
Doggone Dalmatian!

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This image arose from a semi-serious bid to address the issue of whether observers familiar with the original Dalmatian dog picture would have any difficulty recognizing the image if it had a different Dalmatian dog (different spots) or even the original dog in a different pose. We soon got carried away with the digital manipulation and ended up completely removing the dog. The resulting picture has a curious effect on people familiar with the original (and unfamiliar with what we have done to it). Most just keep straining to find the dog that they ‘know’ exists. More interesting, however, are those who say that they actually see the dog!