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Puck

Before the ball drops, a look back at the top five

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2008

#2 Dalmatian*



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Looking forward to 2009



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Bridlewise is very proud of this beautifully marked and typey girl.

"Desiree" won a 5 pt. Specialty supported major going BOW in Atlanta and the very next weekend went BOW for a 4 pt. major the day after the Cumberland Valley Club Specialty to finish.

She also went RWB at the Dalmatian Club of Detroit Specialty under breeder judge Elaine Lindhorst and RWB at the Dalmatian Club of Detroit's Holid Specialty under Joe Gregory.



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#1 Dalmatian
Breed and All-Breed*



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• COVER STORY

Ch. Troika's Robin Goodfellow "Puck"

As small scale hobby breeders, we carefully breed the best to the best with the hope of producing a consistent line of healthy, typey, sound Dalmatians. Accomplishing this feat from generation to generation is its own reward and the major source of our satisfaction. Still, in our hearts, we all harbor the secret hope of one day producing THE ONE – that special dog that epitomizes for us personally all that we've been breeding for, one that will be recognized as embodying exceptional quality. For me, that once in a lifetime dog is Puck. At age 6, he is now retired from active campaigning. Yet whatever successes I am blessed with, each step of the journey we took together and the quality of the partnership we forged will remain the apex of my time in dogs.



And a marvelous journey it has been. Puck gaited into the public eye at DCA 2003 where at 11 months he was selected as Winners Dog from the 9-12 puppy class by the late famed all-rounder Anne Rogers Clark – a win made more sweet as two other brothers won their classes, and one was chosen reserve to Puck (Bard – Ch Troika Snow Hill As You Like It). Puck finished soon after and as a move up not only won Best of Breed, he won the Group, thus

beginning his Breeder-Owner handled Specials career at the ripe age of 12 months. Excited that Puck had qualified (barely) for the Top 20 that year, I entered him at Westminster. That he might be competitive at less than 18 months of age against the highly ranked dogs of the time never entered my mind. That he might win BOB was impossible. But he did.

He also finished 2004 as the Number 2 Dalmatian in Breed wins. Many wins followed including an AOM at Westminster the following year, 139 BOB wins, 13 Specialty BISS and almost 60 group placements. I continue to savor in my mind the remembered pleasure of each down and back with my once in a lifetime dog.

That would be enough for any of us. But as breeders we have to keep on trying, and while they say that lightning doesn't strike twice, i.e., don't repeat a great litter, I did. So there is also my lovely Giselle (Ch Troika's Adagio) who was 2005 DCA WB, 2007 DCA BOS, and Westminster AOM 2006 and BOS 2007. She finished 2007 as the Number 1 Bitch and the Number 3 Dalmatian. So I will keep on trying, even though for me, there will never be another ONE.

Special thanks to Puck's Number 1 fan, Pat McCormack, for her support.



"Puck"



"Giselle"

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We're Tickled Pink about our new addition!

"Tickle"



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CH Tuckaway Winged Foot x CH Sunnyoaks Spicen' It Up

At the Dalmatian Club of Northern California, Tickle went Best of Breed for a 5 point Major from the 6-9 month puppy class over multiple specials!

Our appreciation to Judge David J. Kirkland for this wonderful Specialty win.

A Very Special thank you to breeders Michele & Thomas Wrath of Sunnyoaks Dalmatians and to Carrie Jordan of NspirD Dalmatians!

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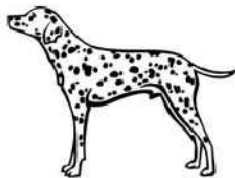
Marie "Debbie" Zink

The team hopes you enjoyed our first issue! We have included pictures of taken at Westminster, better known as the "Garden". The weather in New York in February can always be different. This year we were delighted to have 50 degree temps with sunny skies. The rain held off until Wednesday when most of us left for home. If you can fit this show into your show budgets, you will love it. It really is like no other show in the nation! Congrats to the all the winners! In this issue you will see pics of the ring, and also some of the Dal folks who attended this years show.

We thank all of you for your support! We will be adding more articles, spotlighting our health & research committees and continue to strive for more new ideas.

ENJOY!

Debbie & the Spotter team!






Westminster Kennel Club, February 9 - 10, 2009




Westminster Winners 2008 - Judge: Kenneth Falconi

Best of Breed:

Am. Can. Ch. Tramac Joyride 'N With Spotlight (Smith/Meisch)

Best of Opposite Sex:

Am. Can. Ch. Tramac Just Walk 'N On Sunshine (Smith/Callea)

Award of Merit

Ch Bret D Gabriel's Lost Art (Carey)

Award of Merit

Ch Perdita's Absolute Adorable (Carro/Liban)

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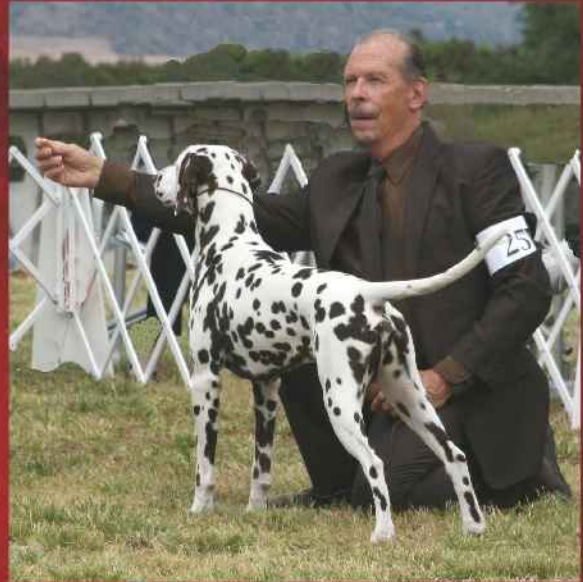
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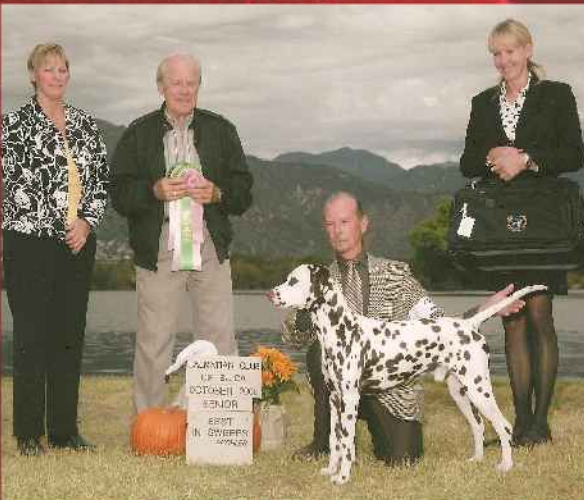


Thank you Judge: Mr. Robert Lucas

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Best In Sweeps



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• MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

J. Charles Garvin, MD.



As my terms as President end, we can look back on the activities of the club, the progress we have made, and the status of the club. Compared to previous decades, our club has become much more participatory and democratic. The opinions of the membership are vital to the choices of specialty judges, specialty locations, which events are included at the specialty, the all-important breed standard and how it is interpreted, how our members should comport themselves, and who has the responsibility to run the business of the corporation.

Currently, there is controversy concerning which is the best of many possible roles the DCA could play in the development of the Low Uric Acid - Backcross dogs. The club members voted and the board is following the current wishes of the majority – to continue to support research and education, but not pursue AKC registration at this time. The vast majority of our members are satisfied with that course, but some are not and a few have gone so far as to resign from the club or board.

This is not the first disagreement we have faced. In recent years there have been differences of opinion on many topics in the Dalmatian world that the club has successfully resolved. There were times when such topics as the proper management of deaf puppies, the breeding of unilateral hearing dogs, the management of dogs with blue eyes, the continuation of Sweepstakes at the National, the locations of the Specialty, the nationalization of the show committee, and whether to have indoor or outdoor specialties were controversial as well. There remain different opinions on many of these. But differences of opinion are not bad – they can be healthy for the progress of the club, if managed appropriately.

We have managed these differences by the democratic process – educating the members on the issues, asking the club members for their thoughts and opinions, and following their preferences. Obviously, not everyone gets their way, but the organization – the members together - does.

There are sure to be more disagreements in the future. Just as no dog wins every time in the ring, not every preference of yours will achieve a majority opinion of the membership. But you can be confident that the board will consider the opinions of the

membership as they determine what is best for the breed and the club.

We also know that opinions and circumstances can change over time. The reason we continue to return to dog shows is because we know that a judge's opinion is relevant only on that day in the ring. What makes sense now may not be what makes sense in the future. So, it is important for DCA members to continue to communicate with your board members, in order to stay informed, to share your thoughts, and to increase our mutual understanding of the complexities of some of the issues.

The board members spend a great deal of time and money in service to the club, and their efforts are greatly appreciated. The well more than 100 volunteers and committee members who donate their time and talents are what really make our club successful. I urge all members to share their talents in the work of the DCA.

I am honored and humbled for being given the opportunity to serve the DCA for so many years. I am confident that the club is well positioned to continue to prosper in the years ahead. Thank you for your support.

J. Charles Garvin, M.D.
President
Dalmatian Club of America

Introducing....

Bennett

CH Paisley Elan Special Effects

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- Finished with 4 majors from the Puppy Class!
- First Champion for his sire Argus!

- WD/BOW - Mt. Hood Specialty
- WD/BOW - Greater Twin Cities Specialty
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- Best In Sweeps - Western Reserve Specialty
- First 6 - 9 Puppy Dogs - DCA 2008

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Pictured at 14 months

Look for Bennett with Tony Carter and Carmen Ruby
in the Pacific Northwest.

FLASH!!!

First weekend out in 2009, Bennett goes Breed & Group III!

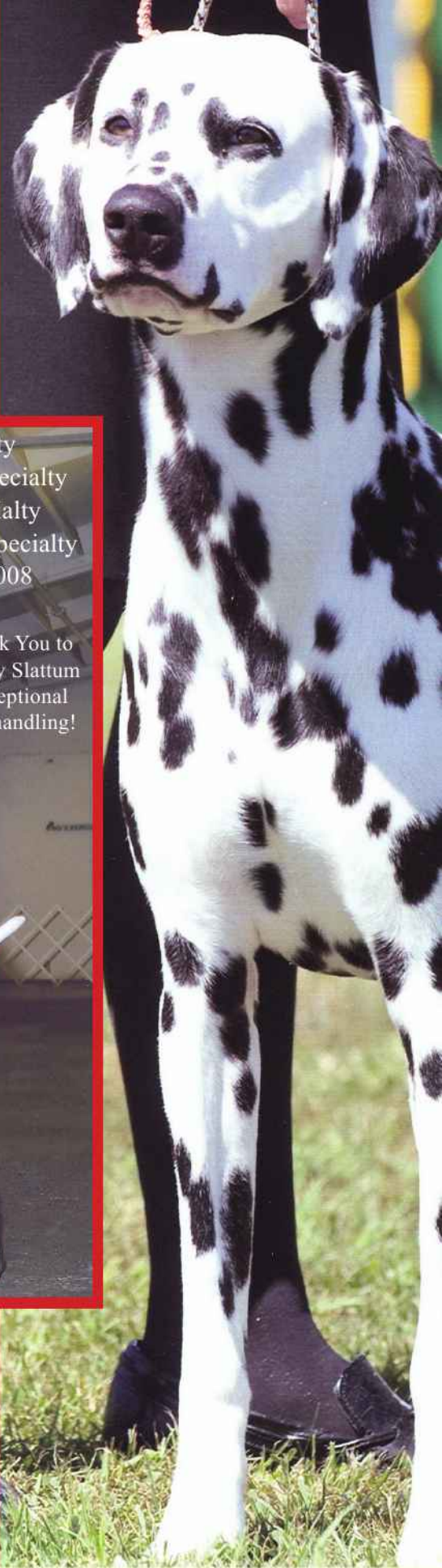
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• TIPS TO GET STARTED IN RALLY

By Kathy McCoubrey

AKC Rally has become a very popular sport. Unfortunately the misconception persists that a dog does not require any specialized training to get a rally title. I have had dogs come into my ring that were barely under control and could not perform any of the exercises without the handler using the leash to force them into compliance. A consistently tight lead is a mandatory non-qualifying score under the AKC regulations. If you are thinking you might enjoy earning some rally titles with your Dalmatian here are a few tips to get you off to a good start.

Read and understand the rules so you will know exactly what you can and cannot do while competing. Novice A is for dogs that have not earned the Rally Novice title or any AKC obedience title and must be handled by the owner or a member of the owner's household or immediate family. The handler may not have handled any dog to a rally or obedience title. Advanced A is for dogs that have not earned the Rally Advanced title or any obedience title and Excellent A is for dogs that have not earned the Rally Excellent title or any obedience title but there is no restriction on the handler. A perfect score is 100 points and a minimum of 70 is required to qualify. You should have a copy of the AKC Rally Regulations and the AKC Obedience Regulations. When something is not specifically addressed in the Rally Regulations it defers to the Obedience Regulations. It is a good idea to also have a copy of the Rules for Registration and Discipline and the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The rules can be downloaded from the AKC website (www.akc.org) or you can order a copy from the AKC Store.

Study the descriptions of each of the stations so you will know exactly how it is to be performed and what constitutes the "principle parts" of each exercise. The "principle parts" of the exercise are underlined in bold type in the description and must be performed correctly.

or it will result in an Incorrectly Performed Station (IP) for a loss of 10 points. For example, the principle part of Exercise 24 Serpentine Weave Once states that "Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first pylon or post at the dog handler's left side. The dog and handler must complete the entire exercise by passing the last pylon or post." Thus, if the handler enters with the first pylon to his/her right or exits the exercise before passing the 4th cone it would be an IP. Other errors such as forging or lagging will result in points off but the maximum deduction for any station is 10 points.

Teach your dog to perform all of the stations on a loose lead. Try to think of the lead as a decoration not a necessity. People seem tempted to skip training the more difficult exercises especially at the excellent level. At one trial I overheard an Excellent A competitor complaining that she couldn't possibly qualify because the judge had the moving down, moving stand, and back up 3 steps on the course and she hadn't trained any of those as she never thought they would all be used at the same time. I encourage my rally students to train all the way through excellent before they enter novice. It seems pretty likely that a dog that can do an off lead excellent level course will have no trouble qualifying in novice and will be able to move up as soon as titles are completed.

Practice under a wide variety of different circumstances. Go to run throughs in many different places. If you cannot find run throughs in your area practice in parks, parking lots, or even other people's backyards. Put food and toys around the training area to serve as distractions. Unless you are only planning to show at indoor trials, you will need to practice in all kinds of weather. There are many dogs that do not like to sit or down on wet ground. Try doing stations that are spaced close together as you will not always have a perfectly designed course.



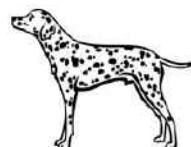
Romy shows lovely attention in front while waiting for the command to finish.

Think of everything that could happen at a trial and try to come up with a way to simulate it in the training environment.



Nori has done a nice straight drop and waits for me to return to heel position

Show with pride and confidence. This is a lot easier to do if you are knowledgeable about the rules, have taught the dog to perform the stations correctly, and have proofed the dog under all kinds of conditions. Rally can be what you make it. Take the time to properly prepare for competition so you and your Dalmatian will be the kind of team others want to emulate.




Ch. Polaris N Dalmino's Mostly Sunnie




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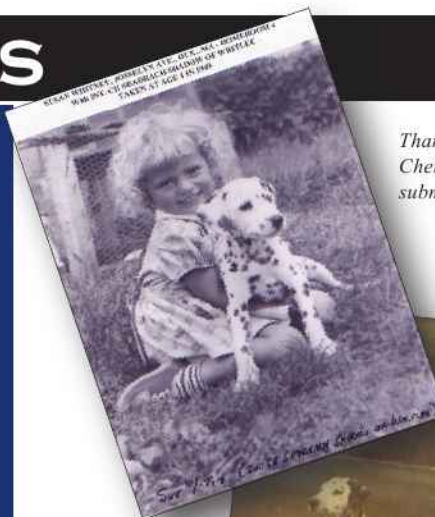
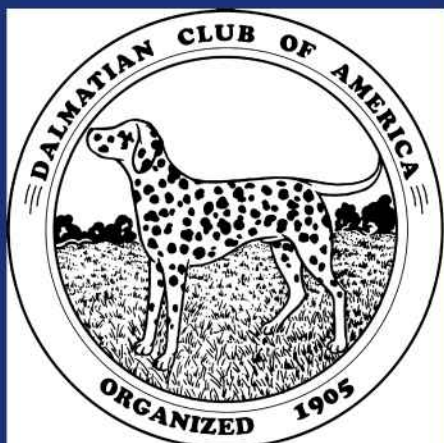
By Mary Miller

The state of the economy is on all of our minds these days. As a reminder to all the Juniors, who are not members of DCA, the following is what is offered to you to become a Junior member, for the cost of \$10.00 a year!

1. The membership will allow you to become a regular member once you have reached your 18th birthday.
2. Stipend to Juniors for both Westminster and AKC/Eukanuba shows.
3. Discounted advertising fee in the Spotter.
4. Newsletter just for Juniors.
5. Scholarship awards to qualifying Juniors for college or an accredited school.

With the continuing increase in the cost of going to shows and the benefits if you decide to go to college, you would be passing up a great opportunity, if you did not join. Not every National breed club offers what DCA does for Juniors! In fact, I have been asked by several National breed clubs to use our scholarship application and requirements as a blue print for their clubs.

So don't wait any longer - become a member of DCA!



Thank you to DCA Historian Cheryl Steinmetz for submitting these photos!



Patrick Jones' granddaughter, McKenna & Marco, showing off for the camera. Submitted by Patrick Jones



Royalty or future Junior? Liz Zedel's daughter Alida and OTCh. Beachcomber's Licquorice give it a try! Submitted by Liz Zedel

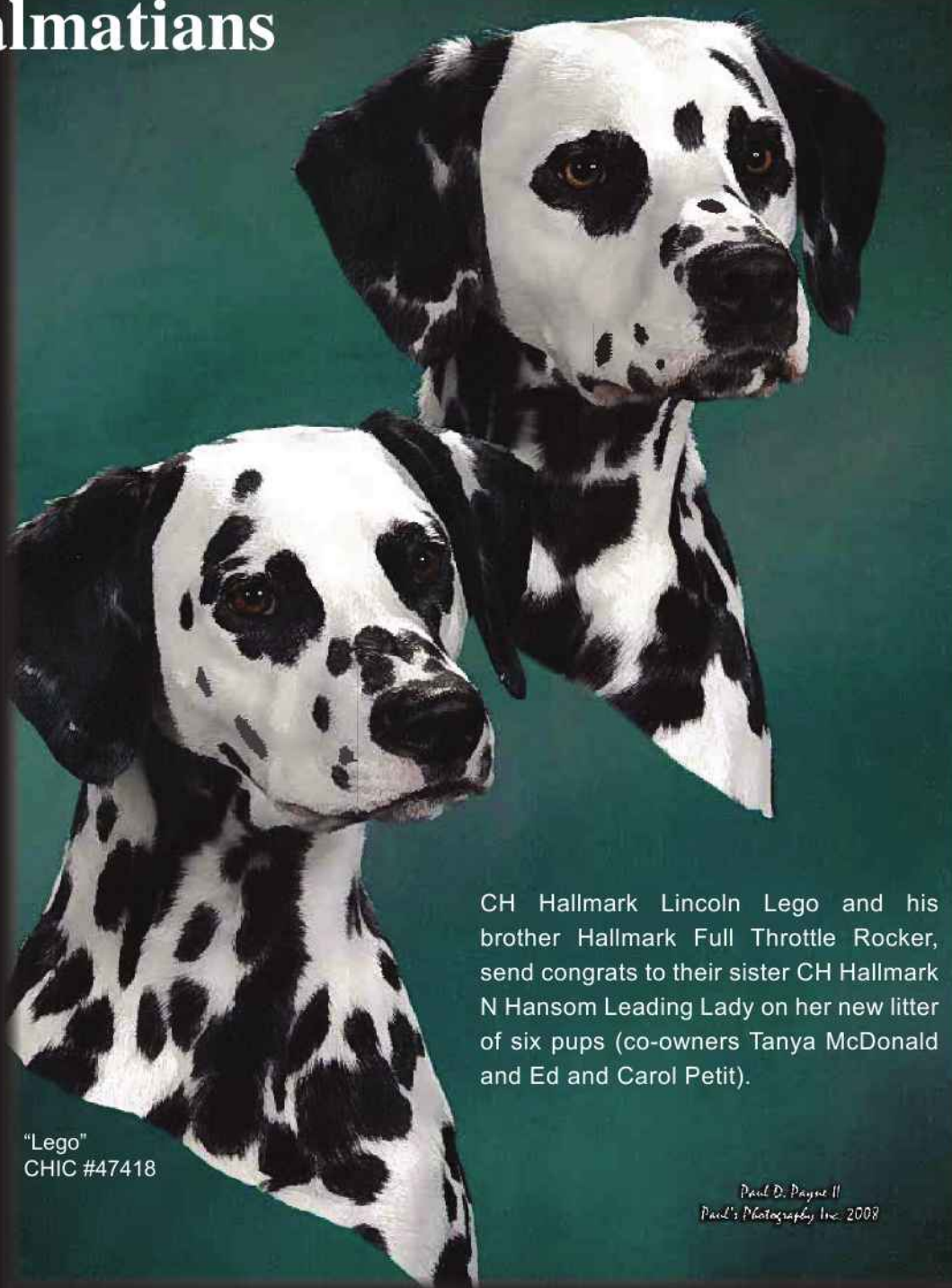


Russell Langlois, son of Mary Squire Reed - 9 years old showing Onyx at 9 months. Cook Photo



Nicole Owens and Leah and at DCA 2008. Photo courtesy of Tanya McDonald

Hallmark Dalmatians



"Lego"
CHIC #47418

CH Hallmark Lincoln Lego and his brother Hallmark Full Throttle Rocker, send congrats to their sister CH Hallmark N Hansom Leading Lady on her new litter of six pups (co-owners Tanya McDonald and Ed and Carol Petit).

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WHAT A WEEKEND!

Friday Evening



Best In Specialty - Mr. Luc Boileau

Saturday Evening



Best In Specialty - Mrs. Mary Klein

Saturday Afternoon



All-Breed Best In Show - Mr. William Bergum **ARGUS**

Am. Can. Int. Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway

(Ch. Monarch Snow Hill Aces High ex Ch. Trailside Gold Mercedes) CHIC# 42287 - Thyroid Normal

What a tremendous year! Sparingly speialed, and always owner-handled, Argus finished the year among the Top Dals with wins that included TWO all-breed Bests In Show, FOUR Specialty Best of Breeds (including DCA) and back-to-back Group Ones in the toughest of Non-Sporting Competition.

Argus and his owners would like to thank the judges and our fellow Dal owners for making this year SO MUCH FUN!

Owners:

Mark & Ginger Iwaoka (Tailwind)

Sue MacMillan (Paisley)

Handled By:

Sue MacMillan

Bred By:

Carrie Jordan (NspirD)

Debbie Goddard

Cecelia Petitpa

Rona Picinich

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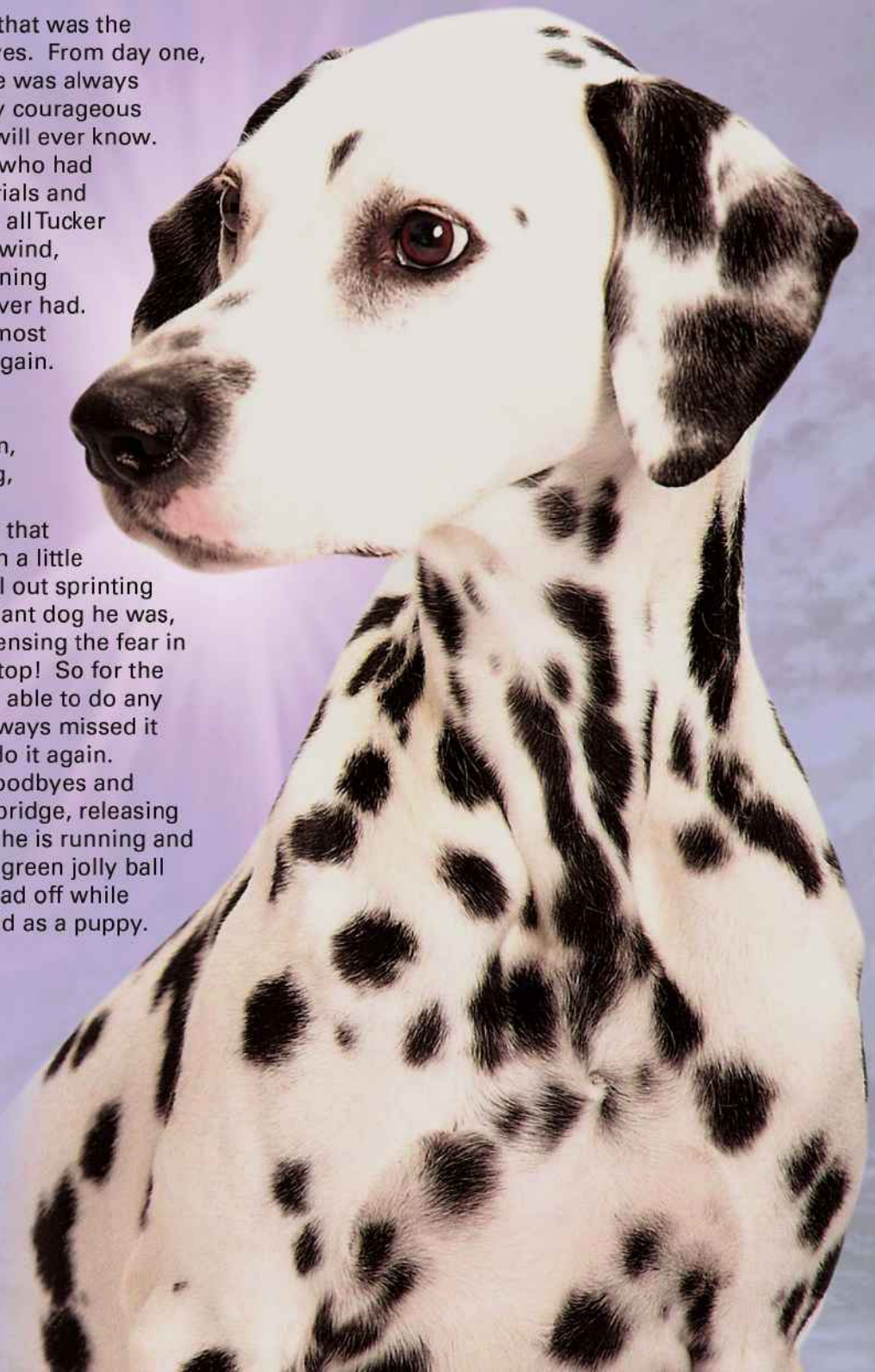
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August 8, 1998 – September 19, 2008

Tucker gets his wish...

It's the least we could do for a dog that was the quintessential perfect dog in our eyes. From day one, he never gave us any problems. He was always obedient, loyal, loving and certainly courageous and brave, likely the bravest dog I will ever know. But most of all, he was a caretaker who had seen our family through so many trials and tribulations. From a young puppy, all Tucker ever wanted to do was run like the wind, and that dog had more fun just running around in circles than any dog I'd ever had. He loved to chase, be chased, and most of all to fetch a ball over and over again. When he tore his cruciate at a year and a half, his crazy running days were over. Being the cautious mom, I didn't want him to re-injure his leg, or God forbid injure the other leg, which is always compromised after that kind of surgery. So we'd let him run a little bit, here and there, but no more full out sprinting unabashedly. But being the compliant dog he was, Tucker accepted that rule, always sensing the fear in my voice when I called for him to stop! So for the past 8 ½ years, Tucker has not been able to do any carefree sprinting, but I know he always missed it and longed for the day he'd get to do it again. Tucker got his wish. We said our goodbyes and helped him pass over the rainbow bridge, releasing him to the heavens where I'm sure he is running and playing right now. He has his little green jolly ball in his mouth and is laughing his head off while he runs, jumps, and plays like he did as a puppy.

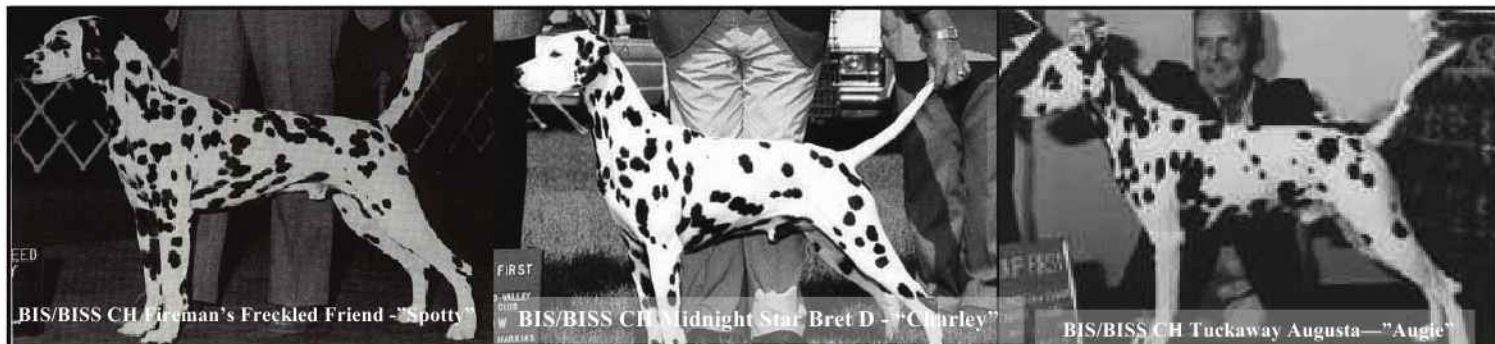
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The Heritage of Excellence Continues



Diamond C'Ya at the Finishline - "Sid"

Best of Breed - Mr. Lester R. Mapes, 2008 Greater Racine Kennel Club

Best of Opposite - Mr. Thomas Luke, 2008 Rockford-Freeport Kennel Club

Best of Winners - Mrs. Sari Brewster-Tietjen, 2008 Holland Michigan Kennel Club

Best of Winners - Mrs. Francine W. Schwartz, 2008 Chicagoland Dalmatian Club Specialty

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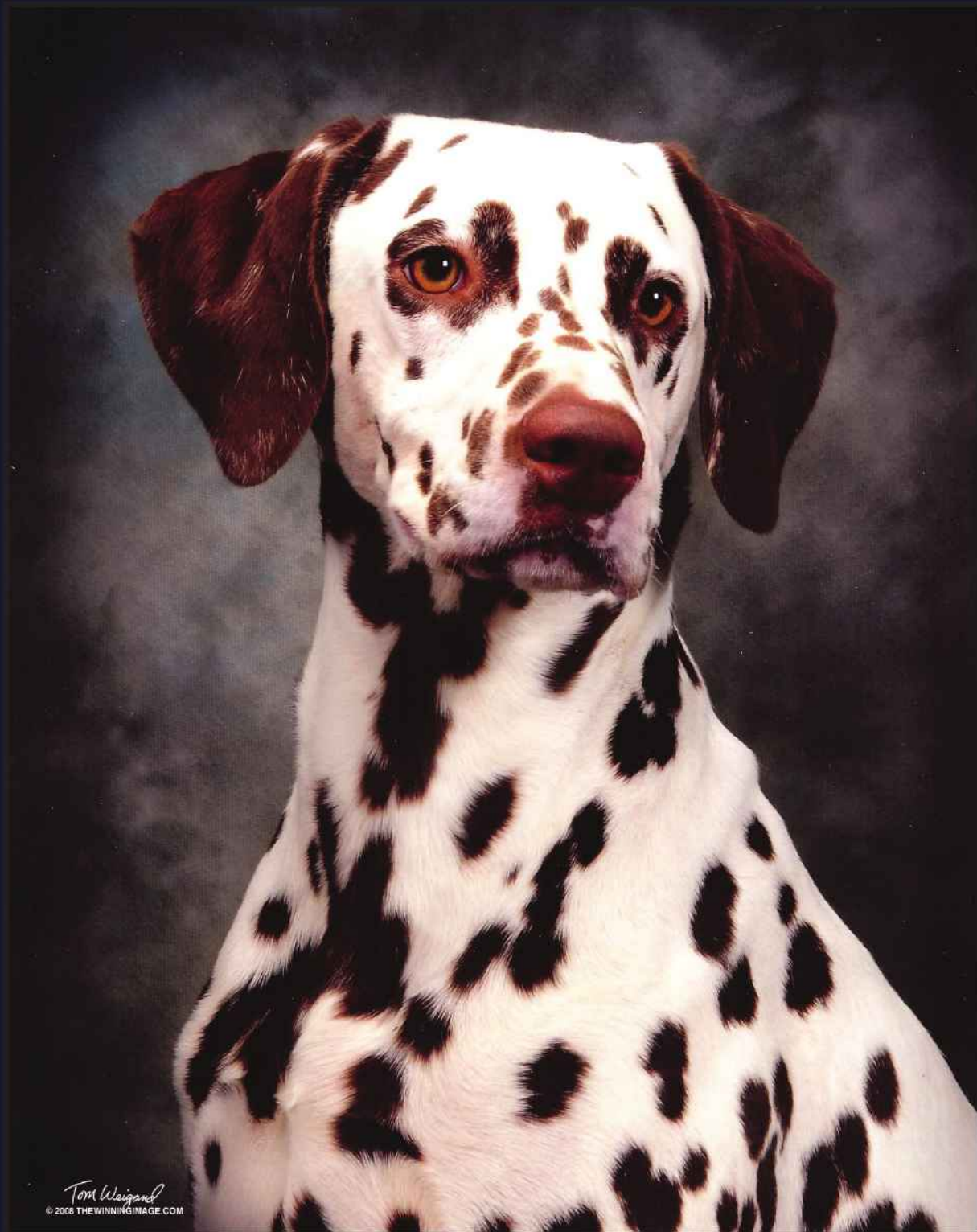


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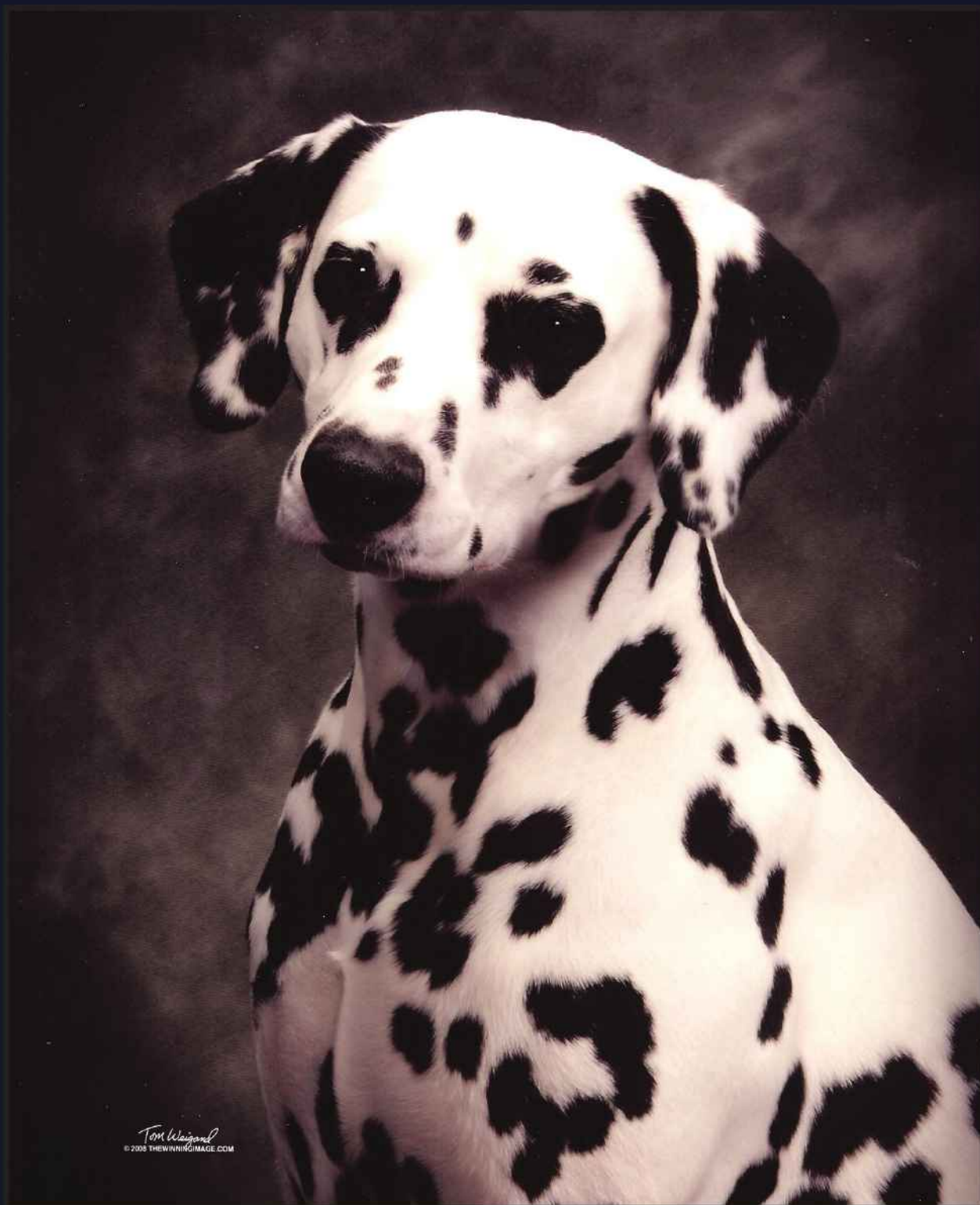
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“Tessa”

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*My old friend,
I recall, the times we had hangin' on my wall
I wouldn't trade them for gold
'Cause they laugh and they cry me
They somehow sanctify me
They're woven in the stories I have told and tell again
My old friend*

*My old friend
This song's for you
'Cause a few simple verses was the least that I could do
To tell the world that you were here
'Cause the love and the laughter will live on long after
All of the sadness and the tears
We'll meet again
My old friend*

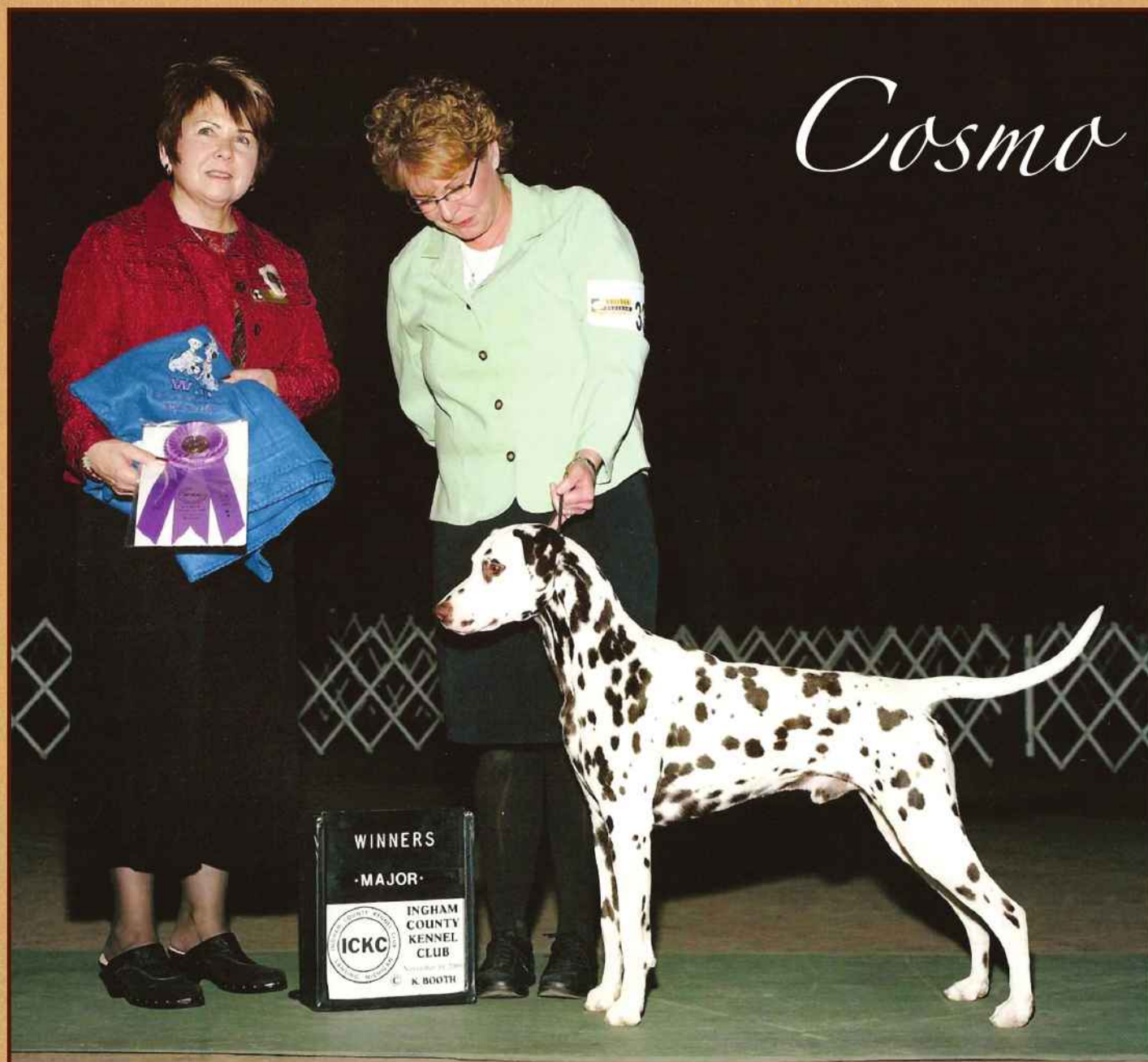
-Tim McGraw



*You are always in our hearts Portie.
Love Clark, Dawn, Alexis, and Michael Mauel*

Indigo's Robbsdale Moonshadow^(L)

14 points with both majors...



(CH. Alfredrich Handsome Tall N Dark x CH. Robbsdale's Ruby Slippers of Pal)

This young Chum son is everything we had hoped he would be. Great feet, level topline, strong rear, proper reach and drive, and a wonderful temperament. We expect Cosmo to finish easily in 2009.

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• ON THE ROAD AGAIN

By Peggy Strupp

“Road Trial Title: Priceless”

Trip to see a pro football game: \$900.

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Road Trial title: PRICELESS!



It may sound like a cliché, but just ask any exhibitor from the Greater Washington Dalmatian Club Road Trial how they feel about the experience. For these exhibitors, it was “priceless.” When questioned, exhibitors were asked to compare the cost of earning a Road Trial title to the cost of earning a conformation championship or other performance title. For most, the cost of a RT title was less (sometimes much less) than a conformation championship, and similar or more than most other performance events. Sara Pruyne, who travelled 1800 miles for her round-trip to the trial, noted that her Road Trial costs were comparable to what a co-worker spends on other recreational opportunities such as attending a New England Patriots game. The GWDC exhibitors all agreed on one thing, though; that a Road Trial experience is “priceless.”



All 5 exhibitors this year were “veterans” of the sport, bringing new dogs to earn new Road Trial titles, and all 5 exhibitors and 6 dogs had a wonderful time. “Best Conditioned Dog” went to Linda Lombardi’s Ch Lin-Dal’s Maxx Kakl, CD, RAE, RD, who earned his Road Dog Excellent title. The “Oldest Dog” award went to Linda’s other RDX entrant: Lin-Dal Diamond in the Ruff, CD, RAE, RD, RDX; and her horse, “Zippy” earned the Best Conditioned Owner-Horse award. Exhibitor Julie Stillman also chose to ride for 25 miles, adding an RDX title to the accomplishments of Hattrick’s Steal My Heart, CDX, RE, OA, NAJ, RD.

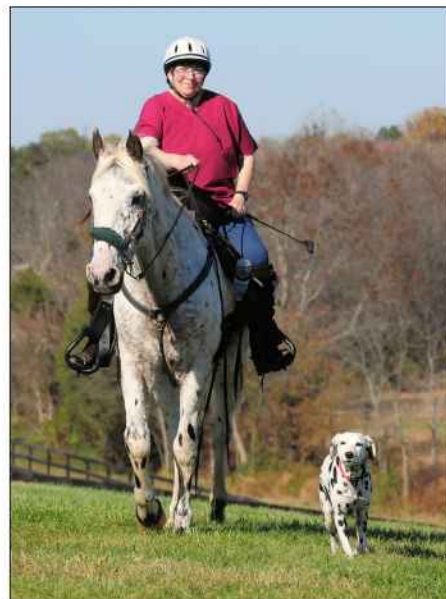
“Road Dog” titles went to Ch Patch Mtn Pepper N Paisley, TDX, RE, NA, NAJ, NF, owned by Sara Pruyne; Ch JLS Taking the High Road, owned by Marilyn Kraus; and PHD’s Pay It Forward, CGC, RN, owned by Gayle Riggins. International Road Trial exhibitor Gayle Riggins also garnered the “High in Trial” and “Youngest Dog” awards with her dog “Jesse”, who finished her conformation championship just 7 days after the Road Trial.

Some exhibitors trained after work and on weekends; all had to fit the training into their busy lifestyles. Riggins writes, “I feel like it is like any other sport. It takes commitment.” That sentiment is echoed by Pruyne, who adds: “I had vowed that I would use my horse this summer or sell her. Last year I probably road her half a dozen times. This year, [training for a Road Trial], I had the most fun riding that I have had since I was a teenager!” The most interesting training experiences, however, were recorded by Marilyn Kraus, who spent some of her practice time riding on the historic and breathtaking rolling terrain of the Civil War Manassas Battlefield. Marilyn recalls, “I was the crazy lady trotting her horse with her dog on leash beside her in hock position. People were amazed

Photos By Linda Davis

that I could do this, but the Manassas Battlefield has a strict leash rule so I couldn’t let him run free. Wrangler just happily ran along on leash.”

Kraus also had to do a lot of early training on leash at the barn where she rides, which is frequented by therapeutic riding families and riders with special needs. “When your dog is not yet trained, you have to be careful not to upset other horses and riders and this meant keeping him on leash a lot,” she recalls. Kraus adds, with a bit of humor, “I swear my left arm is now much longer than my right!”



All of the exhibitors lauded the idea of leash training, or on-the-ground training, before starting with a horse. Julie Stillman advises, “I would suggest that [new exhibitors] do a lot of obedience training first. It is so much easier to train your dog when you are on his level. If you don’t have a good foundation, it is very hard to get your dog to be obedient when you are five feet above him!” Linda Lombardi endorses that idea, adding: “Read and be familiar with the rules. I think they do a good job of describing how the exercises are performed and what to expect.”

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joy \joi\ *noun*: the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires



CH Patch Mtn C Pepper N Paisley TDX RE OA NAJ NF RD CPC PAC Can TDX AG AGNJ
Am Int Ch Paisley Pragmatic ex Ch Paisley Patch Mt's Amazing Grace RD Am Can CD RN NA

New Road Dog Title

Greater Washington Dalmatian Club Road Trial - October 26, 2008

"Good dog, Carina!"

Owned Loved & Trained By:
Sara Pruyne
Blackthorn

CHIC # 43941
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Bred By:
Linda McSherry
Patch Mtn.

• AGILITY - ARE YOU FAST ENOUGH?

By Holly Waldrop

Are you tired of running the same old standard and jumpers classes at every agility trial? Do you enjoy an element of risk in your day? Do you have a bit of gambler in your blood? If so, then you might enjoy AKC's newest agility challenge – the FAST class.

FAST, which stands for “Fifteen And Send Time”, was added as a titling class in January 2007. The course consists of fifteen obstacles, each with an assigned point value, and a distance challenge – called the “Send Bonus”. In order to qualify, a dog and handler must earn a minimum number of points and complete the Send Bonus within a specified time limit.

There is no set path, unlike standard and jumpers classes. Each handler chooses the route she believes is best suited to her dog. Qualifying depends on strategy, speed, knowledge of your dog's strengths, and just how much you're willing to risk that you can get all the points in before the timer blows the whistle. Dogs must successfully complete an obstacle in order to earn the points for that obstacle. All point values are shown on the course map and on the course itself. The judge calls out point values as they are earned during the run for the scribe to record. (Note: It's good for a handler to have a run strategy in mind beforehand, as adding points in your head while running may be a little too challenging!)

Dalmatians running in the 20/24/26 inch regular classes have only 32 seconds to accumulate points and complete the Send Bonus. The Send Bonus is a series of two to three obstacles that must be completed in a certain order and with a distance restriction for the handler. The restriction is generally marked with fluorescent tape on the ground.



Phyllis Ensley/Pet Action Shots

The criteria start at a very achievable level – 50 points (including 20 for the Send Bonus) with a 5-10 –foot restriction for Novice. The challenges increase as the levels increase – 55 points with a 10-15-foot restriction in Open, and 60 points with a 15-20-foot restriction in Excellent. For Novice exhibitors, the judge's briefing usually includes an explanation of the FAST rules along with answers for any questions that may arise.

FAST is a wonderful challenge for Dals, and most enjoy the speed and do well. DCA offered FAST classes for the first

time at the agility trial at the 2008 DCA National in Milford, Ohio.

The FAST classes were run prior to the standard and jumpers classes, giving everyone a chance for a little extra ring time. The classes were popular with both exhibitors and spectators, as dogs and handlers tested their skills against the clock and the brightly-colored tape. FAST classes will be offered again for the agility trial at the 2009 DCA National. Come on out and enter. If you're not quite ready to enter yet, then join the spectators in cheering on all our wonderful FAST Dalmatians!



"DJ"

Feb. 27, 1995 - Nov. 12, 2008



AM/ CAN CH ALFREDRICH MARDI GRAS OF PAL Am/Can CH Alfredrich Handsome Tall 'N Dark x Fancy Black Starburst of Pal

DJ finished his Canadian Championship at 12 months before returning to the States to attain his American Championship which he did easily in 7 weekends. DJ won first in Futurity and 12-18 classes and 2nd in Sweepstakes class at DCA 1996. He was a Best in Specialty winner as well as a multi-breed winner and group placer in the United States. DJ finished in the Top 10 in Canada in 1999 and 2000, and the Top 20 in the US in 1998.

But more important than that he was our friend and constant companion!
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Breeders: John & Jennifer Cramer

A MOTHER and SON CONVERSATION...



MOM: Now, baby, after you run and play, I want you to make sure you drink PLENTY of WATER.

SON: OK, Mom, but WHY?

MOM: Well, we DALMATIANS ALL have a problem with digesting PROTEIN in it's final stage and this causes us to have CRYSTALS in our urine, which can lead to bladder stones.

SON: Oh, Mom, that sounds SCARY!

MOM: Well, it can be very serious, even DEADLY, but the GOOD NEWS is the humans have just identified the specific GENE that causes this condition.

SON: Wow, that's exciting! Now they can HELP us, right?

MOM: Perhaps, although there are some humans who feel more research needs to be done before this advance will be accepted.

SON: But won't that take too much time?

MOM: Maybe if they cooperate as well as we do in a pack, they can resolve their concerns and take advantage of this scientific breakthrough.

SON: I sure hope so, Mom.

MOM: I do too, baby. It sure seems "black and white" to me!

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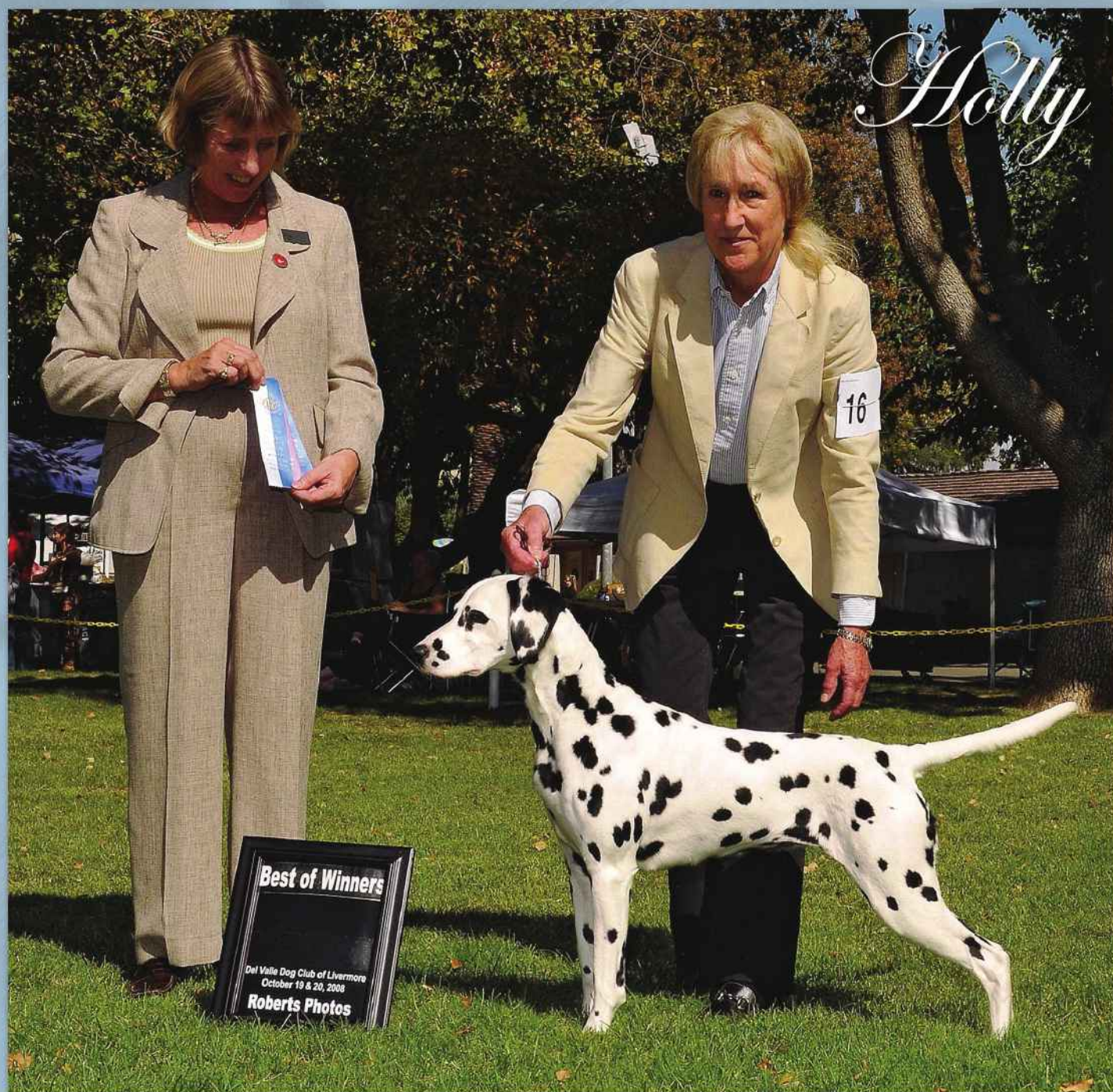
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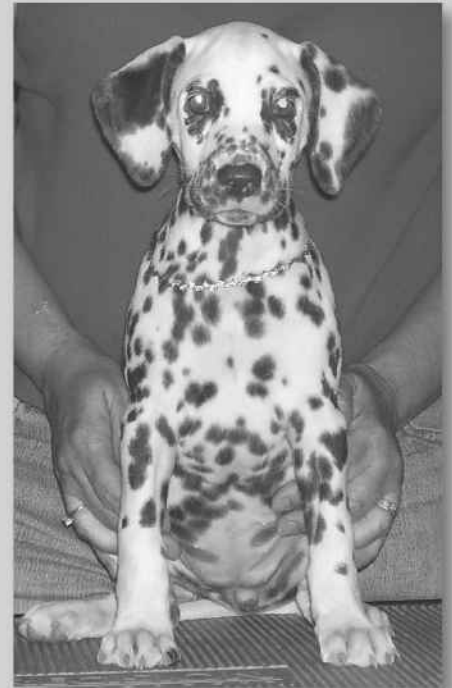
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Owners Claudia LaMonica,
Karen Whyte and
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• ROAD TRIAL CONTINUED....

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Julie Stillman followed that advice and knew what to expect when she first trained for a Road Trial. Stillman, who was not a "horsemanship" before she discovered Road Trials, declares, "It would be great to see some new faces in addition to the "old" faces at road trials. There are many folks who don't ride, but would love to participate in road trials. Rather than trying to find ways of getting around the horse issue (like biking, jogging, three-wheeling), I'd like to see [potential participants] take a year of riding lessons and DO a road trial the right way. I had taken riding lessons for a short time when I was younger, but life got in the way. So when I was 50, I took lessons for about six months before I did my first road trial." Stillman now admits that she is "hooked," and enjoys the sport with enthusiasm. All of the exhibitors are enthusiastic with their advice for "newbies", but Gayle Riggins put it best: "Enjoy the moment and make it fun."

"Making it fun" is the link to "making it priceless." The Greater Washington Dalmatian Club has perfected the art of hosting a Road Trial, and exhibitors are appreciative. A Road Trial experience, they all agree, is worth the time, effort, and expense. As Sara Pryune so aptly phrases it: "Training for a Road Trial made me truly appreciate the JOURNEY OF LIFE my dog has taken me on."

And a priceless journey it is!
Until next time, Keep Coaching!



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Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi,

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Clinton, OH 44216-9464

Entries Close: July 22, 2009

Saturday, August 8, 2009

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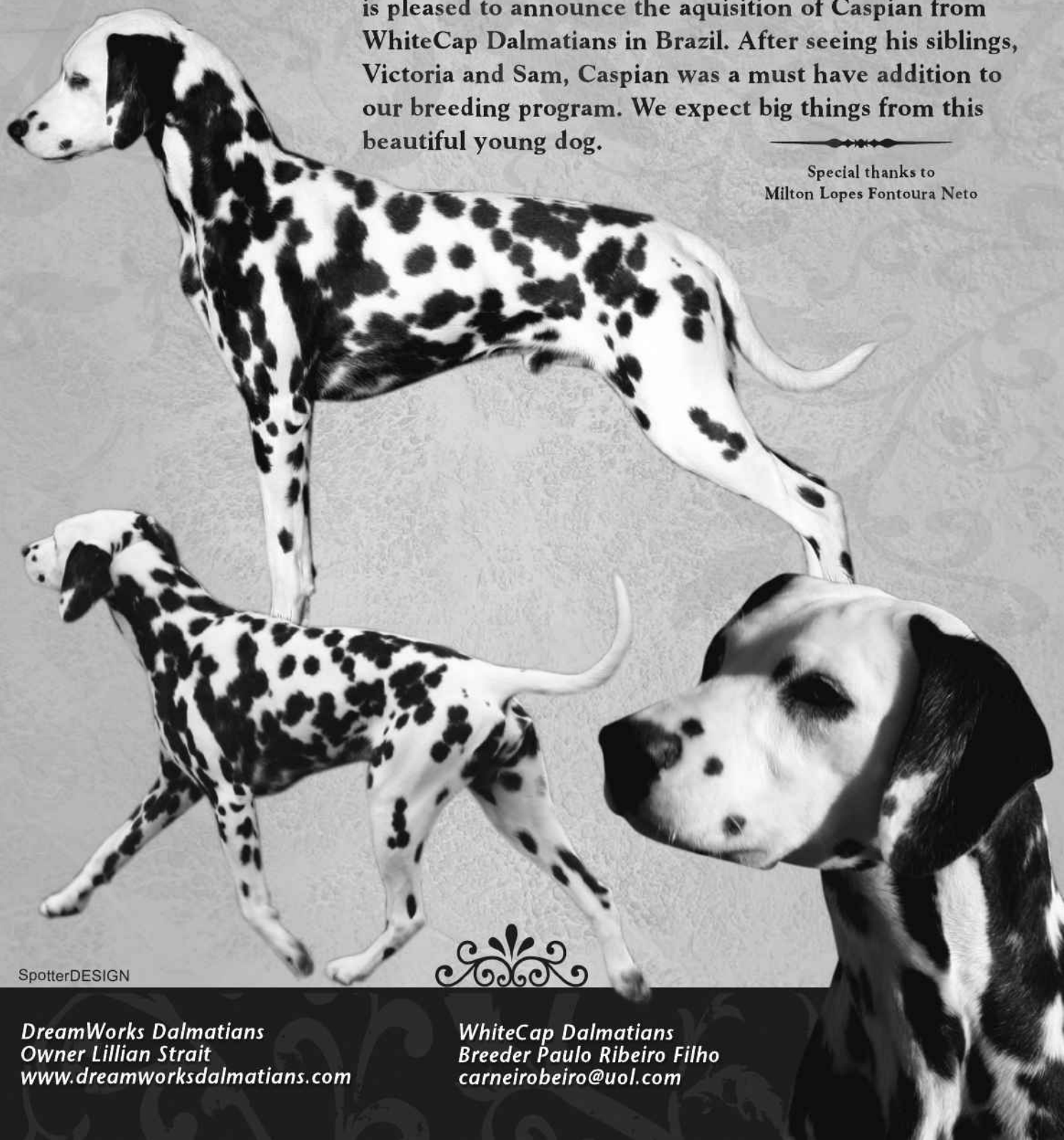
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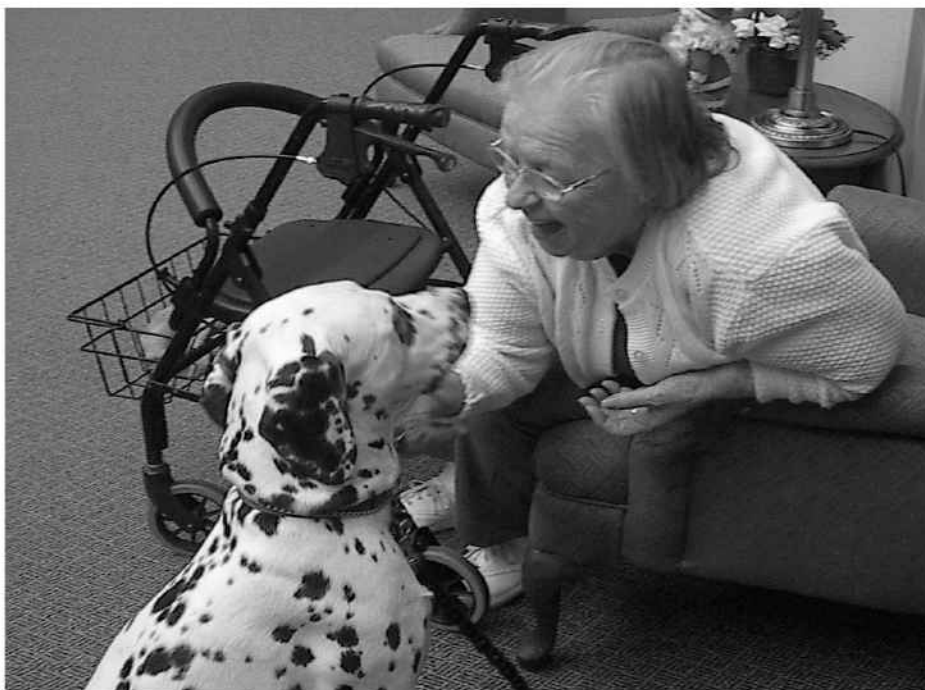


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• THERAPY DOGS

By Tana Rugg



Are you looking for something new to do with your Dalmatian? With 2009 just beginning, it is my hope that more Dalmatian owners will consider participating in therapy visits with their dogs. There are many opportunities for those special Dals that have the right temperament to give joy to others. Of course you can go to hospitals (some hospitals do have special requirements and may require permission from department heads or administrators); nursing homes and assisted living centers (check with the activity director); schools (check with the principal); mental health facilities, Alzheimer centers, rehabilitation facilities (check with the administrators).

Perhaps you would like to consider working in an abuse shelter for women and children. You may want to check into special camps for children who may be autistic, burn victims, or those who are being treated for cancer or other special conditions. Many cities have Ronald McDonald Houses where families stay while a child is being treated for an illness at a nearby hospital. Perhaps working disaster relief would be of interest to you.

Check with your local Red Cross to see what their requirements would be and to let them know you and your special Dalmatian would like to volunteer. Some Hospice organizations like to have volunteers take their dogs to visit clients in their homes. No matter where you decide you want to volunteer, be sure to make an appointment first to introduce yourself and your Dal to the person in charge of the facility. If you and your dog are certified with a therapy organization (many facilities require this), take your proof of certification/membership as well as any proof of insurance that the therapy certification affords you, along. It is also a good idea to include in your packet of paperwork proof of rabies and any other vaccination or health requirements your community or the facility may have.

When you start making regular visits, you will find that those you come to know will look forward to and count on their time with you and your Dal. While you and your Dal will also enjoy the visits there are a few things to remember. Some facilities are kept at rather warm temperatures. If so, bring water with you so your Dal can have a drink now and then.

You can also bring treats to use as rewards during the visits; however, it is best that you are the one giving the treats and not the residents. If you noticed your dog feeling restless or uneasy in any way, take time to assess what is going on. Your Dal may need to take a short break outside (be sure you have a bag for picking up with you) or your dog may be telling you it has had enough for the day.

Some signs to look for are panting, ears pressed against the head or tail down instead of happily wagging, yawning, the dog looks for a doorway as a way out, or the dog refuses to continue to socialize in its usual manner. Listen to your dog and stop the visit, if you find the dog is not having a good time. Remember that your Dalmatian is your first priority. The visits must be rewarding and enjoyable for him or her. Most Dalmatians are great people dogs and really enjoy interacting with adults and children. That is why they make such great therapy dogs.

May you have many happy times making therapy visits with your Dalmatians in 2009.



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By James E. Seltzer, PhD

The straight skinny on Dalmatian stone disease –

A response to articles on LUA Dalmatians published in Spotter, summer 2008

News media and scientific journals across the country have rushed to report the discovery by a team of scientists from UC Davis and Purdue University of the gene responsible for the uric acid hereditary defect in Dalmatians. That discovery had been anticipated in the pages of the Spotter (*winter 2006, p20*) with the announcement that a genetic marker, REN153P03, located close to the defective gene on chromosome CFA03 had been found.[6]

The significance of this discovery notwithstanding, two articles critical of the Backcross Project were recently published in the Spotter (*summer 2008*). The first article challenges the validity of the project. The second questions its relevance. The articles were extraordinary since they not only retrogressed into matters that had been previously discussed, but the first of these articles, "Which came first? The chicken or the egg?" by Carroll Weiss [1], made a bold pronouncement that managed a 180 degree turnabout from the accepted doctrine on the etiopathology of urate urolithiasis in Dalmatians.

The article was highlighted by the attention-getting pronouncement: "Abnormal uric acid is not the triggering cause of Dalmatian urate stone disease!" The author goes on to say that "the entire backcross theory depends" on abnormal levels of urinary uric acid (HUA) being the triggering cause.

The reader will surely be confused by these comments. The first quotation contrasts sharply with nearly everything Mr. Weiss has written about urate stone disease for more than a decade.

The error implicit in the second quotation becomes obvious when we understand that complex gene interactions, in combination with environmental factors, result in the expression of virtually every disease.

When there is interaction between genetic and non-genetic factors, resulting diseases are termed multifactorial. Most chronic illnesses in both humans and canines are multifactorial hereditary disorders. Even though we may never fully understand the details of the interactions, there is nonetheless a clear path for corrective intervention.

Uric acid stones will not grow in undersaturated urine. "It is thermodynamically impossible for a stone to grow if the urine is not supersaturated for the particular salt." [2] Saturation is influenced by many factors, but that does not change the fact that the higher the concentration of uric acid, the higher the likelihood that crystals will form and aggregate into stones.

To assert that urate stone disease is not predisposed, indeed, is not caused, by abnormally high levels of uric acid is misguided. The author argues that if some Dalmatians with HUA don't get stones we must conclude that HUA is not a cause, or as he puts it, a triggering cause. He has said that "there is not a shred of hard evidence" linking HUA to stone disease. This is contrary to well-established clinical knowledge and the opinions of the very stone experts that he has referred to on numerous occasions.

He quotes Dr. Osborne saying stone disease is a complex syndrome with "many contributing factors" and from this erroneously concludes that the principal predisposing factor should therefore be discounted as a triggering cause.

The occurrence of any complex disease is dependent on a balance of risks. There is a balance between genes with positive and negative effects, and between environmental factors with positive and negative effects.

Too many negative factors, both genetic and environmental, can tip the balance and trigger the disease. If a Dalmatian on a show circuit is stressed and dehydrated and suffers a urethral blockage, who is to say whether it was the stress, the dehydration, or the underlying uric acid defect that was the triggering cause for the blockage? More to the point, stress and dehydration are transitory and difficult to anticipate, whereas the underlying HUA genetic defect can be eliminated, and that is the tipping factor that the Backcross Project has successfully addressed.

Calling upon the wisdom of the stone experts, Mr. Weiss asserts "Through experience comes wisdom." But what exactly did one of these experts, Dr. Osborne, say about urate stone disease?

Hyperuricuria [high urinary uric acid] is recognized as a major predisposing factor in the formation of urate uroliths; however...other factors must be involved in promoting or inhibiting urate lithogenesis [stone formation]. Dalmatian dogs are recognized as being uniquely predisposed to urate uroliths, owing to excretion of comparatively large amounts of uric acid in urine. [3] [emphasis mine]

Dr. Bartges has also acknowledged the importance of abnormally high uric acid as a cause of Dalmatian urate stone disease:

In our experience - which agrees with those of Dr. Ling - if you take a stone-forming Dal and get his/her 24-hour urinary uric acid down to around 300 mg/24hr (which for an average sized Dal is around 10 mg/kg/24hr) - then they don't seem to form stones and they don't seem to form xanthine when on allopurinol.

We should carefully note that urine testing of ten adult backcross LUA Dalmatians reveals a persistent six-fold reduction in uric acid excretion compared with adult AKC-registered HUA Dalmatians that normally excrete 400-600 mg/24hr. This puts the adult LUA Dalmatians well below the stone-forming threshold of 300 mg/24hr cited by Bartges.

In spite of the claim by Mr. Weiss that “the LUA/Backcross Theory persists [sic] the triggering cause is indeed uric acid and only uric acid,” I have found nothing so simplistic in the publications of the LUA study group. Mr. Weiss has taken a torch to a straw man of his own making.

In order to understand the factors that interact to influence urate stone disease, a brief review of the disorder is appropriate.[4]

Purines convert to hypoxanthine, which converts to xanthine, which converts to uric acid, which converts to allantoin.

This system works for just about all mammals except [humans, great apes, and one breed of dog, the Dalmatian]. Dalmatians are different.

How Dalmatians Get Rid of Purines:

*Dalmatians just cannot seem to convert uric acid to allantoin; the process described above never gets past the uric acid stage. Dalmatian liver cells simply cannot absorb uric acid which is where the conversion to allantoin ought to take place. Dalmatians must excrete uric acid in their urine and the problem is that the stuff just is not that water soluble. Being unable to convert uric acid to allantoin is the **main predisposing factor to uric acid stone formation** and accounts for why 80% of uric acid bladder stones come from Dalmatians.*

Do all Dalmatians form Uric Acid Stones?

*No, only some Dalmatians form stones and we do not know what makes one Dalmatian a stone former and another one clinically normal. **There are genetic factors, dietary factors, and unknown factors.***

The **genetic factor** was identified by Benedict in 1916 as a defect in urate transport.[5] This discovery provided the impetus for further studies and ultimately for the Backcross Project. The consummate result of that 35-year effort has been the recent identification of the mutant gene responsible for this breed-specific defect in the Dalmatian.[6] This mutant gene was replaced with a normal gene from the Pointer-Dalmatian cross, and the normal gene has been preserved in the LUA line of Dalmatians.

The SLC2A9 gene in the Dalmatian is the same gene that has recently been reported as a high-capacity urate transporter associated with gout in humans.[7] One of the tantalizing discoveries in the Bannasch, et al., study[6] was finding the same defective gene (actually the identical stretch of DNA that includes the defective gene) in a Russian Terrier and a Bulldog that had both formed urate stones.

The **dietary factors** are well known, and, thanks to Mr. Weiss, Dalmatian owners everywhere know which dog foods to avoid. These are foods that are high in purines [8].

The reason high purine foods are to be avoided is because purines are precursors of uric acid, and Dalmatians, because of the defect in the SLC2A9 gene, are unable to convert relatively insoluble uric acid into readily soluble allantoin before excretion.

Another associated dietary factor is the availability of clean water, and, in some cases, even distilled water. Hydration dilutes the bladder contents to inhibit saturation of dissolved uric acid and forestall stone formation. Distilled water may be even more beneficial for this purpose than tap water since it is probably less likely than highly mineralized water to promote crystallization of uric acid in the bladder. Further, it is less likely to provide nucleation sites in the bladder for the initiation of crystallization and the growth of uric acid stones.

These dietary factors are critical **because they are effective in countering the inherited tendency of Dalmatians to excrete high levels of uric acid and to form stones.**

The so-called **unknown factors** mentioned above refer to indeterminate and complex interactions of pH (uric acid stones form more readily in acidic urine), urine specific gravity, physical condition of the bladder lining, presence of other solutes in the urine, and especially the amount of certain chemicals such as the Tamm-Horsfall protein that can promote or inhibit stone forming and regulate stone growth.[9]

Each of these factors influences urate stone formation by **interacting with the already present high levels of urinary uric acid in the bladders of Dalmatians.**

If your Dalmatian is among the estimated 15% unfortunate enough to have been diagnosed as a urate stone former [10], your veterinarian has probably recommended dietary changes and prescribed the drug allopurinol. The dietary changes restrict the intake of purines, and the allopurinol modifies the Dalmatian's purine-to-uric acid metabolic pathway. For dogs on allopurinol, the metabolic pathway terminates with xanthine rather than uric acid thereby reducing its concentration.

If concentrated levels of uric acid were not the primary cause of the problem, then high purine foods would not be a problem, and allopurinol would be ineffective in alleviating the stone-forming tendency.

Let us not get ensnared in a semantic jungle, but return to the phrase “triggering cause of Dalmatian urate stone disease” and consider the word trigger. A trigger is a final action for firing a gun, or, as used here, for the formation of urinary stones.

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Family... Friends... Phoebe!

CH. Folklore Matchless Sterling



CH Matchless Image of Folklore X Matchless Forever Folklore

Phoebe was an easy choice to be our first liver Dalmatian! After all, she descends from our very first Dalmatian, CH Sterling Orion Bouree'. Phoebe finished her championship with her final major shown by Jeff Groff. This team exhibited a special bond even other exhibitors noticed. Now Phoebe points with pride to her new champions from the Bred By Exhibitor Class, Dharma and Jay!

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John & Kathy Groff, Sterling Dalmatians
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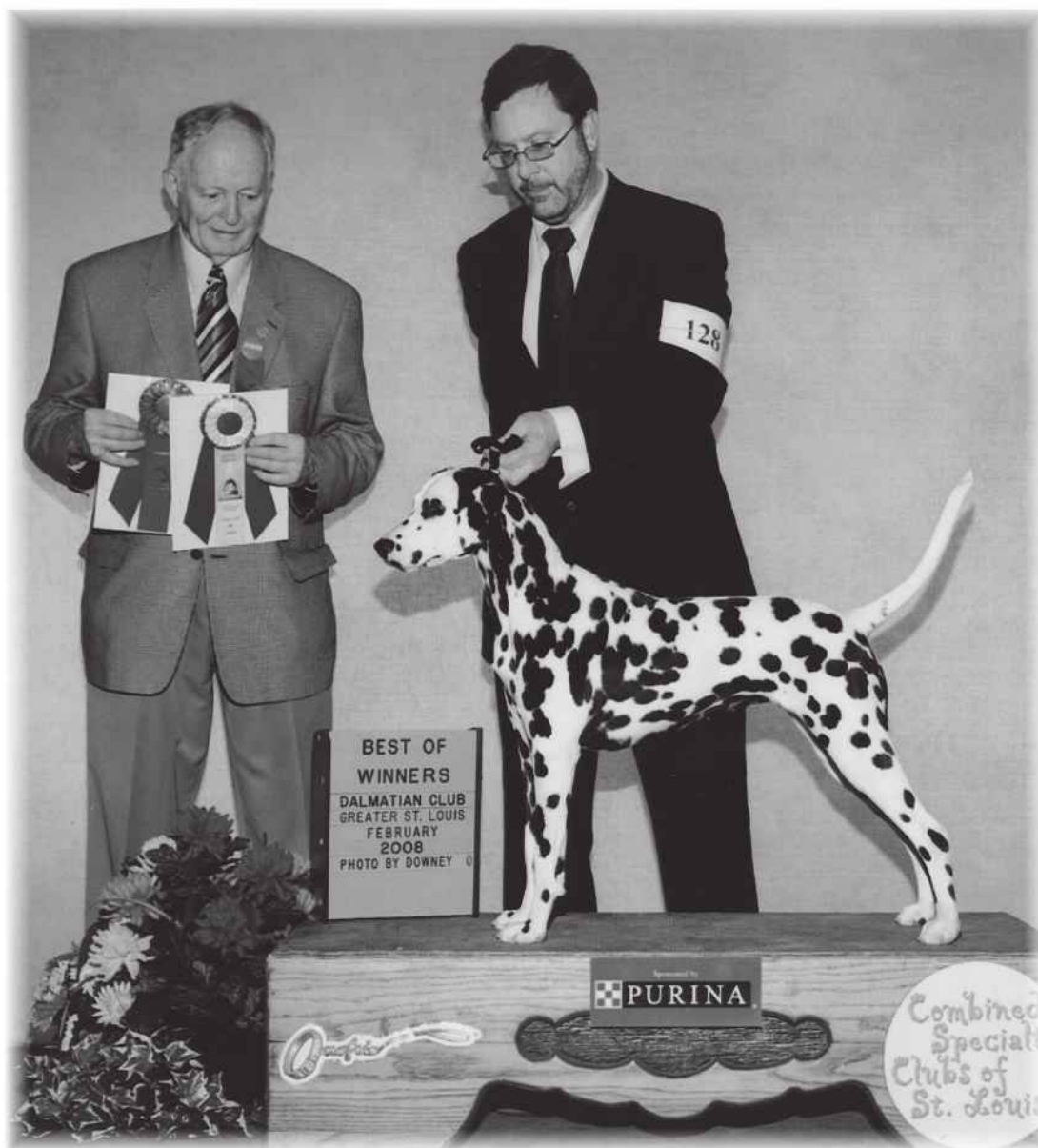
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Jay, not to be outdone by his sister Dharma, also had a brief road to his championship! All of Jay's wins were from the Bred By Exhibitor Class, including a Four Point Major during the Western Reserve Dalmatian Club weekend, earning him the American Kennel Club Bred By Exhibitor Medallion handled beautifully by John!

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• STONE DISEASE CONTINUED....

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Mr. Weiss has advised us to avoid high-purine treats for our Dals, and, in particular, to avoid excessive use of liver treats to bait our dogs in the show ring. The reason is clear: ingestion of liver (a high purine food) raises the concentration of uric acid in the bladder, and that can trigger precipitation of uric acid, the formation of stones, and, if not flushed, to urethral blockage. The ingestion of liver and the rise in the concentration of uric acid is a trigger for stone formation. The Dalmatian high uric acid anomaly is the material cause just as surely as gunpowder is the material cause for propelling a bullet when a weapon is fired.

The second article, "*Questions on LUA for all DCA Members to Think About*" was written by Scott Facey. [11] Mr. Facey's questions can be addressed succinctly.

1. Q -- "Is the Backcross Project everything it is hyped up to be?"

A -- The objective of the project is to make it possible for breeders to selectively breed against urate stone disease. The decision to breed to LUA Dalmatians, whether homozygous or heterozygous for the LUA gene, remains with the breeder. Since DNA testing is available, a breeder can determine the genetic status of his Dals.

The "hidden recessive" problem to which Mr. Facey alludes and which makes it extremely difficult to totally eliminate a recessive defect therefore does not apply.

2. Q -- "Does the DNA test created by Dr. Bannasch differentiate between homozygous and heterozygous LUA Dalmatians?"

A -- Yes. The test uses a set of informative markers on chromosome CFA03. The uric acid defect involves a mutation of the SLC2A9 Gene. Just as markers can be used to establish parentage, so can they be used to distinguish heterozygous from homozygous LUA Dals. See, e.g. "*Future Dog*", by Patricia Wilkie, AKCCHF, 1999 [12]

3. Q -- "Could something else be brought forward in the Backcross Project?"

A -- Yes. Is it even remotely probable? No.



At 12 generations removed from the Pointer ancestor a recessive "bad" gene would have had to survive 12 meiotic recombinations. At each recombination the gene would have a 50% chance of being passed to the next generation. The chance that the "bad" gene (assuming it existed in the initial crossbreeding) is still present in the present generation is 0.512 which is less than one chance in a thousand.

Mr. Facey quotes Malcolm Willis: "*If an allele is so rare that only 1 pup in 20,000 shows it, then a kennel could carry the allele for generation after generation and not be aware of it, although some intense inbreeding might bring it to the surface.*"

The probability of this happening is extremely remote. Irrespective of inbreeding, the dog carrying the recessive gene must be paired with another dog carrying that gene to produce affected offspring. The chance for this to occur randomly is about 2.5 chances in a billion. To expose such a rare defect would require a lot of breeding! There have not been enough Dals in all of Dalmatian history to find that gene by random mating. Assuming very close inbreeding (e.g., father to daughter) the probability of exposing the gene rises to about 12 chances in a million. Certainly inbreeding modifies the probability, and that is why inbreeding is a bad idea for any breeder.

4. Q -- "Is HUA really a significant problem in the Dalmatian?"

A -- Yes it is. In his article Mr. Facey refers to the result from the 2001 DCA Health Survey which puts the incidence at 3%. This translates into the expectation that there will be about one clinically affected Dalmatian for every three litters. That is sufficiently worrisome that DCA members have placed urinary stones near the top of the list for health problems in Dals.

However, the 3% estimate understates the actual incidence. Funded as a major effort by DCAF, Dr. Joseph Bartges conducted a comprehensive survey on "*Urate Urolithiasis in Dalmatians.*" He reported [10]: "Of 2,118 dogs, 1,635 (77.2%) had no history of stone disease while 483 (22.8%) had a history of stone disease." The mineral composition of the 483 stones was reported as: Urate = 317 (65.6%).

According to this report about 15% of Dalmatians (about one in six) have been or will be afflicted with urate stones, far greater than the 3% estimate from the DCA survey.

5. Q -- Mr. Facey contemplates the possibility that there might actually be some benefits provided by the presence of the defective uric acid transport gene in Dalmatians.

A – Such a hypothesis is too vague to address in detail. However, if we look at a list of specific disorders: epilepsy, hip dysplasia, cancer, we can posit an answer. It is apparent that only Dalmatians carry the defective uric acid gene variant in its homozygous state; in no other breed is the uric acid defect fixed in the breed. Therefore, if we find other breeds of dogs that do not carry the uric acid defect but have the same or lower incidences of these diseases as Dalmatians (and it is obvious that there are many such breeds [13]), then Mr. Facey's hypothesis that the Dalmatian's uric acid defect helps to protect against these diseases is wrong.

However, turning aside from the bare statistics of incidence rates of urate stones in Dalmatians, a quote from an interview with Dr. Carl Osborne [14] gives us a more poignant understanding of the far too common tragedy of the urate stone problem in Dalmatians:

Interviewer: Who was your most memorable patient?

Osborne: *Jake, a 10-year-old 90-lb male Dalmatian with recurrent urate urolithiasis. His family decided to euthanize him because of alleged aggression. My wife and I adopted him. During the next three years, Jake elevated the meaning of being a faithful friend to a level beyond our ability to describe. If, during his final hours of life, he were able to put his thoughts to the pen, I sense his message would be:*

"I was abandoned and sent to die all alone, then you reached out and gave me a home. As one of the family, you treated me as treasure; in return, my life's goal was to bring you pleasure. In response to my love, I could readily tell you valued my life and my welfare as well. Through times happy and sad, I was faithful to you; to me, you were loyal and trustworthy, too. Let me live on, now that we must part, in your mind and especially your heart. I love you." -- Jake

Unfortunately, far too many Dalmatians with recurrent stone problems are not rescued by men like Dr. Carl Osborne. Their owners, frustrated by the high costs of veterinary care, simply opt for euthanasia.



Courtesy of Debbie Sutor

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• LOCAL SPOTS

By Christine Prince

Central Carolina Dalmatian Club

Reported by Gayle Riggins

Members of the Central Carolina Dalmatian Club are planning non-stop activities for the coming months!

March 22, 2009 was the club's first Supportive Entry and Sweeps. Ms. Marjorie J. Underwood was our regular class judge, with Tom Wrath our Sweeps judge. The Supportive Entry and Sweep was held in conjunction with the Fayetteville Kennel Club in Raleigh, NC. The club also held their second "B" Match on Saturday evening and Elizabeth Bauer, DVM held a Seminar on PENN Hip and Importance of Health Screening at the Raleigh Cluster in March. A club meeting was held at the Raleigh cluster along with a silent auction. There was something for everyone. This club has plans to hold a DCA sanctioned full Road Trial in June 2009 in Frogsboro, NC. Several Road Trial play days are planned and practice will be made available for those without horses. Julie Stillman has agreed to judge the CCDC Road Trial in June. Gayle Riggins and Donna Gump have agreed to be Show Chairmen together. Jean Crown will be the Road Trial Secretary. This will be held in the Raleigh area. The July Pond Day was a huge success and is scheduled again in July. This is a wonderful event for both club members and Dalmatians. Doggie games and a silent auction will be a few of the events that will be offered again this year. Everyone is welcomed to attend our meetings and the club continues to grow. Be prepared to become enthused and active, because we are not a club that sits still for very long! Our website is www.carolinadalmatianclub.com. Club Secretary is Beth Bauer DVM and her email address is threebauers@earthlink.net.

Chicagoland Dalmatian Club

Reported by JodyLynn Stuppy

Our 2008 Fall Specialty was a good time. The weather was perfect; showmanship, camaraderie and luncheon memorable; topped off with a plentiful raffle and silent auction. Thanks to all who attended and all participating club members for all of their hard work to make the day a hit! We are happy to announce our 2009 Summer Specialty which will be on June 13, 2009 in conjunction with the Chain O' Lakes KC All-Breed June Cluster. The Terrier Specialty will be held at the same time. So mark your calendars, as it is sure to be a great show weekend! The club recently voted in a new slate of officers for 2009, they are as follows: Gail Meyers-President; Tom Kaiser-Vice President; Michael Hennessey-Treasurer; Karen Naess-Recording Secretary; and JodyLynn Stuppy-Corresponding Secretary. Club Corresponding Secretary is JodyLynn Stuppy, 137 W 200 South, Valparaiso, IN 46385, (219) 728-4334, email: jodylynn@timelessdals.com

Dalmatian Club of Detroit

Reported by Debbie Zink

The Dalmatian Club of Detroit just held its Winter Specialty, November 28, 2008. The specialty pulled over 40 entries. Unfortunately our judge Patricia Gellerman became ill & Robert Frost was the replacement judge (results elsewhere in this issue). We had a great potluck after judging. 9 different dishes to choose from and more desserts than you could count! Afterwards we held the raffle with our Chairperson, Diane Brake doing a great job again with great prizes and a fun time was had by all. The DCD would like to thank all that attended and a special thank you to Kay Arbuckle our Show chairperson! Our Spring Specialty 2009 will be dedicated to Sylvia Howison who we lost this past May 2008. Club Secretary is Donna Kauffman, 46167 Meadow Ln, Macomb Township, MI 48044 bridlewisedals@aol.com

Dalmatian Club of Greater Indianapolis

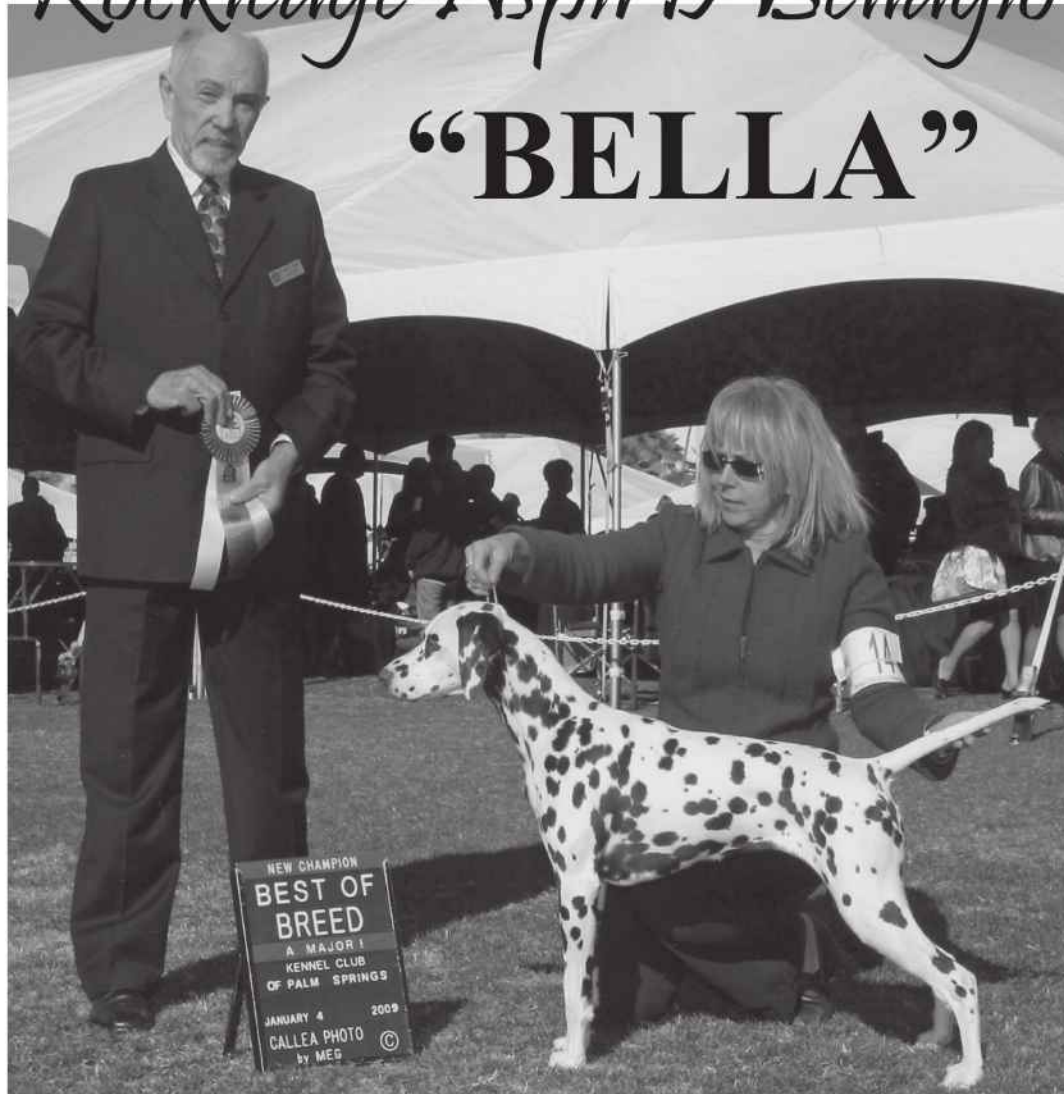
Reported by Susan Taylor-Wills

DCGI has been busy preparing for our Supported Show on February 12 and 13, and our Back to Back Specialty February 14 and 15, 2009. New officers for the 2009 year are: Mark Wills, President; Gale Passman, Vice President; Mary Griffin, Treasurer; Susan Taylor-Wills, Secretary. Board members include the officers and: Jan Linne, Margie Chapel, Joan Gillespie, Sherry Cornwell, Judy English Murray, and Helen Siegel, Emeritus. DCGI started a philanthropic venture this year just after the flooding of the Southern Area of Indiana. Supplies were collected to send to shelters that had been adversely affected by the flooding. The project has continued and supplies, including medical supplies are being collected to participate with the Indianapolis Zoo and their new relationship with the first Zoo veterinary clinic in Madagascar. The Club is also collecting supplies for Hoosiers for Heroes, a not for profit group that sends packages and letters to Hoosier Soldiers away from home in combat areas. Club Secretary is Susan Taylor-Wills, 9458 Fordham St., Indianapolis, IN 46268-1293, (317) 213-8802



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- Thanks for the *Home Specialty* win - WB (5 POINT MAJOR) - **Robert Lucas (Aussie Land)** at the *Dalmatian Club of Southern California*!
- Thanks to **Breeder-Judge Maria Johnson** for Best In Sweeps at the Denver Specialty!
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Dalmatian Club of Greater New York

Reported by Barbara Garceau

The Dalmatian Club of Greater New York held its Fall Specialty at the Somerset Hills Kennel Club show in North Branch, New Jersey on September 6, 2008. The skies were threatening but held out until after the show and lunch was done. Sweepstakes were judged by Ms. Jackie Moltenney, with Mr. William Bergum judging the regular classes. A great day for everyone and many beautiful Dals were present. Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped out. Congratulations to all winners. The DCGNY Spring Specialty cluster will be started on March 19, 2009 in Edison, New Jersey on Thursday evening with the Non Sporting Club of the Garden State show. This will be a supported entry, Bev Viks will judge breed and Barbara Kaplan-Barrett will judge Dalmatian puppy and veteran Sweepstakes. On March 20, 2009, Sweepstakes will be held during the day and the Dal specialty will be in the evening. David Kittredge will judge sweeps during the day, along with Betty Leininger for regular classes and Andrew Brace will judge regular classes in the evening. This cluster of shows starts on Thursday evening, continues on to Friday and Saturday. At least 4 opportunities for majors and lots of showing. Club Corresponding Secretary is Barbara Garceau, 48 Bedlam Rd., Chaplin, CT. 06235, (860) 455.0432, email: d.bgarceau@yahoo.com

Dalmatian Club of Northern California

Reported by Kimberley Hess

Members and Guests of DCNC gathered at the home of Members Ken and Eva Berg for the Annual Holiday Party. A truly stupendous feast was prepared by professional caterers, Christian and Isabelle van den Berghe, parents of DCNC Member Pebbles Miller. Decorations and party favors were done by Kimberley Hess and Carol Ritter. Activities included a spirited gift exchange, complete with stealing gifts two times before retiring it, and a live auction. The December meeting followed dinner, with the election of officers for 2009. The officers are: President-Karen Rochin, Vice President-Dawn Mauel, Corresponding Secretary-Paula Johnson, Recording Secretary-Becky Luft, Treasurer-Lois Wilthew, and Parliamentarian-Michelle Wrath. Board Members for 2009 are Kathryn Blink, Joan Fosenburg, Laurie Isaacson, and Karen Whyte. The Membership is looking forward to a number of activities in 2009, including a seminar by Pat Hastings scheduled for August 23rd, 2009. Additional information can be obtained by emailing dcnseminar@yahoo.com. The Dalmatian Club of Northern California hosts a website at www.dalclubnocal.org. Our Corresponding Secretary's address is Paula Johnson, 435 Edgewood Road, Redwood City, CA 94062 or edgewooddals@sbcglobal.net.

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County

Reported by Debbie Goddard

Kathy Martin hosted a club agility, rally demo and Charger football party at her house in November. Everyone had lots of fun in spite of it being in the 90's in November! We also had great Mexican food to stuff ourselves with. Club members participated in the Fallbrook Christmas parade. We marched along with the FirePro truck with our Dals decorated in their best holiday outfits. The San Diego club has a new web site with all the club pics etc. It is www.sddals.com. Club secretary is Mike Wagner, DCSDC Secretary, 25713 Bellemore Dr, Ramona, CA 92065 xwagner@semprautilities.com

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

Reported by Prue Stuhr

The four-day Cranberry Cluster in September included the club's back-to-back specialties on Friday and Saturday with a supported entry on Sunday. The first three days had cloudy but mild weather, with a bit of drizzle. On Sunday, though still mild, we had to admit that it was raining a good part of the time. But photos showed resilient exhibitors who paid little attention to the weather, but rather to their dogs' performances, and to directions of the judge, former DCA Board member Bob Rivard. Dalmatians also ably competed in Obedience and Rally which was held at an indoor building. On Friday, President Normand Caton circulated among the Dal people offering candies from the new Founders' trophy bowl which will be offered for the first time for the 2009 BOB to celebrate the club's 60th Anniversary. Joe Muller organized a delicious variety of deli meats for sandwiches and cake for lunches on Friday and Saturday. The club's annual picnic at Borderland State Park, Easton, MA took place on a lovely fall day in mid October. Grilled meat was served with desserts brought by our Dal folks. The club held a Canine Good Citizen Test, (CGC) open to all breeds of dogs. All eleven dogs passed with nine of them being our club's Dalmatians. The distractions were ever present: people flying kites, and playing disk golf, as well as park visitors moving about. Many people came over to talk, pat the Dals and ask questions about the breed. The CGC evaluator was most impressed with the stable, wonderful temperaments she saw on all dogs. Congratulations to Boaz, Abby, Storm, Irene, Zoey, TT, Cooper, Austin, and Star; four of whom were AKC Champions. The Meet the Breed Expo in Hartford, CT took place on October 26, 2008. Joe and daughter Emily Muller were there with Cooper. Carol and Scott Facey greeted Expo visitors with Storm and Jasmine. Carol Langford was there helping to answer questions, but left Irene at home since she was in season. The usual questions were asked. Are Dals hyper? Are they good with children? Are Dalmatians deaf? Also, many commented:

Southern New England Continued....

"I didn't know that Dals came in chocolate." The very presence of the friendly Dals answered some of the questions. The owners patiently answered each question. These Dalmatians proved themselves to be fine ambassadors of the breed. Club member, Linda McSherry, is serving as the DCA breeder referral for the Northeast United States. Linda's telephone number is 207-527-2141. Her email address is: Mcsherry@megalink.net. The DCSNE website is (<http://www.geocities.com/dcsneus/>) Club Secretary is Joe Muller, 15 Norton Avenue, Walpole, MA 02081, 508-660-7663, joe.muller@verizon.net

Dalmatian Club of Southern California

Reported by Marianne Lovejoy

The Dalmatian Club of Southern California has had a busy year and on December 21st we will have our Annual Meeting and Holiday celebration at Peggy Rudder and Carol Haywood's home. We will be voting on 2009 Officers and Board Members and start our planning for the 2009 year. On October 31st the DCSC had their 59th Specialty, Obedience Trial and Sweepstakes at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. Club Secretary is Marianne Lovejoy, P.O. Box 1415, San Juan Capistrano, CA, 92693; phone 949-489-2052; email: mvlovejoy@cox.net

Dalmatian Club of the Finger Lakes

Reported by O. Denise McGinnis, LVT

Elections were held and 2009 officers are: President - Jean Ellsworth; Vice-President - Stephanie Podejko; Secretary - Denise McGinnis; Treasurer - Karen Bergman; and Board of Directors - Ross Hopmans and Sue Tong. Our 5th Annual Specialty show was held on September 27 & was an enormous success. In spite of the fuel crisis, our entries remained high. As always, a full BOB ring continues to be an awesome sight. But, the large number of quality up & coming puppies made their statements. We were honored to have breeder judges; Jeff Gillespie for breed and Kris Kelso for sweepstakes. This was followed by a picnic and raffle where exhibitors, spectators, & club members were able to sit and relax and get to know each other better while enjoying good food and beverages, including some excellent Finger Lakes wine. Kudos go to all the DCFL members who helped with the running of the specialty and those who contributed to the prizes, but especially to Chair, Sue Tong, and Co-Chair, Jean Ellsworth. Exhibitors were treated to welcome bags and prizes were offered for all placements, including sweepstakes. Jean will be chairing the 2009 specialty on 9/26/09, with Karen Bergman as Co-chair. It will, again, be part of the Wine Country circuit of shows in the beautiful Finger Lakes region at Samson State Park in Romulus, NY. Mark it on your calendars. In addition to those results printed elsewhere in the *Spotter*, other Specialty results, not

allowed on the results page, include: Best BBE - Koira Consider It Magic (Luikart) ; Stud Dog - McDottie Keenen Irish Jigs (McLaughlin/McLaughlin/McLaughlin); Brood Bitch - Ch Koira Fyrlyte Magic Happens RA, AX,OAJ, OF (Luikart); High Scoring Champion in Trial - CH OTCH Stonehills Ima Handsome Dude UDX3 RE AX OAJ (Podejko). The DCFL supported the entry at the Tioga KC show in August. Prizes were donated by club members and organized by Dolores Postens & Jennifer McLaughlin. Winners included BOB - CH Empire's Time Will Tell (McGinnis/Osborn), BOS - McDottie Keenen Irish Jigs (McLaughlin/McLaughlin/McLaughlin); WD - Starlifter's Carry The Message (Moran/Moran); WB/BOW - South Street Deva Las Vegas, (Tong/Moore). A number of members' dogs have been invited to attend the AKC Eukanuba Invitational Show in Long Beach, CA in December in both conformation and performance. Best of luck to all who are able to attend. Club Secretary is O. Denise McGinnis, LVT, 509 Pleasant Valley Rd., Groton, NY 13073, 607-898-6503. <http://www.geocities.com/dcfl1/>

Dalmatian Club of the Piedmont

Reported by Heather Carroll

The Dalmatian Club of the Piedmont has recently elected new officers for the 2009 year. New officers are: Betty Ann Brown, President; Susanne Hughes, DVM, Vice President; Maggie Blutreich, Secretary; Mary Dolde, Treasurer; and Ada Luttrell, Board of Directors' Seat, Class of 2011. We have also been busy planning for our specialty in for 2009. It will be held in Greenville, SC the end of July, for the second year in a row. Last year brought majors for 4 days, and we are hoping for the same this year. This year we will be having a specialty on Thursday evening (July 23) and a specialty on Saturday (July 25) with all breed shows mixed in. Look for more information about our specialties to be posted to our website, <http://www.thedcp.org>. Hope to see everyone with us in Greenville in 2009. Club Secretary is Maggie Blutreich mblutreich@carolina.rr.com



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• LOCAL SPOTS CONTINUED....

Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club

Reported by Nancy Reiter

The Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club has had an active Summer/Fall 2008: The annual Match Show, organized by Match Chairperson Drew Poley, was held on June 29th with all-breed obedience (with a record 25 entries) as well as Canine Good Citizen testing. On July 27th the annual Fun Day/Picnic/Membership meeting was held. Some of the ridiculously fun games played by canine competitors (with help from their human handlers) were Biscuit Catch, Dress for Success, Best Costume, Obstacle Course, Biscuit Bobbing, and Egg/Spoon race. Ann Miller was official judge of the day. Then, as summer turned into fall, it was time for the Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 26th. Awards were given to those individuals whose dogs earned an AKC recognized title, as well as to those whose canines were special in other ways. In addition to the awards, a wonderful time was had by all as the attendees bid on wrapped items. The highlight of the auction was prospective member Cindy Greene winning Whizzer – a wonderful life-like Dal statue (20 inches tall) with his leg lifted! Even the banquet servers were uproariously laughing as he was removed from his packaging! The Holiday dinner/meeting will take place on Sunday, December 7th where good food will be shared and gifts exchanged in addition to a membership meeting. Looking forward to next year – plans are being made for our annual information booth at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Canine Learning Experience in January and the educational program meeting to be held in March. Club secretary is Linda Sutton, 1745 Klines Mill Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

Greater Denver Dalmatian Club

Reported by Kevin W. O'Connell

The Greater Denver Dalmatian Club (GDGC) has plans well underway to host our 12th annual Specialty Shows at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, Colorado – back to back on Friday August 14, 2009. As in the past, we hold our Specialty in conjunction with the Greeley all-breed shows; it is a wonderful opportunity to compete in 4 different shows in 3 days and we look forward to welcoming our exhibitor friends, both old and new. A light lunch will be provided by the Greater Denver Dalmatian Club on Friday between the morning and afternoon Specialty Shows. Historically our Specialty shows are well attended and we are always most happy to host many year over year returning exhibitors from California, Texas, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, Illinois, Iowa and New Jersey to just name a few, bringing with them wonderful representatives of the Dalmatian breed.

We are proud to have an exciting judging panel for our Specialty shows. The details follow:

JUDGES • GDGC Specialty SHOW 1 – Friday Morning – August 14, 2009 - Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes To be determined

Regular & Non-Regular Classes & Junior Showmanship Competition - Ms. Christina Pickup (#35385) - Roadcoach, 4 Craythorns Crescent, Dishforth Thirsk, North Yorkshire, EN YO7 3LY. JUDGES • GDGC Specialty SHOW 2 - Friday Afternoon – August 14, 2009 - Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes To be determined. Regular & Non-Regular Classes & Junior Showmanship Competition - Mr. Charles Cyopik (#6590) - 91 Spinnaker Dr., Ridgeway, Ontario, CAN L0S 1N0

August weather in Colorado is typically sunny, warm and dry and is a wonderful time to visit "Colorful Colorado." Colorado offers the perfect vacation; you'll discover virtually limitless things to do in every corner of the state. The best trip of your life starts in Colorado! The show superintendent will be Onofrio Dog Shows (www.onofrio.com) and entries for both the Greater Denver Dalmatian Club Specialty shows and the Greeley All-Breed shows will close at Noon on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. Kristy Wilson is our Show Chair for the 2009 Specialty Shows. For further, information regarding the 2009 GDGC Specialty Shows, please feel free to e-mail 2009.gdgc.specialtyshows@gmail.com. Trophy sponsorships by exhibitors, past winners and friends of our club are always welcomed and very much appreciated. Susie W. Carroll and Kevin O'Connell are Trophy co-chairs for the 2009 Specialty Shows. Please e-mail 2009.gdgc.trophies.specialtyshows@gmail.com to sponsor or inquire about trophy sponsorships. On behalf of the Greater Denver Dalmatian Club officers, board of directors, show committees and membership --- thank you in advance for your support of our upcoming 2009 Specialty Shows; we look forward to seeing you and your dogs on August 14th, 2009! Club Secretary is Kevin W. O'Connell, (303) 999-6648, kevin.w.oconnell@me.com, 2009.gdgc.specialtyshows@gmail.com



Courtesy of Tracy Greenwalt

Mid-Florida Dalmatian Club, Inc.

Reported by Cheryl Worden Coe

The Club held back-to-back Specialties at a new location at the Greater Ocala Dog Club Show Grounds in Ocala, FL. On Friday, November 14, 2008 an Independent Specialty was held with Karen R. Moore of Des Moines, IA serving as Sweepstakes Judge. Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck of Oviedo, FL judged Junior Showmanship, Regular, and Non-Regular Classes. Karen Bettenhausen was the Show Chairman. Susan Gordon served as Show Secretary and did an outstanding job. A delicious complimentary barbecue dinner was provided by the Club for exhibitors and their guests. The weather was perfect. The Designated Specialty on Saturday, November 15, 2008 was held during the day in conjunction with the All-Breed Show. David G. Rogers II of Mount Olive, AL served as Sweepstakes Judge and Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr. of Staten Island, NY judged the Regular Classes. The Club did Supported Entries on Sunday, November 16, 2008. The judge was Mrs. Mary Lou Kniola from Delaware, OH. The Club plans to hold its Fifth Road Trial to be held at Goethe State Forest located in Dunnellon, FL on February 8, 2009 with course familiarization and judges briefing on February 7, 2009. The Chairman and Trial Secretary, respectively, will be Nancy Collier of Sebring, FL and Ronni Coppola of Celebration, FL. Kathryn Vande Logt of Lake Butler, FL will judge the event. Rental horses will be available at North Star Acres, 9950 SE 125th Court, Dunnellon, FL (352) 489-9848. The weather should be ideal, so mark your calendars. The Club is also pleased to report that the Sixth Annual Agility Trials will again be held at Pasco Paws Dog Training in Zephyrhills, FL on March 14-15, 2009. Cheryl Worden Coe will serve as Agility Chairman. Judges are Cindy Elliott of Groveland, FL judging Novice, Open and JWW. Robert J. Jeffers of Odessa, FL will judge Excellent. Club Secretary is Cheryl Worden Coe, 2005 North Village Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612-3948; telephone (813) 932-7385, email: chermardalmatians@petml.com

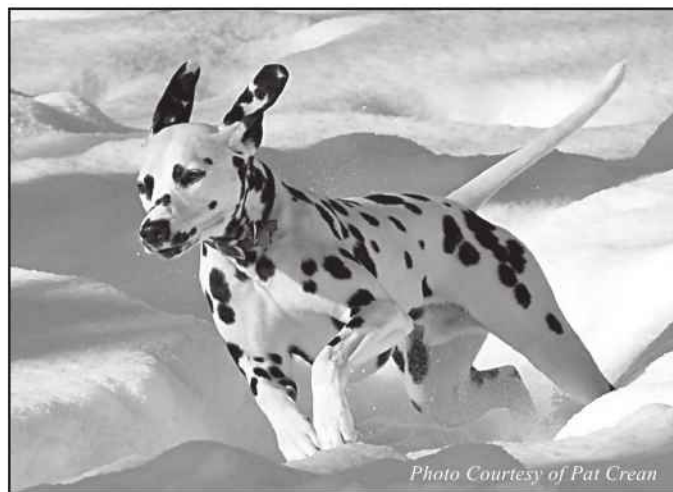


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Puget Sound Dalmatian Club

Reported by Nadine Morgan

We took a well-deserved rest in September from our August Specialties and resumed work in October and November with preliminary planning for our 2010 shows. In November, the day after Thanksgiving, we participated in the Macy's Holiday Parade through the streets of downtown Seattle. I believe we have been doing this parade for over 15 years. This year, 13 real Dalmatians participated, but they were supplemented with a couple dozen Macy's employees wearing the black spotted white sweatshirts that are our costumes, plus many of their children and toddlers wearing Dalmatian costumes and painted faces. We even have a couple of walking fire hydrants. In front of our group was a Dalmatian balloon float; just behind us was a Seattle fire truck. When I watched the parade replay on television later that evening, it was pretty evident that we have become one of the larger entries in the annual parade. The noise of bands, drums, honking fire engine horns, strange-looking costumed characters, and people lining the streets provide truly excellent distraction training for our dogs. By the end of the parade, nothing bothers the dogs. It is interesting to learn, though, that some Dalmatians like peppermint candy. Current year officers are President Kathy Duran, Vice President Pat Zoscak, Secretary SarahAnne Vancleeve, Treasurer Karen Wissinger, Board of Directors Nita Bruhn, Kathy Mulej, and Nadine Morgan. Club Secretary is SarahAnne Vancleeve, 22322 Prairie Road, Sedro Woolley WA 98284, phone (360) 854-0782, or email: Tucwinn@aol.com.

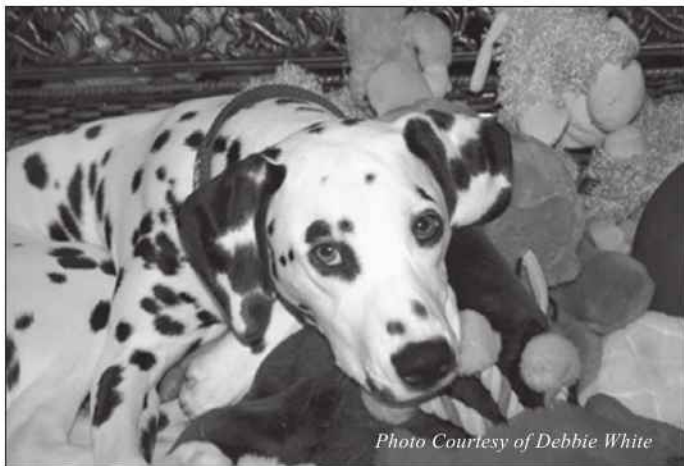


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• REGIONAL SPECIALTY DATES

By Christine Prince

February 26, 2009 (Thursday)

Dalmatian Club of Greater Phoenix

Scottsdale, Arizona

Closing Date: February 11, 2009

Conformation & Jr. Show: Dana P. Cline

Sweepstakes (Puppy/Veterans):

Dawn Mauel

Obedience: Mrs. Nancy D. Simmons

February 27, 2009 (Friday)

Dalmatian Club of Greater St. Louis

Belleville, Illinois

Closing Date: February 11, 2009

Conformation: Mr. Arley Hussin

Sweepstakes: Michael Deer

February 27, 2009 (Friday)

Dalmatian Club of Greater St. Louis

Belleville, Illinois

Closing Date: February 11, 2009

Conformation: Mary Miller

March 14th/15th, 2009

Mid Florida Dalmatian Club

AGILITY TRIALS

Zephyrhills, Florida

March 20, 2009 (Friday)

Dalmatian Club of North Texas

Fort Worth, Texas

Closing Date: March 4, 2009

Conformation: Mrs. Marabeth S. White

Junior Showmanship: Michael Hefflin

Sweepstakes: Robert Ekle

Obedience: Mrs. Nancy D. Simmons

March 20, 2009 (Friday)

Dalmatian Club of Greater New York

Edison, New Jersey

Closing Date: March 4, 2009

Conformation: Andrew H. Brace

Junior Showmanship:

Ms. Geraldine Rosen

March 20, 2009 (Saturday)

Dalmatian Club of Central New Jersey

* Designated Specialty

Edison, New Jersey

Closing Date: March 4, 2009

Conformation: Mrs. Joanne Nash

Sweepstakes: Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro

April 4th - 8th, 2009

Dalmatian Club of America Nat. Specialty

Lawrence, Kansas

Host Hotel: Holidome

Closing Date: March 18, 2009

Conformation, Breed/Dogs: Rick Miller

Conformation, Bitches/Non-Regular:

Tim Robbins

Junior Showmanship: Mr. Rick Miller

Futurity: Elizabeth Hancock

Sweepstakes: Mary Lynn Jensen, PhD

Obedience: Mr. Richard Wood

Rally: Margery West

Agility: Kitty A. Bradley

Tracking: Linda Bashnagel & Carol Clark

Road Trial: Danielle LaVangie

April 9th & 10th (Thursday & Friday)

Heartland Dalmatian Club of Kansas City

Lawrence, Kansas

Closing Date:

Conformation/Juniors: Patrick Easton

Sweepstakes: Luis Sosa

May 8th & 9th, 2009

Dalmatian Club of North Texas

AGILITY TRIALS

Opening Date: March 11, 2009

Closing Date: April 22, 2009

April 25, 2009 (Saturday)

Dalmatian Organization of Houston

Beaumont, Texas

Closing Date: April 8, 2009

Conformation: Rick Weyrich

Junior Showmanship: TBA

June 13, 2009 (Saturday)

Chicagoland Dalmatian Club

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Closing Date: May 13, 2009

Conformation: TBA

Junior Showmanship: TBA

Sweepstakes: TBA

Obedience: TBA

June 19, 2009 (Friday)

Mt. Hood Dalmatian Club

Canby, Oregon

Closing Date: June 3, 2009

Conformation: TBA

Junior Showmanship: TBA

Sweepstakes: Mrs. Rosemary W. Leist

Obedience: TBA

August 7, 2009 (Friday)

Western Reserve Dalmatian Club, Inc.

Oberlin, Ohio

Closing Date: July 22, 2009

Conformation: Diana Skibinski

Sweepstakes: Cindy Riggans

August 8, 2009 (Saturday)

Western Reserve Dalmatian Club, Inc.

Oberlin, Ohio

Closing Date: July 22, 2009

Conformation: Ms. Jan Warren

Sweepstakes: Kristofer Kelso

August 14, 2009 (Friday Morning)

Greater Denver Dalmatian Club

Greeley, Colorado

Closing Date: July 29, 2009

Conformation & Junior Showmanship:

Ms. Christina Pickup

Sweepstakes: TBA

August 14, 2009 (Friday Afternoon)

Greater Denver Dalmatian Club

Greeley, Colorado

Closing Date: July 29, 2009

Conformation & Junior Showmanship:

Mr. Charles Cyopik

Sweepstakes: TBA

September 11, 2009 (Friday)

Dalmatian Club of Southern

New England

East Falmouth, Massachusetts

Closing Date: TBA

Conformation: Delores Maltz

Sweepstakes: Emily Hoover

September 12, 2009 (Saturday)

Dalmatian Club of Southern

New England

East Falmouth, Massachusetts

Closing Date: TBA

Conformation: Joe Gregory

Sweepstakes: Dennis Sanders

September 26, 2009 (Saturday)

Dalmatian Club of Finger Lakes

Romulus, New York

Closing Date: TBA

Conformation & Junior Showmanship:

Mrs. Anne T. Fleming

Sweepstakes: Mr. J. Richard Millaire

Join us on our new date....
4 SHOWS! 3 DAYS!



**The Dalmatian Organization of Houston
has joined the Spindletop Cluster in
Beaumont, Texas, April 24- 26, 2009**

- Friday, April 24th - Baytown Kennel Club
Judge: Ms. Marjorie Underwood
- Saturday, April 25th - Baytown Kennel Club
Judge: Ms. Janet Jacobsen Allen
 - DOH Sweepstakes (with BKC)
Judge: Dr. Dana Ann Massey
- DOH Specialty will be held on Saturday,
April 25th, one (1) hour after Best In Show.
Judge: Mr. Rick Weyrich (Highlander Dalmatians)
- Sunday, April 26th - Beaumont Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Lester Mapes

All events will be held indoors at the Ford Park Arena and Convention Center

* Obedience and Rally are offered all three (3) days at the all-breed shows.

Superintendent for all events is Onofrio
www.onofrio.com

• AROUND THE SPECIALTIES

Finger Lakes Dalmatian Club - September 27, 2009



SPECIALTY CLUBS WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

We all know there is nothing more interesting than to see what happened at the various Regional Specialties. Besides seeing the results, we like to see the activities and of course, the people and the dogs.

Here's your chance to show off your club and your specialty! Please choose interesting photos with people, Winners Dog/Winners Bitch/Specials and Obedience line-ups. Photos must be crisp, sharp and clearly marked with the club name, the date of the specialty and the photographer.



We look forward to enjoying your specialty in the Spotter!
E-mail photos to Jessica MacMillan at spotted101@hotmail.com

PHOTOS!!! WE LOVE PHOTOS!

Thank you to everyone who has sent photos to the Spotter! We really appreciate it and it really makes the magazine more fun! Remember, this is YOUR magazine! Keep'em coming!



The Photo Contest! Kids & Puppies!

Rules:

1. No limit on the number of photos submitted. Photos should be unmounted, unframed and a maximum of 8" x 10". Retouched photos, slides, polaroids and color copies will not be accepted. Digital files may be sent via e-mail and must be at least 300 .dpi. or sent on a disk, and should be a minimum of 500 kb in size, preferably larger to reproduce in the magazine.
2. Each entry must be accompanied by a \$10.00, payable to DCA, credit card number or through PayPal.
3. Each entry must list dog's call name and age, the photographer's name and address plus the owner's name, address and phone number or e-mail address. Information should be written on paper and taped to the back of each photo or included in the body of the e-mail in which the image is attached.
4. All entries will be coded and names will remain confidential until judging is completed.
5. Only previously unpublished photos are acceptable.
6. Any amateur photographer may enter.
7. Hardcopy photos will be returned.
8. The prizes will be awarded to the photographer if different from the person submitting the photo.
9. All entries must be submitted via USPS or e-mail by May 1st, 2009

Send entries to:

Ann Lyon, Advertising Manager - 146 Summer Street, Battle Creek, MI. 49015

Or e-mail them to: lyondal@aol.com

The judges will award first, second, third and fourth places, along with two to three honorable mentions. First place winner will receive \$50.00, second place will receive \$35.00, third place \$25.00 and fourth \$15.00.

Winning photos will appear in the Spring 2009 Spotter.

Technical merit, composition, and clarity are important factors when determining winners.

Black and white or color images acceptable!

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Getting the best out of your ads!



SpotterDESIGN

Everyone looks at the Spotter for various reasons, but most are looking at the ads. Below are a couple of tips for getting the most out of your advertising dollars!

Use the BEST photo you can, without a doubt! People don't always remember perfect photos, but bad photos are remembered forever! If you don't have a good show photo of your young star, take an informal at a park, schoolyard, or some other place with a good clean backdrop. If you want to use a gaiting photo, have someone else, who knows dog structure evaluate it before you advertise it. There is nothing worse than a dog with a hump in his back, sidwinding or worse yet, coming around a corner. Think seriously before you run a photo!

When you advertise, please include the sire and dam in your ad. People are looking to see what dogs are producing and if your beautiful dog doesn't have a sire and dam then people are missing the most important information - how he came to be!

Finally, if you are looking to do a magnificent, eye-catching ad, but don't know how to do it, ask the SpotterDESIGN team to help - you'll be glad you did!

THE REMINDER PAGE •

For all those things you need, but don't have time to look for!



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PURINA WEIGHT CIRCLE PROGRAM

Regional Clubs are encouraged to collect weight circles from Purina dog food products. The circles can be collected by members of the club, friends, relatives and anyone who wants to help. Each club will automatically receive 25% of the proceeds of their weight circle collection. The club with the highest weight circle poundage will receive 50% of the proceeds of their collection based on membership (pounds per member). The balance of the proceeds will go to DCAF to help support DCAF's activities. Every club is invited to participate.

Send your weight circles to:

Laura Kiedaisch

2905 Stone Quarry Road

Belvidere, IL. 61008

Include your name, address and e-mail address (if any) and your regional club name. You **MUST** include the club name in order for the club to receive credit. You may find it easier to appoint a club member to collect the circles for the program and send them in once a month.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!**



Don't miss the discount!

When you place your ads, don't forget your Dal's CHIC number! That CHIC number gets \$25.00 taken off the cost of the ad!

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA FUTURITY AND DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION

An Incentive Program to Increase DCA Member's Participation in Health Screenings and Data Collection

For a period of three years (Futurity years 2008, 2009, 2010), as a pilot program to encourage the health testing and screening of Dalmatian breeding stock, the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation (DCAF) will offer the following special prizes. These prizes shall be awarded only if the Sire and Dam are CHIC listed. The Sire and Dam shall be deemed CHIC listed if they appear on the CHIC data base 10 days before the judging of the Futurity. These prizes do not require any changes to the Futurity rules.

- a. Breeder(s) of the Best In Futurity winner shall be awarded \$500 in aggregate by DCAF.
- b. Owner(s) of the Sire of the Best in Futurity winner shall be awarded \$500 in aggregate by DCAF.
- c. Owner(s) of the Sire and Breeder of the best junior or senior that does not win Best in Futurity shall be awarded \$200 in aggregate each by DCAF.
- d. The Futurity chairman shall determine the eligibility of the winners as soon as possible after the conclusion of Futurity judging. If possible, the special prizes shall be awarded during the awards banquet held in conjunction with the DCA specialty.

Note that becoming CHIC listed requires no special effort by the owners of Dalmatians. It is automatic after the owners have completed the three basic health screenings (hearing, eyes and hips) and are permanently identified and agree to have the results appear in the open data base. Since CHIC lists both normal and abnormal results, no Dalmatian is prevented from participating in the Futurity.

• REGIONAL SPECIALTY RESULTS

By Christine Prince



Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia

September 18, 2008 (Thursday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Dr. Irvin Kruenkamp

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps - Bayside N South Street The
Proof Is In The Heir (Dreby/Moore)

Conformation Judge – Dana P. Cline

BOB – CH Mt Bryton's Covert Operative (Bartell)
BOS – CH Erin N Wildwd Fair Advocate (Meador)
AOM – CH Satin N TCJ Star Appeal (Jenning)
AOM – CH Bret D's Sergeant Major (Bachey/Bachey/Zink)
WD & BOW – Woodwynd Glendale The Big Cheese (Jensen, Ph.D.)
RWD – Mt. Bryton's Mity Hercules (Varlamos/Bartell)
WB – Bayside N South Street The Proof Is In The Heir (Dreby/Moore)
RWB – Spotlight Caliente (Wagner)

Cumberland Valley Dalmatian Club

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

September 26, 2008 (Friday Evening)

Sweepstakes Judge – Ms. Julia L. Soukup

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps - Dakota's Secret Keeper (Benoit/Benoit)
Best Senior in Sweeps - Bottoms Up All Mixed Up (Randlett/Previs)
Best Veteran Dog & Best in Vet. Sweeps - CH Volunteer's
Impromptu Antception OA, AXJ. (Overton/Truitt)
Best Veteran Bitch in Sweeps - CH London's Blackberry
Sage CD, RE, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, NF (West)

Conformation Judge – Mr. Luc Boileau

BOB – CH Paisley Nspird By Broadway (Macmillan/Iwaoka/Iwaoka)
BOS – CH Tramac Just Walk 'N On Sunshine (Smith/Callea)
AOM – CH Royalty's Splash of Taylor (Walter/Polaski)
WD & BOW – Dakota's Potions Master (Benoit/Benoit)
RWD – Woodwynd Glendale The Big Cheese (Jensen, Ph.D.)
WB – Bottoms Up All Mixed Up (Randlett/Previs)
RWB – Horizon Liberty Jls Roll The Dice (Bowman/Skibinski/
Mooney/Baley)

Cumberland Valley Dalmatian Club

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

September 27, 2008 (Saturday)

Conformation – Mrs. Mary M. Klein

BOB – CH Paisley Nspird By Broadway (Macmillan/Iwaoka/Iwaoka)
BOS – CH Tramac Just Walk 'N On Sunshine (Smith/Callea)
AOM – CH Tej N Satin's Star Appeal (Jenning/Jardine/Hanson)
WD & BOW – Woodwynd Glendale The Big Cheese (Jensen, Ph.D.)
RWD – Bamone's Out Of The Blue (Gradito/Gradito/Carlton/Carlton)
WB – Dakota's Secret Keeper (Benoit/Benoit)
RWB – Folklore Firesprite Hi Fashion (Skibinski/Baley)

Dalmatian Club of the Finger Lakes

Romulus, New York

September 27, 2008 (Saturday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Kristofer A Kelso

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps - Brightspot RagsToRiches
(Hopmans/Hopmans)
Best Senior in Sweeps - Koira Charmed Magic (Rooney)
Best Junior Veteran & Best Veteran in Sweeps - Ch Brightspot
Fyrlyte HarvestMoon (Crawford/Crawford)
Best Senior Veteran - Ch Canal-Sides Chocolada (Marceau/Marceau)

Conformation Judge - Mr. Jeffrey Gillespie

BOB - CH Challenge's Spirit Of Cleopatra RA (Gradwell/Linsky)
BOS - CH Bret's Sergeant Major (Bachey/Bachey/Zink)
AOM - CH Empire's Time Will Tell (McGinnis/Osborn)
AOM - CH Troika's Wild Strawberries (Hahn/Markoff)
WD - Glen Oaks Firekeeper's Gambler (Walter/Walter)
RWD - Absolutely Justice Well Served (Smith)
WB & BOW - Koira Consider It Magic (Luikart)
RWB - Shenandal's Simply Unique (Debor)

Obedience Judge (Elmira KC all-breed trial) -

Ms. M C Burford & Mrs. E M VanUden

High Scoring Dalmatian in Trial - Stone Hill's Illusion In
B&W CD RE NA NAJ (Bergman)
High Scoring Champion in Trial - CH OTCH Stonehills Ima
Handsome Dude UDX3 RE AX OAJ (Podejko)

Heartland Dalmatian Club of Greater Kansas City

Lawrence, Kansas

October 10, 2008 (Friday Evening)

Sweepstakes Judge – Mr Thomas Hacholski

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps – South Street N Bayside's
First Class Cricket (Moore/Swensen)
Best Senior in Sweeps - Hallmark Full Throttle Rocker (Welther/Welther)
Best in Veteran Sweeps – CH Hansom for Hire (Petit)

Conformation Judge – Mrs. Molly Martin

BOB – CH Tej N Satin's Star Appeal (Jenning/Jardine/Hanson)
BOS – CH Tramac Just Walk 'N On Sunshine (Smith/Callea)
AOM – CH Royalty's Splash of Taylor (Walter/Polaski)
AOM – CH Paisley Nspird By Broadway (Macmillan/Iwaoka/Iwaoka)
WD & BOW – Satin's Keep 'M Laugh 'N (Schultz)
RWD – Dreamworks Been Around The World (Strait/Richardson/Henderson)
WB – Whitecap Princess Victoria (Henderson/Ribeiro Filho)
RWB – Checkered Flag's No Cautions (Adney/Adney)

Obedience Judge – Mr. David W Haddock

High Scoring Dal in Trial – CH Patchmt Find A Voice CDX RA TD (Wells)

Junior Showmanship Judge – Mrs. Molly Martin

Best Junior Handler – Aubrey Richardson



Heartland Dalmatian Club of Greater Kansas City

Lawrence, Kansas

October 11, 2008 (Saturday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Mr Wade Koistinen

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps – Paisley Choco Chip Brownie Delite (MacMillan)
Best Senior in Sweeps – Red Coach Tapestry Promise Kept (Bryant/Whittlesey)

Conformation Judge – Steven Hurt

BOB – CH Paisley Nspird By Broadway (Macmillan/Iwaoka/Iwaoka)
BOS – CH Royalty's Splash Of Taylor (Polaski/Polaski)
WD – Dreamworks Been Around The World (Strait/Richardson/Henderson)
RWD – Hallmark Full Throttle Rocker (Welther/Welther)
WB & BOW – Paisley Choco Chip Brownie Delite (MacMillan)
RWB – Choco Chip She's A Hottie (Branaman)



Chicagoland Dalmatian Club

Schiller Park, Illinois

October 11, 2008 (Saturday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Linda McSherry

Best Junior in Sweeps - Mt. Bryton's Copa Cabana (Bartell)
Best Senior in Sweeps - Firesprite Folklore Funtastic (Baley/Skibinski)
Best Veteran in Sweeps - August Midnight Comet (Bulger)

Conformation Judge – Mrs. Francine W. Schwartz

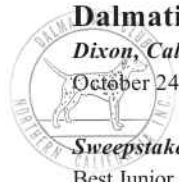
BOB – CH Thidwick Halo (Hancock)
BOS – CH Snowood Honeylane Flash Fire RN (Hennessey/Chirolas)
AOM – CH Denell 'N' Hollyhead's Bombshell (Liscotto)
WD & BOW – Diamond C'Ya At The Finish Line (Bulger)
RWD – Rose 'n Dal's Jungle to Jungle (Ronson-Boyd/Miller)
WB – Firesprite Folklore Funtastic (Baley/Skibinski)
RWB – Lotzadots Jam'N to Jazz CDX TDX RN NAJ (Wageman/Plaza)

Obedience Judge – Ms. Cynthia M. Pischke

High Scoring Dal in Trial – Lotzadots Jam'N to Jazz
CDX TDX RN NAJ (Wageman/Plaza)

Junior Showmanship Judge – Mrs. Francine W. Schwartz

Best Junior Handler – Micahel Kolbe



Dalmatian Club of Northern California

Dixon, California

October 24, 2008 (Friday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Mrs. Betty Pirs

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps - Sunnyoaks Tickled Pink (Stryker)
Best Senior in Sweeps - CH Hallmark Main Attraction (McDonald/Brann)
Best Veteran in Sweeps - CH Odseys Four On The Floor By Dydot (Hess)
Best Opp to Veteran in Sweeps – CH Esquires Patent Pending (Bannasch/Greenspan)

Conformation Judge – Jeffrey Joseph Gillespie

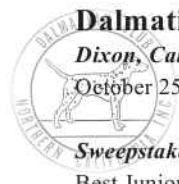
BOB – CH Odseys Four On The Floor By Dydot (Hess)
BOS – CH Hallmark Main Attraction (McDonald/Brann)
AOM – CH Esquires Patent Pending (Bannasch/Greenspan)
AOM – CH Tramac Just Walk 'N On Sunshine (Smith/Callea)
WD & BOW – Sunrunner Jaker Sweet Dude (Rochin/Rochin)
RWD – Easy To Spot Never A Dull Moment (Sandoval)
WB – Driftwood Breakfast At Tiffany's (Williamson/Blink)
RWB – Sunnyoaks Tickled Pink (Stryker)

Obedience Judge – Mr. Alvin W Eng

High Scoring Dal in Trial – Edgewood Whirlwind
Kezwick CD (Johnson)

Junior Showmanship Judge – Jeffrey Joseph Gillespie

Best Junior Handler – Nicole Lynn Owens



Dalmatian Club of Northern California

Dixon, California

October 25, 2008 (Saturday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Mrs. Inge Semenschin

Best Junior in Sweeps - SunnyOaks St. Florian Literati's Compass Rose (Mauel/Sexton)
Best Senior & Best in Sweeps - CH Hallmark Main Attraction (McDonald/Brann)
Best Veteran in Sweeps - CH Esquires Patent Pending (Bannasch/Greenspan)
Best Opp to Veteran in Sweeps – Ch Driftwood Picotee Freestyle CD RE OA MXJ OF (Blink/Bowers)

Conformation Judge – Mr. David J. Kirkland

BOB – Sunnyoaks Tickled Pink (Stryker)
BOS – CH Barnone Nspird Attaboy (Horvath/Horvath/Jordan)
AOM – CH Nspird Hollywood Legend (Jordan)
WD – Rock N Gentry Lord Byron (Rock)
RWD – Dalwood 'N' Deja'Vu's Wingman (Bartholomew/Bartholomew/Rudder/Haywood/Romano)
WB & BOW – Sunnyoaks Tickled Pink (Stryker)
RWB – Rambler On My Mind (Nash/Nash)

• RESULTS CONTINUED....

Dalmatian Organization of Tulsa

Tulsa, Oklahoma

October 30, 2008 (Thursday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Cheryl L. Jodts

Best Junior in Sweeps – Choco Chip She's A Hottie (Branaman)

Best Senior & Best in Sweeps – Melody My Way (White)

Conformation Judge – Mr. Steven L. Serine

BOB – CH Givens N Allstar Royally Regal

(Allen/Brownson/Givens)

BOS – CH Choco Chip Tej Bon Voyage RN (Branaman)

AOM – CH Givens Oakdal Rhythm N Jazz CD

(Taylor/Givens)

WD & BOW – Fivealarm Tovarich Flashgordon

(Cathey/Williams)

RWD – Rose 'N Dal's Jungle To Jungle

(Ronson-Boyd/Boyd/Ronson-Miller)

WB – Allstar Givens Lb Academy Award

(Allen/Allen/Givens/Givens)

RWB – Phd's Ima Heartbreaker RE NAJ (Sayles/Searcy)

Obedience Judge – Mr. Ralph (Sonny) Ambrosio

High Scoring Dal in Trial – Jls Roaring To Go RE (Neely)

Junior Showmanship Judge – Mr. Steven L. Serine

Best Junior Handler – Jessica Duff

Dalmatian Club of Southern California

Irwindale, California

October 31, 2008 (Friday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Mr. Joseph M. Waterman

Best Junior in Sweeps – Fyrehouse Fiona (Winters)

Best Senior & Best in Sweeps - Rockledge Nspird

Montecarlo (Jones/Jones/Jordan)

Best Veteran in Sweeps - CH. Trailside's Gold Mercedes

(Petipas/Jordan/Goddard/Picinich)

Conformation Judge – Mr. Robert J. R. Lucas

BOB – Rockledge Nspird Montecarlo (Jones/Jones/Jordan)

BOS – CH Amethyst First Fallen Snow (Jackson/Jackson/Peet)

AOM – CH Quicksilvers Rythm N Blues (Lyons)

WD & BOW – Rockledge Nspird Montecarlo (Jones/Jones/Jordan)

RWD – Fyrehouse N Xanadu's Travis (Brown/Brown/Sanders)

WB – Rockledge Nspird's Bellagio (Insley/Scalzo/Jordan)

RWB – Checkerboard Nspird Xena (Easton/Jordan)

Obedience Judge – Mrs. Donna A. Ward

High Scoring Dal in Trial – CH Daisydot Summer In Kokomo

(Jackson/Jordan/Harris)

Junior Showmanship Judge – Mr. Robert J. R. Lucas

Best Junior Handler – Jenna Romano

Mid-Florida Dalmatian Club, Inc.

Ocala, Florida

November 14, 2008 (Friday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Karen R. Moore

Best Junior and Best in Sweeps – Sunnyoaks A Bit O'Blamey (Wrath)

Best Senior in Sweeps – CH Woodwynd Glendale The Big Cheese (Jensen)

Conformation Judge – Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck

BOB – CH Bret D Gabriel's Lost Art (Carey)

BOS – CH Woodwynd Drama Queen (Coppola/Jensen)

AOM – CH Sunnyoaks Ready to Rumba (Wrath)

WD – Barnone's Out of the Blue (Gradito/Carlton)

RWD – South Street N Bayside's Dropkick Murphy's Law (Ketzner/Moore)

WB & BOW – Spotlight Caliente (Wagner)

RWB – Bayside N South Street The Next Chapter (Dreby/Moore)

Junior Showmanship Judge – Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck

Best Junior Handler – Aubrey Richardson

Mid-Florida Dalmatian Club, Inc.

Ocala, Florida

November 15, 2008 (Saturday)

Sweepstakes Judge – David G. Rogers II

Best Junior and Best in Sweeps – Bottoms Up Tuckaway

Fool For You (Randlett)

Best Senior in Sweeps - Bayside N South Street The Next

Chapter (Dreby/Moore)

Best Puppy – Starchart's Cassiopeia by Paisley (Voekle/Bolt)

Conformation Judge – Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.

BOB – CH Spotlight's Ruffian (Wagner)

BOS – CH Bottoms Up All Mixed Up (Randlett/Previs)

AOM – CH TCJ N Satin's Star Appeal (Jenning/Jardine/Hanson)

WD & BOW - Spotlight by Design (Wagner)

RWD – South Street N Bayside's Eye Candy (Dreby/Moore)

WB – Windstar's Stylesetter Sandy (McLamb)

RWB – Bearded Oaks Takes Two to Tango (Dunmire/Brooksbank)

Dalmatian Club of Detroit

East Lansing, Michigan

November 28, 2008 (Friday)

Sweepstakes Judge – Norma Smith

Best Junior & Best in Sweeps - South St and Windjammer

Bret D's Night And Day (Jennings/Zink)

Best Senior in Sweeps - Bret D Sentry's Ringmaster (Bachey/Zink)

Best Veteran In Sweepstakes: Troika's Zdar Twist (Riggans/Markoff)

Conformation Judge – Mr. R. R. Frost

BOB – CH Mt Bryton's Covert Operative (Bartell)

BOS – Ch. Dakota's Diagon Alley (Mages/Benoit)

AOM – CH Bret D's Sergeant Major (Bachey/Bachey/Zink)

AOM – Ch. Anticipation Here's Lucy (Truitt)

WD & BOW – Bret D Sentry's Ringmaster (Bachey/Zink)

RWD – Cranbrooke Just Around the Bend (Taylor/Sheldon)

WB – Mt. Bryton's Copa Cabana (Bartell)

RWB – Angel's Nest Traces of Love (Gerzanics)



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DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Fourth Quarter Meeting of the Board of Governors • November 1, 2008 - O'Hare Hilton, Chicago, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

The fourth quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Board of Governors was called to order at 1:00 PM Central CST on Saturday, November 1, 2008, at the O'Hare Hilton Hotel, Chicago, IL, by the President, Dr. J. Charles Garvin. DCA Governors present in addition to Dr. Garvin were Mr. Kenneth Berg, Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Mrs. Meg Ispas-Hennessey, Dr. Mary-Lynn Jensen, Mrs. Diana Skibinski, and Mrs. Sheila Wymore, as well as AKC Delegate Mr. James W. Smith.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the third quarter meeting on July 19, 2008 were previously reviewed by the board via electronic mail. **Mr. Cramer made a motion to accept the minutes as**

reviewed. Seconded by Mr. Berg, the motion was approved unanimously.

III. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

A. President. President Garvin reported the membership of the Dalmatian Club of America recently completed an important ballot regarding discussing possible future AKC registration of the descendants of the Dalmatian-Pointer cross. The specific question was "Is it time for the DCA to discuss the possibility of AKC registration of the descendants of the Dalmatian-Pointer cross?" The results showed 611 envelopes received, with 603 valid ballots. Yes – 279 at 46.3% and No – 324 at 53.7%.

President Garvin would like to thank all of the DCA members who made the effort to participate in the balloting. Many members

spent a great deal of time and effort on all aspects of this subject; learning, gathering and sharing information and opinions. The issue was discussed at great lengths in *the Spotter*, at the DCA Annual meetings, and on the DCA membership e-list as well as several other e-lists. The discussions were, for the most part, valuable and informative, though some of the comments drifted too much toward attacking individual personalities.

It is important to note that even the most inappropriate comments did not reach the level of antagonism and personal attacks that were, unfortunately, present during the similar debates in the early 1980's. Again, the club members deserve credit for keeping the discussions mostly in bounds.

DCA is now faced with the question of "Where do we go from here?" As President

Garvin noted in the explanatory cover letter to the ballot: "If the vote is negative, DCA will continue to encourage discussion on the topics of the low uric acid progeny, and support further testing, research and education, but take no action regarding possible future AKC registration."

It is difficult to extract clear meaning from the results of any ballot, as there can be many reasons to vote "No" or "Yes" on the question. For some members there are still questions and concerns about the low uric acid dogs and breeding programs that at this time have not yet been adequately investigated or satisfactorily answered. There are some questions that were answered, but whose answers, to some, may not be deemed acceptable. Others are comfortable with what is known, and ready to proceed further toward investigating AKC registration.

If there is interest in continuing to learn about the LUA dogs and breedings, and the ballot results from 2006 and 2008 indicate that there is, then we will need to work together to identify what unanswered questions still exist, and the best methods for answering those questions.

Some questions may not have answers everyone likes. Our challenge will be to then compare the potential benefits versus adverse consequences, and to compare what is known versus what is not known – and may never be known.

During the three years that we have been actively discussing these issues, the Board has followed three basic concepts:

1. Keep the membership informed.
2. Listen to the membership.
3. Follow the mandates of the membership.

The Board has done their part; the membership has done their part. There have been lively and active discussions, but there has been no crisis and there has been no chaos. In the long run, the Dalmatian Club of America will be better off because of the process by which this issue was handled.

By continuing to all work together, we can contribute to further progress while enhancing the strength, effectiveness, and vitality of our parent club. Again, thanks

to everyone who participated in the challenging endeavor, and is willing to continue to work on more upcoming club issues and projects.

B. Vice-President. Mrs. Wymore had no remarks

C. Recording Secretary. Mrs. Skibinski brought a computer laptop for recording DCA Board Highlights. These highlights will be posted on the DCA Web Site in accordance with the Standing Rules.

D. Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Boyd presented a three-page written report in which she related having responded to many requests of inquiry since the last meeting of the board on July 19, 2008. Mrs. Boyd responded to various letters, calls, emails of inquiry received from the public and the membership on such subjects as specialty matters, minutes, diet, registration, deafness, health issues, address changes, membership applications and dues. The registration insert forms continue to dribble in at a slow rate and are responded to with a Red Book.

Other Secretarial activities included, but were not limited to, writing letters relating to issues regarding board requests and actions taken on July 19, 2008 and the handling of various correspondence relating to numerous separate DCA & AKC matters. It was noted that a letter from AKC was received regarding a template for classroom judges' education. This will be forwarded to the Judges' Education Committee.

E. Treasurer. Mrs. Hennessey presented a three-part report to the board in which she summarized the financial standing of the club, the specialty, and the status of other activities for which she is responsible.

1. Mrs. Hennessey itemized the financial reports.

a. Account Balances, Third Quarter 2008 and Year to Date. Mrs. Hennessey presented a review of all Account Balances for the third quarter 2008; as of September 30, 2008 the total in Bank, Asset and Investment was \$118,169.72. Account Balances from January 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 totaled \$114,592.13.

b. Income and Expense Statements, Third Quarter 2008 and Year to Date. Income from January 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008, was \$39,977.06 and expenses were \$27,340.62 for a net gain of \$12,636.44. Income and Expense Statements from January 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 showed income of \$185,542.92 and expense of \$155,746.13, for a net gain of \$29,796.79 year to date.

c. Current financial standings for the 2009 Sunflower KS Specialty were reviewed. With income to date of \$1,167.00 and expenses of \$4,157.60, the specialty is showing a net loss of \$2,990.60.

2. DCA dues invoices have been sent to the membership and reminders were sent out. A volunteer list compiled from the dues mailed was passed out to the board. A Drop List on nonpaying members and a proof copy of the 2009 membership booklet was presented to the board. The DCA Membership Booklet will be sent off for printing in November.

3. Mrs. Hennessey reported that some of our monies were transferred to a Vanguard TIPS Fund. This is a US insured treasury fund that is not affected by fluctuations in the Stock Market.

4. Mrs. Hennessey made a motion to donate \$5,000.00, which is a portion of our taxable interest/non member income, to the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation for urinary stone disease. Seconded by Mrs. Skibinski, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Mr. Berg made a motion to increase our limit on our Fidelity Bond to \$200,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Cramer, the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

Mr. Smith reported that there are several items to be voted on at the December AKC Meeting involving rules applying to dog shows. One rule change would allow monthly billing of AKC licensed superintendents

for fees due AKC as opposed to the current rule that requires fees be submitted within seven days of the close of the show. The goal is to improve efficiency and accuracy of accounting. There are also three additional items which pertain to Beagle Field Trials. Mr. Smith was instructed to approve the above changes.

Mrs. Wymore made a motion to approve the Officers' reports. Seconded by Mr. Cramer, the motion was approved unanimously.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Charles Garvin

1. Ethics – Edward Flock. Mr. Flock submitted a written report plus sent an addendum to his report. A packet was received by each of the board members regarding formal charges filed by one member against another over an Ethical Guideline. This situation will be considered under an executive board session.

2. Legislative Liaison – Marie Fiore. No action required. Mrs. Fiore continues to forward emails about legislative information to the DCA Member List.

3. Public Relations - Julie Lux. No action required.

4. Web Page – Julia Soukup. Ms. Soukup submitted a written report to the board concerning web site activities. Ms. Soukup also reported on projects in process. There were approximately twenty seven additions/updates to the DCA web site. There are six projects in process. There are two projects that were performed as volunteer work. Ms. Soukup continues to improve the web site. A members' only section is being considered. The Standing Rules will be looked at for inclusion in this section. Also, DCA is encouraging the current Webmaster and others to apply for Webmaster.

B. Sheila Wymore

1. AKC Gazette - Sharon Boyd. Mrs. Boyd reported that columns are being submitted timely and that there is a new staff member at AKC to receive columns.

2. Historian - Cheryl Steinmetz. Mrs. Steinmetz reported on recent activity regarding inquiries and inventory management,

as well as new materials received. Mrs. Steinmetz is working with webmaster Julia Soukup to update the DCA History pages. The committee has not yet found a new home for the English KC stud books and magazines from the Walter Johnson collection.

Mrs. Boyd will contact Mrs. Steinmetz to seek advice and see if this committee would like several items currently being purged from the DCA Corresponding Secretary materials.

3. The Spotter – Marie "Debbie" Zink. Miss Zink reported that the Fall issue of the Spotter is nearly completed. The current team members are Managing Editor Marie "Debbie" Zink, Layout Manager Jessica MacMillan, Advertising Manager Ann Lyon, Graphic Designers Laura Carpenter and Angie Henderson, Copy Manager Chad Garvin, Copy Manager Assistant Becky Goodwin, Publisher Kathy Szomoru, Reporters Kris Benoit, Jan Warren Linne', Elli Lipshutz, Kathy McCoubrey, Chris Prince and Tana Rugg. The board was able to view some of the work the committee has completed on the Fall Spotter.

The committee would like to hold a Photo contest similar to previous ones, start a classified page for members to sell dog related items in the Spotter and update the Spotter link on the DCA web site. The board was in favor of all concepts.

The board reviewed and reconsidered a decision the Spotter Committee made regarding the upcoming cover story. The board upheld the committee's decision and encouraged the author to write an article for the Spotter.

C. Diana Skibinski

1. DCARE – Diana Skibinski. Mrs. Skibinski reported a reimbursement application for three Dalmatians for \$600.00 was approved and sent to Tammie Patterson of Dalsavers of Tennessee. The committee continues to discuss and work toward updating the Dalmatian Rescue Directory. Also, the statement for reimbursement is on the DCARE web page.

2. Membership – Mary Widder. Ms. Widder submitted a written list of seven names to be considered for membership. Mrs. Skibinski read the list of applicants and their sponsors to the board. **Mrs. Hennessy made a motion to accept the seven applications presented. Seconded by Mr. Berg, the motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Standard – Barbara Greenspan. Ms. Greenspan will be contacted to send a letter to Dog Judge's Association of America in regards to the Dalmatian snapshot in their Breed Snapshot Publication.

D. Sharon Boyd

1. Specialty Steering – John Cramer. Mr. Cramer submitted a written report. The Steering Committee feels that they do not have enough time to find a new show site and negotiate a contract with the new site in a proper time for the 2011 DCA Specialty. The committee was able to approve a contract with the Ft. Mitchell Hotel again. The contract is very favorable for DCA. This will give the committee time to locate and negotiate a contract for the 2012 DCA Show. A new contract was presented to the board for approval.

Mr. Berg made a motion to place the Steering Committee on inactive status and establish a new committee called Specialty Site Selection Committee chaired by John Cramer. This committee's primary function will be for specialty site selection and other duties deemed necessary by the board. Seconded by Mr. Berg, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to accept the contract to hold our National Specialty from April 29 through May 4, 2011 at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Seconded by Mrs. Hennessey, the motion was approved unanimously.

a. Specialty Show Committee – Sheila Wymore. Mrs. Wymore presented a written report to the board.

i. DCA Specialty 2009, 4/2 – 4/8, Lawrence, Kansas. Sheila Wymore, Chair. Mrs. Wymore reported everything is on schedule for the 2009 Sunflower Classic. All committees are in place and chairs are working diligently within their scope of responsibility.

Information necessary for the completion of the show application process was sent via email to Sharon Boyd. The Agility site chosen has never been used for an AKC Agility trial before, so we were required to prepare a Site Evaluation form, which was accepted. All applications and judges for all events have now been approved.

A Performance tee shirt has been designed and offered to encourage support of the Performance Fund, although no chair has been appointed for that committee. Once the committee receives a pdf of the logo, we will email all Performance chairs requesting support of the Performance fund. We will also e-blast the membership.

Logo merchandise for pre-order has been chosen and will be handed out at the show rather than mailed. There will be an extra charge for mailing of items not picked up at the show. Additional logo items may be offered for sale during the show pending any attractive sales that come across the desk of Chair Michelle Collingwood.

The Road Trial Chair has been given permission to develop a fund-raising effort on behalf of the Road Trial this year, with the understanding that if the Performance fund is actively chaired in 2010, it will cover the Road Trial for that year with no additional fundraising efforts allowed.

The Pre-show Insert has been prepared and is awaiting insertion in the Fall Spotter. The insert has been sent to Julia Soukup for updating of the show web site. Next deadline to be met is that of the premium list. Personal contact has been made with Mary Beth at Onofrio to let her know the change of guard and contact info for this year's show.

The Lawrence Holiday Inn has offered to host a separate web page for our event, and Julia Soukup is looking into supplying the information in the format requested.

Once set up, visitors will be able to book rooms from the site and still get the DCA discount rate. When the site is up and running, we will e-blast information on how to access it.

The committee is beginning the process of sweepstakes judge selection, working within the parameters of the new Standing Rule change regarding Futurity judge/Sweepstakes judge selection/ballots results. Also it is respectfully requested that a current set of Standing Rules be made available as there have been several changes voted on within the last year pertinent to the specialty.

ii. DCA Specialty 2010, 4/1 – 4/7, Lawrence, Kansas. The logo has been chosen for the 2010 show, which gave rise to the theme "Sunflower Frolic". It is currently in final design stage.

Pending board acceptance, Sheila Wymore will remain as chair for the 2010 show. **Mrs. Skibinski made a motion that the board designates Sheila Wymore as the 2010 National Specialty Chair. Seconded by Dr. Jensen, the motion was approved unanimously.**

Most of the chairs for the 2009 show, when originally approached, were requested to serve for 2010 as well. Many are staying on, which will provide good continuity. Some committees have co-chairs, which will help in succession.

It is the goal of this chairman to have a set of e-files ready to hand the next chair, with templates for contracts, letters, schedules, committee tasks, etc., in an effort to ease future transitions.

2. Top Twenty – John Cramer. Mr. Cramer reported the Judge's ballot will be going out to the committee in November. Invitations for the Top Twenty will be sent out on the first of January for the past Top Twenty winners and the top fifteen from the November list. The rest of Top Twenty candidates will be sent out as soon as the final list is complete.

3. DCA Archival Photographer – Irvin Krukenkamp. Dr. Krukenkamp submitted a written report for board

review. It was noted that 70 copies of Keith Murphy's Lecture from the Betty Garvin DVD Series have been requested and distributed. The board found this large number interesting and rewarding.

The color video production is on schedule. The first two Color video modules (AKC Standard for Color & Markings; Color Disqualifications) were distributed under separate cover to board members & AKC Delegate. The board found the video to be on its way to becoming an outstanding educational tool and notes further fine tuning is needed. Input from the Judges' Education Committee will be needed. The board requests a transcript of the first two modules be sent to the board, as well as a transcript of the future modules.

E. Meg Hennessey

1. Awards and Trophies – Laura Lightholder. Ms. Lightholder reported she is waiting for direction from the board in regards to Trophies after 2009. The board directed Laura Lightholder to investigate different avenues in case they are needed.

2. Membership Education – Susan MacMillan. Ms. MacMillan reported the committee has updated the Road Trial, Hearing Study Group and Agility Articles. Several articles are now in the process of being updated plus completed drafts of co-ownership and lease contracts will be reviewed.

3. Purina – Meg Hennessey. Mrs. Hennessey reported receiving a letter from the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program noting the Dalmatian Club of America through its participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program has a great opportunity to enhance the health and well-being of the Dalmatian. Like the 166 other clubs participating in the program, The Dalmatian Club of America earns funding for important canine health studies, education efforts and rescue programs when Purina Pro Club members submit their weight circles and declare the Dalmatian Club of America to receive matching funds and submit their weight circles. As of August 31, 2008, the Dalmatian Club of America has 592 members declared for the Purina

Parent Club Partnership Program. From January 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008, 120 members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of \$2,043.81 accumulated thus far for the 2008 program. Mrs. Hennessey encourages all DCA members to collect and submit weight circles.

F. Ken Berg

1. Futurity – Steven E. Nielsen.

Mr. Nielsen submitted a written report.

As of 10/14/2008, the 2009 Futurity has 98 litters nominated. This compares to 126 nominated for 2008. This is a 22% decrease in litter nominations. For the 2007 futurity there were 109 litters nominated. This is a decrease of 10% compared to the 2007 futurity. Litter nominations for 2009 are closed.

As of 10/14/2008, the 2009 Futurity has 172 pups nominated. Nominations are still open with 25 litters still in the nomination window. Mr. Nielsen expects an estimated 220 pups to be nominated for 2009. This compares to 319 nominated for 2008. This is a 31% decrease. Please note that 2008 was an exceptional year with 2.6 pups per litter nominated, 2009 will be closer to the normal ratio of 1.9. He believes that the 22% decrease in litter nominations falls within the normal year to year variation. Historically this means the entry should be between 100 and 110 pups.

The 2010 Futurity currently has 7 litters nominated. This compares to 7 at this time for 2009. No pups have been nominated for 2010.

The Futurity fees are as follows: \$20.00 to nominate the bitch/litter, \$5.00 to nominate each pup (this must be done before they reach 4 months) and a sustaining fee of \$10.00 paid in conjunction with the entry fee of \$20.00 so a total of \$30.00 is paid at the time of entry. This is the confusing part, the entry fee is a two part fee: \$10.00 is the sustaining fee and \$20.00 is the entry fee for a total of \$30.00.

On the last report the committee suggested that the board might consider raising the pup nomination fee to \$7.50 for 2011. It's been \$5.00 for over 10 years and \$5.00 isn't what it was 10 years ago. The committee doesn't feel strongly one way or the other. **Mr. Cramer made a motion**

that starting in 2011 the puppy nomination fee for Futurity will be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Seconded by Mr. Berg, the motion was approved unanimously.

The judge selection process has begun for the 2009 Futurity and there are 22 individuals nominated by letter. Letters are now out seeking their permission to be placed on the ballot and are due back November 5, 2008. The voting will start shortly after that.

2. Judges' Education – Elaine Lindhorst. Mrs. Lindhorst submitted a report stating a Seminar will be presented by Meg Hennessey in conjunction with the Chicagoland Specialty. A letter from the Sherluck Multimedia, LTD requesting coordination on developing a new non-sporting DVD was received. The board is interested in this project and requests Mr. Berg contact Sherluck Multimedia, LTD and inform them that coordination will be deferred until the American Kennel Club Realignment is complete.

3. Public Education – Joanne Nash. No action required.

G. John Cramer

1. Junior Showmanship – Mary Miller. Ms. Miller submitted a written report. She is awaiting a time slot for the Junior Showmanship outing at the National. Ms. Miller will find the handlers to hold the clinic and would like to have pizza and pop immediately after the clinic. Since she will not be able to attend, Ms. Miller will need someone to arrange these refreshments.

2. Regional Club Council – Karen Linsky. Mrs. Linsky submitted a three page contact list for Regional Clubs. President Garvin researched and discovered this information can also be accessed on the American Kennel Club's database.

3. Standing Rules – This committee is currently seeking individuals that are literate in computer database. The Standing Rules need to be updated and placed in an easily accessible format.

H. Mary-Lynn Jensen

1. Breeder Referral – Mrs. Quinn submitted a written report sharing correspondence was sent to all Regional Club Presidents requesting all Breeder Referral Representatives appointed by Regional Clubs adhere to the DCA Ethical Guidelines. If a representative is unable to adhere to these Ethical Guidelines, they must be replaced with a representative that will.

As this committee did not have all the officers of each of the regional clubs, DCA Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Boyd, sent an email to all clubs requesting the names of all officers. This was ultimately sent to Ms. Quinn to update her information. There is one change of Breeder Referral Representative for Regional Clubs which is Ellen Muller.

2. Performance Events - Rick Miller

a) **Agility** – Holly Waldrop. Ms. Waldrop reported the first joint DCA/Clarksville Kennel Club all-breed agility trial was a success. Competitors and judges alike were complimentary of the committee's efforts. Ms. Waldrop is grateful for the continued assistance and support from Lynn Luikart, Julie Dawson, Michelle Gossett and Christopher Waldrop. The gross income was \$3,480.80 with a ribbon order of \$676.03 and the value of the remaining ribbons are \$261.59. The net income was \$3,066.36 and a check was forwarded to Meg Hennessey.

The Clarksville Kennel Club President, Jill Hootman, and Ms. Waldrop have begun contacting judges for next year's trial. Based on this year's success, the committee plans to hire one additional judge and increase the runs per day to 750. This will increase income with only a moderate increase in expenses. **Dr. Jensen made a motion that the board grants permission for one additional judge to be hired for the DCA/Clarksville Kennel Club all-breed agility trial. Seconded by Mr. Cramer, the motion was approved unanimously.** Based on this year's success, the committee hopes to contribute more next year to help fund the DCA agility trial for 2010.

b) Obedience – Lynn Luikart. No Action Required.

c) Road Trials – Peggy Strupp. Mrs. Strupp reported there was no official report received for the Central Carolina Dalmatian Club CC Test. Through internet chats it was reported the Trial was successful with two dogs qualifying. The Greater Washington Road Trial is this month and the Mid-Florida Road Trial is coming up.

Mrs. Strupp has secured a location, Host Chair and a judge for the National Road Trial in Lawrence, Kansas. The host chair is Rosie Branaman and she is working on securing a veterinarian. Fundraising options are being examined. This committee gives special thanks to Sheila Wymore for her work on this event.

I. Irv Krukenkamp

1. Health and Research – Irv Krukenkamp. Dr. Krukenkamp submitted a written report on general activities.

a) Health Clinics – Danielle Levangie. Ms. Levangie submitted a written report on the 2009 Health Clinic that included an informal budget. The room for the Health Clinics in 2009 will work out just fine and there will be no extra charge. After the health testing is completed, the area will be used for crating.

The CERF Testing will be performed by Susan Keil, DVM, MS, DAVCO of Mission MedVet Referral/Emergency Hospital in Mission, Kansas. She requires a minimum of 40 dogs signed up one week minimum prior to the clinic. She would rather have scheduled appointments.

Meg Hennessey advised that there are only 5 microchips left, so more will need to be ordered and she has a scanner the committee may use for this clinic. There may be a registered vet tech that can work this clinic for free and more will be known by the next DCA board meeting.

DNA Testing for Parentage and Color can also be offered. The cost from AKC for DCA Test Kits is \$35.00 plus shipping and the cost from vetGen for coat color testing is \$65.00 per dog plus shipping.

Also, if Suzie Hughes attends the 2009 specialty she would be willing to bring her equipment for Bladder Ultrasound and BAER Testing. Ms. Levangie would like to keep this option open.

Mr. Berg made a motion that 2009 Health Clinic includes a DNA Cheek Swab Clinic for the OFA CHIC Repository. Seconded by Dr. Jensen, the motion was approved unanimously.

A 50 % subsidy for each activity was proposed for DCAF. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that the Dalmatian Club of America request the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation subsidizes the 2009 CERF Clinic and the DNA Cheek Swab Clinic. Seconded by Mrs. Jensen, the motion was approved unanimously.**

Ms. Levangie suggests that we change the name to DCA Health Testing instead of Clinics. The board favors this change. An incentive program will be designed to encourage members to obtain testing needed for a CHIC number.

b) Hearing Study Group – Scott Facey. Mr. Facey submitted a proposed position statement on deafness for the web site. The board reviewed this statement and noted it needs to be shorter and more user friendly. Possibly a technical writer will need to be brought in to help edit the currently proposed position statement of deafness to make it more succinct.

c) Low Uric Acid Study Group – The Normal Canine Uric Acid (NUA) Dalmatians were exhibited in October at Davis, CA as a part of the Dalmatians of North America (DNA) Specialty. Media coverage was obtained. Dr. Bannasch's seminal paper has been accepted for publication in PLOS Genetics. The Dalmatian Club of America will work on an appropriate response as required.

The board is in favor of continuing the testing and breeding of the Dalmatian-Pointer Backcrosses. The board looks forward to reviewing proposals in support of that concept.

2. Statistics – Robert Von Mayr. Mr. Von Mayr reported he has continued compilation of 2008 statistics. He has answered 3 queries on statistics.

Mr. Von Mayer requested the board status of his request for the "super report" that the AKC was to investigate. Such a report would greatly ease the statistics job, reduce the cost of the job to the club and create a more timely statistics inputs to various committees that require it. When this was visited last, AKC was willing but it was complicated and time consuming and they didn't want to take it on right then.

Mrs. Skibinski made a motion to approve the reports of the Standing Committees. Seconded by Mrs. Wymore, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review of "List of Things to Do." President Garvin led a discussion reviewing the "Things to Do" from the last meeting, covering the items that were each board member's responsibility to handle after the last meeting.

2. Group Realignment – Charlie Garvin. President Garvin reported the American Group Realignment Committee has a proposed list of Breeds and Groups. Group 1: Sporting – Pointers and Setters, Group 2: Sporting – Retrievers and Spaniels, Group 3: Scent Hounds, Group 4: Sight Hounds, Group 5: Working (Dalmatians), Group 6: Terriers, Group 7: Toys, Group 8: Companion, Group 9: Herding, Group 10: Northern.

3. Registry of Merit ROM/ROMX – Diana Skibinski. Mrs. Skibinski reported the Grandfathered Sires and Dams are now up on the DCA web site. Also the description of the program and applications are now available. It will also be printed in the Spotter. Julia Soukup is currently creating the certificates to be sent by email. An application for requesting a certificate for Grandfathered Sires and Dams will be made available.

4. **DCA Minutes** – Charles Garvin. President Garvin led a discussion on recording individual board member votes on motions. **Mr. Berg made a motion that all non unanimous votes on motions be recorded noting yeas and nays. Seconded by Mrs. Wymore, this motion passed by majority with Mr. Berg, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Hennessey, Dr. Jensen, Mrs. Skibinski, and Mrs. Wymore in favor and Mr. Cramer opposed.**

5. **Conflict of Interest** – Sharon Boyd. Mrs. Boyd reported the board had previously directed the Corresponding Secretary to send letters to a board member explaining a conflict of interest and requesting a response. There has been no response. Once again the Corresponding Secretary will send a letter noting this conflict of interest and requesting a response within two weeks after receipt of the letter.

6. **Nominating Committee** – Sharon Boyd. The Nominating Committee reported the candidates for DCA Board of Governors to serve a three-year term beginning in 2009. They are Sharon Boyd Richmond, TX, Meg Hennessey Marengo IL, Laura Lightholder Oak Forest, IL, Lynn Elizabeth Luikart Centerville, OH, Sharon R. Lyons Pleasant Valley, NY and Robert W. Von Mayr Sahuarita, AZ. Chair Mr. C.E. Flock must receive any further nominations before December 1, 2008. Any additional nominees will be posted to the DCA Members List after closing.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **AKC Health Foundation** – Charles Garvin. President Garvin presented a request from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation for funds supporting various Grants. **Mr. Berg made a motion that DCA request DCAF funds for American Kennel Club Health Foundation Grant 1105: Understanding the Dynamics of Canine Influenza Transmission in Dog Populations and Intervention Strategies for Reducing Transmission by Cynda Crawford, DVM, PhD: University of Florida. Seconded by Dr. Jensen, the motion was approved unanimously.**

2. **DCA Members List** – Charles Garvin. President Garvin will place a message regarding the tenor and tone of recent messages on the DCA Member's List. This is not acceptable on our list, other lists or private emails.

3. **Welcome Party** – Jim Smith. Mr. Smith recognized there is a need to welcome first time attendees at the National Specialty. He will make up a basket of buttons for new attendees sharing that this is their first National Specialty. These buttons will be passed out at the Welcome Table. The board members and several other willing members, numbering about 25, will wear "Ask Me" buttons to help them with questions.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. The first quarter meeting of the DCA Board of Governors will be on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the O'Hare Hilton Hotel in Chicago, IL at 1:00PM CST.

2. The second quarter meeting of the DCA Board of Governors will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Lawrence, Kansas at 8:00AM CDT.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The board studied charges that had been filed against a board member. The board unanimously voted to decline jurisdiction.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM Central CST. Seconded by Mr. Cramer, the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Skibinski
DCA Recording Secretary

DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Telephone Conference Meeting
of the Board of Governors
February 11, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Garvin called a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Dalmatian Club of America to be held by telephone conference call on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 9:15 PM. All DCA Governors were present: Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Mrs. Meg Ispas-Hennessey, Dr. Mary-Lynn Jensen, Mr. Robert Lawson, Ms. Laura Lightholder, Mrs. Diana Skibinski, and Mrs. Sheila Wymore, as well as AKC Delegate Mr. James W. Smith.

II. BUSINESS

The business of this conference call was to fill the vacancy in the Dalmatian Club of America Board, Class 2010. It was previously noted in the agenda that the Dalmatian Club of America By Laws Section 5.5 MEETINGS states The Board of Governors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary and by conference call, provided a quorum takes part. Conference calls must be confined to a limited agenda or emergency decision and ratified in writing by members of the Board.

President Garvin opened nominations to fill the vacancy in the Dalmatian Club of America Board, Class of 2010. Mr. Cramer nominated Mrs. Norma Baley. Mrs. Hennessey nominated Mrs. Cheryl Steinmetz. A vote by majority appointed Mrs. Norma Baley to fill the vacancy in the Dalmatian Club of America Board, Class of 2010.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The conference call was completed at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Skibinski
DCA Recording Secretary



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DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.

Fourth Quarter Meeting of the Board of Governors • November 1, 2008 - O'Hare Hilton, Chicago, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

The fourth quarter meeting of the Dalmatian Club of America Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 9:10 PM CST on Saturday, November 1, 2008, at the O'Hare Hilton, Chicago, IL, by President James Smith. DCAF Directors present in addition to President Smith were Mr. Ken Berg, Mrs. Sharon Boyd, Mr. John Cramer, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Mrs. Meg Ispas-Hennessey, Dr. Mary-Lynn Jensen, Mrs. Diana Skibinski, and Mrs. Sheila Wymore.

II. MINUTES.

Minutes of the July 19, 2008 DCAF Meeting in Houston, Texas were previously distributed by e-mail. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stand as distributed and approved.

III. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

A. President's Report – Jim Smith. Mr. Smith had presented a written report prior to the meeting in which he stated that there would be many items to address in a short period of time.

In addition, President Smith stated that the financial position of the Foundation is sound and he thanked the officers, committee chairs and so many others whose efforts contribute to our success.

B. Vice-President's Report – Meg Hennessey. No report.

C. Secretary's Report - Sheila Wymore. Mrs. Wymore reported on the activities of her office between 7/1/08 and 10/24/08. Correspondence sent included July meeting minutes compiled and electronically distributed, preparation and mailing of six certificates of donation for the Dalmatian Club of Southern California to award at supported entry shows, and November meeting notices sent to the Officers, Board and committee chairs. Correspondence received included emails from board members acknowledging receipt of the minutes and approval thereof, and a Thank You note from Cindy Vogels, President AKC CHF, for the DCAF donation to Grant 975.

In addition, Mrs. Wymore requested that an action taken at the April 26th board meeting be put in the form of a motion, as it affects committee titles. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion to change the name of the Finance Committee to the Investment Committee with Mr. Lawson as Chair and Mr. Cramer, Dr. Jensen, and Mrs. Wymore as committee members. Seconded by Mrs. Skibinski, the motion passed.**

D. Treasurer's Report – Rob Lawson. Mr. Lawson submitted a written report to the Board with a Balance Sheet from January 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008 showing Assets/Liabilities of \$339,646.20. The Income/Expense detail for the period January 1 through October 31, 2008 showed an excess of \$31,829.54 income over expense.

Mr. Lawson reported that he had opened the Vanguard Money Market Account as directed and transferred \$125,000 to it.

Mr. Berg requested that the board be given a written report on the various directed donation accounts now that they have been brought up to date. He also requested that the Treasurer develop a disbursement plan for memorial accounts, or a bookkeeping entry that would remove funds from them annually and place them in general funds if they were not directed donations.

Mrs. Skibinski made a motion to accept the reports of the officers. Seconded by Dr. Garvin, the motion passed.

IV. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Julia Soukup. Ms. Soukup reported, or furnished committee chair reports on the following:

A. DCAF Christmas Cards - Julia Soukup. Sales of the Christmas cards total \$2,640 to date. There will be an e-blast mailing to encourage timely purchase of the cards. A direct email to each non-member who purchased previously is currently being implemented.

B. DCAF Online Auction - Cinda Haff/Julia Soukup. Ms. Haff reported interest in the auctions over the past couple of months, with income exceeding expectations. A set of collectable figurines that had not previously sold went to a nice bid by an individual. Recent donations included hand painted ceramic pieces from one of our members, whose previous donations were of quality and which generated active bidding.

Mr. Smith will request that Ms. Haff's report include sales figures in the future.

C. DCAF on e-bay - Cindy Bowman. No action required. We must provide proof of non-profit status before we can start selling in that venue. The Treasurer is working on locating the necessary information and completing the tasks.

D. DCAF Gala Pre-Top 20 Party. Mr. Lawson will submit an advertisement to the webmaster for a new banner and information page for the 2009 event. The webmaster is currently working on the Gala 2008 Photo Gallery and information page. Arrangements for the 2009 Gala were reported. Several actions/ responses were requested of the board. The board determined that it was not necessary to

design a pin in honor of the second Gala. It was decided that music is an integral part of the event and Mr. Cramer will investigate what KU has to offer in this regard. In addition to the donated quilt, it was suggested that we try to garner two or three more large ticket, quality items for the auction, which will be held midway through the event. Mr. Cramer can provide a list of the regional club contacts for marketing purposes.

A request was made for volunteers and sponsors. Mrs. Skibinski volunteered to chair the decorations committee again this year. Mrs. Boyd, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Jensen, Mrs. Skibinski, and Mrs. Wymore offered to repeat their sponsorship donations as in the previous Gala.

Mrs. Wymore, Mr. Cramer, and Mr. Lawson will coordinate handling the priority Top Twenty seating.

V. GRANTS COMMITTEE

David Doane. Dr. Doane recommended the addition of Gregory Hanley, DVM, to the Grants Committee. Dr. Hanley's curriculum vitae was presented to the board. **Dr. Garvin made a motion to appoint Dr. Gregory Hanley to the Grants Committee. Seconded by Dr. Jensen, the motion passed.**

VI. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Rob Lawson. Christine Gogan, financial advisor to DCAF, suggested that Treasury Inflation Protected Bonds would be a safe, protected investment vehicle for DCAF funds at this point in time.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Website - Julia Soukup. Ms. Soukup reported activities since the July board meeting. She added a new banner for the Betty Garvin Speaker Series, corrected some links on the site, added the April and July minutes as well as a new page for the By Laws, handled the auction links and info, and re-indexed the site for search function. Her projects in process include the 2008 Gala photo gallery, a new 2009 Gala banner, link, and information page, and a redesign of the appearance of the site.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Standing Rules - Sheila Wymore. Mrs. Wymore will try to have printed copies of the new standing rules by the February meeting.

B. Food Study/Wendy Brown. Ken Berg. Mr. Berg reported that he had not heard anything further from either Ms. Brown or CHF.

C. DCAF Web Page Review and Update. DCAF board members were charged with examining and navigating the DCAF web page to look for anything that may need updating or should be removed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Liskin Fund. President Smith reported a recent conversation he had with Ms. Mary Liskin, donor of a directed fund, regarding the potential use of those funds. Discussion ensued regarding the health testing of LUA/HUA progeny with the end result of producing a body of information regarding the project. It was suggested that for comparison purposes AKC Dalmatians should be tested as well, preferably from the same household as an LUA when possible, and without the tester knowing which Dalmatian is in which category. **Mr. Cramer made a motion to define a list of tests and protocols for which DCAF will reimburse the owner of an LUA/HUA dog. Seconded by Mrs. Skibinski, the motion passed.** Dr. Jensen offered to work with the APC health liaison to find out what the Pointer club recommends for testing.

B. Grant Request, DCA Health Clinics. The Foundation received a request from Ms. Danielle LeVangie, chair of the 2009 national specialty health clinics, regarding financial support for tests being offered. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that DCAF support the CERF and DNA repository. Seconded by Mrs. Skibinski, the motion passed..**

The scope of the financial support was discussed. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that DCAF also cover the entire cost of registering the results of the CERF tests with the CERF database. Seconded by Mr. Cramer, the motion passed.** As a point of clarification, it was stated that DCAF is covering half the amount of the testing costs, as per Ms. LeVangie's submitted budget.

C. DCA Grant Request. During the preceding meeting of the DCA board, a letter from AKC/CHF had been presented delineating various grants approved for 2009 and seeking funding for those grants.

The DCA board reviewed the merits of each grant and its potential benefit to the Dalmatian. **Mrs. Hennessey made a motion that DCAF fund \$2500 to AKC/CHF Grant #1105: Understanding the Dynamics of Canine Influenza Virus Transmission in Dog Populations and Intervention Strategies for Reducing Transmission. Seconded by Mr. Cramer, the motion passed.**

D. Thyroid. President Smith introduced the topic of potential thyroid problems within the breed and opened the floor for discussion. During previous health clinics, blood was drawn and sent to Dr. Bruner, who indicated that a minimum of 500 samples would be necessary to determine the average thyroid level for this breed. Mr. Smith suggested that we set up an ad hoc committee charged with determining several points: do we have enough samples, what information can be gleaned from these samples, what more information in reference to thyroid is

needed, do we need to do more testing, and can we set a baseline level for what is "normal" in the Dalmatian. Answers to these various points may lead to a recommendation that Dalmatians should be thyroid tested as a matter of course and this test would become part of Dalmatian CHIC requirements. Mr. Smith proposed that this ad hoc committee be composed of Kelly Flannigan, DVM as chair, with Ginger Iwaoka and Ann Smith to serve as members. **Dr. Jensen made a motion that an ad hoc Thyroid committee be instituted comprised of Kelly Flannigan DVM as chair, with Ginger Iwaoka and Ann Smith serving as members. Seconded by Dr. Garvin, the motion passed.**

E. Report on Contribution Complexity. Treasurer Rob Lawson submitted a report showing how many different ways a simple \$30 contribution needs to be handled, from the accounting to the banking to the recording to the acknowledging level. He would like the board to think about streamlining this operation to make it

easier on successive treasurers. The board was requested to think over the situation and come back with possible solutions. Mr. Smith also brought up the Founding Partner list that appears in every Spotter, suggesting that it is already permanently posted on the DCAF web site and in the annual membership booklet, and that perhaps it need only be printed once yearly in the statistics issue of the Spotter. It was a board consensus that this practice would satisfy the commitment made during the initial solicitation for start-up funds for the foundation and Mrs. Wymore will notify the Spotter staff accordingly.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Wymore
Secretary



HISTORIANS REPORT

- History pages are being updated on the DCA website
- 3 Centennial *Spotter* articles have been added to the site along with more Specialty photos to be added.
- A new home has not been found for the *English Kennel Club* Stud Books and magazines from Walter Johnson. We are looking at all options to reduce the size of the collection and to make a little income.

Items added since July:

- Purina Today's Breeder magazine (Issue 64) for an article titled "*The Master Breeders*", included information about and from John & Kris Benoit, Dakota Dalmatians.
- First place Pewter DCA Mug from 1974, donated by Charlie and Linda Cyopik.
- DVD Sets from the Digital Media Chair; "*DCA The Early Years 1905-1950's*", "*2005 DCA Centennial Show*", "*2006 DCA Videos*", "*2007 DCA Video Disk*", "*Bluegrass Specialty 2008*", *2007 & 2008 Betty Garvin Lectures*

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We are holistic healers. Holistic does not mean natural, it doesn't mean organic. It means the whole body works together - mind, body and spirit.

Example: All the Oriental dogs, Arctic dogs, dogs from England, Scotland, Ireland as well as water dogs such as labs and poodles, were fed fish and sea vegetation (such as our Solid Gold Sea Meal) for hundreds of years. If you don't feed them a fish-based diet and sea vegetation, they will scratch at the root of the tail and lick their feet. All Solid Gold dog and cat foods are fish-based.

Some competing dog food company recently copied from us and is now calling itself "The Holistic Leader," I asked the salesman what holistic meant. He said they now put apples in their food!

Our food bags are hermetically, vacuumed sealed for freshness. No other pet food company does this. Thus, we don't need to use any chemical preservatives. These would interfere with the sense of smell. Many dogs depend upon their sense of smell to do their jobs.

Gold is the Standard of the World.

Solid Gold is the standard that other pet food companies try to achieve by copying us. They can't.

A bit of humor:

Pat and Mike had been handlers and then dog show judges for over 50 years. Pat was dying. Mike told Pat that he wondered if there were dog shows in heaven. He asked Pat to let him know. A few days later, Pat died. That night, Pat appeared to Mike in a dream.

"I've got good news and bad news," said Pat.

"The good news is that there are dog shows in heaven. The bad news is that you are judging next Sunday."

Solid Gold is the only dog food company that is a member of the Organic Trade Association, the American Nutraceutical Association, the Medicinal Food Association, Nutraceutical Foods Association and the Life Extension Association.



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of great importance.*

*Movement is steady
and effortless.*

*There is a powerful drive
from the rear coordinated
with extended reach
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The topline remains level.

*Elbows, hocks and feet
turn neither in nor out.**

** from the DCA standard, "GAIT"*



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