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### ***HOW TO CONTACT US***


The best and quickest way to reach us is to send an email to [rescue@savethedals.org](mailto:rescue@savethedals.org), or you may leave us a message on our 24-hour voicemail line at **310-803-5414**.

We have much helpful information on our web site at <http://www.savethedals.org/> Our web site also makes donations easy via PayPal.

Thank you for your interest in Save the Dalmatians and for helping us save the Dalmatians!



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## **WHO WE ARE**

Save the Dalmatians and Others Canine Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the rescue of Dalmatians from shelters, the promotion of adoptions of shelter Dalmatians and education of the public about the Dalmatian breed. We were founded in 1996 and became incorporated in 1998.



Lexus, Save the Dals' first rescue Dal

## **THE PROBLEM**

Up until 1996, very few Dalmatians were seen in Southern California's shelters. In November of 1996, Disney released a live-action version of "101 Dalmatians" which prompted a frenzy of backyard Dalmatian breeding to meet public demand for cute spotted puppies. Unfortunately these backyard breeders did not explain the characteristics of the breed to those buying the puppies. They also did not test their breeding stock for deafness and other genetic ailments, resulting in many unsuspecting families ending up with deaf puppies.

We have no statistics from 1996 and 1997 of the numbers of Dalmatians that ended up in Southern California's shelters. In 1998, based

on actual counts from three local shelters, we estimate that 2,173 Dalmatians passed through Southern California shelters. In 1999, that number rose by 36% to 2,962. In 2000, it began dropping by 39% to 1,805. In 2001, we began our shelter Dalmatian database project which gave us actual numbers instead of estimates. In 2001, the number of Dalmatians ending up in shelters dropped another 19% to 1,467, in 2002 it dropped further to 1,358, in 2003 it dropped again to 1,180 and in 2004 only it was only 1,050.

This trend is heartening but even one Dalmatian ending up in a shelter is too many.

## **WHAT WE DO**

Save the Dalmatians and Others Canine Rescue rescues Dalmatians from shelters and accepts unwanted Dalmatians from their owners, as foster space becomes available, and finds them new, permanent homes.

We place advertisements in local newspapers to direct potential adopters and owners needing placement assistance to our web site. We also provide placement support to others fostering rescued Dalmatians and to Dalmatian owners who wish to re-home their own Dalmatians by advertising their Dalmatians on our web site and on Petfinder.com.

Another very important function of our organization is public education about the Dalmatian breed. We disseminate information via mail, email, telephone and at adoption events. We also work with newspapers, radio and television to have information about Dalmatians published or broadcast.

Save the Dalmatians and Others Canine Rescue is an affiliate of the Dalmatian Assistance League. We are all unpaid volunteers.

## **OUR VISION**

We are diligently working to expand our network of foster homes as well as making alliances with kennel owners so that our rescued Dalmatians have someplace to live until they are adopted. We hope someday that Save the Dalmatians will be able to afford to purchase its own property so that any Dalmatian that needs us can be saved. We also hope eventually to expand our rescue efforts to other canine breeds that have been impacted by the media.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We need your generous donations; Save the Dalmatians exists solely on donations from private individuals. We do not receive government grants. Every donation is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

We need foster homes for our rescued Dalmatians to stay in until they find their "forever" home. Donations of items we can use for our rescued Dalmatians, such as dog food, blankets, dishes, crates, collars, leashes, etc., are also welcome.

We also need volunteers to help us at adoption events and other kinds of assistance, such as picking up Dalmatians from shelters for us.