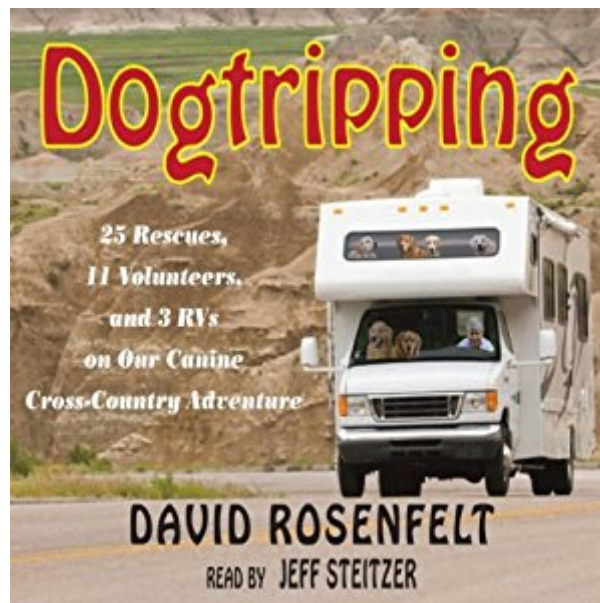




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# Dogtripping: 25 Rescues, 11 Volunteers, And 3 RVs On Our Canine Cross-Country Adventure



## Synopsis

When best-selling mystery writer David Rosenfelt and his family moved from Southern California to Maine, he thought he had prepared for everything. They had mapped the route, brought three GPSs for backup, as well as refrigerators full of food, and stoves and microwaves on which to cook them. But traveling with 25 dogs turned out to be a bigger ordeal than he anticipated, despite RVs, the extra kibble, volunteers (including a few readers), and camping equipment. Rosenfelt recounts the adventure of moving his animal companions across the United States with humor and warmth, and tells the tale of how he and his wife became passionate foster parents for rescue dogs, culminating in the creation of the Tara Foundation and successfully placing several thousand dogs with loving families. David Rosenfelt, a native of Paterson, NJ, is a graduate of NYU. He was a former marketing president for Tri-Star Pictures before becoming a novelist. Narrator Jeff Steitzer has appeared on Broadway in "Inherit The Wind" and "Mary Poppins" in regional theaters around the country, and is the Multiplayer Announcer for all HALO video Games.

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## Customer Reviews

As a fan of Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter series, I couldn't resist this non-fiction "woof-a-bago" adventure. I was well rewarded and read it in just a couple of sittings. I must admit at the start that I am a "cat person," but I fell in love with all of the dogs this wonderful man and his wife have brought into their lives. While the book is about the trip from California to Maine - zany, laugh-aloud funny,

heartwarming - he intersperses the journey with chapters about individual dogs, how they came to be with them, and what great dogs they are. I don't think he's met one that wasn't.... Also, Rosenfelt writes about his feelings about rescue organizations, shelters, animal hoarders, euthanasia, all without ever preaching or sounding smug. He has a wry tone and pokes fun at himself at every opportunity. I can't say enough about the pleasure this book gave me. There are a lot of good people in this world, but David and Debbie Rosenfelt have got to be among the best. Buy this one for yourself and for every animal lover you know!

This is a wonderfully told humorous road trip story about a couple, the author David Rosenfelt and his wife Debbie, plus 11 true friends who helped them move their 25 rescued dogs of various lineages from Orange County, CA to near Damariscotta Lake, Maine using three rented RVs in 2011. As the author says early in the story on page 4, "[T]he difference between an ordeal and an adventure is attitude. That's how I knew I was in for an ordeal." In self-deprecating and humble style the author states that 25 is probably the smallest number of dogs they had at any one time in the ten years prior to their cross country adventure, with 42 being the maximum number and 31/32 being about the average. He also gives full credit to the other males in his party as being real men, while he generally portrays himself as a bit of a nebbish in the vein of Woody Allen. The author and Debbie started a non-profit dog rescue called the TARA Foundation in honor of Debbie's best dog of all time, a golden she still longs for. David and Debbie keep Tara alive by writing her into his Andy Carpenter series in which Tara started off as a 7yo Golden and eleven years later has only aged to 9yo. The author says she will never get seriously sick or hurt in his novels, nor will she ever die, but she may miraculously get younger if it suits him. :) An idea of the clean type of humor told throughout the book is the experience the author had in trying to book some rooms outside Salt Lake City prior to the move back East. When the motel clerk told him there would be a 50.00/pet cleaning deposit for each dog under 30 pounds and 75.00 for each dog over 30 pounds he said, "I hadn't done the math, but I was pretty sure we would be traveling with over a ton of dog, so the cleaning deposit would probably be the GDP of a third world country." [p64] I personally liked the chapter in which Charleston Heston adopts Willie, a chow mix from the author, as I also rescued a chow/golden mix as a puppy, I named Leo, and who is now 12+yo. As with all animal lovers, a picture of Leo is visible on my profile page. This is simply a heartwarming story of love and caring for animals told with insight and humor sure to warm the hearts of all dog/animal lovers and well worth the read.

It's truly rare to see a dog hoarder not only get away with it, but to actually praise them for the fact!

These folks are totally nuts. And, most probably spending themselves into the poorhouse. Why & How? Well, that's the story! They work to rescue Golden Retrievers (and also end up with a zillion other mixed breed dogs in the mix). And, they are total suckers for older dogs that the City Pounds (mis-named Rescues) would snuff as either inconvenient, too old, not likable, or just plain been there too long. The book is basically about moving cross-country from Southern California to Maine in three RVs. It's an adventure (and, to some degree a sufferfest)! ... His final goal? Maybe get down to 15, or so, dogs. (My thought, just enough for a Sled Team with a few to ride along)! All-in-all, a great book and well worth the money! Disclaimer: I have three Rescue dogs. All are Australian Kelpies found through Petfinder\_dot\_com. Two came in as strays & the third was an Owner turn in. One is active & the other two are now getting on in years and are retired. I donate to a Rescue in Oklahoma: Rainbow Bridge Can Wait AR (a 503c).

If your an animal lover, especially golden retrievers you'll like this story. Did get a bit drawn out towards the ending, but still a good read. Hats off to these people and their devotion to rescue of canines. Inspiring, moving, it had me giving even more hugs to my lab for all he is. Happy tails.

I am a fan of the author's mysteries and knew he was a force in dog rescue so this book was exactly what I was waiting for. The author is actually funny. A lot of mysteries I read come with blurbs saying how wacky and hilarious the story is. They are lying. This book and the author's other works are actually (I swear) laugh out loud funny. The tale (I resisted writing tail) of their cross country trek is broken up by vignettes about some of the many dogs he and his wife have rescued and placed in forever homes or welcomed into their house. It helps if you have a liking for dogs but the story is funny whether you are a dog nut or not. Pictures of the dogs described are included at the back which really helps. Anyone looking for humor in books currently faces a pretty bleak landscape. Dogtripping is something you will really enjoy. I can honestly say as my Kindle neared 100% I was sorry the story was ending.

I'm not even completely finished with the book yet but I love it and wanted people to know to buy it. David Rosenfelt is one of the funniest most genuine authors I have ever read. I love his books and Dogtripping is one of my all time favorites.

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