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Message from the Editor
January 2004



Well here we are fellow Club members....a New Year...a New Board...a new DCSDC President...and now a new Editor. As all things do, the newness will wear off...but let us always remember that this is a Club to Learn, to Educate, to Share, and most importantly, a Club to have **FUN** with fellow Members and their Dals.

I know you will all join me in thanking Sharon Thomsen for taking on the job of DCSDC President. I will try to fill her shoes as Editor...with her guidance, help, and suggestions.

I want to send out to all of you and invitation to participate in the forming of an interesting newsletter. If you have thoughts, suggestions or information on subjects you would like to see in print, please give me a call or send me an email. You will find my address and phone on the front page. I will appreciate any help I can get with the production of our newsletter and my attempts to fill out outstanding former editor's shoes.

Thank you...and I look forward to seeing all of you in 2004.

Mary L. Bennett



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Holiday Party - December 27, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Davis for the purposes of election of two board members to serve until 2007. Ballots were passed out and tellers were selected. Boyd Goddard announced the results. The two open positions were filled by Sharon Thomsen and Debbie Goddard. The new board then retired to the den to select officers for the coming year. President, Sharon Thomsen; Vice President, Terri Bailey; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Dandrea; Recording Secretary, Mary Bennett; Treasurer, Kathy Martin and Director, Debbie Goddard. Meeting was closed after announcements of the officers.

Board Meeting - January 7, 2003

Guests present Randy Thomsen,Boyd Goddard, Heidi Hampson,Tony Wood.
Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Thomsen at 7:25 pm.
Recording Secretary - Minutes of last two board meetings were read and approved.
Treasurer's report was read. A yearly accounting will be given at the next meeting.
Corresponding Secretary. . .AKC asked for updated information on the club. Also sent notice of acceptance of last show and forms for 2004.
Unfinished business. . .A big thank you to all the past board members for their hard work and support.
2003 Specialty report - Randy Thomsen We need for find another show secretary. Ann Shurstein had a heart attack after our show and is unavailable.
New Business. . .Randy Thomsen informed the board that Ann Fleming and Diane Barthalamew have both accepted the judging assignments for 2004. Contracts to go out immediately. President Thomsen asked for names of anyone wishing to work on the specialty and to chair the different needs.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. Next board meeting is February 4, 2004 at Marie Calendars on 70th and Highway 8.



Treats to Beg For!

Did you know that you already have the ingredants in your kitchen to make some healthy treats for your dog? I thought I would offer a few receipes that you could easily put together for your pooch.

Dog Treats From Your Kitchen

3/4 cup flour

1 egg

1 tablespoon honey

1 teaspoon peanut butter

1/4 cup shortening

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 cup rolled oats

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Heat honey and peanut butter in microwave

until peanut butter is melted (about 20 seconds)

Mix add remaining ingredients

Drop by 1/2 teaspoonful onto cookie sheet

Bake at 350 F for 8 to 10 minutes. Store in an airtight container

Easy cheese treats: Grate 1 1/3 cups of cheese. Mix with one stick of margarine and 1 1/2 cups of whole wheat flour.

Make two logs about 2 inches in diameter. Chill in the refrigerator. Cut into 1/4 inch slices and bake on greased cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Great for bait.....try to leave some for your dog

TIDBITS

Here are some quotes submitted by Chuck Davis:

" We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made." M.Facklam

"Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog." Franklin P. Jones

"I wonder what goes through his mind when he sees us peeing in his water bowl." Penny Ward Moser

"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard." Dave Barry

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul-chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth." Anne Tyler



Thank's Chuck!



NCSDC Road Trip





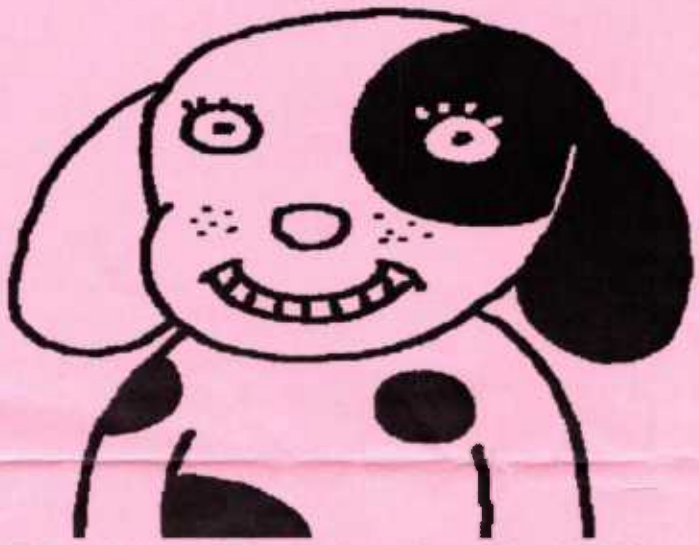
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

RALLY NEWS

The AKC has approved the Rally to become a titling event January 1st, 2005.

What is Rally you say? " Rally is a sport, held in conjunction with Obedience, where the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of directional signs in a manner similar to Tally Car Racing. The signs are numbered sequentially in the ring to indicate the course the handler must take." (Read more about this on the AKC website.)
Right now Rally is a non-regular obedience class. Scoring is much easier than the regular obedience. You can talk to your dog as you follow the signs in the ring. Anyone can do this and have **FUN** with your dog. The performance of your dog (and you too) does not have to be perfect.....YEAH!!! Sounds like this is meant for the Dalmatian!
The titles for the Rally event can be earned in three levels...Novice...Advanced...and Excellent. Your dog can continue to compete in the Advanced and Excellent classes to pick up a fourth title of Rally Advanced Excellent. The four title suffixes are RN, RA, RE, and REA.
LET'S PUT THOSE DALS TO WORK!





The Most Popular Dog in USA

The AKC reports that for the 14th year in a row, the Labrador Retriever is the most popular dog. More than three times as many Labs were registered with the AKC than any other breed.
A complete list of the statistics can be found in the upcoming February issue of The AKC Gazette. You can also view the statistics on the AKC website.
What does that mean to the Dal owners? We are doing something RIGHT!!! A big Pat-on-the-Back to all you DAL Breeders out there for your careful and deliberate breeding programs.





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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 15, 2004

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THE COUNTRY CLUB CLASSIC

AT

THE POLO GROUNDS

LET'S HAVE A BIG MEMBERSHIP TURN OUT!

Our Specialty will be fast approaching.



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Presidential Message

Report from the President

We had a successful general meeting after Dalmatian judging at the Silver Bay Kennel Club Show.

We have had a new member join us, John Bailey. Names were collected from members for judge selection for 2005. If anyone has names they would like to submit for both conformation and sweepstakes, please let one of the board members know.

The board meets monthly to take care of the routine business of the club as well as special interest items that might come up. Such an event happened at the last board meeting, in which it was closed to all but board members. This is a very rare action and everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to speak on a subject I would like a call, or e-mail.so I can put you on the agenda.

If anyone is interested in a UKC obedience title, 4 shows are being held here in Poway on June 5 and 6. I have flyers if you need one.

We are planning a summer event that we think everyone would enjoy, so watch for the details in upcoming issues.

Our 2004 show is well in hand. Teresa Bailey is chairperson. If you want to work on the show please contact Teresa. We need all the help we can get.

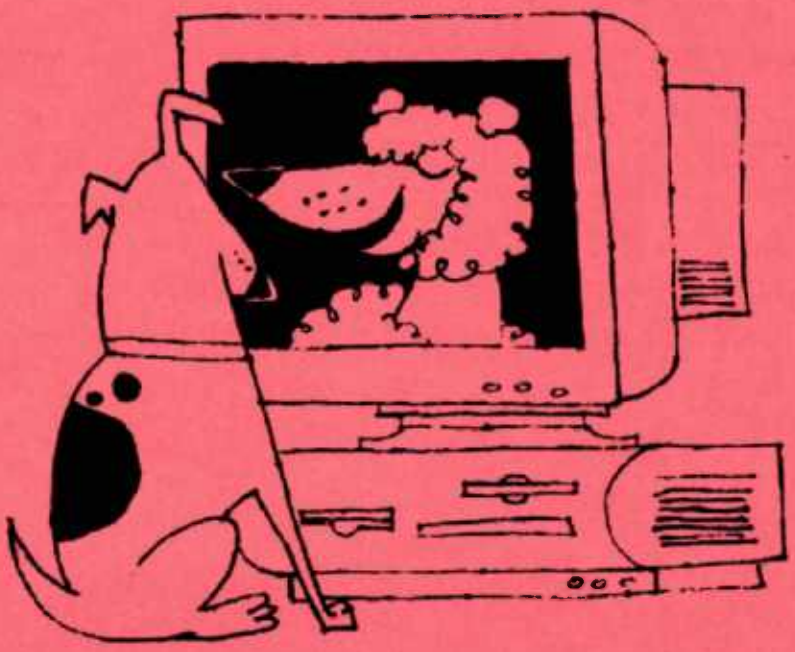
We received a wonderful review of our Road Trial from the judge. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring it off. The fires were a definite concern for our location, but all ended up well.

I'd like to see all the members at the general meetings, so please come out. The next meeting is May 15 after Dalmatian judging at the Country Club Classic.

Look forward to seeing everyone in the ring.

Sharon Thomsen, President







General Membership Meeting
Feburary 21, 2004

Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Thomsen at 10:19 am. The meeting was held right after Dalmatian Judging at Silverbay Kennel Club, Del Mar, CA. Nineteen members were present (including 5 Board members). Members were invited to attend any of the Board meetings held the first Wed. of each month. It was announced that Teresa Bailey will be our Show Chairman for the 2004 Specialty. Chuck Davis will chose Trophys and Debbie Goddard volunteered for hospitality once again. Of course, our own Nancy Dandrea will pull the trinket trophies together. THANKS SO MUCH to you all!

A new membership application was voted upon....I am pleased to announce that our new member is John Bailey...in case it sounds familiar...yes..it is Teresa's hubby. Welcome.

Our judges were announced. Ann Fleming for Conformation/Juniors and Diane Bartholomew for Sweeps.

At this time we are asking the membership to submit names for our 2005 Judges. Some names given....Rick Miller, Danny Moore, Laurie Finalson, Robert Stine. Please submit names to any Board member...drop us a line...an email...a phone call...get involved!

The next General meeting will be on Saturday at the Del Sur/Cabrillo show. Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.



Board Meeting
March 3, 2004

Board meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. at Marie Callendars in La Mesa.
(You will find us there every first Wednesday of the month.)

The books had not been audited as of that meeting, but we have a healthy treasury.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Dandrea, placed our upcoming Specialty Ads in the Phoenix catalog.

Nancy reports that AKC was setting up a "Responsible Pet Owner Day" on Sept. 17, 2004. For more information on this nationwide day, please visit the AKC website.

Pres. Thomsen announced that AKC has raised their recording fees up to $2.00. A discussion followed about raising our fees to cover the AKC raises. As of this Board meeting, AKC had not given final approval for our Specialty this year. Mary Bennett, Recording Secretary.

Nancy Dandrea received a new trophy catalog. She reported that our Club has 37 trinket trophies and we need 35 more to fill in. Motion was carried and Nancy will purchase the extra we need.

At this point in our meeting, President Sharon Thomsen bid goodbye to our guests and closed the rest of the meeting for a private matter.

Our next Board meeting will be April 7, 2004. We will meet at Marie Callendars in La Mesa at 7:00 PM sharp!

As always, the membership is invited to join us for good food, good friends, and an informative Board Meeting. Hope to see more of you there.

Hidden Life of Dogs is an Open Book

By Dave Barry



I want to talk about the Hidden lives of my dogs. Until recently, I wasn't aware that my dogs had hidden lives. There were many times, such as when they'd take turns repeatedly eating a deceased lizard and throwing it back up, when I wasn't even sure they had BRAINS.

Then I got "The Hidden Life of Dogs," the best-selling book by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, who has some astounding insights into dog behavior. For example, in an effort to find out what dogs do when they're on their own, she spent months following a husky named Misha as he roamed all over Cambridge, Mass. What Thomas discovered was that Misha, who at first appeared to be simply trotting around aimlessly, was in fact earning a degree from Harvard Business School.

No, I am joshing. Harvard does not accept huskies unless their parents are extremely wealthy. What Thomas discovered, after much observation, was that Misha spent his time-and here I will attempt to summarize two full chapters of "The Hidden Life of Dogs"- sniffing other dogs and peeing a lot.

This might not strike you dog-owners as all that deep of an insight. But trust me, it seems like one when you're reading the book. Because where you might see just a plain old dog engaging in non-rocket-scientist behavior, Thomas sees a highly sophisticated organism responding to elaborate socio-biological stimuli and performing complex problem-solving tasks. It's not her fault that the solution to the problem is usually to pee on it.

Anyway, reading this book got me to thinking about my own dogs. Did they have a hidden life? If so, could I discover it, and more important - write a best-selling book?

To find out, I removed my dogs from the confined, controlled environment of our house and put them outside, where they were free to reveal their hidden lives. I observed them closely for the better part of a day, and thus I am able to reveal here, for the first time anywhere, that what dogs do, when they are able to make their own decisions in accordance with their unfettered natural instincts, is: try to get back inside the house, They spent most of the day pressing sad moony faces up against the glass patio door, taking only occasional breaks to eat worms. (Answer: no).

Of course, the dogs have important and complex socio-biological reasons for wanting to get back into the house. For one thing, the house contains the most wondrous thing in the world: the kitchen counter. One time a piece of turkey fell off of it. The dogs still regularly visit the spot where it landed, in case it shows up again. These's an invisible Dog Historic Marker there.

Another reason is that the house provides a better echo for barking. Dogs employ barking as a vital means of communicating important messages, such as: "Bark." Barking also serves a vital biological purpose: If a dog does not release a certain number of barks per day, they will back up, and the dog will explode. (Whenever you hear an unexplained loud noise in the distance, it's probably a dog exploding.)

Our large main dog, Earnest, spends her day sleeping directly under my desk, and three or four times a day she'll have a pressure buildup, causing her to wake up, lift her head, release a bark and immediately go back to sleep. Her bark, traveling at the speed of bark, quickly reaches our small emergency backup dog, Zippy, who is sleeping elsewhere in the house. He wakes up and rushes up to the outside of my office door and starts barking at it, because there is clearly something wrong inside. (why else would Earnest have barked?) This in turn awakens Earnest, who leaps up, bonks her head against the bottom of my desk, then rushes over and starts barking at her side of the door. Each dog is firmly convinced that there is Big Trouble on the other side, possibly involving their arch-enemy, the U.S. Postal Service truck. It comes around every day, and usually Earnest and Zippy are able to drive it off by barking at it and getting spit all over the windows by our front door, but now apparently the truck somehow has GOTTEN INTO THE HOUSE and is ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR BARK, BARK, BARK, BARKBARKBARKBARKBARKBARK!!!!

Dave Barry continued.....

This is what my dogs are thinking (if "thinking" is the word I want here) as I get up, walk past Earnest, who is now insane with rage, and open the door. Instantly Earnest charges BARKBARKBARK into the hall, narrowly missing Zippy, who is charging BARKBARKBARKBARK into my office. Each one goes about five feet, then -- WAIT--a minute!!--skids to a stop, whirls around, and charges back the other way, still barking. Sometimes they'll pass each other three or four times before they run out of momentum and lie down again, confident that, thanks to their alertness, the house is once again safe.

This is the hidden dog world that goes on EVERY DAY in our house. I admit that, socio-biologically, it is not as interesting as the things that Elizabeth Marshall Thomas' dogs do. But Earnest and Zippy are the only dogs I have. MAKE ME AN OFFER.





"The Creation Story as told by Snoopy"

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest,
but he had to walk the dog.

O. Denise McGinnis, LVT

SOME THOUGHTS:

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does. Anon

Dogs and cats instinctively know the exact moment their owners will wake up. Then they wake them 10 minutes sooner. Anon

I hope to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But put him in a car and the first thing he does is stick his head out the window. Anon

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.





BRAGS.....yahoo!!



From: Nancy and Kathy and the Starcoachdals'
Starcoach Diva Annie "Annie"
Owners: Kathy Martin/Nancy Dandrea
Best Jr. in Sweeps DCSC
Best Jr./Best in Sweeps DCSDC
WB (3pt. major) Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Assoc. #1

From: Debbie G and the Ranchodals'
Dalmatian Club of Phoenix Specialty:
WD & BOW : Rancho Daisydot Feel the Charge (Brandon)
3 pt major
WB Rancho Daisydot Cool Sensation (Peppermint)
3 pt major

From Mary Bennett: Thank you Randy and Sharon Thomsen (and Daisydot too!)
Daisydot RaShar's Rumor Has It (Reba) was WB at Silver Bay on Saturday...and was WB and BOW on Sunday. This singles Reba's points out! Now we search for the elusive majors.

Editor's Message:

Another attempt at a newsletter is now in your hands. Hope you like what you see. Please send me your brags...your chuckles...your words of wisdom, articles and suggestions of what you would like to see in a newsletter. The next newsletter will be in May . Please have anything you would like to appear in that issue, in my hands by May 15th. I will make every attempt to include your items in that edition....and don't forget me when you come home from the Nationals....I will be waiting for your brags. Yours truly, Mary

from: Chuck Davis

Rules for the Dog:

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the dog house.
2. Okay, the dog can enter the house, but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.
3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis, provided his dog house can be sold in a yard sale to a rookie dog owner.
4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.
5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal along with the dog house in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.
6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.
7. Okay, the dog can get on the old furniture but not the new furniture.
8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole damn works and buy new furniture...upon which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.
9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.
10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed.
11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed Under the covers.
12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.
13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores he's got to leave the room.
14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in bed. But he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room, where I'm now sleeping. That's just not fair.
15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "Primary Resident," even if it's true.

THANKS CHUCK!

Did you Know?

LAST ISSUE OF DOT TO DOT I TALKED ABOUT JOINING SOME OF YOUR FELLOW DAL CLUB MEMBERS AT THE ZOO EVERY THURS. EVENING FOR OBEDIENCE TRAINING AND CONFORMATION (Training in conformation is provided by our own Randy Thomsen every other month) These classes start at 7pm.

I found this article amongst some of Sharon's resources she generously donated to help me keep this newsletter going. The author is unknown...but the truth is there.

What is an obedience title really? Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that, in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.

Author unknown.

I dedicate this to my buddy,..OTTO

STARCOACH OTHELLO WILL PLAY,CGC

MAY 9, 2000 - OCTOBER 10, 2003

I LOVE AND MISS YA, BUDDY!





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Good Things to Come!

Our last Board Meeting was on April 7,2004 (May canceled because of DCA National) Debbi and Boyd have once again graciously offered to have a club event held in their home. Up for decision was whether to hold a Casino Party or a Bingo party. The date was discussed and will tentatively be held in August of this year. Thank you so much

D & B Goddard!

I am sure most of you have heard we have lost the show grounds for our Specialty in October. For the most up to date and latest news on this and other topics, please join your Board on

June 2, 2004 7:00 PM.

at Marie Callandar's in La Mesa



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Presidential Message

To all our members, if you missed the National Show you missed out on something special. The San Diego Club was well represented and came home with lots of ribbons. A California dog was the breed winner, a performance dog at that. If you drove the northern route going over, you were snowed on most of the way. It was pleasant, but all of us were at K-Mart the next day buying long pants. We were set for warm weather. The hotel had turned it's heating off, so we were blessed with the airconditioning inside. It was cold outside until the last day, but was still chilly. The northern ride home was uneventful and most of the snow was gone.

The dogs were troopers, staying crated for hours at a time. Crates were not allowed in the halls or the ballroom, so everyone was running between classes to get dogs out of their rooms.

The Top 20 dog (a bitch) was from northern California, owned by Tom Wrath, shown by Michelle. My catalog didn't get fully marked, but perhaps the editor's did and she can share the winners with us.

The General Membership Meeting was calm, considering the topics to be addressed. The awards dinner was very pleasant and the food was good.

We renewed friendships from years past and caught up on all that has been going on with our special "spotted" friends.

Sharon Thomsen
President, DCSDC

Also from our President of DCSDC:

Are you interested in performance activities with your dog? Do you want to "bond" and have fun with others? Then Rally is the performance event for you.

There's not a lot of training involved (heel, sit, down, come) and it's all on leash, in the beginning. It's a basic obstacle course, with instructions to read as you proceed with your dog. In competition, it's timed and there are basics and advanced. So far AKC is not offering a title, but it is under consideration.

This is a fun thing to do with your dog. You must read and follow written instructions. There will not be a judge to tell you what to do. The judge is there only to mark the errors you make on the course in order to compile your score.

Randy and Sharon Thomsen have graciously offered the use of the equipment from the Obedience Club of San Diego County for our use on May 29th after Dalmatian judging. Place to be determined. Ask Peggy or Carol.

Take this opportunity to learn something new with your dog. Rally is being offered at some shows already. This demonstration will not be a full course of the 20 or so obstacles, but about 8 to 10 to give you an idea of what it is about.

Come join us!



Are you listening?

Editor's note



Once again you have a newsletter in your hands. Please excuse any typo's, any names left out, and anything I may have done wrong. It is not my intention to forget anyone or leave out anything....I tried to place the brags in the order they were submitted to mailbox. There is no hidden meaning in the placement....and thanks to all of you for submitting your items.

Next newsletter deadline for submission will be ***July 15th***....(unless it is necessary to produce the letter earlier...in which case...I will give you all advance warning so that your brags can be placed in the letter)

DCA 2004 has come and gone. I had a fantastic time seeing and chatting with all of you in Kansas. I look forward to next year in Kentucky....let's all go and celebrate the 100th year of DCA! I **WILL** be there....I challenge all of you to meet me there too! Mary Bennett

The Obedience Club is having "June with Joan" on June 16, 2004....6 pm - 9 pm. I attended last year and can't wait to go see Joan Embery's ranch once again. Joan allows you a rare opportunity to see wild endangered species...some you can even touch. As we strolled the grounds last year...so did an 8 -10 foot Boa constrictor, Armadillos's, llamas, tortises and so much more. If you are a member of the Obedience Club it is a $5.00 donation...non members are $10. Light refreshments are served courtesy of the Obedience Club. It is a GREAT time for all....word of warning....once you go, you WILL return year after year!
Reservations are required. If you are interested.....Randy/Sharon can give more information or give me a call.



Foxtail Alert.....by Diana Mohler....found in Dr Fosters and Smith's Catalog and the Obedience Club letter.

Brush after summer walks to catch the invasive weed. Most areas of the country have some type of dangerous weed. Whether it's cheatgrass, cocklebur, burdock, ripgut grass, or just plain old thistles, dogs are vulnerable to those that stick to their coats. Brush your dog regularly through the summer months, especially after walks, to save her from discomfort at the least - and serious surgery at the worst.

Foxtail, found primarily throughout the south and west, can inflict severe pain and injury. Flourishing from late spring through autumn, the small spear-shaped seed head can pierce a dog's flesh and migrate through her system. Microscopic barbs help propel the weed forward until it lodges, often deep within the body. Once imbedded, it can abscess and cause severe infection

Dogs can pick up foxtail in numerous parts of the body: footpads, nose (by sniffing them), or even within the genital area if she wades through deep vegetation. Foxtail can also get into the ear canal and abscess deep within the ear or jaw. Ingested weeds can lodge in the throat.

Warning signs of foxtail problems can include one or more of the following symptoms: constant sneezing or coughing, headshaking, limping, gagging and vomiting. Contact your veterinarian at the first sign of a problem.

To help prevent problems, know what foxtail look like so you can avoid them. Add a through post=walk grooming to help find and remove any troublesome weeds and stickers. Your dog can enjoy a pleasant romp through a field on a summer day, just follow it with a good brushing.

Precious Pet Time



I am your dog and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some children to raise. It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle.

You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time? That is all I ask.

To slow down, if even for a few minutes to be with me. So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind passing.

Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract-clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land.

I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes that humans have when deep grief fills their souls and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me. Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have ***NOW***, together.

So come, sit down here next to me on the floor and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart.

Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer" or even "Mom and Dad;" come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes and talk.

I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball or I may tell you something profound about myself or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you and here I am.

I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses and I can even revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "dog with two feet" - I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love your still.

Now, come sit with me on the floor. Enter into my world and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes and whisper to my ears. Speak with your heart and your joy and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow and life is oh so very short.

Love,

Your Lovely furchild

(on behalf of dogs everywhere)

From SPOT-LITE APRIL 2004













Tidbits and Info.

This would be a great Dal Club of San Diego Event! From Debbi Jones

Attention All Dog Fanciers: **Don't Miss this Caribbean Canine College Cruise!** (for people only)
Take a break from the canine circuit, relax, renew your energy, and soak up the latest in canine knowledge a
you soak up the Caribbean sun. The Website: www.allcruising.com/k9cruise.htm for official information.

This Canine College Cruise features a seminar schedule of fun and seminars presented by acclaimed speak
on canine issues. The Seminars will be conducted during the sea time....No seminars will be held while at
port-of-calls....the Speakers: Ed & Pat Gilbert...Pat Hastings...Wendy Volhard...Dr Carmen Battaglia...Kaye
Ames...Gary wilkes...Dr Patricia McConnell...Catherine O'Driscoll...Anita Curtis. Some of the topics covered
Tricks of the Trade...(Pat Hastings)...Canine Personality Profile...Breeding Better Dogs...The Puppy
Puzzle...Maximize Your Puppy's Potential (The Emotional Development Stages of Puppies)...Click and Trea
Training. Real Training, for Real Dogs in the Real World...The Other End of the Leash...Canine Health Care
Options and Alternative Healthcare....Diet and It's Effect on Health & Behavior....Bach Flower
Essences-Recipes for a Happy, Healthy Dog.....Animal Communications, Learn to Listen to Your
Dog.....Emotional Freedom Technique.



K-9 College Cruise

Costa Mediterranea
Departing from Fort Lauderdale
7-Night Eastern Caribbean
March 13th - 20th, 2005



Cruise Itinerary

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sunday	Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale	—	4:30PM
Monday	At Sea	—	—
Tuesday	San Juan	4:00PM	—
Wednesday	San Juan		1:30AM
Wednesday	St. Thomas/ St. John	7:30AM	5:00PM
Thursday	Catalina Island	8:00AM	5;00pm
Thursday	Casa De Campo/Santo Domingo	6:00PM	Midnight
Friday	At Sea	—	—
Saturday	Nassau	1:00PM	6:00PM
Sunday	Fort Lauderdale	8:00AM	

Cabin	Category	Cruise Fare*	3rd & 4t Person*
Inside	2-3	$ 799.00	$599.0(
Ocean View	4-5	$ 899.00	"
Balcony***	6	$ 999.00	"
Balcony	7-8	$1059.00	"

* Cruise Fare based on double occupancy.
** 3rd & 4th person in Cabin subject to availability.
Children 17 & under deduct $100.00.
*** Category 6 Balcony has partially obstructed view.

The above cruise fare includes Port Charges.
Government taxes of $59.94 per person are additiona
Optional Vacation Protection Plan $99.00 per person.

BRAGS.....yahoo!!

From Randy and Sharon Thomsen:
A baby boy has been delivered to Nana and Grandpa Thomsen on 3/22/04. A 7 lb. 13 oz. 19 1/2 inches long baby boy. The new baby was named Adam Moe, born to Sharon and Randy's son and daughter-in-law. Mom and baby are doing well.....so are Nana and Grandpa!



From Barbara Lyons and Quiksilver Dals:
Quiksilver's Rhythm & Blues (Crosby) at the Dalmatian Club of Phoenix Specialty weekend....Best of Breed Saturday, Sunday and Monday!! A Group 3 on Sunday, a Group 2 on Monday. Indianapolis Dal Specialty....Best of Breed. Fantastic!

From Dennis Sanders:
On Sunday, April 4, 2004, in Las Vegas, Dennis won his first BOB with DeSoto... making it DeSoto's 124th BOB through out his career . Dennis had never won a BOB with DeSoto, however, he has won two with Belle. Dennis was thrilled to finally win one with his Boy! Yeah!!!!

From Nancy Dandrea and Kathy Martin:
Kathy's Champ 'Abbot' (Ch. Starcoach Who's On First) has sired his first Champion. Ch. Erin Wildwood Perfect Game "Donny" owned by Ann Thornhill... finished his championship with a 5 pt major at the DC New England show in April. "Donny" finished with 3 majors (2 at 5 pts) at 1 year old.

From Debbie and Boyd Goddard:
Peppermint got her Champion title!!! She finished at Lake Matthews KC. Outstanding!!!!

**** These brags were inserted into the newsletter in the order they arrived in my email box.....A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!



SOME FUNNY "STUFF"
From Teresa Bailey:
At one time in my life, I thought I had a handle on the meaning of the word "service." "The act of doing things for other people."
Then I heard the terms:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
POSTAL SERVICE
TELEPHONE SERVICE
CITY/COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE
CUSTOMER SERVICE
SERVICE STATIONS



And I became confused about the word "service." This is not what I thought "service" meant.

Today, at a dog show, I over-heard two Dalmatian breeders talking and one of them mentioned that he was having a stud over to "service" a few of his bitches.

SHAZAM!!! It all came into perspective. Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us

From Sharon Thomsen:



The following excerpts are actual answers given on history tests and in Sunday School by 5th and 6th graders in Ohio.
Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.
Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was an actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. It sounds like he was sort of busy too.
Bethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf that he wrote loud music and became the father of rock and roll. He took long walkes in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

MORE BRAGS....cont.

From Debbi Jones:
Int. Ch. DJ's Cupids Comet (Haley)
1st in American Bred at the Heartland Specialty
2nd in American Bred at the DCA NATIONAL

Int. Ch. DJ's Orion The Hunter (Hunter)
WD at the Black Mountain Kennel Club of Nevada (4 point major)
2nd in American Bred at the Heartland Specialty
3rd in American Bred at the DCA NATIONAL

Alfredrich Pocahontas (Tessa)
Great representative of the breed at the "Meet the Breed" booth at the Eukanuba classic show in Long Beach. She gave lots of kisses and posed for lots of photos for seven hours without missing a beat.

From Kathy Martin and Nancy Dandrea:
Starcoach Diva Annie (L) "Annie"
owners Kathy Martin/Nancy Dandrea
3rd - Heartland Sweeps 12-15
3rd - Heartland Open Liver
2nd - DCA Futurity 12-15
2nd - DCA Open Liver

Starcoach Hot Rod Campaigner (L) "Hot Rod"
owners Nancy Dandrea/Norm Collins/Linda Byer
3rd - Heartland Sweeps 8-10
2nd - Heartland Puppy 6-9
4th - DCA Futurity 6-9
Hot Rod was one of the final six, but no placement at DCA Sweeps 8-10/DCA puppy 6-9

Ch. Rashar's Rebecca@Daisydot.com in her first attempt in the Obedience ring was awarded 3rd place in Novice A class at the Heartland Specialty. Her second attempt she was awarded 3rd place in Novice A class at DCA. Becky and handler Randy have been diligently preparing for their debut in the obedience ring and will achieve the third leg and Becky's CD at one of the Specialties coming up in Oct.
Rashar Dalmatians congratulates all the winners at the 2004 DCA Specialty. It was great to see the fantastic DCSDC representation and we truly had a great time.
Randy and Sharon Thomsen
RaShar Dalmatians

From Maggie and Cassidy Jackson:
Apple Valley Kennel Club:
Amethyst Don't Eat the Yellow Snow
Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best Bred by/
Group 3 Best Bred By

Ch Amethyst Snow Angel by Daisydot
BOB
Kern County Kennel Club
Amethyst First Fallen Snow
From the Bred by class- BOB (over specials) on to a Group 1 for a 5 point major.

Heartland Dalmatian Club
Amethyst Don't Eat the Yellow Snow
Best Senior/Best in Sweeps

BOS to Best Veteran in Sweeps
BISS CH.Daisydot Snow in Summer, CGC

Brood Bitch.
BISS CH Daisydot Snow in Summer, CGC

Dalmatian Club of America
Brood Bitch:
BISS CH. Daisydot Snow in Summer, CGC
All the above were shown by Cassidy with assistance by Randy Thomsen and Mona Meddock. Thanks for the help!



Dear Dogs,

When I say move, it means go someplace else, not switch position with each other so there are still two of you in the way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note that placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I can fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs sleeping; they can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the full extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine; try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered.

In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years: Canine attendance is not mandatory. The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog's butts. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you.

To pacify you, I have posted the following message on our front door:

Rules for Non-Pet Owners Who Visit and Like to Complain About Our Pets.

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. I like my pet a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.
5. Dogs are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results.

(found in April 2004 Dal Data...Dalmatian Club of Detroit) Thanks guys!

LOOKING FOR A SHOW HOME

Introducing ZABAVA'S ALL THAT JAZZ "JAY"

Russian Ch. Infanta Izabella from Terletsky Dubravy

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Bis Biss Ch. Tuckaway Winged Foot

Jay is the best puppy in the litter. He is BAER bilateral. Jay has good bone structure and a solid rea with an excellent topline.
Dark brown eyes and very pretty markings, Jay is a very happy puppy with a gentle, loving personality.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2004
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DEBBIE GODDARDS FLYER.
DEBBIE WILL BE SENDING YOU A NOTICE ASAP.
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE..
PLEASE JOIN ME THERE.



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AK-9 listening info, updates



President's message:

Hope all of you are staying cool this summer. My electric bill is going to be out of sight for running the air conditioner most of the day.

We have a social function coming up. Look for the invitation soon from the Goddards. If you don't receive one let Debbie know. Many of us are taking a "show" hiatus this summer because of the heat or still looking for majors. The spotted dogs miss their outings and each other.

The show committee is busy getting the show in February set up. If you would like to help give Teresa a call.

Please feel free to attend our board meetings at Marie Calendars on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7pm. We catch up on all the show happenings.

Our back of the house remodel is finally complete, except for the furniture, so maybe things will settle down before we start on the master bath. Hope to see all of you soon. Sharon.

Message from the Editor:

Please excuse me if this newsletter "feels" somewhat late. As with most typical San Diegans these days, I have friends over the country who wish to spend "their" summer vacation in San Diego. It was my civic duty to take this friend to Las Vegas...(ok, I wanted to g without dogs for a change)...but on our return w toured the city for two more weeks.

I hope you are all finding ways to stay cool. I plan to spend much more time down by the Bay ASAP.

Once again, my usual words, Brags are insertec in the order they arrived to my desk...no hidden meanings. Please excuse my typo's.....and I hope you like what you see in this letter. Also, check out Pan Shank's advertisement...1st one of the year!! Give her a call.

Please keep the jokes and articles flowing to me if you want to see them flowing back to you in the form of a newsletter. Thanks to you all.

Mary Bennett, Editor.

Showchair message:

The AKC has approved our new Specialty date of Friday, February 25, 2005. Entries for this event will close Wednesday, February 9, 2005. The Specialty will be held in the Pat O'Brian Pavilion at the Del Mar Fairgrounds preceding the Silverbay Kennel club's all-breed shows Saturday and Sunday, February 26th and 27th 2005. Our judges will be the same, diane Bartholomew for sweeps and Ann Flemming for conformation.

Teresa Bailey

Show Chair DCSDC Specialty 2005

BOARD MEETING SUMMARIES

JUNE and JULY.

June 2.2004 Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Thomsen at 7:04pm. All Board members were present. We had several guests join us too.(You are all welcome).

President: A good time was had by all who attended the Dalmatian National in Lawrence, Kansas.

Corresponding Sec: A thank you letter was sent to Kathy Nogar. Nancy now has the signed contract from Diane B.

Treasurer's Report: Our insurance companies have raised their fees by $600.00. We will look around to see if there is a less expensive insurance company out there.

Recording Sec.: Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Dot to Dot Report: The latest addition was mailed out May17. Please have all inclusions for the July letter in to the editors desk by July 15th.

The Summer Party was discussed The party will be held at the Goddards.

Sharon Thomsen passed out extra info for the 2005 National.

Road Trial 2005. Terri is scouting locations that would be appropriate. If anyone knows of a good location, please contact Terri. Dates were discussed.

Specialty Show: 2004 show is canceled because the venue is no longer available. Pros and cons were discussed about joining Las Vegas or Southern Cal.

Nancy Dandrea reported Silverbay has offered us a Specialty in conjunction with their show.

A motion was made and seconded that we join with Silverbay for 2005 Specialty.

Motion passed.

Maggie Simmons will be our Show Secretary. Teresa Bailey will check with both Judges to see if their calendar is open for the 2005 move. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

July 7,2004.

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Thomsen at 7:20 pm. All Board members were present and one guest.

Minutes of the last Board meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report: We have same money as last month.

Show-chairman: Or upcoming Specialty has been changed to Feb. 2005. Both Judges have agreed to the change so there will be no monetary loss for the club. New contracts will be sent to them as soon as we have final approval from AKC.

Officers updates: Maggie Simmons has agreed to be our Show Sec. Sharon will obtain a mailing list from the previous Show Sec. Nancy will ask Silverbay if we might do a raffle, a silent auction and a lunch for our members. These are our major money makers for the year. If request is denied, we could try to hold a silent auction and raffle at our traditional "party after the show"

Debbie Goddard will have a summer party at her home Aug. 21.2004. **WE WILL HAVE A GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE PARTY.** Debbie will be sending out fliers.

Unfinished Business: A discussion was held about the unfinished portion of he Road Trial 2003. To date, none of the participants have received their Official Certificates. It was decided our club needs to aggressively find the missing certificates or to reproduce another set and get this process finished. Various Board members will contact DCA 's J. Lyons and C. Garvin, research regulations on how these are produced, and contact the previous judge Peggy Strupp to see if the first set was signed off.

New Business: Road Trial 2005. We need to secure a Vet for 2005. Terri reported our previous site has been significantly improved by the Park Rangers because of our last trial. The club must stress that arrangements for horses are the SOLE responsibility of the participant.

There is an opportunity to Meet the Breed at the up coming Specialty. We need a Chairperson to accept this responsibility.

Our club was asked to join Del Sur this next year for their all breed show. A thank you/regrets letter will be sent because we have accepted Silverbay's offer. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Thank you 101 Spots

CONFIRMATION POINT CHART EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 2004 ~ DALMATIANS

POINTS ----------→	1		2		3		4		5	
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DIVISION										
1 CT,ME,MA,NH,NY,RI,VT	2	2	4	6	8	10	10	13	15	18
2 DE,NJ,PA	2	2	6	5	9	8	13	13	19	22
3 DC,KY,MD,NC,TN,VA,WV	2	2	5	5	8	8	11	13	16	23
4 AL,AR,FL,GA,LA,MS,SC	2	2	5	5	8	8	10	11	15	16
5 IL,IN,MI,OH	2	2	6	6	9	10	15	17	26	31
6 IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,WI	2	2	5	6	8	10	10	14	14	21
7 AZ,NM,OK,TX	2	2	6	7	10	12	13	17	19	26
8 CO,ID,NV,OR,UT,WA,WY	2	2	5	8	7	13	11	16	17	22
9 CA	2	3	7	7	11	11	13	14	17	21
10 AK	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7
11 HI	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
12 PR	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7
13 MT,ND,SD	2	2	3	3	4	4	7	7	8	8

COUNTING POINTS IN CONFIRMATION

The American Kennel Club requires a dog to obtain a total of 15 points with two major wins (a major win is worth three points or higher) to become a champion. The majors must be won under different judges and at least one other judge must award some of the remaining points - so you need to win under at least three different judges.

Class, Winners, and Breed Competition Class dogs are judged in classes against other dogs of the same sex - open, puppy, bred-by-exhibitor, American-bred, novice - are just a few. Classes can also be divided by age (as in puppy) or color. When the judge awards first place in a class that dog advances to the Winners competition of its sex. During the Winners competition, the judge re-examines all the dogs that have received first place in the classes and picks an overall winner - Winners Dog for males and Winners Bitch for females. Although you may have beaten several dogs in the classes, championship points are only awarded to Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. No points are awarded for class wins or Reserve Winners. Your Winners Dog or Winners Bitch can also win points in the Best of Breed competition. Best of Breed consists of dogs that have already received their championship. Winners Dog and Winner Bitch also compete with the champions in Best of Breed. There are three possible awards a dog can win at this level: Best of Breed - Awarded to the best dog in the Best of Breed competition, Best of Opposite Sex - Awarded to the best dog of the opposite sex to the Best of Breed winner, Best of Winners - Awarded to the best dog between Winners Dog and Winners Bitch

Counting Points

Step One: Take Attendance: Count the number of dogs or bitches competing in the regular classes of your dog's sex - novice, puppy, bred-by-exhibitor, American Bred, and Open classes. Remember to include your dog in the total! Don't count any dogs that are absent (no shows), disqualified, dismissed, excused, or have awards withheld. These dogs do not count in computing the number of dogs competing for that show. If you did not keep up with the total number of dogs in the regular classes, ask the ring steward or check the posted copies of the judge's book for a count of total dogs before you leave the show.

Tip: Check the posted copies of the judges' book before you leave the show to make certain your dog was marked as the winner. Mistakes do happen! Also, verify that your dog's AKC registration number is correct in the catalog. If it is not correct, let the superintendent know before you leave the show. In both cases, it's easier to make the correction on the day of the show rather than later.

Step Two: Check the Schedule of Points: Compare the number of dogs competing that day to the schedule of points for your dog's breed and sex located in the show catalog. The schedule is usually listed with the entries for each breed or at the front of the catalog. If the number of dogs does not match exactly with those listed in the catalog, choose the number of points assigned to the next lowest number.

Step 3: Calculating Points for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch: Your dog receives the points according to the number of dogs of your dog's sex competing in the regular classes.

Winning More Points In the Breed Competition: Your dog can add to the points won in the Winners Class during the Best of Breed competition. If your dog wins:

Best of Breed: Count the total number of dogs in its sex plus the total number of Champions of both sexes entered in the Best of Breed competition to figure the number of points earned.

Best of Opposite Sex: Count the total number of dogs in its sex plus the total number of Champions of its sex entered in the Best of Breed competition to figure the number of points earned.

Best of Winners: This one is a bit different. If your dog is named Best of Winners, he is awarded the highest point level awarded between Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

Verifying Points: It is important to check on your dog's point totals from time to time. The AKC offers an online service to verify the number of points your dog has accumulated toward a championship. Allow four to six weeks for your dog's win to be recorded in this system.

Points, Legs - Title Progression Online

Title progress information is available for free in the AKC's Online Store. On the AKC's home page (www.akc.org), highlight "Shop AKC". This will cause a drop down box to appear. One of the choices on the menu will be "Enter Store", Click on it, then click on "Log In" at the bottom of the screen. Sign in to your account (create an account if you don't already have one). Once you're signed in, find your dog under dog search. Scroll down this page and you will see "View a Summary of the Title Progression for this Dog". This will cause a box to open that will give you information about any progress your dog has made toward any title. If you want to see a complete breakdown of your dog's placements, you can order the Awards Record for $8. This will give you a record of every event where your dog got any kind of ribbon. It will show you the date, event, judge, class, placement, and points or legs.

Point Schedule, Calculations for the New Year

The point schedule is based upon a set of percentages using the previous three years' actual dogs in competition. It is calculated so that a certain percentage of the shows where there was an actual competition for a particular sex of a particular breed or variety will carry a certain number of championship points. The percentages are as follows: **Divisions 1-9 & 13**

1 Point - 95% of the shows where there was competition for a sex of a breed will carry at least one championship point.
2 Points - The two-point break is set midway between the one- and three-point breaks.
3 Points - The three-point break is set so that as close as possible to 18%. There will never be more than 20% of the shows in each division offering major points (3, 4 or 5 points.)
4 Points - The four-point break is set at one-third of the difference between the three- and five-point breaks.
5 Points - At least 1%, but less than 2% of the shows offering competition for a particular sex of a particular breed, will carry five championship points.

National specialties are not included in the calculations; however the associated events around the national are included.

Thank you 101 Spots.





Tidbits and Info.



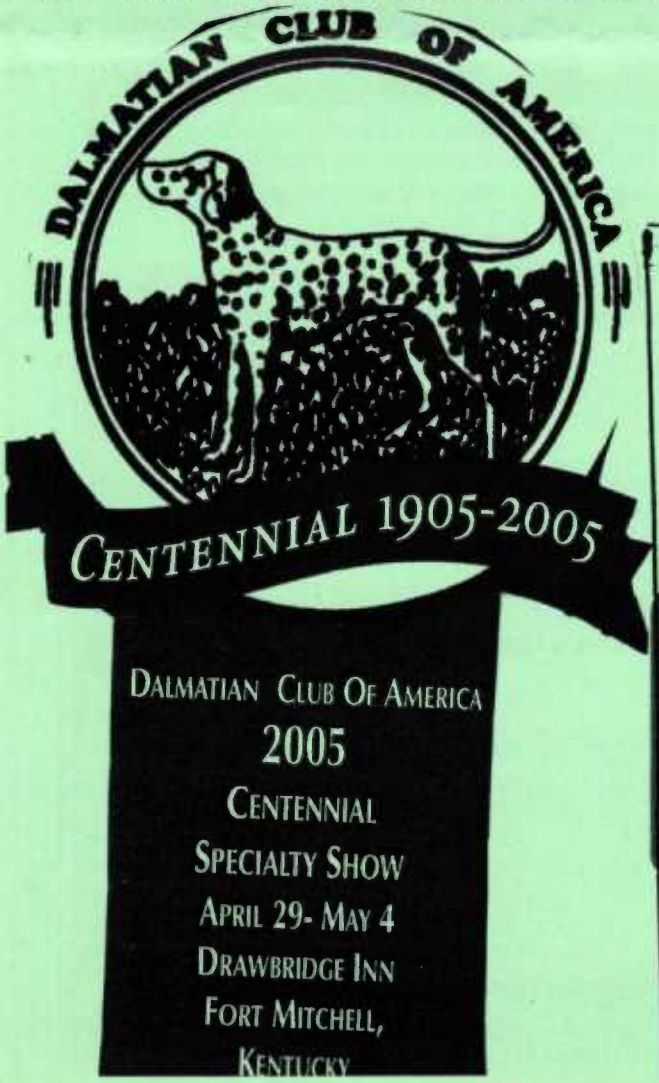
Meet the Breed Chairperson.

Hey out there in Dalmatian Land.....we need a "Meet the Breed" Chairperson.
Our next Specialty will be held in conjunction with Silverbay Kennel Club, Feb. 25, 2005. On Feb. 26-27 the Silverbay Kennel Club has set aside an area for a Meet the Breed booth to any club that wishes to participate. Silverbay will provide an 8x10 booth, table and chairs. Our breed must produce the literature (and the dogs too!). Booth hours would be from 10 am. to 2:00 pm on both days. A prize will be given for the best booth.
If anyone is interested in this Chair-position..... or would like to show off their dog to the many people attending this show, please call Nancy Dandrea or Sharon Thomsen for more information.

Summer party is coming!

Debbie Goddard will be having a summer party at her home on August 21, 2004.....(subject to change at her will :-) At this very moment. Debbie is producing the fliers and will send them out to the membership very soon. THANK YOU SO MUCH DEBBIE AND BOYD.





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ARE YOU READY? **HELPFUL HINTS FROM AKC.**

Evacuation Tips

Whether it's wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes or floods, severe weather can mean immediate, sudden evacuation. You and your family may be forced to leave your home quickly to get to shelter or higher ground. Sometimes, you may have a few hours notice, and sometimes you may need to move more quickly.

If you live in a disaster-prone area, you may already have an evacuation plan for your family. But have you included your dog in that plan? Many shelters, including the Red Cross, do not accept pets (except service animals).

Here are some tips to prepare for an immediate evacuation.

Plan ahead. Remember that most emergency shelters do not accept pets. Call hotels in your area and in surrounding states to inquire about their pet policies. Once you've located a few hotels that will accept pets, write down the names, addresses phone numbers and driving directions. Make sure to include alternate driving directions in case roads are blocked. If you can't find a hotel, ask friends in the surrounding areas if you and your dog(s) can stay with them.

Microchip or tattoo your dog. Permanent identification is the best way to ensure a lost dog will be returned to you. Contact AKC Companion Animal Recovery for more information. AKC/CAR keeps a database of alternate contacts in case you are unreachable. If you plan to stay with out-of-town friends or family during an evacuation, use those names as one of your alternate contacts.

Assemble a disaster supply kit for your dog. Take this kit with you should you need to evacuate. Include:

Leash and collar with ID tags

- Current copy of vaccination records
- Any medication your dog needs and written directions for dispensing medication
- Photocopy of AKC registration papers and a copy of your dog's enrollment papers for AKC/CAR
- Recent photo
- At least a three-day supply of food and bottled water. Don't forget your dog's dishes!
- Blankets and bedding
- Crate with a few toys
- Plastic "pick-up" bags

Train your dog. Obedience-trained dogs will respond better to commands and will be easier to handle during a stressful situation such as an emergency evacuation

BRAGS.....yahoo!!



From Dennis Sanders:

I showed tow of Belle's puppies that I Bred. Bell is my girl Ch Daisydot Summer Wind Chime.

I showed Holly, Xanadu Nspird Bayberry at Pasadena Friday, May 21 in a movement class of 18 Dogs and Holly received 3rd. Holly took first in her class and BOB in Dals then a group 4.

I showed Ellie, Xanadu Nspird OK La La at the Mission Circuit Saturday, May 29. Ellie took first in her class and BOB in dals then a group 3. Boy we had a good time, lots of fun.

Dennis Sanders

From Debbi Jones:

NEW CHAMPION!!!!!!

Am/Int. Ch. DJ's Cupids Comet (Haley)

WB/BOW San Fernando Kennel Club - 4 Point Major

WB/BOW/BOS-San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club -

4 Point Major.

Debbi Jones.

From Teresa Bailey:

My daughter, Jenny, had a son just after 3 PM July 2, 2004. He was 18 inches and weighed 7 1/2 lbs. She said he has hair and dimples just like his dad. He was a bit pale and had to be put on oxygen so she couldn't count the fingers and toes.

So far they are planning on naming him Thomas James Celeste, but knowing Jenny, it can change 10 times by the time they leave the hospital. Proud Grandma Terri.

Ch. Firebuster's Brenda Starr RD RDX can now add CGC to her name. Brenda earned her CGC at the Wags For Wishes event held at the Del mar Horse Park on July 10th. She passed each task with flying colors!

At the same event Bailey (Firebuster Toast of The Town) tried his luck at lure coursing. He showed the other 19-24 dogs how to chase down and "kill" the lure in an impressive 28 seconds.

Bailey is also one of the newest members of the

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San Diego Sheriff's Department K-9 Search and Rescue Team. He passed the screening test and is in training to become a trailing and cadaver dog. He will be the first Dalmatian on the team.

Terri Bailey

From Sharon Thomsen:

TALKING TEXAS DOG.

One day out in the Texas panhandle, a guy sees a sign in front of a house.

"Talking Dog for Sale"

He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black Lab just sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered this gift pretty young and wanted to help the government so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running."

"The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering neat suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals. Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

LAMENT OF A LADY WHO'S GONE TO THE DOGS

From Debbi Jones

Author unknown.....

There was a time, there really was,
When I was young and tender.
When show dog meant a Disney Star,
And "bitch" was not a gender.

I went to bed at half-past ten,
I went to church on Sunday.
On Saturday I baked the beans,
And did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup,
And an erstwhile friends said "show!"
And so I did, and so I do,
Oh, what I didn't know!

Once I dressed with flair and style,
That was the life, don't knock it!
Now every dress from bed to ball,
Must have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air,
I wallowed in perfume.
I used to smell like Nuit d'Amour,
Now I smell like Mr. Groom!

My furniture was haute decor,
My pets a tank of guppies.
Now I've furniture that's unstuffed,
And well adjusted puppies.

I used to long for furs and jewels,
And a figure classed as super.
But now, the thing I yearn for most,
Is a nice new pooper-scooper!

I was taught to be well groomed,
No matter where I went.
Now all the grooming that I do,
Is in the handlers' tent.

While once I spoke in pristine prose,
In dulcet tones and frail.
I now am using language,
That would turn a sailor pale.

I adored a man who murmured verse,
Through intimate little dinners.
But now the words I thrill to hear,
Are just three - "Best of Winners"!

I rise at dawn and pack the car,
The road ahead's a long one.
The one I've routed on the map's,
Invariably the wrong one.

I really love my doggy life,
I wouldn't care to change it.
But when I get that Best in Show,
I could maybe rearrange it.

And when my days on earth are done,
I'll go without much nudging.
Just give me three weeks closing date,
And let me know who's judging!







From Terri

Two foreign nuns have just arrived in the USA by boat and one says to the other, "I hear that the people of this country actually eat dogs."

"Odd," her companion replies, "but if we shall live in America, we might as well do as the Americans do."

Nodding emphatically, the Mother Superior points to a hot dog vendor and they both walk towards the cart.

"Two dogs, please," says one.

The vendor is only too pleased to oblige and he wraps both hot dogs in foil and hands them over the counter. Excited, the nuns hurry over to a bench and begin to unwrap their 'dogs'.

The Mother Superior is first to open hers. She begins to blush and then, staring at it for a moment, leans over to the other nun and whispers cautiously, "What part did you get?"



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I hope you like it!



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The members had a wonderful time at the Goddards for our fall social gathering playing BINGO. Boyd was creative as ever. Food delicious and saw some members and x-members we haven't seen for awhile. Since we don't meet as a club more than 4 x per year, it would be nice to see everyone there. Of course, the Board Meeting is every month at Marie Calendars in La Mesa, 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited. If you plan to put something before the Board of Directors for approval/voting, please let me know in advance, rashardal@cox.net.

While our Specialty is a few months off, I'm sure Terri could use all the help available. We need your input on judges for 2006 and any ideas for a location. If you have an idea for a location, other than what we have, please gather all the facts before presenting it to the Board (cost, availability, parking, restrictions on activities,etc.).

We have discussed another Road Trial for the Fall/Winter season 2005. Let the board know what you think.

The holidays are fast approaching so be sure to "safety proof" your pooch so there won't be any emergencies. Also the National is creeping. Give thought to attending the Centennial event in Kentucky. Great fun to be had and good people to meet.

Best wishes,
Sharon T.
President.

Editor's Say:

Hi everyone: Once again another Dot has landed in your hands. Let me know what you think...you know where to find me....(if you don't remember then check the front and back pages of this Dot) I am always on the lookout for jokes, articles of interest, information you think should be passed on to the members....please stay in touch and send your items either email or snail mail.

Since I have been a member for several years now, the idea of having a club jacket has been brought up at many board meetings and membership meetings. Finally, it is more than an idea now.

When you turn the page you will find a couple of fantastic jackets that Nancy Dandrea researched and brought to the Board. There are two jackets with mens and womens sizes that would lend quite well to a club logo. We need to get at least 6 jackets ordered to personalize our logo onto the front. The Board members have all expressed an interest in having one (and maybe several since they do come in different colors). Please take a good look at them. If you like the idea and what you see, or if you want more information, give Nancy a call and place an order for your own Dalmatian Club Jacket. Be proud of your club! I know I am. It would also be a good way to let others know we have a wonderful organization. Please EMAIL or call Nancy by November 1st to place an order. Let's let the world know we have a GREAT CLUB. Mary B.(editor and thief of the Dot)

General Membership Meeting
August 21, 2004

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Sharon Thomsen. The meeting was held at the home of Debbie and Boyd Goddard. Minutes of the last General Meeting were read. Minutes were approved.

President Thomsen thanked Debbie and Boyd for having us once again in their beautiful home..

Unfinished Business: Specialty updates were given to the membership. The Specialty Chairperson, Terri Bailey, informed the members that the Judging slate will remain the same despite the change in date and place to be held. We will be having our Luncheon and raffle possibly at the Motorhomes.

A call went out to the members for a Meet the Breed Chairperson. Since there was no volunteer we will pass on the opportunity this coming Specialty.

New Business: It was mentioned that the AKC is now having Breeder Classifieds on their website.

Heidi sponsored a new member to our group. The membership was approved and we now welcome Yvonne Singleterry to our club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. and it was back to the BINGO PARTY!

Respectively submitted, Mary L Bennett, Recording Secretary



Board Meeting
September 1, 2004

Board meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM. at Marie Calendars in La Mesa.
(You will find us there every first Wednesday of the month.)

One of the topics of this meeting was how to recruit new members. President Thomsen requests that we encourage other Dal Club members to join our group also.

Corresponding Secretary reports that there is a revision in Junior Showmanship classes. The new age groups are; 9 - 12 years of age, 12 - 15 years of age, and 15 - 18 years of age. Nancy brought an L.L. Bean Catalog of personalized jackets. A discussion followed about having a club jacket for the members if they wish to purchase one. It was decided information for this jacket would be placed into the Dot to Dot to reach as many members as possible. Please let Nancy know by November 1st.

The Treasurer, Kathy Martin, reported that our insurance is paid for the year.

The Board discussed putting on another Road Trial in 2005. Teresa Bailey reports that we have everything necessary to put on another trial except the required Vet.

Debbie Goddard reported that C. Garvin finally had the Certificates for signing from our 2003 Road Trial.

New Business: Nancy Dandrea placed an ad in the up coming Las Vegas Show Catalog for our 2005 Specialty.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Please join your Board at the next Board Meeting, Marie Calendars, La Mesa, 7:00pm, Oct.6, 2004.

Personalized Dalmatian Club of San Diego's Logo

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B. Women's Jacket Open waist and Velcro®-closure cuffs.
Sizes XS 4, S 6-8, M 10-12, L 14-16, XL 18-20.
SR47690 $49



#2

Here are two jackets for your consideration. Instead of trying to describe these, I thought it better for you to see them and read about the features of each, so you can make a decision as to which you will buy....or better yet, call Nancy and order both!

As I write this I am hoping the small print of the colors will be plain for your viewing. If you have questions, call Nancy. If you need answers, call Nancy. If you want to talk, call Nancy. In fact, let's all just call Nancy to let her know we appreciate her. :-)

Seriously, I am going to order 2 from Nancy. This is not a money maker for the club, it is to show your pride of our wonderful organization.

Remember....by NOVEMBER 1ST.

Call Nancy,

Write to Nancy,

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Show your Pride!



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E. Women's Anorak
Sizes S 6-8, M 10-12, L 14-16, XL 18-20.
SR37701 $39



Tidbits and Info.



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ANY ONE OUT THERE INTERESTED IN BEING A "MEET THE BREED" CHAIRPERSON TO EPRESENT THE DALMATIAN CLUB AT THE UPCOMING ALL BREED SHOWS THAT FOLLOW OUR PECIALTY? PLEASE CALL NANCY OR SHARON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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formation sent to us by our last Road Trial Judge, Peggy Ann Strupp. Thanks Terri for passing it along.

ne DCA ruling that said a Road Trial Judge could not show their own dog at any other part of the National pecialty has been rescinded.

There was a motion that passed at a previous meeting that stated that a Top Twenty Judge and a Road Trial udge may either show or judge at a Specialty but not both. Mr Smith made a motion that the motion pproved at the 2003 fourth quarter meeting be rescinded . Seconded by Mr. Shorr, the motion passed with 5 favor of the motion and 3 opposed to the motion. So according to this your Judge may judge Road Trial and till show at the Specialty"

he location of the RT in Ky is about 1 1/2 hours from the show site.



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This is ANOTHER call out to our members for your suggestions for the 2006 Judging staff. If you have someone that you would just love to see judge our Specailty, give Sharon a call....or an email. If there is someone you want.....don't keep it quiet!!!!! You have to let your Board know.....yes we have been trying to perfect mindreading....but we aren't very good at it yet....so call....write....email! It is so much easier than wondering if we did read your mind.

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I am so sorry I goofed last edition of the Dot and left off the punch line of a joke sent to me from the Thomsen household. I am still a novice at newsletters and using a Print Shop...so please excuses my opps'es. I will not leave the punch line off this time....so look for it once again and find out exactly what was so funny!

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DOG SHOW ETIQUETTE AND HUMOR

By Suzi Szemery

Somewhere there is a woman who is alive only because of divine intervention. And scattered throughout the United States are the 50 or so individuals who came as close to murdering her as a dog show crowd is capable of. Had the unthinkable been done and the case gone to court, my imaginary court of law (made up wholly of dog-showing men and women) would have dismissed the charges as justifiable homicide.

This heinous crime? Planting herself at the entrance of the Best of Breed ring with a class bitch in full-blown season (for no good reason other than an apparent out-of-body experience). Every male special who entered the ring that day detected this bitch's odor; every one of the handlers showing these male dogs struggled mightily as they tried various tricks to get their dogs to show beautifully for the event.

As someone who has shown for some 20-odd years, I noted at the time that what this woman did was among the many common *faux pas*. Committed ringside by the very people who should know better: exhibitors? Do you fit any of the following profiles?

The "in the wrong place at the wrong time" exhibitor. This person has the unfortunate propensity to linger in all the wrong places after their own dog has been judged. Native habitats include: the steward's table, at the same time other exhibitors are swimming upstream to pick up armbands: anywhere near the gate entrance, lingering as exhibitors try to make their way into the ring; and the major thoroughfare between the grooming area and the rings, loitering with friends.

The"Oops, my mistake" exhibitor. Because of the excitement of just having won, this exhibitor leaves the ring in a fog and picks up anything resembling the brush/towel/spray bottle/comb they brought with them moments before. The trouble is they pick up someone else's stuff. Aside from the utter inconvenience suffered by the person whose possessions were taken, some people attach sentimental or superstitious value to their personal grooming tools and feel great loss when, for example, the 24-year-old pin brush they won at their first show with their very favorite dog of all time, *the one marked with their name*, turns up missing.

The "I'm so hungry I could die" exhibitor. After judging, this person conscientiously removes himself from the ring area, treats himself to a little snack and returns to the rings to eat as he watches judging. He doesn't notice the distraction he causes as he fumbles with the greasy wrapper on his cheeseburger, not does he notice when a bit of burger falls into the path of dogs gaiting for the judge. He's truly sorry when the can of soda, which he puts under his chair between sips, tips over and the contents spread into an ever-growing puddle. He does not properly discard his food wrappers, leaving them perched on the top of a trash can, ready for the taking by any tall breed of dog with a digestive problem.

The 'I'm whispering, can't you tell" exhibitor. This exhibitor does a lot of things right. She clears the area, doesn't eat near the ring and carefully retrieves possessions she knows to be her own. Her "M.O,," however, is to sit ringside with a friend and provide running commentary on ring proceedings. While her remarks could be complimentary or negative, two things are certain; one, the art of whispering has escaped this person; and two, the nature of her remarks descend into downright nastiness. Following this logic, virtually every person sitting at Ring 3 will be aware of the dog crabbing in Ring 15. This would include the dog's name and breeder.

The "Love me, love my child" exhibitor. This is the exhibitor who, for whatever reason, sits or stands ringside with the children from hell – the same children who were tied to a chair back in the grooming area while Mommy showed, but are free when *you* show. These trusty little souls lean perilously backward against ring fences, pulling down 700 feet of ring in a domino fashion.

If you think you have committed even one of these aforementioned errors, here is some advice for you: Mend your ways or show African violets!

Reprinted from the December 2000 Pulik breed column of the AKC Gazette.



Information and Stuff





From Barbara Lyons:

How Many Dogs does it take to Change a Light Blub

. Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is oung, we/ve got our whole lives ahead of us, and ou're inside worrying about a stupid burned out ulb?

2. Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any viring that's not up to code.

. Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid amp!

. Rottweiler: Make Me!

. Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my queaky toys in the dark.

Lab: Oh, me, me!!! Pleeeeeeeeeeeze let me hange the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? uh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!

German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've d these people from the dark, check to make sure I ven't missed any, and make just one more rimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take vantage of the situation.

Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm uncing off the walls and furniture.

Old English Sheep Dog: Light blub? I'm sorry but on't see a light blub?

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee the carpet in the dark.

Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bell.

Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

Australian Shepherd" First, I'll put all the

(cont.)

the light bulbs in a little circle.

15. Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

The Cat's Answer:

"Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?





What is a Cat?

1. Cats do what they want.
2. They rarely listen to you.
3. They're totally unpredictable.
4. When you want to play, they want to be alone.
5. When you want to be alone, they want to play.
6. They expect you to cater to their every whim.
7. They're moody.
8. They leave hair everywhere

CONCLUSION: They are tiny women in little fur coats.

What is a Dog?

1. Dogs spend all day sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.
2. They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.
3. They can look dumb and lovable all at the same time.
4. They growl when they are not happy.
5. When you want to play, they want to play.
6. When you want to be alone, they want to play.
7. They leave their toys everywhere.
8. They do disgusting things with their mouths and then try to give you a kiss.
9. They go right for your crotch as soon as they meet you.

CONCLUSION:

They're tiny men in little fur coats.

BRAGS





From the home of Barbara Lyons:
Crosby, "Ch Quicksilver's Rhythm & Blues", won back to back "Best in Specialty" at the 2 Puget Sound Dal Specialty on Friday, August 21st and Saturday , August 23rd.
Congrats to Crosby!

The only other Brag sent to me this month:
(and these are put in, in the order they arrived in my email box.)

From Nancy Dandrea:
Starcoach Diva Annie "Annie"
WB Mt. Palomar KC #2
Owners: Kathy Martin / Nancy Dandrea.

Starcoach Hot Rod Campaigner "Hot Rod"
WD/BOW Mt. Palomar KC #1
WD/BOW/BOB
Mt. Palomar KC#2
First Points from 9-12 puppy class.
Owners: Nancy Dandrea/Norm Collins/Linda Buyer DVM



(From Randy T.)
Will Rogers once said:
Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
Never miss a good chance to shut up.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading.
The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

(Apologies to Sharon & Randy for dropping the end o the story)

TALKING TEXAS DOG

One day out in the Texas panhandle, a guy sees a sig in front of a house:
"Talking Dog for Sale."
He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is i the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black Lab just sitting there.
"You talk?" he asks.
"Yeap." the Lab replies.
"So, what's your story?"
The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered this gift pretty young and wanted to help the governmer so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running."
"The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals. had a wife, a a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."
The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.
"Ten dollars."
The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth you selling him so cheap?"
"He's a liar. he didn't do any of that shit."

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HOLIDAY PARTY
CLUB JACKETS

IT IS THAT WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR

THE HOLIDAY PARTY WITH "CUT-THROAT" GIFT EXCHANGE....FOR PLACE AND TIME, LOOK INSIDE.....IT IS **THE EVENT** OF THE YEAR. MARK YOUR CALENDAR, CHOOSE YOUR GIFT, GET READY FOR THE BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR!

CLUB JACKETS HAVE BEEN ORDERED....FOR INFORMATION...LOOK INSIDE!

YEARLY DUES FOR DCSDC ARE DUE.... WHERE SHOULD YOU SEND THE DUES?... LOOK INSIDE!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Many of our members attended Southern California and Las Vegas Dalmatian shows. Congratulations to all who were winners, and to those who did not there is always another show.

The club members should be looking forward to the holiday season and our famous Holiday Party extraordinaire. Once again Chuck Davis has offered his wonderful home for this event. Let's all support the efforts by Chuck and his wife Elaine by responding quickly to the invite. Details for the party will appear in the newsletter which will go out soon.

While Board meetings are open to any member, please check with me before planning to attend. Sometimes, in the event of out of town shows, we poll the board to see if there will be enough in attendance for a quorum.

When a member of the nominating committee contacts you, please consider serving the club in the way. We have two people finishing their terms and need two to fill the vacancies. The officers are elected by the board at their first meeting, so if you don't want to be an officer, you can still be a board member.

Happy Holidays to everyone and keep safe.
Sharon Thomsen, President DCSDC

EDITORS MESSAGE:

The end of another year is fast approaching....Reba picked up a 4 point Major! Since I am editor....I get to throw that in when I like. You may even find it on the Brag page too. OK....back to business.

Please be aware that we have some business to take care of at our upcoming Annual Holiday party. Two Board member terms are at an end. The Board chose Randy Thomsen and Debbie Goddard to fill needed positions of Nominating Committee. Randy Thomsen and Debbie Goddard recommended that Chuck Davis be added to the Board to fill the position that Teresa Bailey held for two terms. The committee also recommended that Mary Bennett be elected to fill a second term. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our club Holiday Party. There will be a short General Meeting and the election of two Board members will be held after nominations from the floor.

TIME FOR ALL MEMBERS TO SEND IN THEIR DUES FOR 2005. On another newsletter page you will find the mailing address to send your dues into the Treasurer's hands. Please be prompt. Let's all stay active in 2005. This is a great club with fantastic members like you, we can only get better.

Nancy has ordered the Club jackets. All you that ordered.....the information for payment will also be in the upcoming pages of this newsletter. Please take a moment to send payment to Nancy NOW. Her credit card has already been charged.

HAVE A FANTASTIC THANKSGIVING.....STAY SAFE.....LOVE YOUR FAMILY (that includes all your furry ones too).







Board Minutes of 11/03/04





SUMMARY:

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Sharon Thomsen @ 7:50 PM.

All Board members present. Guests were Randy Thomsen, Boyd Goddard, Chuck Davis and James Ryan.

Pres. Report: Congratulations to all the winners at the previous weeks Dog Show.

The holiday party will be held once more at Chuck and Elaine Davis's house.

We need two Board Members for 2005. Teresa Bailey's second term is at an end and Mary Bennett's first term will also end.

Corresponding Sec. Report: Our 2005 Specialty was advertised in S. Cal's Catalog.

Treasurer: Our treasury is healthy.

Dot to Dot: 47 copies were printed last month...42 were mailed out.

2005 Specialty Chair Report: All contracts are signed and in place for the upcoming Specialty. We will not have a Parade of Champions.

Chuck Davis has the 2005 Trophies. Chuck also brought the Catalog covers for 2005 catalog.

We will be having our luncheon at the Thomsen's Motorhome. A $5.00 donation will be collected.

Unfinished Business: We now have a Vet for the next Road Trial. The club needs to pick a date after the rains.

We are still discussing venues for future Specialty's

New Business: The nominating committee recommended that Chuck Davis and Mary Bennett be elected to serve on the 2005 Board. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the Holiday Party.

Debbi Jones sent in 2 recommendations for future Judges. Chuck Davis also made a suggestion for a future Judge. Recommendations from the membership are still requested.

Next Board meeting will be January 12, 2005 because the 1st Wed. is New Years.

Chuck Davis will send our postcard invitations for our Specialty.

The club logo was chosen for the new club jackets. Nancy will place the order for all who expressed interest in owning a club jacket.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.



Judge's Nominated:

SWEEPS:

Tom Wrath

Linda O'Conner

Evelyn Cabralle

CONFORMATION:

John Cramer

Mrs. Arleve Benko

Mr. Rick Miller

Mr. Arley Huisin

Mrs. Gloria Mitcham-Geringer

Mrs. Joanne Nash

Mr. Leonard S. Reppord

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Mr. Roy Pardo

Mrs. Patti Widick Neale

Mr. Chrisopher Neale

Mr. Lou Baileay

Mrs. Molly Martin

Hummmmmmmmmmmm.....

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult?

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket then giving your Dal only two of them!

It may be called puppy love, but it's real to the puppy!

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a Dal licking your face!!!!!!

Dues are due for 2005



Where did 2004 go? I don't know about you.....but this sure was the fastest year in history!

The Dues are now due.....Please send your check in the amount of **$15.00 per member**

to

Kathy Martin, Treasurer

PO Box 20492

El Cajon, CA

92021



You may make the check payable to DCSDC.

Please send your dues in prior to January 1, 2005

You may also bring a check to the Anual Holiday Party and deliver it in person....It's time!



Club Jacket



For all you Club members who ordered a Club Logo Jacket

Nancy has placed the order and paid with her own money.

Please take a moment **RIGHT NOW**

TO SEND A CHECK FOR $53.50

PAYABLE TO

NANCY DANDREA

3741 SARASONA WAY

BONITA, CA 91902

Nov. 27, 200

PLEASE SEND A CHECK TO NANCY BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, NANCY'S EMAIL IS ON THE FRONT OF THE NEWSLETTER.



Holiday Party



SUNDAY BRUNCH
AND
"CUT-THROAT" GIFT EXCHANGE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2004
11:00 AM
AT THE HOME OF
ELAINE AND CHUCK DAVIS.
2106 Elevado Road
Vista

760/726-7472



DIRECTIONS
(MAP ON NEXT PAGE)

From Interstate 5 take Highway 78 East. From Highway 15 take Highway 78 W. Exit at Escondido Ave. Go over Highway 78. At the 7th traffic light, about 1.6 miles turn right on East Vista Way. Go about 2.4 miles on East Vista Way past the Chevron Station to Warmlands, which is a right turn at the defunct gas station. Follow the yellow centerline straight, .5 miles up the hill. Warmlands will become Vista Grande as you go up the hill. Follow Vista Grande as it swings to the right. Go about .5 miles from Vista Grande swings to the right to Elevado, turn left. Go about .7 miles up Elevado to where Elevado makes a left turn at Via Del Prado. On your left will be two gate pillars with 2106 on one and 2116 on the other. 2106 (Davis) is the 2nd house down the driveway.

Chuck and Elaine have once again graciously invited the Club Members and their guests to their beautiful home to celebrate the upcoming holidays. Elaine always out-does herself with a wonderful presentation of holiday spirit. Once again this year, we will help Elaine by bringing side dishes and desserts for the festivities.

PLEASE RSVP with Elaine as soon as possible . 760/726-7472 to find out what sidedishes she might need or to verify what you would like to bring. Remember this is a Brunch. Lots of tasty recipes for this celebration.

Map is on the next page.

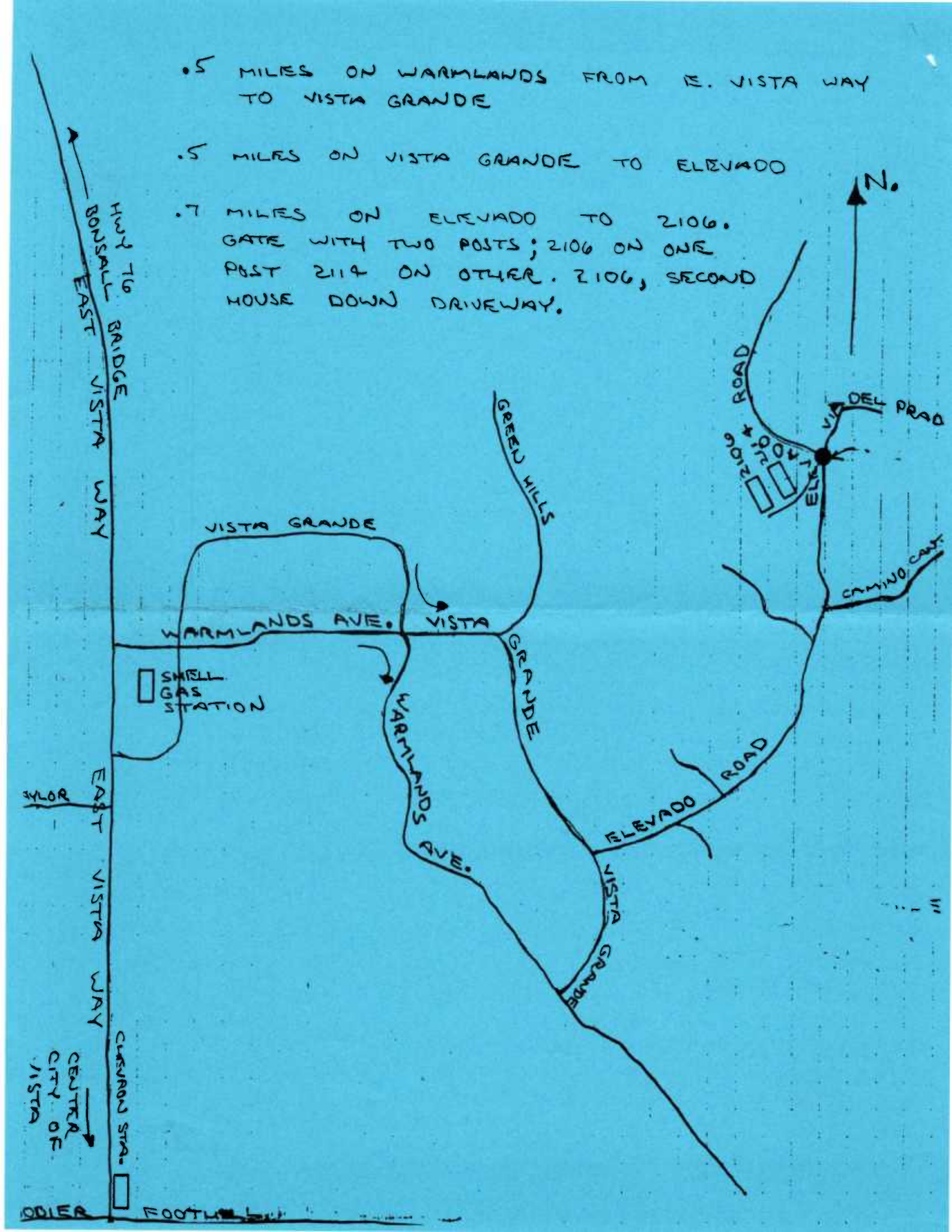
Our club now has a tradition of "cut-throat" gift exchange. Please bring a gift (valued at $10.00) for each person in your party. Wrap it appropriately, and get ready for the fun!.

If you have never participated in a gift exchange like this, you are in for the time of your life...guaranteed!!



There will be a very short General Meeting to elect Board Members and a very fast Board get together to decide Officers for 2005 and where the Board will meet each month.

I look forward to seeing all of you there!


.5 MILES ON WARMLANDS FROM E. VISTA WAY TO VISTA GRANDE
.5 MILES ON VISTA GRANDE TO ELEVADO
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BONSALL BRIDGE
EAST VISTA WAY
VISTA GRANDE
GREEN HILLS
WARMLANDS AVE.
VISTA
SHELL GAS STATION
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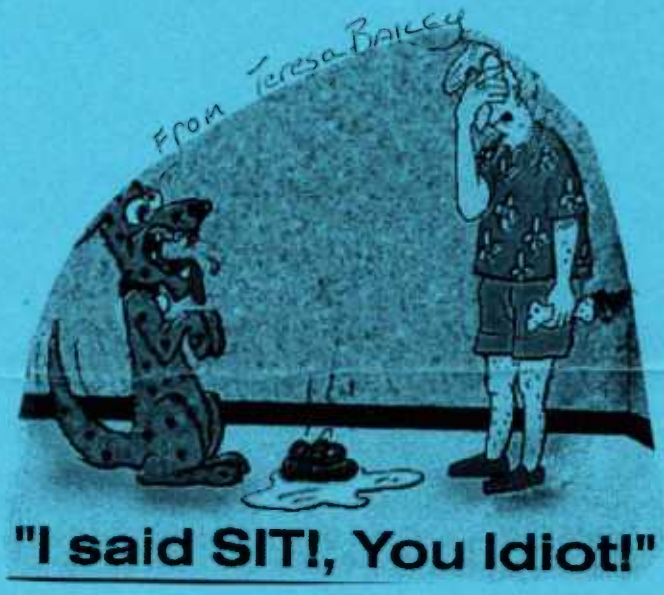


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FROM DEBBIE JONES:
DG'S Orion the Hunter (Hunter)
Riverside Kennel Club (Day 1 & 2)
Winners Dog
Breeder/Owner : Deborah Jones

From Mary Bennett & Randy&Sharon Thomsen:
Daisydot Rashar's Rumor Has It (Reba)
Las Vegas Shows...2 pts from Bred By Exhibitor 1st day.
1st in Bred by the 2nd day.

Dalmatian Club of Southern California
1st Place Bred By Exhibitor
San Gabriel KC
4 pt Major on Saturday from Bred By Exhibitor
2nd in Bred By on Sunday.
"REBA" now has 15 points, but is lacking a major to finish her championship.....THANK YOU RANDY AND SHARON!



FROM Nancy Dandrea and Kathy Martin
Starcoach Diva Annie "Annie"
WB/BOW Black Mtn. KC of Nevada #2 (Las Vegas Specialty weekend)

Starcoach Hot Rod Campaigner "Hot Rod"
RWD Black Mtn. KC of Nevada #1 & #2 (to 4 & 3 pt majors)

FANTASTIC WEEKENDS!!! CONGRATS TO ALL





Holiday Greetings

From Teresa Bailey:
12 days of Puppy

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.



On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.



On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Six yards of soggy ribbon,
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Seven craps of wrapping paper,
Six yards of soggy ribbon,
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.



On the eight day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,
Six yards of soggy ribbon,
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
My wreath in nine pieces,
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,
Six Yards of soggy ribbon.
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed,
My wreath in nine pieces,
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,
Six Yards of soggy ribbon.
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me,
Eleven unwrapped presents,
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed,
My wreath in nine pieces,
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,
Six Yards of soggy ribbon.
Five chewed-up-stockings,
Four broken window candles,
Three punctured ornaments,
Two leaking bubble lights,
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:
A dozen puppy kisses....
And I forgot all about the other eleven days!!!!!

Thank you Teri .

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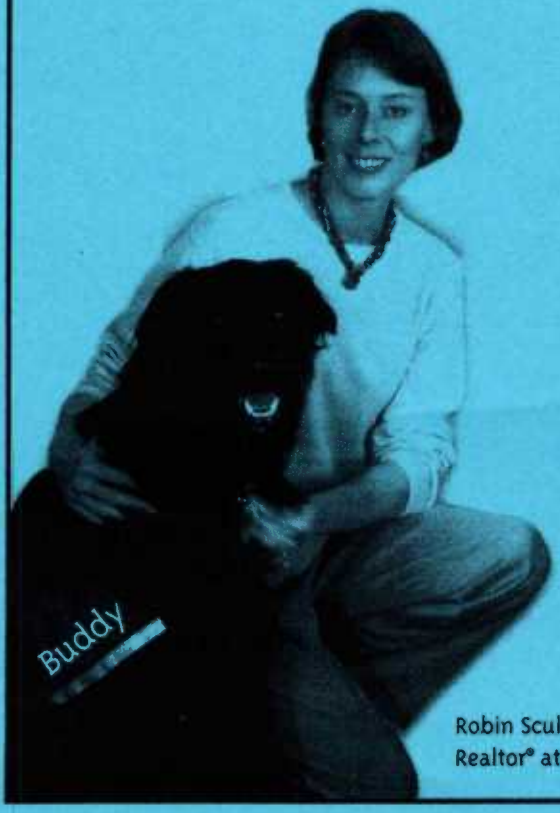
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