

Perdy completed her 8-week training class and learned a lot. She continues to improve her social skills with new people, places and noises. She is going to require a fenced-in yard, and a person who will have the patience and experience to work with her. She currently has an **adoption pending**.

FOUND A HOME

Mickey was surrendered to rescue and very recently, found a new home with Fabiano in Milwaukee. Mickey spent his foster time going to vet visits, as he came in with a terrible respiratory infection and then was diagnosed with stones in his bladder. Our wonderful Dr. Wendy removed them with surgery. Mickey will continue his recovery in his new home, but already feeling a lot better.

Copper came back into rescue, and already found a home with Gordon and Darlene in New Berlin. We are so happy for Copper!!!

We are sad to announce that **Sanders**, who was adopted in December 2005 died in April 2007. Our hearts go out to the Jensen family. We know that Saunders has gone over the Bridge and is able to run and play again.



POKEY

A few months ago I called you to talk about Pokey, our 11-year old Dalmatian that we adopted with your help three years ago. At the beginning of this past winter Pokey was starting to decline in health, and was having an increasingly difficult time getting around the house and controlling her body. We struggled through a few more months with her, but over the past few weeks it became very apparent that she was just not happy anymore. She could no longer run around and play like she used to love to do, the accidents became more and more frequent, and she was getting a bit intolerant of our 18-month old son Andrew, who absolutely adored her ("dog" was one of his first words). So we made the very difficult decision to end her pain. This past Friday we took her over to the parkway near our house and let her walk around and stare at the ducks one last time - that's what the picture is from. Saturday morning we fed her a pancake breakfast, went for a long walk, and then took her into the vet. We were lucky that it was such a beautiful day. She was very brave, and handled the whole thing much better than my wife Amy or myself. Our son came along and got to say goodbye to her. I wish that we could all be as naive as him at times like this. After she died he just gave her a little pat, blew her a kiss, and then tugged on my finger to leave. We are extremely grateful to your organization for allowing us to meet up with Pokey. She was the center of many happy moments in our lives over the past three years.

Joe and Amy Fogerty



More sad news

We are sorry to report that William Lindeman has passed away from cancer. He was adopted by Billy and was also owned by his good friend, Miller. William leaves behind his best friend and wife, Cathy. We know that he is taking care of all the Dalmatians at the bridge, as he has a huge heart and desire to help others.



ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT

WILSON

I have some great news to tell SOS about Wilson. Wilson has been very busy. In February, Wilson completed his training and testing to become an Accredited Handler/Pet Team through Pets Helping People. He passed his testing the first time through. We have been working in the West Allis school district in a Read to Rover Pet Therapy program. Wilson goes to school once a week and has kindergarteners and first graders read to him from General Mitchell School. The kids are just so excited. I did though share my experience of getting Wilson from a rescue and explained the importance of the responsibility of dog ownership. Wilson is a celebrity when he walks in the school. He has his own room and stationary in which he writes messages to the kids! The picture on the right is Wilson at school in his reading program.

Mary Jo Cardenas and Wilson



SUMMER CARE TIPS FOR YOUR DOG

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors, but along with the fun, the season also offers up situations that can endanger your pet. By taking precautions, you can decrease the chance that disaster will happen.

- In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. If you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police department immediately
- It is very dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another car. Dogs should ride either in the cab (in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs) or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.
- Summer is often a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But beware: Plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals. <http://pets.robbehaf.com/plants.htm>

- With people and dogs spending more time outside, dog bites are likely to increase in the summer months. Make sure you supervise your dog and teach your children to avoid dogs they do not know.
- Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag. If you are separated from your pet, an ID tag may very well be his or her ticket home.
- Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet in a pool.
- Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.
- If you plan on traveling with your pet during the summer, take the time to prepare for your furry friends in advance. Many airlines have summer pet embargoes, and most trains and ships do not allow pets other than service animals.
- Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws
- Another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.
- Pets can get sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.
- Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. For your pet's well being, leave her at home. Be especially aware of these threats during holidays, such as the Fourth of July.
- In summer heat your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These conditions are very serious and could cause your pet to die. You should be aware of the signs of heat stress, which could include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body to gradually lower his core body temperature. Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Most importantly, get him to a veterinarian immediately.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND SEE YOU AT THE REUNION!



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