

It has been fairly quiet on the adoption and surrender front since our last update in 2016. We currently have about 6 people on our wait-list wanting Dals which is nice. We would much rather have more people wanting Dals than giving them up! We have shared a few courtesy postings of Dals looking for homes afar.

In May of 2018 we started our facebook page for those who are on social media. So if you are on fb please like, follow and share our page! This benefits us by following other groups and sites who may be trying to re-home a Dal or a sharing courtesy posting from other groups regarding Dals looking for a new home. This makes it easy for us to quickly share updates, events, items for sale, and stay in touch with our Dalmatian community.

In the fall of 2018 we embarked on our first journey into the online auction world. This was so much fun we are going to make it an annual event! It started small (basically me cleaning out my closet, and stalking co-workers for items) and then it grew and grew! It ran a little longer than expected (it will be shorter this year). We were so honoured by all the support! People got very creative with their donations and made it fun!!! The bidding was amazing, so many items and such entertaining bidders! We raised a grand total of \$1653.00!!! I was so shocked! Not to mention all the people who rounded up their owings and gave extra! There were even people who bid on products, paid for them and then donated them back! Some of these products were used and some were re-sold so we doubled the donations for some! Everyone was so generous it was so amazing. I can't wait to do it again. When it was over everyone was asking if we would be doing it again, so I guess that's a yes! I have already had donations dropped off for next years auction, and I have had several emails with people offering to donate some pretty cool stuff next year... but you'll have to wait to find out!!! The money raised will be very helpful. Most of it will be saved and used for surgeries, vet products, vet care, food, medications, etc. Some of the money is used to cover government fees, website fees, transportation, microchip registration fees, etc... It is such a relief knowing we have money in our account for these things instead of putting it on credit cards and then trying to scramble and recover costs later. Online auctions definitely beat bikini car washes to raise money, lol!!!

I also tried my hand at making some dog toys. Snuffle balls, Snuffle mats and now tug toys! You can see these under the "Get Involved" page. Prices have gone up a little to cover the increased cost of materials. They are fun interactive toys, and dogs appear to love them! I have already made and sold approximately 35 Snuffle balls, 10 Snuffle mats and 7 tug toys! All of the proceeds go directly to SSSDR. Maybe some new toys in the future!

Miss Gracie! Casey... (now called Gracie) came to use on December 2nd. I was aware of this girl for 10 months prior to her arriving in foster care. It was nice to finally have her in our care. She is such a lovely well taken care of girl, she settled into foster care easily. She quickly passed all of her basic behavioural testing and was placed in her forever home with one of our Directors Carly D'Aoust. Carly is an experienced Dal owner and has been on our wait-list for quite a while, so it all worked out very quickly. This is how we like it so they don't think that foster care is their forever home. It is a bonus that she lives close so we can see her often and babysit! Gracie remembers me well by greeting me with a big Dally smile and waggy bum every time I visit. Good job Carly, thanks!

