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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 24 Jan 1991
Location: The Goddard's, 4325 La Orilla, Rancho Santa Fe, California

Attendees:
N. Dandrea, C. Davis, E. Davis, B. Goddard, D. Goddard, J. Hill, D. Jones, C. Lyford, C. McAndrew, D. Means, L. Means, C. Petit, E. Petit, N. Phipps , B. Rutherford

The meeting began after dinner with a discussion of name for the club. Two choices were reviewed:
- The Dalmatian Club of San Diego County (DCSDC)
- The San Diego County Dalmatian Club (SDCDC)

The majority voted for "The Dalmatian Club of San Diego County" which will be the new club's name.

Temporary officers were selected. The term is undefined and will last until elections are held. The officers are
- President: Carol McAndrew
- Secretary: Lisa Means

The group agreed to form a committee to develop a written purpose or charter. The Charter committee will meet prior to the next general meeting to draft a purpose for submittal to the membership at the February meeting.
- Cindy Lyford, Chair
- Nan Phipps
- Ed Petit
- Randy Thomsen
- Lisa Means

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to keep future meetings at members' houses for the time being.

The next meeting will be held at Carol McAndrew's home at 5:00 pm, Saturday February 23. Carol will mail a reminder and map.

An additional committee was formed to develop a Dalmatian information sheet to be passed out to interested people in the community as an education aid. After the committee was formed, a lengthy discussion ensued as to whether to pursue this effort immediately or to wait until the club was better organized. The general consensus was to wait until the purpose was agreed upon. The Information/Education committee consists of:
- Debbie Goddard, Chair
- Carol Petit
- Debbie Jones
- Jan Hill

The issue of a Dalmatian rescue was brought up. Again, after lengthy discussions it was decided to delay further action until a purpose and general structure for the club was agreed upon.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Means, Secretary pro tem.

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Volume I Number 2 June 1991

Meeting Notice

What a Difference a Dog Makes!

Spend an evening with Canine Companions for Independence

Saturday, August 3, 1991

at Cindy Lyford's home

5:00 pm

9687 Petite Lane, Lakeside

Take I-8 east to 67
Exit Winter Gardens, bearing right
Left at Woodside (first light)
Right at Los Coches
Left at Julian (next light)
Right at Petite Lane (next light)
Fourth house on the left

The President's Spot

A Club is Born

Well now we've gone and done it! We've approved a Consitution and Bylaws on June 8 and launched ourselves a new Dalmatian Club in sunny San Diego.

Starting this club has been a lot of fun but the real work is still ahead. We are joined together in a common interest and a spirit of camaraderie to promote good sportsmanship, education and the welfare of our breed. This is important enough to us that we've stated these things in our Constitution. The real work ahead of us, as a group and as individuals, is to live by these beliefs as the club grows and changes, for it most certainly will. We've got a great beginning - Let's build from here.

We have other challenges ahead of us too. As was brought up in our last meeting, we San Diego County dog fanciers are facing an impending battle for our way of life similar to the situation in San Mateo County. Being forewarned is forearmed. Don't be lulled into complacency thinking that this only affects breeders. Those of us with a single intact dog or bitch will loose our ability to show in the breed ring if the San Mateo legislation were to strike here. Thank you, Randy Thomsen for volunteering to collect information on the situation and how we can help. This matters to all of us.

And finally ... A big bouquet of wags to Elaine Davis for putting together DCSDC Happy Hour at the Cabrillo show on May 18. Not only was the food terrific but the table was lovely ... It was great to see Carol Mac there too. We miss you and hope you feel well enough to join us soon!

WANTED:

Contributors to "Dot to Dot". Need brags, breed notes, health information, training tips, and anecdotes. Will take all kinds of contributions. Regular contributors would be greatly appreciated (worshipped?). Contact "Dot to Dot" editor.

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DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

MINUTES OF MEETING 6/8/91

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM at the home of Chuck and Elaine Davis. Minutes of 4/27/91 were approved as printed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lisa thanked Elaine for putting together the social gathering after judging at the Cabrillo Show. A good time was had by all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sharon reported there was no correspondence to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charter Committee ... no report at this time.

Education Committee ... no activity at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ed Petit made a motion to approve the By-Laws as presented. Randy Thomsen seconded. Discussion followed, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Rule Committee was formed. Members are Sharon Thomsen, Chairperson; Debbie Goddard and Debbie Jones. Committee to meet prior to August meeting.

Expenses ... Cindy Lyford moved that each member donate $10 to the club for expenses such as mailings, printing costs, etc. Motion was passed.

Elaine Davis reported a phone call from Carol Mac that wished us all well and wish she could be here.

Cindy Lyford was appointed to represent our interests at the DCA meeting in June.

General discussion on dog control issues. Further information will be gathered.

Elaine Davis submitted receipts for the social gathering at the Cabrillo show. Expenses were $59.71. Elaine had collected enough to cover the expenses from members.

General discussion on education issues.

Next meeting will be August 3rd at Cindy Lyford's. It was decided that other persons interested in the club would be welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned and was followed by dinner and video of the Dalmatian.

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Meeting Notice

join us for an evening of camaraderie

Saturday, September 14, 1991

at Carol McAndrews' home

5:00 pm

14415 Woods Valley Road
Valley Center
(619) 749-5406

Map attached

Health news...

Veterinary Management Services offers Thyroid and VWD testing on the following dates this year. Contact them for times, fees, and other details:

September 28
October 26
November 23
December 14

VMS is located at 340 State Place in Escondido. Their phone number is 739-1091

The President's Spot

We continue to move headlong into the end of our first year. Already it's time to select the Nominating Committee for next year's Board, plan our first doggy event, and open a bank account. Wow! All this in only nine months. We're doing great.

Thank you's ... to all of you who have submitted items for the newsletter. Please keep them coming ... and for all of your kind thoughts and gifts for the arrival of my daughter, Melissa. David and I are truely touched.

Have you picked up the phone to volunteer yet?...

There are four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

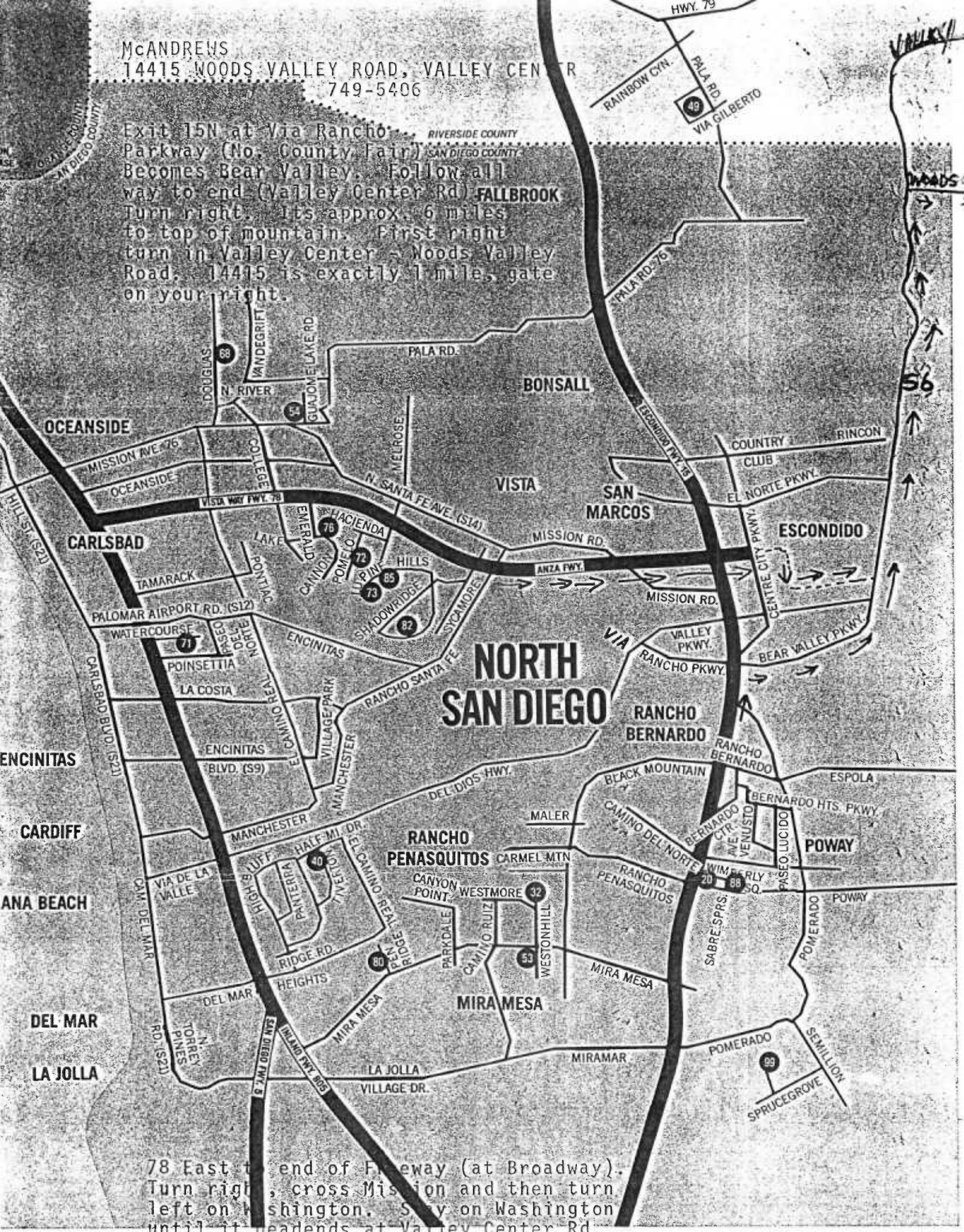


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McANDREWS
14415 WOODS VALLEY ROAD, VALLEY CENTER
749-5406

Exit 15N at Via Rancho Parkway (No. County Fair) Becomes Bear Valley. Follow all way to end (Valley Center Rd) Turn right. Its approx. 6 miles to top of mountain. First right turn in Valley Center - Woods Valley Road. 14415 is exactly 1 mile, gate on your right.



78 East to end of Freeway (at Broadway). Turn right, cross Mission and then turn left on Washington. Stay on Washington until it deadends at Valley Center Rd. Turn left up mountain to Woods Valley Rd.

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Minutes of meeting 8/3/91

The meeting of Dalmatian Club of San Diego County was called to order by President, Lisa Means at 6:25PM at the home of Cindy Lyford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to Cindy for the hospitality.
Suggestion that we select a regular time & meeting place.
Mention of trying to keep the meetings within a certain time frame.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Thank you to everyone for the $10 each membership to cover the costs of mailings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Rules (see attached)
The committee met on July 3, 1991, Sharon Thomsen, Chair and Debbie Goddard and Debbie Jones committee members. Standing rules from the committee were presented, discussion took place, minor changes made. Voting will take place next regular meeting.

DCA Delegate Report - Cindy Lyford
The National was great. Regional council meeting was held: several discussions on TAXES, CODE OF ETHICS, MEMBERSHIP PACKETS, PHONE REFERRAL SERVICE.

Much discussion on dog regulations throughout the US and what members could do to avoid such activity in their area. Ideas on how to deal with such issues.

Speciality information should be sent directly to Sue McMillen prior to the National, in order that it may be announced at the meetings. The 1991 National will be in Redding, PA. There may be a parade of Veterans offered in 1992.

Education Committee - Debbie Goddard
No meetings as yet, but am gathering lots of information to share with members. If members are interested in seminars, or

know of any seminars being given, please let Debbie know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anti-Dog Legislation - much discussion on this matter. Cindy reported on the information given at the National. Jan Hill reported on a seminar by Silver Bay that was attended this date. It was decided to be sure to keep uptodate on the activities of groups such as S.N.A.P. and monitor what they are up to.

NEW BUSINESS

Reminder that we will need to select a nominating committee during the month of September.

Next meeting **SEPTEMBER 14, 1991 at Carol MacAndrews'.**

Sharon will request the Federal ID # in order that we may open a bank account.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45. A film was viewed from Canine Companions.

Sharon Thomsen
Secretary

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Members: Sharon Thomsen, Chair
Debbie Goddard
Debbie Jones

These are the rules and regulations which are proposed to govern the Dalmatian Club of San Diego County. The above committee members met July 3, 1991:

1) The regular monthly meeting will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at a mid county location, place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

2) Board of Directors shall meet at the discretion of the Board, however, there shall be at least four meetings per year.

3) Dues shall be $15.00 per year per member. There will be a $5.00 one time initiation fee. Charter members shall be exempt from the initiation fee.

4) A yearly audit of the treasurers books shall be done by two members, excluding the Treasurer. Only one of the auditing committee may be serving on the board. The audit will be done during the month of November. It will be presented at the December meeting.

5) The Club shall have a monthly publication which shall be called "Dot to Dot". Dot to Dot is to be mailed to editors of Dalmatian columns in magazines and editors of all reciprocating Dalmatian club publications. This publication will be sent free to all members and honorary members. It shall be mailed first class.

6) Committees shall be formed in the following areas:

a) Wellness Committee
b) Awards Committee
c) Education Committee
d) Trophy Committee
e) Annual Dinner Committee
f) Program Committee
g) Membership Committee
h) Hospitality Committee

i) Public Relations Committee
j) Budget Committee
k) Speciality Committee

These committees will comprise of one or more members and shall be formed at the time of need. The FIRST formation of each committee will be responsible for writing procedures for such committee, to be approved by the Board of Directors. One member may be eligible to serve on more than one committee simultaneously.

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Volume I Number 4 October 1991

Meeting Notice

join us for the "Dog Daze of October"

Saturday, October 19, 1991

at Kennan Riding Center

Games begin at 4:00 pm
(please arrive at 3:30 to set up your dogs)

11332 Moreno Avenue
Lakeside
(619) 390-7421

please RSVP by October 17

Meetings for 1991
Mark Your Calenders

November 23
at the Goddard's

Christmas Party
December 21
at the Petit's

The President's Spot

I hope you are all planning to come to our October meeting. Nan and Cindy have been working hard on this month's 'Dog Daze' and it will be a lot of fun for both dogs and owners. Incriminating photos will be taken ... See you there!

The following article appeared in the July 28, 1991 LA Times and was submitted by Chuck Davis. Thanks Chuck!

TRANSPORTING PETS BY AIR IS SOMETIMES HAZARDOUS TO THEIR HEALTH

By Peter S. Greenberg

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1990 was the worst year on record for animals traveling on airplanes within the United States. The agency estimates that 71 animals died in aircraft baggage compartments last year, mainly from suffocation or heatstroke.

And, according to the U.S. Humane Society, dozens of other animals were crushed on airport conveyor belts and injured or killed in airport ramp baggage accidents. Or the animals later died from the effects of their air journey.

Exact figures regarding animal deaths are difficult to come by because there are no current regulations requiring airlines to report animal deaths. (the 71 deaths that the USDA reported are a result of passenger complaints to the agency.)

Also, passengers don't always report injuries and deaths. Although most pets do travel safely and arrive on time, airline personnel, humane society officials and veterinarians generally agree that the potential for serious - and sometimes fatal - mishandling is too high for real consumer comfort.

The most common problems seem to be pressure extremes, which contribute directly to animal deaths in the air, and temperature extremes, which kill animals in the air and on the ground. Animals often get ignored by airline personnel and baggage handlers, especially at large hub airpors where many passengers - and pets - have to make connecting flights. Other causes of pet trauma are faulty luggage handling (dropped kennels) and dehydration (pets not being given water for long periods of time).

Airlines are governed by certain rules regarding the transportation of pets. Officially, dogs, cats and other warmblooded animals are protected by the federal Animal Welfare act whenever they are shipped by air. And pet

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transport is under the jurisdiction of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According the the USDA, virtually every major airline has been cited and fined repeatedly for mishandling animals. Within the past year, according to USDA reports, a cat was run over by a baggage truck at LAX, four German shepherds died on a flight to Texas after a 40-minute delay on the ground (the temperature was 93 degrees), and another dog died when its kennel was mistakenly placed too close to a jet enginge during baggage loading (the cage melted).

Last year, United Airlines was assessed a $7,500 civil penalty for numerous violations in transporting dogs between Tampa, Fla., and Portland, Ore. Northwest was hit with a $1,500 fine after the USDA charged the airline with accepting and transporting 12 dogs in six shipping containiers that were too small for the animals. And Delta agreed to a cease-and-desist order and a $10,000 civil penalty to settle multiple charges of violating federal transportaion standards. The USDA charged Delta with transporting - on 16 occasions between 1987 and 1988 - animals in cages that did not conform to size or labeling requirements, and for failing to provide the animals with appropriate food and water.

Under current rules, dogs and cats that are at least eight weeks old may fly on U.S. airlines in three ways: 1) as excess baggage in the cargo compartment of a flight when their owners are aboard; 2) as air freight, also in the cargo compartment, when their owners aren't on the flight, and 3) in certain cases, in the passenger cabin of the plane. FAA regulations allow for one pet per cabin if the pet is small enough to fit - with its container - under the seat in front of its owner.

A few cautions about pets in passenger cabins: Some airlines interpret the rule to mean one animal per plane. Others will allow up to three animals per plane - one each in the first-class, business class and coach cabins. You must reserve in advance. And, even if your pet is approved to fly with you in the cabin, this does not necessarily mean that you will be allowed to take it out during the flight. Most airlines forbid this, although some flight attendants will permit it.

If you have no choice but to put your pet in the cargo hold when you fly, what protection do you have that your dog or cat will arrive in good shape - and at the same time you do?

Remember, the safe and healthy transportation of pets is not just the airline's reponsibility - it's yours.

Make sure the kennel you buy is big enough for your pet to freely stand, turn around and lie down. The kennel must also close securely. Be sure to display a "LIVE ANIMAL" label with large letters on the outside of the kennel. Include an empty water dish and specify any individual feeding instructions. Get to the airport early enough to make sure there's enough time to properly handle your pet. And finally, if possible, try to select a flight time when the outside temperatures will not be unbearable for your pet.

Then, once you and your pet have checked in for your flight (airlines charge an average additional fee of $50 each way for each kennel within the United States), never take *yes* for an answer. When traveling with your pet, assumption is the mother of disaster.

"You should physically see your pet board the aircraft" says Kurt Lapham, an investigator for the U.S. Humane Society. "Too frequently they get left behind. I have seen pets arrive dead because the airline improperly loaded the animal, or in many cases never loaded the pet at all."

If you can't witness your pet's boarding, then always ask for confirmation that your pet has been boarded on your flight. Many gate agents will not be pleased with such requests, but be persisitent. Try not to book your pet on a routing that includes connecting flights, but if you must, then find a gate agent or airline service representative as soon as you land and explain your concern that yur pet is being properly cared for during the layover period.

And again, ask him or her to check to see that the pet has been properly off-loaded and is waiting in an area that will not be too hot or cold. You can't always expect cooperation from the airline representatives, who are usually overworked and may seem more concerned with making sure that passengers rather than pets make their connections. But not always. Remember, many airline staffers are pet owners themselves and understand all too will your anxiety.

Recently, a passenger flying between St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Dover, New Hampshire, arrived on his Continental Airlines flight only to discover that his dog didn't make the flight. It seems that baggage handlers had forgotten the dog at the St. Croix airport. Regine Baldwin, Continental's station manager in St. Croix, called the man to let him know that all was well. She then took the dog home with her, walked him, fed him and put the animal on the Continental flight to the United States the next morning. Three cheers for Ms. Baldwin.

And major kudos also go to a woman named Bea Fetler, a ticket agent at Northwest Airlines in Minneapolis. Fetler has led an employee-driven effort to get Northwest to recognize the problems of transporting pets, and is trying to do something about it.

Fetler, who is now project manager of a new Northwest program called Priority Pet, proposed the idea a few months ago and senior airline management agreed to the program. "there is major trepidation among our customers when it comes to traveling with their pets," Fetler said. "And we acknowledge that air travel for animals is not as safe as it could be."

Northwest now has teams of animal care coordinators at each of its destination cities. Depending on the size of the airport, the teams range from two to to 20 people - regular Northwest employees (ground service personnel) trained in correct animal care and transportaion procedures. According to Fetler, "Our biggest concern is the amount of time spent by an animal at the ramp waiting for transfer to aircraft."

Now, Northwest will not transport any animal if the outside temperature is higher than 85 degrees. Under terms of the program, which begins Aug. 15, passengers traveling with their pets will receive a customer notification tage telling them that their pet has been boarded safely on their flight. Aircraft baggage compartments that are not pressurized will now be labeled "No Live Animals." Kennels will be strapped down in cargo holds to prevent injury or death during takeoff and landing when kennels could easily tip over or become airborne within the cargo compartments. With luck, the Priority Pet program will be a success and, as has happened with air-fare competition, other airlines will soon try to match Northwest.

For pet owners interested in obtaining a booklet detailing guidelines for flying with pets, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsvill, MD 20782. Or call (301) 436-7799.

AGILITY--EXCITING FOR BOTH COMPETITOR AND SPECTATOR

by Cindy Lyford

Agility is exciting not only for the dog/handler team but also for the spectator. It is easy for the spectators to get very involved as they cheer the dogs around the course.

Agility started in Great Britain in the late 1970's. My first exposure to agility was at Crufts in 1986. My girlfriend and I wandered down to the Group judging early to get good seats and found ourselves in the middle of hundreds of people cheering dogs around an obstacle course. I was hooked immediately and vowed to find our more about this exciting sport when I got back to the States.

I was disappointed when I could find very little information on agility. I did find a club in Texas that was doing agility and wrote to them for any information they could give me. Now clubs are forming all over the country and agility demonstrations are starting to be held at AKC shows.

An agility course is a complex arrangement of challenges for the dog. It combines elements from equestrian jumping events and obstacles derived from the military K9 Corps program. The objective of agility is for the dog/handler team to complete the obstacle course without faults within the standard course time as set by the judge. Penalty points are assessed for the time faults and/or performance faults. Handlers may use verbal and/or hand signals to direct the dog through the course.

Agility is a big canine confidence booster as the dog is meeting and overcoming obstacles and challenges that it may never have encountered before. The dog learns to trust his owner's directions for a strong working partnership. Control and co-operation are demonstrated as the dog negotiates the see-saw where he must walk to the balance point and lower the board to the ground before leaving the obstacle. The two "C"s are also demonstrated on the pause table where the dog must hold the down position for 5 seconds before moving on to the next obstacle. The dog's agility is tested as it jumps over hurdles, runs through tunnels, scales an A-frame and more. Agility training is also great physical exercise for both dog and handler.

Dals are well suited for agility due to their jumping ability and their natural curiosity. You do not need a "super" obedience dog for agility. You should have voice control over your dog. The dog should know at least the following commands: sit, down, wait, stay and come. You should **NOT** attempt to start agility training on your own. If any of you are interested in this very new and exciting sport, please contact me for information on training classes. Wouldn't it be fun to have a Dalmatian agility team made up of members from DCSDC!

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

MINUTES OF MEETING 9/14/91

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro-tem, Sharon Thomsen at 7:05 PM at the home of Carol McAndrew. Lisa Means was absent due to illness.

Attendance: Chuck & Elaine Davis, Boyd & Debbie Godddard, Deborah Jones, Cindy Lyford, Carol McAndrew, Ed & Carol Petit, Randy & Sharon Thomsen, Annelle Wilterding.

Carol McAndrew was thanked for having the dinner meeting at her home and for the great dinner.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the bulletin.

REPORTS

Secretary - Sharon Thomsen

1. DCSC Newsletter
2. Dal Fun Day October 5, 1991 at Cypress College
3. Secretary has received $10 from each member to cover cost of mailings

Standing Rule Committee - discussion on the standing rules as presented. It was decided to amend the standing rule number one to reflect meeting 8 times yearly at a place and time to be determined by the Board. Motion was made to approve the Standing Rules as ammended. Motion was seconded and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Randy Thomsen reported that there doesn't seem to be any news yet on the California Federation of Dog Owners. Meeting will be in San Francisco on 9/16/91. Report will follow next meeting.

Randy Thomsen reported on the cost of insurance (liability).

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee was selected: Randy Thomsen, Chair
Cindy Lyford
Ed Petit

MEETING DATES

October 19th at 4:00 PM - Nan Phipps

November 23rd at 5:00 PM - Debbie Goddard

December 21st at 6:00 PM - Ed & Carol Petit

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Sharon Thomsen
Recording Secretary

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Meeting Notice

spend an evening with friends

Saturday, November 23, 1991
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

at The Goddard's

4325 La Orilla
Rancho Santa Fe
(619) 756-3836

The President's Spot

Those of you who missed Dog Daze in October missed out on some side splitting fun. Nan Phipps and Cindy Lyford put on some hilarious and challenging games. The Blacks and the Livers walked (limped?) away with two games apiece. The incriminating video will be available at our next meeting. Don't forget to bring a blank tape if you want a copy ...

As mentioned in the last meeting, Cindy Lyford, Carol Petit, and I brought three dogs to Carlsbad Village Children's Center last month to talk to preschoolers about pet health and safety. This is an excellent example of ways the club can provide both a public service and promote our goal of public education. If you know of an opportunity we should be involved in, bring it up at a meeting or to one of the Board members ...

Speaking of Board members, November is the month to make nominations for the Board from the floor, in addition to the people nominated by the Nominating committee. Elections will be held at our annual meeting in December.

Don't Forget

Our Annual Meeting
and
Christmas Party

December 21

at the Petit's

...Have you seen the delightful products in the *See Spot Shop* catalog? It's put together by some Dal friends up north, Carole Harris and Liz Moe. Be sure to write for the catalog:

See Spot Shop
20311 Riverside Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92707

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Canine catch-phrases dog our every word

By Michael Burn, in the Herald Sunday Magazine, Calgary
Submitted by Carol McAndrew - thanks!

Everything reminds me of my dog ...
-Jane Siberry song

Fact is, nothing needs to remind me of Wotan, our adolescent Hungarian Vizsla, because he's always under foot, at hand, poking us with his paws, dancing attendance, dogging our heels and footsteps, shedding on the furniture - you name it. A Red Shadow, as one dog-experienced *Herald* colleague suggested.

"Where you going now? Basement? What are you doing? Getting a beer? Can I have one? When are we going walkies? Oh, were those your favorite slippers? Well, *one* of them's still OK, right? When's supper?" Et cetera. Sigh. LIving with a dog makes for a dog's life, now and then.

Probably the finest book ever written about our relationship with dogs is Konrad (Father of Ethology) Lorenz's *Man meets Dog*, and I couldn't hope to match his wizardry with words on the subject. But it's interesting to consider how deeply the domesticated descendents of the wolf (and of the golden hyena, if Lorenz is right) have affected our lives and language.

Try it on the dog; you can't teach an old dog new tricks; call off your dog; dog eat dog; in the doghouse - our daily speech is heavily laced with such expressions. *The Oxford Dictionary*, even it its concise version, lists several dozen dog words and phrases.

Considering the closeness of the age-old bond between humans and dogs, it's odd that so many of the phrases should be derogatory. *Oxford* defines a dog's life as one of misery or wretched servitude. But surely dogs seldom see it that way.

Recently I read a quotation (source forgotten) along the lines of "to every dog his master is Napoleon; hence the continuing popularity of dogs." A mutual admiration society, in fact.

There are of course a few cruel owners, but the majority of dogs appear to have a great time, once they have got their owners properly trained.

My references don't give the literal meaning of gone to the dogs, but in England "the dogs" was the term for greyhound racing, and we believed the source of gone to the dogs was to have gambled and lost everything at the track.

The original dog in the manger didn't want to eat the hay there, but lay on it just so that an ox couldn't eat any.

A dog's breakfast is a real mess, so why does got up like a dog's dinner mean to be smartly or flashily dressed? And putting on the dog mean being pretentious.

A dead dog is something totally worthless; to die like a dog is die shamefully.

Surly, dirty and dull dogs are to be avoided, but sly and gay dogs are people grudgingly admired.

Dog eat dog we all know, but in the U.K. they also have the contradictory Dog don't eat dog, i.e. there's honor among thieves.

Dogs were probably as common in the days of Rome as now, and presumably their woners had a hoard of phrases to match our own. *Cave canem* - beware of the dog - was often carved on house doors

Dog-days, the hottest of summer comes to us from Latin, *caniculares dies*, but not because the the extreme heat dogged the Romans.

Canicula means small dog, which was their name for Sirius in the constellation *Canis Major*, the Greater Dog The Romans are said to have velieved that when this bright star rose with the sun in high summer, it added its share of heat.

Dog star is still a common layman's name for Sirius.

Obedience

Thinking about taking your dog into Obedience? Or maybe just want to know what those Obedience exhibitors are talking about? Here is a brief list of definitions of the most common Obedience terms.

Any A.K.C. obedience title (C.D., C.D.X., or U.D.) is received after earning qualifying scores under three different judges. A qualifying score consists of a minimum of 170 out of 200 possible points and at least 50% of the available points for each exercise (this means that if a dog fails any single exercise, he will not receive a qualifying score that day). And note, a dog earns a title, not a degree.

C.D. - This stands for Companion Dog and is earned in the Novice class. Any registered dog six months or older can compete in this class. The exercises consist of heeling on and off lead, stand for exam, recall, sit-stay, and down-stay.

C.D.X. - This stands for Companion Dog Excellent and is earned in the Open class. Any dog holding a C.D. title may compete in this class. The exercises consist of off-lead heeling, retrieve, retrieve over high jump, drop on recall, broad jump, and a sit-stay and down-stay with the handler out of sight.

U.D. - This stands for Utility Dog and is earned in the utility class. Any dog holding a C.D.X. may compete in this class. The exercises consist of signals, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, directed jumping, and moving stand.

O.T.Ch. - This stands for Obedience Trial Champion. Any dog holding the U.D. title may compete for this title. To earn it, a dog must collect 100 points by winning first or second place in either the Open B or Utility B class. Points are based on the number of dogs defeated for the placement. In gaining this title, the dog must earn at least three first placements, (one in Open B, one in Utility, and one more in either class).

N.Q. - Non-qualifying score.

leg - A qualifying score that counts toward earing a title.

recall - An exercise in which the dog is left in a sit-stay until called. The dog must then go briskly to, and sit squarely in front of the handler.

green ribbon - At its discretion, a show giving club may award each dog with a qualifying score with a dark green ribbon.

High in Trial - Award that goes to the dog from any regular class that earns the highest score that day.

High Combined - Award that goes to the dog with the highest total points from Open B and Utility.

Brace - A non-regular class (just for fun) in which two dogs must perform the Novice exercises together.

Veterans - A non-regular class for dogs over eight years of age.

Graduate Novice - This is a non-regular class. Any dog holding a C.D. but having no qualifying scores in Open may compete. The exercises consist of heeling on an doff lead, drop on recall, stand for exam, and the Open sit-stay and down-stay.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8, 1991	All Breed B/OB Fun Match.Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club at Kennedy Park in El Cajon. Flyer attached
January 18 and 19, 1992	Obedience Seminar. All Breed Obedience Club Inc., presents Amy Ammen "Training the Average Dog to Win", Contact Suzanne Castle (619) 693-8254

If you know of an upcoming event that would be of interest to club members, send the info to the editor!

Brags and Wags

Sorry, but we have no brags. This must mean that members are not exhibiting. Can this be true?... If you don't want to be innundated with the latest things my baby is doing, tell me what your babies are doing!

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

MINUTES OF MEETING 10/19/91

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem, Lisa Means at 8:00 PM. Lisa thanked Cindy Lyford and Nan Phipps for the great pre-meeting actvities.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lisa reported that herself, Cindy Lyford and Carol Petit took 3 dogs to a day care center for pre-schoolers for discussion on dog care as a community service project. She suggested that the club may want to get a group of congenial dogs together to be available for such groups on an as requested basis. Debbie Goddard mentioned that she has worked with the Therapy Dogs and that they require that your dog pass the Canine Good Citizen Test before being allowed to work with this group. Lisa suggested these activities might help us maintain a visible profile in the community

MISC BUSINESS

Upcoming matches were announced for conformation, obedience and agility.

A newsletter from the Tulsa Dal Club was received in response to our sending a copy of our newletter to them. We are now sending approximately 30 clubs copies of our newletter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Randy Thomsen reported that the Nominating committee presnts the following six candidates for the first elections: Nancy Dandrea, Debbie Jones, Cindy Lyford, Lisa Means, Carol Petit, and Sharon Thomsen.

Nominations will be taken from the membership at the next meeting. elections will be in December.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Debbie Goddard reported that she is working on a flyer that can be handed out to persons inquiring about the Dal Club in San Diego. She'll have a copy ready by next meeting. She will also work on creating an information packet that we can give to potential Dal owners, or those who have purchased their first Dal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Randy Thomsen reported on the dog law legislation and the committee that has been formed to keep track of such legislation. It appears that there is little organization and a member of a local all breed club went as his club's representative and was very disappointed in the progress of this committee. It is decided that the Dal Club will watch these activities and will be advised by Randy (via the other club) on when it may be time to participate in the activities of this organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy mentioned anyone interested in Agility, ther is a good instructor locally and we could perhaps get a team together. There was enough interest that Cindy will get the details.

The next meeting will be November 23rd at Debbie Goddard's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Sharon Thomsen
Secretary

Del Dios
Shetland Sheepdog Club

All Breed

ALL BREED CONFORMATION AND OBEDIENCE

FUN MATCH
AT

KENNEDY PARK, EL CAJON, CA.
DECEMBER 8, 1991

COME JOIN US FOR THE LAST MATCH OF THE YEAR AND BE READY FOR 1992!!!! CONFORMATION WILL HAVE BEST IN MATCH "JUNIOR "AND SENIOR"

WE WILL ALSO BE OFFERING: INTRODUCTORY AGILITY AND A HANDLING CLASS. MATCH STARTS AT: 11:00 A.M.

Entries taken from: 8:30 to 10:30

Entry Fees: Day of Match: $5.00 Each Additional Class:$2.00

Pre-Entry: $4.00 Sorry know Pre-Entry for Introductory Agility but, we will offer two(2) complete run-throughs

Mail Pre-Entry to: Peggy Terrel, 324 Mimosa Ave., Vista, Ca. 92083

FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR YOUR SPECIALTY CALL

CONFORMATION: Michael Macnamara; 276-9295 or North County
Peggy Terrel; 727-1050

OBEDIENCE: Gina Nolan; 276-0564

Introductory Agility: Robin Brooke; 277-4793 or
Vickie Hill; 561-6085

"SEE YOU THERE"

ENTRY BLANK

Reg Entry_____ Pre Entry_____ Armband #_____

Name of Dog_____ Sex_____ DOB_____

Owner_____ Phone #_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Class_____ Add Class_____

I agree this Club will not be responsible for nor assume any libility in the event of an accident or misfourtune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this event.

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Owners Signature.

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November 1991

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Meeting Notice

dcsdc annual meeting and holiday party

Saturday, December 21, 1991
5:00 PM

at The Petit's

2677 Kauana Loa
Escondido, CA 92029
(619) 741-5012

Please RSVP with your choice of either hors d'oeuvres or dessert

bring a gift of $10 or under if you would like to participate in the gift exchange

The President's Spot

It's been one year since we got together at the Petit's for some holiday cheer and now it's time to do it again. Looking back on our first year, we've had some amazing progress. We have:

- approved a Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules;
- had our first "doggie event";
- done our first community service project;

and we are already planning our first club educational seminar, this one on handling. On my wish list to Santa for the club next year are:

- a match;
- agility lessons;
- a bunch of spots in the Mother Goose parade;
- a community service/education project;
- educational programs for members;
- lots of wins (and other important things) for members to brag about.

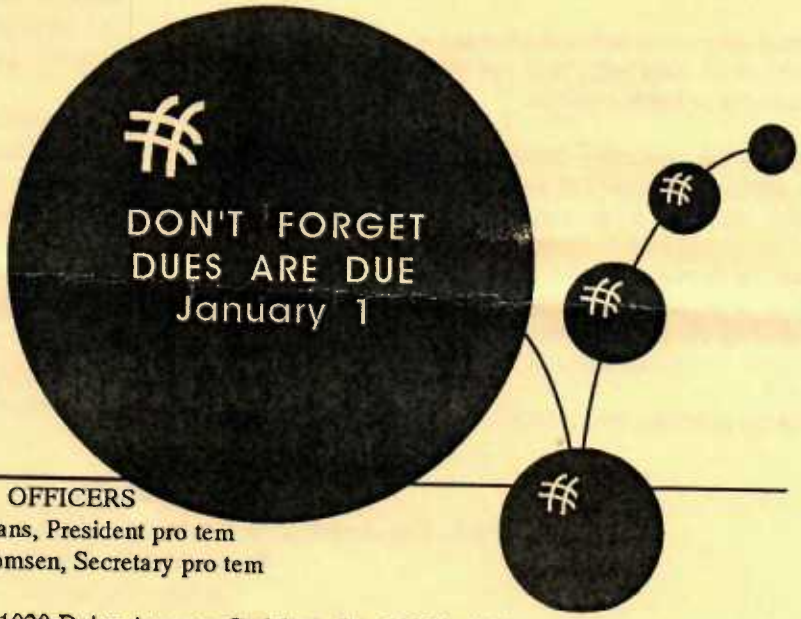
Some of these things are in the works, others are not. If any of these or others appeal to you, let the Board know ... and decide which activity you'd like to volunteer for!

happy holidays!

Coming up ...

... how would you like 10 to 15 crazed Dalmatian people invading your home?

Hosts are needed for next year's meetings There will be a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting. We promise to try to behave ourselves.



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obedience: Choosing an Instructor for Competition

(by Lisa Means, first published in *The Splatter*)

There are three basic ways to learn obedience training. One is by reading a lot of books, another is by group lessons led by an experienced trainer, and the third is by private lessons. The best training plan includes elements of all three. For those of us still learning how to train a competitive dog, the cornerstone to success is often a private instructor.

Where do you find a good instructor? One way to find instructors is by recommendations of people whose dogs perform well. Obedience clubs are a wonderful place to start as they are full of people training and competing at all levels. Go to obedience trials and watch the competition. After the scores are announced, talk to the owners of the higher scoring dogs that live in your area. They probably work with private instructors. Gather names and addresses.

Once you have the names, how do you select a good instructor? First of all, remember that the instructor's job is to train you to train your dog. Be sure you can get along and communicate well with him or her. There is little to be gained from someone you dislike even if their dogs score 200s.

Ask a lot of questions of a prospective instructor. Anyone whom you'll be paying hundreds of dollars (and you will) should welcome an informed consumer. A good list of questions should include the following:

• How many dogs has the instructor personally trained, through what titles, and with what scores? Hire a trainer whose own dogs have completed a UD and with high scores. An OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) is even better. This is true even if you only want to train for Novice now because you may change your mind. A knowledgeable instructor will teach Novice exercises in a way that enhances Open and Utility work.

•How many students has the instructor taught and how have they scored? This helps to gauge whether the instructor can pass on his or her knowledge.

•What is the instructors basic philosophy on training and how will you be trained? If you are adamantly opposed to training with food for example, now is the time to address it.

•Has the instructor trained your breed or a similar one? Getting high scores with a Sheltie or Golden is not necessarily the same as with most Dalmatians. Choose an instructor who's had success with many breeds.

•Will the instructor field a 15 to 20 minute phone call between sessions if you are having problems? The answer should be "yes".

•Ask to observe the instructor training someone whose dog is at a similar level to yours.

Private instruction can range any where from $20 to $30 per hour. Some instructors offer a discount if a block of hours is reserved in advance. It's often wise to pay the single lesson rate until you are comfortable with the instructor. Although it's expensive, private instruction is the fastest, most thorough way for most people to develop high scoring dogs.

Genetics and Behavior

from Veterinary Practice Staff, May/June 1991 via Spot News

Heredity is widely accepted as an influence on physical features such as size and coat color. However, only recently has genetics been recognized as playing a role in behavior.

Behavioral scientists stress that it is the tendency to exhibit behavior that is inherited and not the actual behavior itself. Richard Polsky, PhD, of Animal Behavior Counseling Services in Los Angeles, says several methods have demonstrated the effects of genetics on dog behavior: selective breeding, cross-breeding, cross fostering and scientific comparison of behavioral differences between established breeds.

For example, cross-breeding experiments showed wildness to be controlled by a single dominant gene, normally found in the Basenji. When a Cocker Spaniel and a Basenji were crossed, offspring tended to be wild. In contrast, the calmness of the Cockers was found to be controlled by a single recessive gene. In a Basenji-Cocker cross where both parents possessed recessive genes for [calmness], the offspring tended to be calm.

Cross-fostered pups - pups placed with the dam or litter of a different breed - retained the behavior common to their breed rather than developing traits of the breed to which they were cross-fostered.

Polsky cautions that although differences between breeds have a strong genetic basis, "personality and temperamental features of a dog are shaped not only through genetic potential but also through the sum total of all experiences encountered during development.

HELP!!

Dot to Dot desperately needs columnists on any and all subjects.
No experience required.
Contact the editor.

health and nutrition news

Carol McAndrew recently submitted an article published in Canada on one breeder's problems with ethyoxiquin, a feed grade antioxidant (preservative). It can be used in animal foods to prevent rancidity in fats and animal byproducts but not as an antioxidant in human foods. Some breeders feel it causes severe health problems in their animals. The following two articles on ethoxyquin taken from *The Splatter* give both sides of the story.

Reprinted from the May 1989 issue:

NEW ENGLAND OBEDIENCE NEWS

"ETHOXYQUIN, FRIEND OR FOE?"

by Elaine D. Campbell, CamBelle Kennels
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Is there an enemy secretly hiding in our dog food? Is it lurking there, slowly eating away at your dog's health until it finally takes its toll? Are we paying high prices, and with ignorant confidence are we willing the dishes and delivering this enemy to our eagerly waiting victims?

For many years as a breeder, first of Poodles and then later Collies, I have fed a leading dog food. I do not mean grocery store food but the expensive, so called "better" brands found at your local dealers. I swore by the food and quite frankly, my dogs were doing well at least at first!

I had been virtually free of whelping problems. My bitches came into heat every six months like clockwork. They never missed, they gave birth easily to 8 to 10 whelps and the pups were strong and healthy with only an occasional weak puppy.

Then, a couple of years ago I noticed that my dogs' overall appearance seemed to suddenly be lacking. I really could not put my finger on the problem but they just had lost that extra bloom. Their coats appeared dry and rusty, their skin flaky and the pigmentation on the nose began to lighten in color.

I spoke to my distributor and at first, he blamed it on my drinking water; later, on my breeding program. When my customers who owned Labradors, Newfoundlands, Collies (not necessarily my breeding), a Bernese Mountain Dog and Old English Sheepdogs also began complaining of similar problems I began my search for a new dog food.

I received a call from the manufacturer asking me to promote their food in an advertising campaign. I quickly told them that I would not promote any food that was causing such problems. They assured me that they were working on the problem. (Surprise! It was no longer a problem with my breeding program.) The problem lay with a zinc deficiency in the product. I promised them that I would not wait for the results and I backed up this promise by switching foods.

In October 1987, I switched my dog food. Within one month my dogs began to respond to the change. They became more active and alert. They followed later with a total shed, but then came in with beautiful coats.

I was impressed and I immediately began promoting this product to puppy buyers and boarding clients.

Without my awareness, a change for the worse was in store for me. Suddenly, my bitches started skipping heats. I bred a bitch and she missed. Well, that happens to everyone at one time or another...I tried again. Results: two puppies, one was so weak it was unable to nurse. Even after substitute feedings, it finally died at 10 days old, only having gained 1/2 ounce.

Then tragedy struck! My blue merle stud dog, the sire of just about everything I owned, began drooling. When I checked his mouth for an obstruction I noticed that the tissue was inflamed and had a very strong odor.

A trip to the vet confirmed that he had an infection. What I was not prepared for, however, was how serious this problem really was. Three different antibiotics failed to help. He went from being inflamed to having a total breakdown of tissue involving not just the mouth but down the throat also. The drooling of saliva changed to the drooling of blood. Eating was a painful experience, yet he continued fighting for survival by never missing a meal. Every day when I gathered up the dishes, his was filled with blood.

A biopsy confirmed that he was suffering from an immune breakdown triggered by a virus or chemical. Since, to my knowledge, he had not been exposed to any chemicals it was assumed it was virally induced.

My bitches finally came back into heat and I bred three. One was a young bitch, the other two were my better producers. The young bitch missed as did one of the better producers. The third gave birth to 6 puppies. Two were born without legs, tails or any sex organs. It was then that I became suspicious.

A friend and breeder said out loud to me what I was thinking to myself. "Ever since you changed food your dogs have had problems." The problem I was faced with now it appeared as if my dogs had been on some chemical substance. Since they were not into drugs, and as this was winter I was not using insecticides, I checked the ingredients on my bag of food.

This food was advertised as being free of preservatives and additives, however I noticed an unfamiliar ingredient called "Ethoxyquin." I immediately called my friend who believes in cooking for her dogs and asked her what she knew about the ingredient. She informed me that she had read that a Shepherd breeder had lost four Shepherds over a short period of time to liver cancer believed to have been induced by Ethoxyquin. She promised to check into it with a chemical friend of hers.

The results were frightening to say the least. Ethoxyquin was invented by Monsanto as a rubber stabilizer and is being used as an herbicide and as an insecticide as well as a preservative. It was the chemist's feeling that we were playing with fire if this ingredient was in the dog food. She informed her that this was toxic, potentially dangerous preservative with only limited research as to its safety. She felt that additional research was needed at this time.

PANIC!!! I began checking dog foods and to my horror it was in just about every dog food sold on the market.

I called the FDA to inform them of this ingredient and to tell them of my experience. The way they quickly put someone on the phone that, quote "Would want to talk to me about this," I was convinced they have had other complaints. They were interested and asked for a list of dog foods that contained Ethoxyquin. I also assured them that I would see if I could find out if other breeders have had similar problems.

This brings me to the purpose of this article. If you have had an unusual amount of bitches missing, or if you are having whelping problems; if you have noticed any immune deficiency such as skin lesions, runny eyes, scabbiness around the nostrils, or loss in pigmentation, check the ingredients on your dog food. If it contains Ethoxyquin, please contact me at 96 Prospect Hill Dr., North Weymouth, MA 02191. I need as much input as I can get in order to put pressure on the FDA to act.

Meanwhile contact your dog food company and tell them that if they do not remove this ingredient from their dog food that you intend to stop feeding it, and you will no longer recommend it to puppy buyers. Together we could put enough pressure on these companies to get them to act on this problem. The FDA could take years. Meanwhile, our dogs' lives may be at stake.

I have changed my food to a food preserved with vitamins E and C. My blue merle has begun to recover. I know it is not totally because of the food, but because he has been receiving liquid gold injections. However, until I changed my food, there had been no response to the injections.

It is still too soon to tell about the other dogs. But rest assured, you will hear more as I do not intend to rest until something is done.

I recently checked the ingredient label on my original dog food and noticed they are now adding Ethoxyquin along with BHA (another preservative) where before they had just used BHA. When I think back, I do recall them mentioning that they were changing their formula and it was shortly after that when my dogs' health began to decline. I also recall that a breeder friend of mine also had similar problems with the same food at about the same time. She also changed food in October but chose a different product than I. Her results were immediate. Her dogs began to lose all the coloring in their noses, and white hairs began appearing on their faces. Needless to say, she switched her food once again and this time with good results.

With this thought in mind, I checked the products in question. I discovered that the first product (that she had changed to) contained Ethoxyquin, the second one which was successful did not.

All of the problems I incurred could possibly be explained away, but the fact still remains that an

herbicide/insecticide does not belong in our dog food. At least, I do not want it in mine.

(Obed. News Editor's Note: I checked my dog food and found it contains Ethoxyquin. Possibly this is why Corky's nose has turned from dark black to a lighter brown.)

Summary of "Flyers" on Ethoxyquin from

Dogfood Manufacturers &

10/25/89 Telephone Discussion

with Monsanto Product Manager

From Nutro Products: "There have been no studies linking any problem to ethoxyquin at the levels found in dog and cat foods..." "The claim that ethoxyquin is used as a herbicide or a pesticide are now and have always been false." "...ethoxyquin is Nutro's preservative of choice [because]...it requires one-third the amount...as either BHA and BHT...It boasts 30 years of continuous safe use as the primary antioxidant in the worldwide feed industry...It has FDA approval for use in both human and animal foods." "Nutro purchased many [so-called 'all-natural' pet foods] and had them analyzed by an independent laboratory. All products tested contained... ethoxyquin and BHT...these smaller marketers are taking a risk in not declaring these antioxidants on the label." "Vitamin E...the most natural preservative...could become toxic at the high levels required to protect a typical pet food...[as compared to ethoxyquin which is present at] less than one-thousandths of an ounce per average daily ration of dog food."

From Hill's Pet Products: "...meat meals, fats and...vitamins need protection from oxidation and rancidity." "We researched the available antioxidants and determined that ethoxyquin was safe for our use. Ethoxyquin has been carefully scrutinized and approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration...for use in all animal feeds. It is the most widely used antioxidant in the world for animal feeds...it has enjoyed almost 30 years of successful use in feeds." "The pet food grade...is vastly purer than...was once used for other applications."

From The IAMS Company: "Ethoxyquin is an effective antioxidant because it extends fat quality thus providing better nutrition..." "...there has been no evidence that ethoxyquin was in any way related to [problems cited in article]...Pet food grade ethoxyquin is considerably purer..." From telephone discussion with their Director of Customer Relations: IAMS started adding ethoxyquin to its dogfoods approximately one year ago, in a ratio of 150 parts per million. Only two articles [one of which is the one reprinted on the overpage] seem to be creating the national controversy on the chemical. Dr. Jim Corbin (Professor Emeritus and noted nutritionist at the U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) is preparing a rebuttal article for DOG WORLD magazine.

From Dr. David Calabotta, Product Manager, Monsanto Agricultural Co.: Required for Food & Drug clearance of ethoxyquin, "Monsanto's ethoxyquin product underwent...intensive safety and efficacy studies..." So-called chronic toxicity studies extended for five years on two species (rats, dogs) and subacute toxicity studies for one year, same two species. **No significant cumulative untoward effects were seen and no birth defects occurred in any of the animals in any of the generations either during the one-year or the five-year series of animals.** At the deliberately (and abnormally) excessively large amounts in the subacute testings, no effect showed up which at amounts being added in dogfoods would pose a threat to animals ingesting the foods.

The chemical is most definitely **NOT** being marketed by Monsanto as either a pesticide or an herbicide, nor has it ever been. For legal reasons, only, those uses had been cited in its patent and subsequently picked up in the original 1979 published chemical index which lists newly patented compounds. **No subsequent editions of that index have continued to cite it as either a pesticide or an herbicide.**

In dogfood, ethoxyquin is being added at the ratio of 125-150 parts per million. As a harvest aid for human food (with its anti-oxidant action to stop scald in apples, etc.), it is being added at a ratio of 100-125 parts per million.

Approval of ethoxyquin by Food & Drug in 1956 was updated by its 1958 Food Additives Amendment in terms of ethoxyquin again being scrutinized (and passed) by that governmental agency under the guidelines of the new amendment.

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM at the home of the Goddards. Lisa Means thanked Boyd & Debbie for their hospitality and the great dinner.

Randy Thomsen moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. Seconded & approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Lisa reminded everyone that dues for 1992 will be due the 1st of January, delinquent in February.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Sharon Thomsen reported that the Club has received it's Federal Employer ID number (33-0485876). This number will be used in the place of personal social security numbers in opening bank accounts, etc. It is also necessary to have this number before proceeding with incorporation and tax exemption filings.

COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee reported their selections (see October minutes). No nominations were received from the floor. Those nominated will meet after the December elections to determine who will serve the one, two and three year terms. Also a decision on the officers will be made at that time.

Education committee will have information at the January meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cindy Lyford presented information on agility classes being offered to members. Interested persons should contact Cindy immediately.

A handling workshop will be arranged for the 1st part of the new year, to be set up by Ed and Carol Petit.

Newsletter editor asked for articles that could be included in the newsletter as well as brags and any other type of information that members would like to see included.

NEW BUSINESS

Litters due: Petit = end of January
Nancy Dandrea = about Dec 3

Christmas meeting was discussed. It will be at the Petits and a gift exchange will be included. Maximum expense per gift is $10 and should be doggie related.

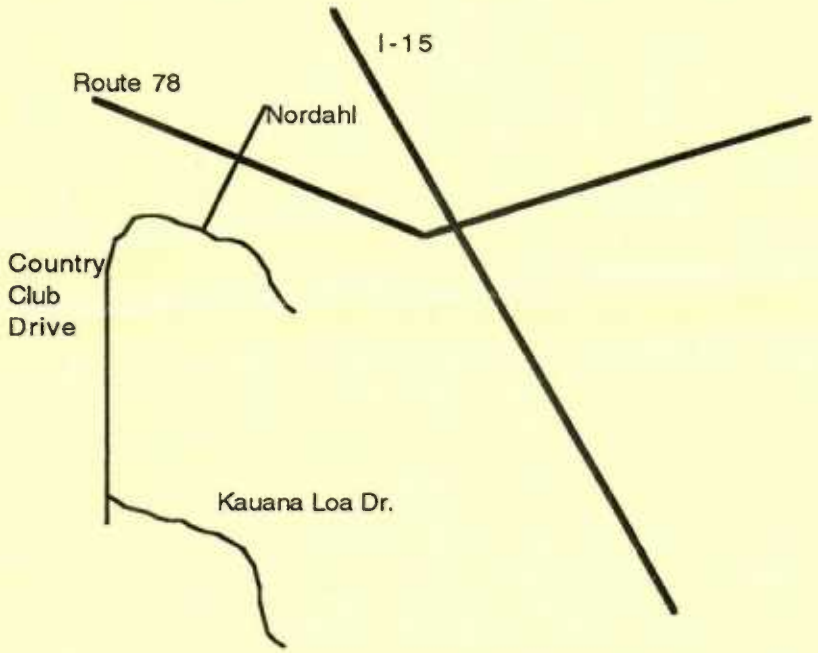
A bank account should be set up when the new officers are selected.

Discussion regarding participation in the Mother Goose Parade next year (televised Nationally). Information will be brought to the next meeting.

Next month a meeting calendar will be provided for signing up for the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.

Sharon Thomsen
Secretary



To the Petits':
2677 Kauana Loa Dr.
Escondido
741-5012

Take Route 78 to Nordahl exit.

South on Nordahl to Country Club Dr.

Veer to the Right on Country Club Dr.

Left on Kauana Loa Dr.

COMING EVENTS

January 18 & 19, 1992 — Obedience Seminar. All Breed Obedience Club Inc., presents Amy Ammen "Training the Average Dog to Win". Contact Suzanne Castle (619) 693-8254

January TBD — **DCSDC handling critique for members. Ed and Carol Petit will videotape you handling your dog and provide constructive suggestions for improving your performance. At the Petit's. Bring a VHS tape if you want a copy. Please RSVP at (619) 741-5012.**

If you know of an upcoming event that would be of interest to club members, contact the editor.

BATH TIME

How to Give a Bath To A Very Large Canine Who Has A Very Bad Attitude

by Tony Strollo from the Labrador Quarterly

Equipment Needed:

1 ea. very large canine
1 ea. bottle of flea killing shampoo
1 ea. water hose with water source
1 ea. fence
1 ea. radio
1 ea. bottle of doggie downers

Instructions:

1. Be very, very sure you REALLY want to do this. If you do then:
2. Catch doggie.
3. Take a rest and try again.
4. As you lie on the ground exhausted, reach up and grab the bastard's tail as he runs by you.
5. Place collar around doggie's neck.
6. Attach leash to collar.
7. Reach out and grab fence as doggie drags you past it.
8. Attach loop end of leash to fence.
9. Give doggie a doggie downer.
10. Turn on radio and relax until doggie begins to smile.
11. Give yourself a doggie downer and wait until you begin to smile.
12. Attach hose to water source and thoroughly wet doggie's coat.
13. Turn up radio so neighbors don't hear curse words as doggie shakes off water.
14. Give yourself and doggie another doggie downer for the fun has just begun.
15. Begin at head and work down, covering body with soap.
16. Now do same to doggie. Work in well.
17. Allow soap to stay on for at least five minutes before rinsing.
18. Bend over and pick-up hose. Try again. It's amazing how elusive a hose can be after a couple of doggie downers.
19. Rinse doggie, again starting at head and working back towards tail.
20. To hell with drying him.
21. Release doggie.
22. Turn radio up louder so that the little kids next door don't hear a grown man cry when doggie rolls in the mud.
23. Lay in the mud next to doggie. Share rest of doggie downers. Nice doggie.



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