



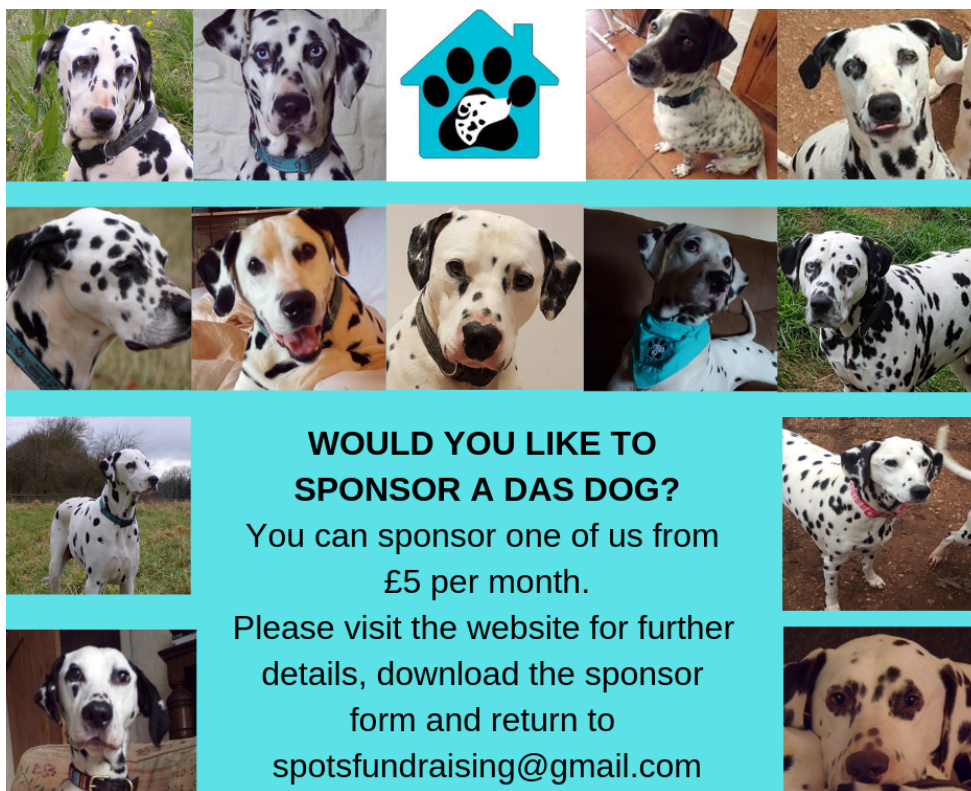
# Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest edition of the  
DAS Newsletter

## MARCH SEES THE LAUNCH OF SPONSOR OUR SPOTS .....SOS



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
SPONSOR A DAS DOG?**

You can sponsor one of us from  
£5 per month.

Please visit the website for further  
details, download the sponsor  
form and return to  
[spotsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:spotsfundraising@gmail.com)

There are currently 13 permanent DAS dogs. These are the dogs that cannot be rehomed and will live out the rest of their lives being happy, loved and cared for by Sue and Dave

If you are in a position where you would like to adopt but can't, this might be the next best thing. You can decide which dog you would like to sponsor and how much you would like to give.

The website has all the details with a little about each dog

You will receive updates via email from time to time about your chosen dog and a few surprises along the way might be popping through your letterbox!!!

For the form and more information about the dogs visit: [www.dalmatianadoptionsocietyandrescue.co.uk](http://www.dalmatianadoptionsocietyandrescue.co.uk)

## DALMATIANS AND HEALTH

Focus in this newsletter is on Urinary Stones

Dalmatians have difficulty processing uric acid which is a bi-product from the food they eat. Uric acid is not very soluble and there is a risk of deposits in the bladder or kidneys. This will probably begin as fine sand, developing if untreated to coarse grit or even stones. There is a high risk of them developing urate stones in their bladder or kidneys if they aren't fed a low purine diet, which is less likely to produce uric acid and therefore create problems in the urinary tract



My name is Haribo and I have a urethrostomy because I had stones

### REDUCING THE RISK

Feed low purine diet, see link below to purine table  
Frequent opportunity to urinate to make sure sediment is flushed out regularly  
Constant source of fresh water and encourage them to drink  
Float food to encourage drinking more, no need to soak just add water  
Some say waiting to neuter male dogs until the urinary tract is developed can help prevent stone issues

### SIGNS OF URINARY STONES

A dog showing signs of discomfort when trying to urinate or arching its back may be suffering from urinary stones and vet treatment should be sought.

May also have blood in urine

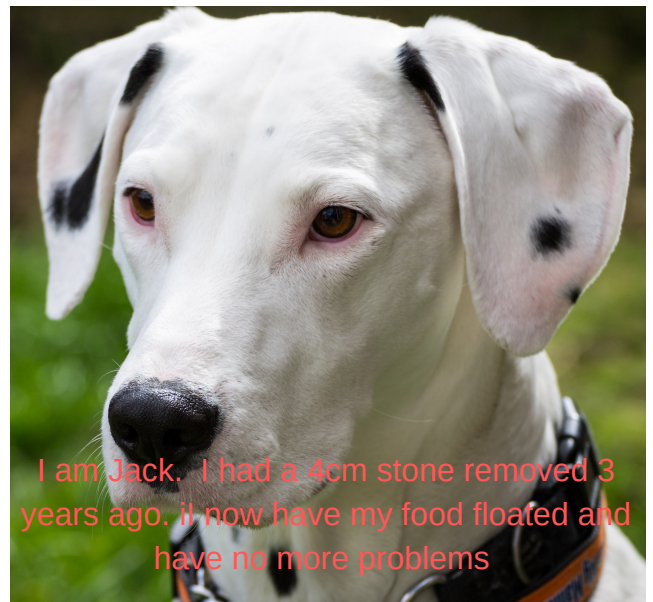
#### TREATMENTS

Prescription diet to dissolve the crystals

Prescription drugs to dissolve the crystals

Prescribed diet and drugs together to dissolve the crystals

Surgery in extreme cases



I am Jack. I had a 4cm stone removed 3 years ago. I now have my food floated and have no more problems

### USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.acumedico.com/purine.htm> - purine table

For those that are Raw Fed the following group is great for advice and information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1456964501241414/>

## Adopting a Spot

DAS is UK based and only rehomes in UK. If you are interested in adopting from DAS :-

Visit the website and download an adoption form. these can be located at the top of each page or underneath the dogs for adoption. Once this is completed and returned and all is ok then you will receive a call from a volunteer who will visit you to complete a home check. If all is approved then wait for a suitable dog. Of course, you can also chat with Sue too.

It is important to understand that some rescue dogs require a lot of patience and time as they may have been traumatised by situations they have been in prior to rescue. They need commitment and love to help them adjust to their new home. If this is the case then you will be given as much information as possible. It is important to recognise that it may take many months. However, DAS is always available for help, advice and support.

## Handsome Ozzy needs a home



I am Ozzie and I am 2 years old. I am castrated and up to date with jabs. I didn't have the best start in life until I came to live here as I was kept in a crate most days.

I am a big strong boy who pulls like a train and am a typical big bouncy dalmatian.....for that reason I could only live with older mini hoomans or non at all.

I have fallen out with my spotty brother and we are having to be kept apart.

My Mum thinks I would be better as an only dog or I could maybe live with a female and I am quite dominant at home and like to be the centre of attention.

I need someone that will be at home quite a lot as I don't want to be left

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Find us on Facebook too

Email: [dasuk1@hotmail.com](mailto:dasuk1@hotmail.com)



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## Congratulations, you have a new dog !

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Put yourself in your dog's paws on the day they arrive home with you. A home which is familiar to you but new and probably very scary to them. Their family has gone, their house has gone, their food and bed has gone, their routine and familiar smells have gone.



All your dog wants is to be loved and feel safe and happy again. It may take days, weeks or even months before they feel safe, loved and confident. Let them decide when it is the right time to come for a cuddle. The first one is the most important. Love them and let them be your friend for life



Although your dog will have been assessed prior to coming to you, this will have been in familiar surroundings and they may have acted differently to how they are now. Before they arrive consider a safe place for them to feel secure, perhaps a covered crate, a bed in a quiet area, maybe under the stairs if it is open or with an open door if it has one, see next paragraph.



Try to make this safe place an area that has access to the outside so they don't have to negotiate unfamiliar surroundings to toilet. Toileting in the house will add to their discomfort as they are naturally clean animals.



In the first few days it may be a good idea to confine the dog to this area, making sure they have access to the outside, a comfy bed, can eat and drink in peace. **Let them sit on the sidelines and observe you and what you are doing**



Alternatively your dog may want to follow you everywhere. Be led by your dog they will show you the way. don't rush things or force them into something they don't want to do



Carry on with your routine. If you have taken time off work, you will still need to leave the house so they get used to your coming and going. They won't be able to tell you their old routine and it will take time to blend the two



Asking your dog to sit, lie down or even play ball might be met with indifference. They may know different commands to those you are using. They may never have been in a house and could have been kept outside. They may not know how to behave how you want them to. They may not know how to play. Reward the behaviour you want and ignore the behaviour you don't want



Everything in your environment is new to them and needs to be investigated- sniffed at. What does it smell like? Can I eat it? Will it eat me? Do I need to wee on it? Can I sit on it? I want to go home. Where are my mum and dad? Where are my mini Hoomans? What's happened to my bed? I want to wee but where do I go? Where's my other doggy friends.? Nothing smells right. You will need to be very patient until all the new things become familiar to them.



You might have had a dog before and it may have been a Dalmatian. Your new dog is NOT a copy of your old one. They may not like what your old dog liked, they may like what your old dog didn't, they may be quite vocal and you may not know what it all means. Watch them and learn from them, take your cues from them.

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You want to make your dog happy but happy is a human emotion. Making your dog feel secure and part of the household is what you should aim for. A secure dog needs food, warmth, a safe place to sleep and consistency in those around them. Some dogs may want to play, others may not until they feel secure and settled. The first weeks and months will be a learning curve for you and your dog



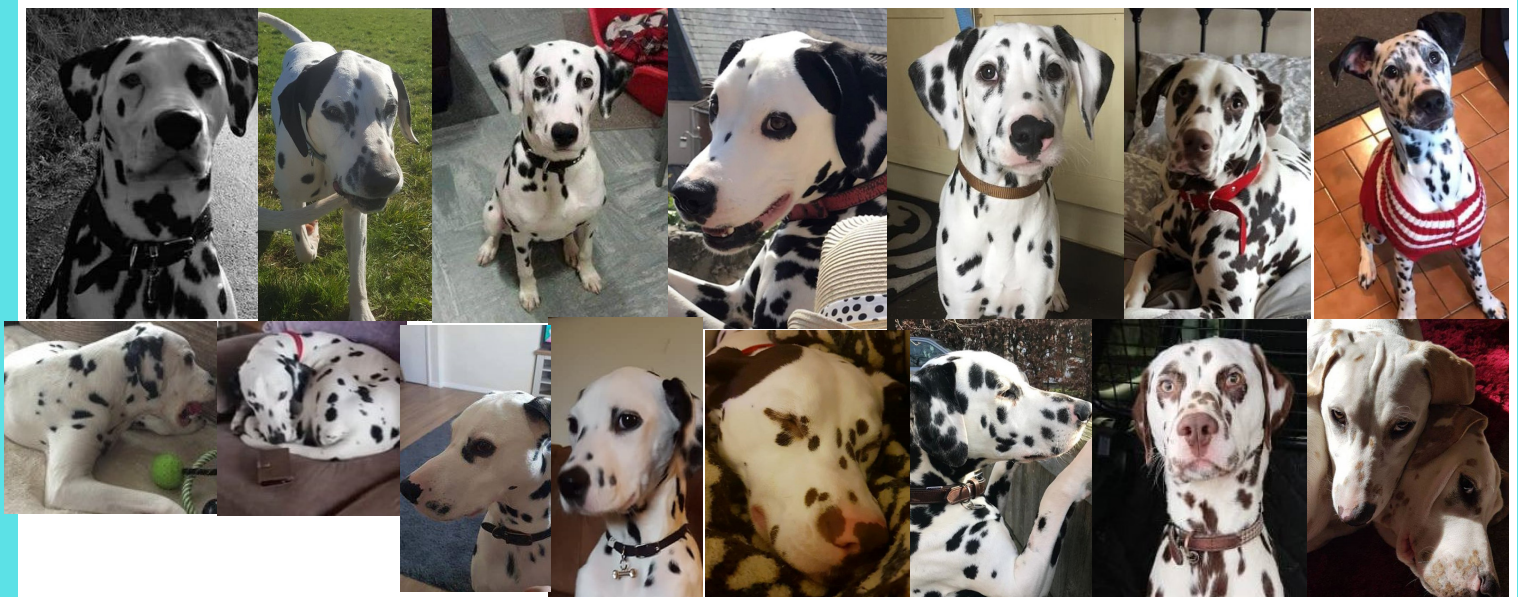
You will be excited to take them out for a walk and/or introduce them to family and friends, to meet everyone and show them off. This might be very difficult for your dog to handle. Some of their experiences in the past may not be good and they will need time to feel secure and confident in doing this. Wait at least a week before going on a walk and introducing new people. After all if you moved to a new area you would not be rushing to see everything in a few days.



Travelling home with them. Make sure that they have a crate or secure area in the back of the car so they cannot climb in the car. Secure them with a seatbelt attachment. - It is law to have dogs secure in a car. Do NOT expect them to snuggle up to you as they may feel you are in their space.

Adopting a Rescue can be very rewarding. However, you must be prepared to be patient and allow the dog to settle and do things at their own pace. Some rescues have had difficult lives and this can need a lot of work on your part. You must be prepared to not give up at the first hurdle. If you have problems then contact DAS for help and advice. You will be rewarded tenfold.

DAS provide backup for all their dogs for life.



**These are the dogs who have found their furever home in the past 3 months**

Daisy, Murdock, Clare, Lemons, Bruno, Freckles, Cooper (liver spot), Barney, Luna, Max, Prince, Fletcher, Vinny, Rolo and Waggs

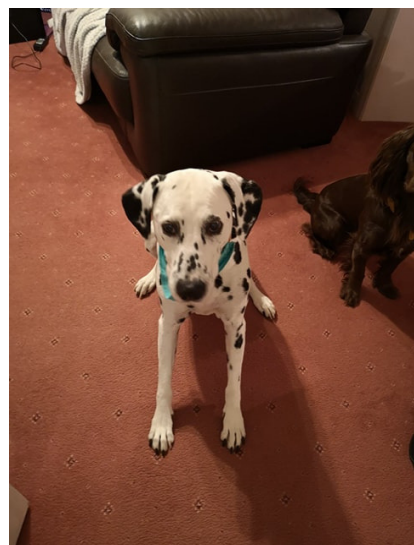
HAPPY NEW LIVES TO THEM ALL. WELL DONE DAS

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This is Harry's story through his eyes with what we already know about his past.

My dad had me from being a pup and we lived together happily until I was 11 when he died. I was taken by one of his friends to be looked after but instead of being with my dad all comfy and safe I was put outside in a kennel with another 3 dogs for 14 hours a day. I was so scared. I didn't know the other dogs, I wasn't in the warmth of my dad's house and I missed him. They told me he was not coming back for me but I didn't really understand. I felt abandoned. I barked a lot when I was outside and people complained so my dad's friend got in touch with DAS and I was adopted by a couple who also had another dog. So I was living somewhere new again, different smells, another dog, where do I wee, when do I eat, where is my bed, when will I go for a walk, will they love me like my dad? Anyway I settled with my new people and used to go to work with my new mum, everyone loved me and I felt better.



Then suddenly she didn't take me anymore. After being there for 6 months they said I was difficult and didn't like other dogs and started to nip people and show aggression. They contacted DAS and I was picked up by my current mum and dad who were going to foster me for a while. I got into the car with them and was taken away again to another new place. I was very frightened and scared. I stood up all the way home cos I didn't know what was happening. My new mum talked to me and stroked me but I was still scared. When we got home, I had to meet another 3 dogs, 2 more dals and a cocker spaniel. Mum and dad introduced them one at a time and then just left us to sniff each other. The little one was so playful and I wasn't used to it but it was nice and took my mind off having to deal with another set of smells and home.

Mum and dad found out that my birthday was the week after I arrived and I would be 12. Within a couple of days I had stolen their hearts and I became a 'failed foster'. I had to go to the vets because my teeth were all brown and horrible, the vet said I needed some work on them and also told mum and dad I had a testicular tumour. So that's why I had difficulty sitting down. So I had to have 2 operations. The first one was my teeth and I had to have one removed cos it was hurting and bad. Then after a while I had to have my bits chopped off, I wasn't happy about that but I have to say I feel so much better now and I can sit down without it hurting. Mum and dad looked after me but they noticed that since I arrived I did a lot of 'fly biting' where I would snap in the air as if I was catching a fly but there would be nothing there. They changed my food and my coat got much better but I was still frightened of everything. I would be aggressive around food thinking it would be taken from me but now I have my food in another room so I don't worry about that and I can take my time eating it. I am a bit food obsessed though and want to eat all the time mum and dad are eating and I cry - not sure why. I always get my tea after them. I have nipped a couple of times but I am much better now because I think I am staying here as mum tells me all the time how handsome I am and she loves me.



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There are just 2 of us dals now as the leader of the pack went away in October and mum cried a lot, she told me he had gone to Rainbow Bridge wherever that is. Mum still cries but I get up beside her and snuggle.

When I go out on the lead I go without a muzzle and have a collar that tells everyone I am nervous.

When we go to the field I am let off the lead but have to wear a muzzle because my other owners said I bit smaller dogs and dad says he thinks I might be ok now but doesn't want to tempt fate. Sometimes though when there is no one around they let me take it off for a little while and I am very happy then. My other dally friend keeps chewing my muzzles – I think he doesn't want me to have it on either!

I only 'fly bite' now very occasionally, when I might be stressed a little. I am a little wary still of my dal friend cos he likes to be boss but we are making friends slowly and the little one is definitely my friend. We kiss sometimes (when we think no one is looking!) I have a bed beside mum and dad with a quilt in it but I won't get in it at night until mum has fluffed it up. Dad says it's a bed turn down service like in hotels – I think he is jealous !

So this was my 4th home in 6 months but I have been here now nearly a year so I think they love me enough to keep me. In April I will be 13, mum says I will be able to have a cake and maybe even some dog beer!! (can't wait for that) I am now beginning to feel settled but it has taken a long time for me to feel that way. I like to sit next to mum or dad at night and have lots of cuddles and ear rubs. Mum tells me that I am not going anywhere else and I think I am starting to believe her



If you have a rescue dog and would like to tell their story, Please contact

[spotsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:spotsfundraising@gmail.com)

We can change all names if you would prefer

# Invitation

You are invited to a Beach Day

WHERE :

Berrow Beach Weston Super Mare

WHEN

Saturday 27 APRIL 2019 2pm - 8pm

DAS dogs and non DAS dogs..... we'd love to see as many of the dogs that we have rehomed all come together. Come along and spend the afternoon with your favourite breed.....let them have fun on the beautiful sandy beach. Everyone is welcome and please make sure you all have enough poo bags !! :)

Will be great for everyone to put a face to all the names we see on the page.

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## HELP FOR SUE

You may have read that as from this week Sue is taking a step back from the organising and communication side of the rescue. She will still be the Boss and be involved in the day to day decisions about the dogs. But she is leaving the admin and communication to some very able volunteers so will not be dealing with the issues that humans can sometimes cause.

She is, in her words, 'as happy as a pig in muck' cos the kids are getting their mum back. I am sure they will be very happy too.

Its been clear for some time that the amount of work she does is not sustainable for just one person.

So this is a great move forward.

Sue will continue to post photos and videos - we might get more now which will be fantastic because I am sure we all love seeing them.

DAS is not changing the way it works, but as Sue says she might not hit the Malibu as often!!!!

Message from Sue who is the victim of her own success :)

Thank you to all of you that have helped us grow and flourish over the last 3 years

Thank you to those of you that throw crap at us too cos you make us tougher and keep going :)

it's time to go and have furry cuddles .....

## RECIPE

### Spotty dog Kong Mousse

#### Ingredients

2 Chicken breasts  
Salt  
2 Beaten eggs  
100gm Cottage cheese  
Natural yoghurt

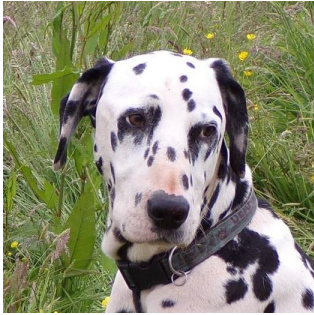
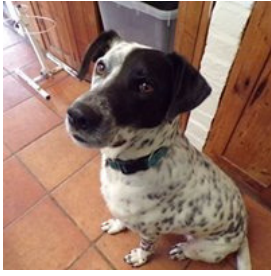
#### Method

1. Add the chicken breasts to a pan of cold salted water.
2. Bring pan to boil, then remove from heat and leave to cool.
3. Once cool enough to handle chop into cubes and put into food processor.
4. Smear inside of bowl with butter, add pinch of salt and the beaten eggs. Cook in microwave (800W at 80% power for 1m40s) beat again and add to chicken in food processor
5. Add cottage cheese and blitz. At this stage the mixture will be too dry so slowly add natural yoghurt until you have a nice creamy mousse.

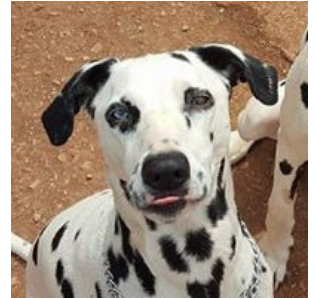
Makes enough for several kongs which will be tasty, nutritious and healthy

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Donate via standing order. Just £1 a week can make a massive difference.  
Bank Account details are TSB Sort Code 77-26-17 Acc 23149968 or Sponsor Our Spots

Join our Fundraising Page on Facebook for raffles, auctions and weekly draw  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DAS101>

Join Easyfundraising online and a donation of what you spend comes to DAS  
Use easyfundraising to switch your car & home insurance, purchase a new tv package, take a new mobile contract or switch your gas supplier and you can raise up to £200 for Dalmatian Adoption Society and Rescue!

Aviva will donate up to £30, More Than up to £22.50, Vodafone and EE up to £35, SKY up to £52.50 and British Gas up £25, to name just a few.

You can get yourself a better deal at the same time so check it out  
today: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dasuk1/>

Take a look at our ebay shop <https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/dalmatian-adoption-society>  
More items to add

Ink jet recycling: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DAS101/permalink/415712398894605/>

EVERY PENNY HELPS AND GOES TO THE DOGS.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or anything you would like to donate for auction, please contact

Shirley Plummer or Sam Willoughby

Thank you so much for your support, it is greatly appreciated

## General information that may be useful

### **Travelling in a car with your dog**

The Highway Code states that dogs (and other animals) are 'suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly' (rule 57). Dogs who are unrestrained can cause significant force if they are thrown forward as a result of an accident or sudden braking. This may cause injury to passengers, the dog or may even cause death. Make sure your dog is secured safely in a car. Significant fines can be enforced and insurance can be invalidated if your dog is unsecured in the car

### **Travelling in the EU with your dog**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexite>  
for the latest information

### **Ever wondered how to do the Heimlich Manoeuvre on a dog**

Hopefully you will never need to do this but you never know!

Much easier to watch than try to describe what to do

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YnXt8ou9qeA#>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_yiQ\\_I5DU1M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yiQ_I5DU1M)

These two links will show you how to do the Heimlich Manoeuvre on your dog

