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WE DID IT! WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF $250. FOR D.C.A.F. OUR CLUB WILL NOW BE LISTED AS A FOUNDING PARTNER. THIS MONEY WAS RAISED SOLELY THROUGH DONATIONS OF CLUB MEMBERS. GREAT JOB!!

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DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK FOR $15. MADE OUT TO DCSDC, INC. TO NANCY DANDREA, 3741 SARASONA WAY, BONITA, CA. 92002.

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VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

GENERAL MEETING:

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
WHERE: SILVER BAY KC
TIME: FOLLOWING DAL JUDGING

PLEASE CALL A BOARD MEMBER THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE SHOW TO FIND OUT THE EXACT TIME OF DAL JUDGING.

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES PUT FORTH BY THE DCA. IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES OR COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE WAGNER BY FEBRUARY 15TH. CHANGES AND/OR COMMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING. IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES OR COMMENTS, WE WILL VOTE ON ADOPTING THESE ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR DCSDC.

A CHAIRPERSON IS NEEDED FOR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE FUND RAISER COMMITTEE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAIRING ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES, PLEASE LET US KNOW AT THE MEETING.

BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE CALL A BOARD MEMBER FOR TIME AND PLACE.

WELCOME PARTY

THE WELCOME PARTY, HELD ON 1/11/97, WAS REALLY A SUCCESS. JAN HILL HAD RECEIVED MANY CALLS REGARDING OUR CLUB & DALS. SHE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING A "GATHERING" AFTER THE HOLIDAYS FOR THOSE TRUELY INTERESTED.

WE HAD ABOUT THIRTY PEOPLE AND THEIR DOGS SHOW UP. PRESIDENT, MIKE WAGNER, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF DCSDC AND THEN OPENED THE FLOOR TO QUESTIONS FROM OUR GUESTS.

PETSMART WAS VERY HAPPY WITH OUR PRESENTATION AND WANTS US TO COME BACK IN THE FALL.

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BARNES & NOBLE

KARI CARGEL & MICHELE SMITH DID A PRESENTATION AT BARNES & NOBLE ON JANUARY 18TH. THERE WERE BETWEEN 100-125 ATTENDEES.

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1997 MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 22ND---SIVER BAY KC
MARCH 22ND------ SITE TBA
APRIL 12TH------ SITE TBA
MAY 16TH--------- DCSDC MATCH

THE REMAINING MEETINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE MARCH NEWSLETER.

IF ANYONE HAS AN IDEA FOR A PROGRAM, PLEASE GIVE A BOARD MEMBER A CALL.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY AS THE NATIONAL IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY THIS YEAR.

A SUMMER PARTY IS BEING DISCUSSED FOR SOMETIME IN AUGUST. ANYBODY HAVE A POOL?

THANKS GO TO...

THANKS GO OUT TO OUR TWO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS, PRESIDENT JAN HILL & SECRETARY SHARON THOMSEN FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK DURING THEIR TERMS; ESPECIALLY, IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER DURING THE MEDIA BLITZ.

THANKS ALSO TO CHUCK & ELAINE DAVIS FOR HOSTING A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY PARTY. HOPE WE DIDN'T LEAVE YOUR HOUSE IN TOO MUCH OF A MESS!!

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO GAVE UP THEIR TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE CLUB SPONORED EVENTS REGARDING 101 DALMATIANS. ALL HELP WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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BUSINESS CARDS

IF YOU WANT YOUR BUSINESS CARD INCLUDED IN DOT to DOT FOR 1997, PLEASE SEND ME YOUR CARD AND A CHECK FOR $10. (MADE OUT TO DCSDC). AS I'VE ONLY HEARD FROM FOUR PEOPLE, I'M LEAVING LAST YEAR'S PAGE IN THIS ISSUE....JUST IN CASE YOU FORGOT. PLEASE GET ME YOUR INFORMATION BY THE FEBRUARY MEETING. CARDS NEED NOT BE DOG RELATED.

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GENERAL MEETING
December 28, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 4:50PM at the festive home of Chuck & Elaine Davis by President, Jan Hill.

Minutes of the previous general meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report - Nancy Dandrea

11/21/96 Balance on hand	$ 432.14
November Disbursements	$ 404.42
November Income	$ 228.00
December Disbursements	$ 373.12
December Income	$ 369.00
12/28/96 Balance on hand	$ 251.60

A reminder from the Treasurer that dues for 1997 are due. The $250.00 check for the DCAF was sent in. $220.00 was collected from membership. Tom Harris will contribute the balance of $30.00. Thank you Tom! T-Shirts and Sweatshirts total cost to the club was $910.00 (50 T-shirts 30 Sweatshirts). The Treasurer will reimburse Debbie Goddard for the outlay of funds for this project. Thank you Debbie for the "free loan" of the money to finance our shirts! DCA Lottery tickets have not yet arrived. Cindy mentioned that we don't have much time to process them. Jan will follow up to see where they are. (½/97 update: Jan has the tickets, we have until February to process them.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Randy Thomsen asked how the voice mail was going at this time, since it was so very busy in late November and early December. Jan indicated it has slowed down considerably and easier to handle. Sending out information on Dals and out placement sheets for assisting in placement of unwanted Dals. Jan has sent out several out placement forms, but only received two back and has placed one dog.

Jan indicated that the PetSmart Stores are very interested in any type of presentation or booth of information we would like to set up in any of their stores. Just contact herself or Kari Cargel to find out how to go about it.

Barnes and Nobel in Mission Valley was the Club to attend a "Story Time" 1/18/97. Jan and Kari are coordinating. Please contact if you are interested is assisting.

Report of parades that some of the members participated in: Escondido, Fallbrook, Encinitas and Rancho Santa Fe.

Jan reminded everyone that we are supporting the entries at Silver Bay in February and we should get the word out. Sharon Thomsen will do a mailer to Dal Clubs in California, Arizona and Nevada. Jan reported she was asked to attend the Silver Bay Christmas Dinner to meet the members of that club and to speak to the group about Dalmatians.

NEW BUSINESS -

Cindy Lyford reported on the American Dog Association "air watch" program. Checking on the welfare of pets being transported by airlines. She also indicated there is a list being compiled of veterinarians across the country that would be willing to take care of show dogs in case the owners/transporters are involved in accidents and are unable to make the necessary arrangements for their pets during a crisis. If you think your vet might participate, please let Cindy know. She also showed a picture of a jacket that the club might want to consider putting it's logo on. Washable windbreaker type, very versatile. Will attempt to get a sample jacket to bring to the next meeting. Possible cost would be about $40 each with embroidered logo.

Sharon Thomsen brought up the idea of the club supporting AniMeals 756-4117. They are an organization similar to Meals on Wheels to assist those who have pets, but are unable to provide proper food for them. Many of our members currently donate to this organization and it might be a good will gesture for the club to make some sort of commitment. Sharon will follow up and get some details on how we might assist. Sharon also suggested a fund raising project and will follow up on it and bring a sample of the product to the next meeting, if possible.

Randy Thomsen asked if the Club would like to be responsible for the selling of bottled water at the May shows as a fund raiser. They club is very interested and Randy will find out the particulars of doing this project. Suggestion that the funds earned be used to support out placement (mailings, etc.)

Carrie Jordan indicated that the Dalmatian Club of Southern California will be having their speciality show in conjunction with Long Beach Kennel Club in June, beginning 1998.

Brags were received.

Voting for two open board positions took place. Majority votes were for:

Cindy Lyford
Debbie Jones

The new board met to appoint new officers for the coming year. A decision was made to not make this decision until ALL the board members could get together 1/7/97.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm, followed by a festive holiday dinner and gift exchange.



Dalmatian Club of America

Ethical Guidelines

Unanimously approved by the D.C.A. Board of Governors 5/1/94.
Approved by the D.C.A. Membership 7/11/94

I. Introduction and Purpose

These guidelines are presented with the full realization that ethics cannot be legislated, and that most individuals desire and intend to do what is right. The purpose of these guidelines, therefore, is to set forth principles of practice that the Dalmatian Club of America would have all its members and those associated with Dalmatians adhere to as they strive to accomplish the club's goals and purposes so clearly stated in the Bylaws. These guidelines present the minimum in ethical practices; how best to conform to these practices is better left to the educational efforts of individuals and regional clubs.

II. Practices

1. To ensure that all dogs in my care are provided adequate food, shelter, human companionship, and medical care.

2. To become educated in the fundamentals of owning, breeding, and exhibiting dogs.

3. To understand the basic laws of genetics, the standard of the breed, and the difference between the correct and the incorrect before attempting to breed.

4. To register all breeding stock with the American Kennel Club, and to keep complete, true and accurate records of all matings, litters, and pedigrees.

5. To follow good business practices and ethics in sales and breeding contracts and to honor all agreements. Written agreements are encouraged.

6. To refrain from breeding unless there is strong assurance that a sufficient number of homes are available for the resulting puppies and to be willing to accept the return of unwanted dogs produced by my brood bitch or sired by my stud dog.

7. To ensure that no female will be bred before reaching 18 months of age nor before her second season and that no female will be bred after she has reached 8 years of age. To ensure that no male will be bred before he has reached one year of age.

8. To be extremely discriminating when considering the acceptance of bitches for breeding to my stud dog, especially those whose owners have not pledged to adhere to these guidelines.

9. To ensure that the hearing status of all puppies and breeding candidates is known and taken into consideration in all breeding decisions. To ensure that all bilateraly deaf puppies produced by my brood bitch or sired by my stud dog are humanely euthanized as soon as the condition is detected and confirmed.

10. To transfer puppies only after they have reached at least seven weeks of age, to provide at least a three generation pedigree, and to ensure that the buyer has the physical facilities to properly care for a Dalmatian.

11. To appropriately use A.K.C. limited registration for puppies that are not of breeding quality. To avoid sales agreements which include "puppy back" clauses that may encourage unnecessary breeding.

12. To ensure that puppies and adults produced by my brood bitch or stud dog are never knowingly sold or consigned to pet stores, wholesalers, or commercial dealers. To not knowingly supply dogs for raffles, auctions, giveaways, prizes, or other such projects.

13. To recognize that careful follow-up of all genetic defects is the responsibility of the owners of both the sire and dam of every litter.

14. To ensure that all advertising is factual and not misleading. To never engage in malicious criticism and to separate fact from fiction before repeating comments heard from others.

15. To adhere to rules of the A.K.C. while exhibiting; to practice the principles of good sportsmanship; and to consider competitors as a challenge, not a threat.

16. To ensure that while engaged in the art and science of judging, that I will be influenced only by the quality of the animals to be judged.

17. To always ensure that my actions are directed toward the best interests of the Dalmatian breed, the Dalmatian Club of America and the American Kennel Club.

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Skin and Coat Disorders in Dalmatians

by

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Study Group on Skin & Allergic Disorders
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By popular demand, the initial topic for consideration by the DCA Study Group on Skin & Allergic Disorders is that all-too-common and frustrating syndrome referred to by fanciers as ***"Dal crud."*** I will discuss this topic specifically as it relates to dogs being actively campaigned in conformation or obedience.

A typical scenario may be the following: the light of your life has a flawless coat while running in the backyard at home and swimming in scummy ponds. He may even tolerate a flea or two. He is groomed and shampooed on Thursday for the weekend shows. By Saturday, bumps start appearing, usually on the top of the dog's head and/or along his back. Left unchecked, the bumps spread and often become very itchy (pruritic). A significant proportion of these lesions, interestingly, may not itch but still progress as follows. Each bump is actually an inflamed hair follicle that oozes a bit of serum, which may be noticed only as it dries in the form of scabs. Within a few days, hair loss occurs at the site of each bump. Eventually the coat looks moth-eaten. Additionally, white hairs take on a pinkish-bronze cast at the sites of the original bumps, and now your hopes and vision of the judge nodding in your direction begin to fade. At this stage itching is variable.

What is the cause (etiology) of this skin disorder? How do we treat it? More importantly, how can we prevent it? Is this what is referred to as the ***"Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome"***? Does the ***"Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome"*** really exist as a diagnostic entity? The answers to most of these questions are relatively straightforward. Let us address these issues in sequence leaving the question of cause for last.

- The bumps are actually hive-like reactions that occur at individual hair follicles;
- When inflammation of the follicles (folliculitis) occurs, we see secondary infection (superficial pyoderma) by ***Staphylococcus intermedius***, which is one of the normal bacterial flora found on all dogs' skin;
- By-products of bacterial life cycles can cause intense itching in the skin, aggravating

the initial itchiness;

- Hair loss (alopecia) is a result of folliculitis stopping the growth of hair;
- Remaining hairs are stained by pigments called porphyrins in the serum which ooze out during the inflammatory process.

The final and lasting result of all this is the "bronzed" appearance of the coat. The discolored hairs are permanently stained and little can be done to whiten a coat so affected. Of course this bronzing occurs just as frequently in colored coats, but is not as apparent.

The central issue of this syndrome, however, remains to be addressed: Why do the hive-like reactions occur in the first place? The answers are many:

1) Allergy. A large majority of Dalmatians exhibiting these signs are allergic. Many scientific surveys statistically list our beloved breed as one of the most commonly represented allergic purebreds, based on repeatedly positive skin tests to assorted substances known to cause allergic reactions (allergens). These allergens may be ***inhaled*** as in the case of airborne pollens, molds, etc.; ***ingested*** as with food allergens; ***injected*** as with flea saliva; or merely ***contacted*** as with local irritants coming in contact with the skin.

2) Stress. Add to allergy the physiological stress associated with travel, excitement, change in routine and diet (all that baiting!). Biologically, stress is associated with an increase in production of steroid hormones called glucocorticoids. Normally, glucocorticoids allow dogs to meet the special needs of stressful situations, but they may also have the unfortunate effect of decreasing the "barrier function" of normal canine skin. When inflammation already exists, the glucocorticoid response may permit bacteria, normally kept in check on the skin, to flourish.

3) Humidity and Heat. Veterinary dermatologists consider changes in humidity and temperature also to be significant factors in the onset of these hive-like reactions. These changes may be associated with the ambient or skin environment, such as:

- climatic differences between home and the show site;
- drying of the skin;
- occlusion of pores in the skin by special grooming products.

It has been suggested that the non-itching form of this syndrome is more directly related to these environmental conditions than it is to allergies.

PREVENTION

Veterinary dermatologists are convinced that flea and inhalant allergies in dogs are hereditary. Certainly the best preventative medicine is to eliminate affected dogs from the breeding population. Some conscientious breeders have had great success in establishing lines with consistently good coats by simply avoiding the breeding of visibly affected dogs who exhibit chronically troublesome coats.

There is less agreement, on the other hand, about the hereditary nature of food allergies in dogs. As guardians of the Dalmatian breed, we must plan our breedings for general good health as carefully as we plan for that dynamite puppy that will knock 'em dead at the next DCA!

For those of us who have not quite accomplished coat-nirvana in our breeding programs, a little forethought and care may allow us to avert an impending coat disaster. A quick review of the situation allows us to enumerate potential problems and then formulate solutions:

1. We have a more or less allergic dog;
2. We groom this dog with whitening shampoos that strip natural protective oils from skin and coat;
3. We travel, exposing him to unfamiliar allergens and possibly fleas;
4. Change in daily routine produces physiological stress and subsequently a somewhat suppressed immune response;
5. Using bait alters the normal diet and may negatively affect those dogs who have a component of food allergy as part of this syndrome.

The following preventative measures have generally proven effective and safe with no long-term contraindications or negative side effects.

For the last few years veterinary dermatologists have been prescribing fatty acid supplementation (Derm Caps, EFA Caps, OM Caps, etc.) for those dogs shown to be allergic. Fatty acids act as immunomodulators, anti-inflammatory agents, and are especially important in helping the body maintain the integrity of skin as a barrier to infectious agents. Other beneficial side effects include optimum hair growth and luster. Although debate continues as to the ideal ratios of specific fatty acids, most dermatologists agree these supplements should contain a combination of vegetable and fish oils. Recent data suggests these supplements should be administered at two to three times the manufacturer's recommended dose. (Note that some dogs will develop diarrhea if given doses higher than the recommended one.) Another important note: the effects of fatty acid supplementation will not become apparent for four to eight weeks and so should be part of long-term nutritional support. I recommend supplementation for the dog's entire show career, and in some cases, for its entire life. Fatty acids may not entirely prevent episodes of "the crud", but they allow the skin to function optimally under adverse circumstances.

Fatty acids have recently been shown in allergic dogs to act synergistically with antihistamines by helping to block the initial reaction to offending allergens. In several studies, dogs receiving both fatty acid supplements and antihistamines responded better with fewer, less severe bouts of itching and secondary skin infection than did those receiving either compound alone. Additionally, all dogs continuously receiving antihistamines responded better than those treated only when scratching was observed.

For breeders, this translates to a prevention protocol advocated by Carroll H. Weiss (Dalmatian fancier and Professor of Dermatology, U. of Miami School of Medicine), myself, other practitioners and veterinary dermatologists. Several days prior to an anticipated allergic challenge (dog show), begin preventative antihistamine therapy and continue it until you return home. Like Professor Weiss' suggestions, I usually choose to prescribe chlorpheniramine maleate (Chlor-Trimeton), 12 mg., two to three times daily. This is an inexpensive antihistamine available without a prescription that tends to produce less drowsiness than many other antihistamines. (For those dogs experiencing dullness after they receive their antihistamine, wait until after showing to dose them. Duration of activity is short, so this effect should be inapparent by the next morning.)

Individual response to specific antihistamines is variable so do not despair if your initial choice is ineffective. Other potentially effective choices include diphenhydramine (Benadryl), clemastine (Tavist), and hydroxyzine (Atarax).

The rest of the prevention protocol involves common sense management:

- Keep the Dalmatians free of fleas;
- Use hypoallergenic shampoos, alternating with antibacterial shampoos if necessary. Do not bathe them too frequently;
- Avoid baits known to induce allergic reactions. These foodstuffs will vary from dog to dog and may require extensive trial and error to identify. When possible use a single source protein bait such as all-turkey hot-dogs as opposed to Rollover.

Remember that no studies have been published which have examined large groups of allergic Dalmatians. Anecdotal evidence gathered from dermatologists in academic and referral centers is compatible with published statistics of allergic dogs: approximately 10% have food allergies and 90% have inhalant allergies.

TREATMENT

If your dog begins to "bump up" despite your best efforts or in lieu of preventative measures, then aggressive treatment is necessary to save some coat for the next couple of show circuits. Topical treatment with benzoyl peroxide (Oxydex, Pyoben) or chlorhexidine shampoos (Chlorhexiderm, Nolvasan) act to cleanse the skin, removing superficial bacteria. Under these circumstances, it may be necessary to bathe weekly, following with a hypoallergenic oatmeal creme rinse to prevent excessive drying of the skin and compromise of the skin barrier.

Systemic antibiotics are always indicated in cases of folliculitis. Unfortunately, skin needs to be treated for three to four weeks even in uncomplicated cases. If response is not noted within seven to ten days of antibiotic therapy, reevaluation of the antibiotic being used is warranted. Antibiotics chosen as first line therapeutic agents should be those known to be effective against ***Staphylococcus intermedius***. Both prescriptions by veterinarians, and

response by bacteria to antibiotics, vary regionally but appropriate choices include: oxacillin, cephalexin, ormetaprim-sulfas and, in some instances, amoxicillin with clavulanic acid. It is vitally important that appropriate treatment regimens are followed conscientiously.

For recurrent pyodermas that cannot be controlled by preventative measures outlined above, your veterinarian should recommend further workup to definitively rule in or out any allergies, endocrine disorders, seborrhea, Staphylococcal hypersensitivity or rarely, immunocompromise.

THE "DALMATIAN BRONZING SYNDROME"

I mentioned this "syndrome" earlier when discussing the bronze staining of white hairs by serum pigments called porphyrins. The bronzed Dal typically appears to have a broad stripe of pinkish - bronzed coat along the topline often including the head. Close examination of the hair shafts reveals staining from the skin to extend also to varying levels of the hair shafts. Early reports attempted to link this staining to other Dalmatian health problems including urinary urate crystals, dietary allergies, protein intolerance, demodecosis, and sarcoptic mange, and to call the collection of disorders, the "Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome". Dermatologists are skeptical that this is a syndrome definitely associated with these other maladies or unique to Dalmatians. Most believe instead that it is the natural result of follicular inflammation described previously. Obviously, white coated breeds will exhibit the staining most dramatically.

Despite this skepticism in the veterinary community, a new study is getting underway at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine examining the "red hair syndrome" of many breeds. This is a problem reported more frequently in Europe than the United States, but closely parallels what has been referred to as the "Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome" here. Researchers will be studying the structure of hair shafts by electron microscopy. Anyone interested in participating by supplying hairs for examination should contact me for more information:

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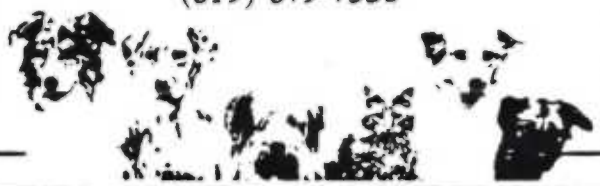
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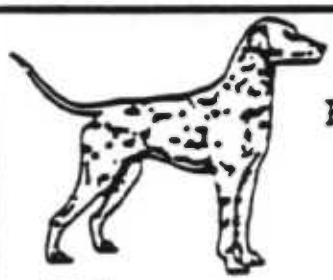
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THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

A BIG THANK YOU TO TOM HARRIS, CINDY LYFORD, MIKE WAGNER, XANDRA PREVATTE AND AL & SANDY WINTER FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE FEBRUARY RAFFLE TABLE.

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PLEASE READ OVER THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES THAT WERE PRINTED IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER. THESE WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING.

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GENERAL MEETING:

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND
WHERE; PETSMART, JACKMAN ST., EL CAJON
TIME; 4PM
PROGRAM; TAPE ON BAER TESTING

DIRECTIONS; 8 EAST TO JOHNSON EXIT--TURN LEFT ON JOHNSON--TURN LEFT ON ARNELLE--TURN RIGHT ON JACKMAN.

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OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 1:30PM. THIS EDUCATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HELEN WOODWARD CENTER. THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM ON THERAPY DOGS FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE CENTER. PLEASE LET DEBBIE GODDARD KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING NO LATER THAN MARCH 29TH AS SHE HAS TO GIVE A HEAD COUNT TO THE CENTER.

GENERAL MEETING-2/22/97

President Mike Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:05pm following Dal judging at the Silver Bay KC show. He thanked out going Board members Jan Hill & Sharon Thomsen for their hard work during their respective terms on the Board. Guests were introduced.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT--NANCY DANDREA
Opening Balance: $251.60
Closing Balance: $428.14

Nancy stated that 21 members have paid their dues.

The decision to reimburse Debbie Goddard for the T-Shirts & Sweatshirts was reversed as it would have left the club with a zero balance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MATCH SHOW--NANCY DANDREA & ANNELLE WILTERDING
Our next Match will be held on Friday, May 16, 1997 at the Polo Grounds in Rancho Santa Fe. Sharon Thomsen volunteered to be Match Secretary.

VOICE MAIL--KARI CARGEL
We received six phone calls in the first three weeks of February. One call was from Fon-Jon Kennels. They wanted to know if we would be interested in participating in a 3-day All Breed Demonstration at the Del Mar Fair. Kari will find out more about this and report back to us at the next meeting.

E-MAIL--DEBBIE GODDARD
Debbie reported that she has been in contact with Tim LaMadrid concerning our web page. We are going to set up a "store" so we can advertise our shirts & mugs. We can also add our fund raising items to the "store".

NEWSLETTER--CINDY LYFORD
Newsletters were sent to all our guests who attended the Welcome Party in January.

RAFFLE--DEBBI JONES
Debbi will be writing letters to area pet strores asking for donation...either merchandise or gift certificates.

WAYS & MEANS--no Chair
Randy Thomsen stated that it has been cleared with Cabrillo/Del Sur that we will have the exclusive right to sell bottled water at their shows in May & November. Dave Wilterding will check with Palomar Water on prices. We will have to provide our own ice. Debbie G. will bring large trash cans. How much to charge per bottle was discussed. Sharon suggested $1.50 for a large bottle and $1 for a small bottle.

We will definitely be doing a cookbook. Cindy is in charge of this. She showed a sample book that can be put together for about $1.50/book and sold for $5 or $6/book. She asked for members to send her recipes as soon as possible. They should be either typed or printed so she can read them easily. She also asked for candid shots of member's dogs.

NEW BUSINESS
Mike asked for volunteers to chair the following committees: Ways & Means, Education, Program & Sunshine.

Mike thanked Debbie G. for manning our Rescue booth this weekend.

We have been asked to do a presentation at the Chula Vista PETSMART on March 15th. Any member wishing to participate, please contact Mike.

After thanking the members for attending, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford



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RECIPES WANTED!

The DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY is planning to publish a cookbook for a fund raiser for 1997.

We're looking for the following categories of recipes: finger foods, casseroles and desserts...something easy to prepare and transport. Remember, if you're getting a couple of dogs ready for a show, you don't want to be spending all your "dog" time preparing food.

I know we have some good cooks out there so don't be modest. Please be sure to type or print your recipe(s) as I will be doing the typing and don't want to have to make a lot of calls for clarification. If you use a friend's recipe, please include his or her name.

The printing and binding will be about $1.50 per book and we're planning on selling them for $5-$6 each. We are also going to try to include candid pictures of our dogs. So, be sure to send me your favorite snapshot.

To be cost effective, we're planning on keeping this book fairly simple. If this one works out (i.e. sells), maybe we can plan something a little more sophisticated for the future.

Please send me your recipes and pictures as soon as possible.

Yours in Dals,

Cindy.

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Synopsis of DCA Board Meeting November 2, 1996, Chicago, Ill.:

1. President Rudder showed the Board several printed materials, etc. being circulated to take advantage of the Disney movie. She reported that Julie Lux had sent more than thirty information packets and materials to Regional Clubs and that many Regional Clubs are working diligently in anticipation of the Disney production's release. The Board was able to thwart Walmart's plans to give away a live Dalmatian puppy. Mr. Lawson was able to convince Walmart to rethink their project.

2. Since the last meeting Secretary Sharon Boyd responded to 641 letters, 61 phone calls, and dispensed 702 DCA information packets or membership applications.

3. Treasurer Ken Berg reported total DCA cash balance as of October 31, 1996 was $57,869.45. The 1996 DCA Specialty showed the largest income for a DCA National-a profit of $20,654.00. The total report will be printed in the SPOTTER.

4. DCA National Rescue Chair. Christina Jackson has been in contact with Disney Land and Disney World re. the movie. DCA will prepare a packet for distribution including information about Dalmatians - pro and con; list the three major rescue referral phone numbers; and explain how to find a knowledgeable breeder. Ms. Jackson has been in constant touch with the ASPCA regarding the activities of the DCA on a national level. President Rudder will prepare a report for the membership on the part played by the Board in response to educating the public about our breed.

5. Historian Cindy Ingalls needs an individual skilled in and interested in archival prljects to assist in the DCA historical inventory.

6. Membership Chair. Georgette McMurray presented twenty applications for membership which were approved.

7. SPOTTER Editor Sheila Wymore stated a first class mail option will be available for those wishing to pay for the service. Ms. Miller will include in the contract for next year's Specialty that the Specialty pictures be finished photos so that printing of the SPOTTER will not be delayed.

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8. Membership Education Chair Susan Brooksbank will present at the 1997 and 1998 Nationals programs re. DNA deafness research and the morphing video of the standard.

9. Research Chair Eva Berg is attempting to resolve issues regarding the open hearing registry and the $1,000 DCA donation for this work.

10. Specialty Steering Chair Mary Miller presented a proposal regarding the split of the profits re. the Specialty catalog, lottery, etc. which was adopted by the Board.

11. 1997 Specialty Chair Sandra Milkie reported the hotel has lost some reservations due to a computer glitch and suggests people reconfirm. The BAER testing/tattoo clinics have been canceled. A blood draw clinic for the OFA Canine Thyroid registry will be held as well as a top twenty competition.

12. Under New Business the Board approved the invitation of any Canadian Dalmatian in the American Top Twenty Dalmatians be invited to exhibit in the Top Twenty competition.

Ms. Wymore presented several items from the Internet relating to rescue and the Disney project. Certain uninformed individuals maintain DCA is not facing these issues. It was the consensus of the Board that nine individuals cannot singularly deal with these issues. This is the reason for nationa committess that are in place to attempt to address each of these issues. These include National Rescue, Regional Clubs and Public Relations. Further, many of these individuals using the internet assume than an inundation of email can reasonably be responded to by all recipients. In reality, many Board members and Committee Chairpersons do not have the time to be on the internet to this extent. Dr. Garvin made the point that the vast majority of "Dalmatian interested people" concerned with public education and membership education are not involved in rescue, etc. on either end. The Board felt that President Rudder's letter to be sent all members will aid in eliminating any doubts members may have regarding the work being done by our Board.

Complete minutes of the above meeting will appear in the SPOTTER.

Marjorie

Marjorie Doane, Chair.
REGIONAL CLUB COUNCIL

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How many dogs?_____ Breeds _____ Obed., Agility, Tracking, Etc.?? _____

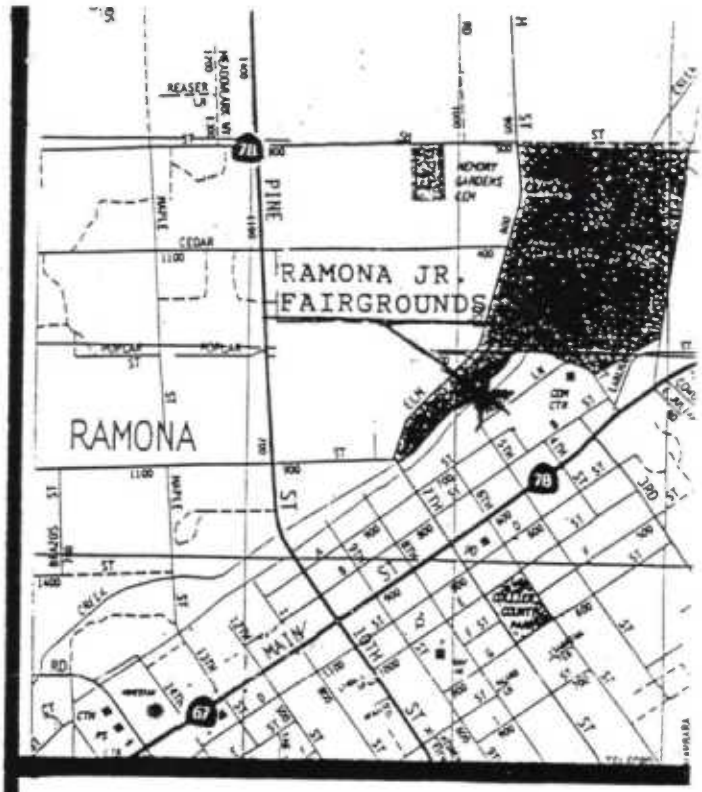
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MAY MATCH SHOW

Our May Sanctioned "B" match is scheduled for Friday, Mat 16th. The match starts at 2pm. Entries will be taken from noon to 1:30pm. Entries are $6 per dog. Our judge is Mr. Joe Walton.

There will also be a luncheon from noon to 1:30pm....$4. per person.

DCSDC will be selling bottled water as a fund raiser at the Cabrillo KC and Del Sur KC shows and on Friday for the Specialties. Please call Dave Weltering (728-0714) to get your time slot for distribution. The more people helping out, the less time each person will have to work.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Our April educational program was held at the Helen Woodward Center in Rancho Santa Fe.

The Center serves the community by offering boarding of all types of pets, animal adoptions, therapeutic riding, pet encounter therapy, education, an equine hospital, and AniMeals, a pet food delivery service.

Our guide, Robyn, showed us a short film on all the activities offered by the center. She went into great detail about their pet encounter therapy program. Not only do they go to hospitals and nursing homes, but also to centers for abused children.

We then went on a very interesting tour of the Center.

DCSDC BOARD MEETING--APRIL 2,1997

The April Board meeting of The Dalmatian Club of San Diego County was held at Cindy Lyford's home on Wednesday, April 2, 1997. Board members present: Mike Wagner, Nancy Dandrea, Debbi Jones & Cindy Lyford.

President Mike Wagner opened the meeting at 7:25pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Mike stated that he wants the Board minutes sent out in a more timely fashion.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY--CINDY LYFORD

A premium list was received for the 1997 DCA National in Detroit.
E-Mail was received from Paula Olcott & Sheila Wymore regarding Regional News in the Spotter. No info was sent in for the Winter issue. The info Cindy sent will be included in the Spring issue.
E-Mail was received from Dr. Geoff Clark regarding a possible seminar...to be discussed under Unfinished Business.

TREASURER--NANCY DANDREA

The State Corporation Filing Fee has been paid. Our next major expense is club insurance. An accounting of all monies for 1996 & 1997 (to date) was handed out. A check for $266. was received from Debbie G. as profits from the club shirts. $20. was sent to DCSC for a half page ad for their specialty catalogue & $12. for a first place trophy donation.
The closing balance: $693.50.
Nancy stated that there was a problem collecting dues this year. Handling this situation of slow payers was discussed: earlier notice through the newsletter, enclosing a bill in the newsletter, do a separate billing. To be discussed further.
We need our books audited. Nancy is going to ask Tom Harris if he will do that for us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MATCH SHOW--NANCY DANDREA

Ribbons have been ordered. Annelle is coordinating the food. Debbie G. is checking on the sub sandwich. Sharon is taking care of the judge's gift. The steward's gift was discussed. Nancy will take care of that. Cindy is in charge of trophies. Nancy asked about doing plates. Cindy will check into it. Debbi Jones volunteered to help Sharon with entries. Dave Wilterding called to report that the water was all set. He's also gotten a golf cart to use for the three days. Towels & a cash box (with at least $20 in singles) should be available. Tom Smith will supply ice for at least Friday.

EDUCATION

The program survey will be printed in the next newsletter in order to get feedback from the membership.

PROGRAMS--DEBBIE GODDARD

Debbie got a call from the Helen Woodward Center about changing our program date from 4/5 to 4/12.
Debbie is also checking in to a lawyer for a speaker at a future meeting..subject Dog laws in CA.
Cindy is trying to contact Mike Shea re: a program on discipline.

E-MAIL--DEBBIE GODDARD

Tim has changed our program date on our web page. He is working on our "store". Debbie suggested having pictures of members & their dogs also included.

VOICE MAIL--KARI CARGEL

Kari sent a report: we received 18 calls in March. Most calls are for adopting out Dals. We will review the need for voice mail every few months.

RAFFLE--DEBBI JONES

Debbi sent out 49 letters to area stores for donations. She received 4 replies so far...most said the corporate office needed to be contacted. Heidi Hampson is going to bring some items.

WAYS & MEANS--DAVE WILTERDING

Water for Rancho Santa Fe weekend--see MATCH COOKBOOK--some recipes have been received...need a lot more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All reference material to be sent to Kathy Martin.
Cindy has been in contact with Dr. Clark re: sports injury seminar. Dates suggested: 9/27 or 10/18. No decision was made.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy showed pictures of a place to hold a summer party..12 fenced acres & a pool...no charge. Possible dates: 8/17 or 8/24.
Mike will ask Michele to pull out Standing Rules from past minutes.

An AKC liaison was discussed. Nancy will check into it.

The next Board meeting will be held at Nancy's house on Wednesday, May 7th at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford.

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EDITORIAL

ap-a-the-tic adj.	uninterested; listless
ap-a-thy n.	lack of interest
in-dif-fer-ence n.	lack of interest or concern
in-dif-fer-ent adj.	having no particular interest in or concern for

We are all busy people, not only with our dogs and dog activities, but also with our jobs and family obligations. In order for this club to "work" EVERYBODY has to pitch in and help. That doesn't mean you have to volunteer for everything nor does it mean that you have to show up at every event. What it does mean is that volunteering once in awhile, rather than sitting back and letting somebody else do the work, would be a welcomed change.

In any club there are always the few who do all the work. They usually do it gladly and enthusiastically. Unfortunately, after carrying the load time after time, those few start to burn out. It's also very discouraging to come up with good ideas (not to mention the work involved) for meetings, programs, fund raisers etc., then ask for volunteers and get very little or no response.

Members have expressed an interest in putting on an independent specialty. How do you think this will be accomplished.....by the Specialty God? Probably not. This club was closer to putting on a specialty when it first formed than it is right now.

Remember, this is your club. If you want it to work, you must get involved now before it's too late. Pick up the phone and volunteer your time; give input at meetings on what type of programs you'd like to have presented; get involved.

Let's make the DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY a club to be proud of and worth belonging to!

Cindy Lyford, ED.

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RAFFLE ROUND-UP

Debbi Jones has been busy soliciting raffle donations. She sent out a very nice letter to area pet stores. If you are interested in seeing the letter, please contact Debbi. A copy will also be available at our May meeting.

Donations received so far:

PETCO corporate office (San Diego)
one $10. gift certificate

PETSMART corporate office (Phoenix)
two $25. gift certificates

PETCO store 101
one $25. gift certificate

FOURTH AKC SANCTIONED "B" MATCH

Friday, May 16, 1997

Rancho Santa Fe Polo Grounds
Del Mar, California

2:00 PM

JUDGE: **Joe Walton**

CLASSES OFFERED:

JUNIOR	4-6, 6-9, 9-12 & Best Junior
SENIOR	12-18, Open & Best Senior
BEST IN SPECIALITY MATCH	

No Champions, or dogs with major points may be shown. Professional handlers may show their own dogs only. All AKC rules prevail.

Entries Day of Match	**Noon - 1:30PM**	**FEE: $6.00**
EXHIBITOR LUNCH	**Noon - 1:30 PM**	**FEE: $4.00**

Match Secretary

Sharon Thomsen
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Match is the day preceeding the Country Club Classic Dog Shows
(Del Sur & Cabrillo Kennel Clubs)

ENTRY BLANK *(copies acceptable)*

Armband #_____ Amount Paid $_____

Name of Dog_____ AKC #_____

Class Entered_____ Dog/Bitch Birthdate_____
(circle one)

Name of Owner_____Phone_____

Address_____City_____Zip_____

I agree that the Dalmatian Club of San Diego County & the operators of the Country Club Classic are not to be held responsible for any accident, injury or lose to myself or any dog in my care.

Signature_____ Date_____

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Match Committee wishes to have all the members of the Club involved in the upcoming match and the ways and means project the following two days.. Please look at the list below and call the person indicated to volunteer your assistance.

- ☺ **Lunch Donations** (call Annelle Wilterding)
  We will be offering lunch for $4.00
  Sandwich, salad, chips, drink, cookies

- ☺ **Raffle Donations** (call Debbie Jones)
  We will have a nice raffle. Please donate any items for the raffle.

- ☺ **Bottled Water Sales** (call Dave Wilterding)
  We will be selling bottled drinking water (24oz) all 3 days of shows. This is a money making project for the club and is much needed. We **need** all the members support to assist in the water sales.

- ✎ The match secretary is seeking someone interested in learning this aspect of supporting the match. Please contact Sharon Thomsen if you would like to learn the position of Match Secretary.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB
ENTER THE MATCH
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Dear Fellow Dalmatian Fanciers:

I am writing this letter to you in hopes that you will share my letter with your membership and hopefully it will serve to stimulate some thoughts and actions by your membership on our procedures to select our National show judges.

We are all aware of how wonderful our National club is and how lucky we are to have such a well organized leadership. Yet, every year when the balloting takes place for our National's judging panel I hear some of the very same complaints. If this is a constant area of distress then it might be worthwhile to consider atlternative procedures. Our National show is so prestigious and so important that it is absolutely imperative that we select the very best possible judges. We have consistently had wonderful judges in the past, but to do so we have had to call on a small handful of judges repeatedly. This procedure could be part of the problem.

In light of this I have asked a couple other Non-Sporting National breed clubs of their procedures and have come to a solution that at the very least satisfies me and I offer it here only as fodder for your club's consideration.

Presently there are probably 275/300 or so licensed Dal judges, including maybe 50 or so of breeder judges. This represents a whole lot of qualified people. Assuming of that group only the cream of the crop or say 10 % are so gifted as to be selected to judge our National, then we have narrowed our selection down to about 30 eminently qualified people. Further assume we need two per year, then of the best of the best, we have at least 15 years of great quality judges without considering all the new judges that would have come on line during those intervening years. It seems to me that our supply of judges is virtually endless.

We currently have a 5 year no repeat rule in effect, and my thoughts are to change this to something like only once every 25 years. By increasing the no repeat rule we assure ourselves of always having different great judges. Additionally, when we are blessed to have the Treens', the Doanes', Charlie Garvin, or Sid Remmele around because of their longevity and dedication, they would be eligible to repeat. Further, it might be appropriate to make this proposal retroactive to some historical date, ie: 1990, and specifically exempt anyone

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already contracted to judge a future National.

It is my opinion that we (the DCA membership) are indeed very fortunate to have such a successful and diligent group of people willing to serve and guide our National club. I do not think there is any National breed club better than ours. I know in fact that our Board is anxious to listen to the membership whether it be collectively via the regional clubs or individually. They want to serve, we simply have to let them know our wishes.

I hope my letter provokes some thought and conversation. See everyone in Detroit. Thanks for listening.

With Kindest Regards,

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REGIONAL CLUB COUNCIL

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Synopsis of DCa BOARD MEETING March 1, 1997:

1. President Rudder reflected upon efforts of the Board to approve the Minutes in a more timely manner as well as the reorganization of Board responsibilities. She reviewed the fiscal approach to management of DCA assets, success of DCAF, importance of rescue operations and the success of the Public Relations Coordinator's position. The Board was unanimous in its appreciation for Ms. Rudder's efforts in keeping the DCA moving forward.

2. Secretary, Sharon Boyd, responded to 1144 letters of inquiry, 207 phone calls since the last meeting. During Nov., Dec., Jan and Feb. she faxed at the rate of up to five daily information to media as a result of the Disney movie.

3. Secretary, Ken Berg, reported income for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1996 was $139,456; expenses were $137,365. The Specialty resulted in net income of $23,372, dues produced $34,656 and the SPOTTER showed a net loss of $25,974. 1996 IRS report has been filed; CPA audit has been made; dues notices will be mailed before May 1, 1997; and general liability insurance policy has been renewed.

4. Delegate, James Smith, reported registrations for Dalmatians for January 1996 were 2,937 while those for January 1997 were 2,635. He also displayed a Roger Caras article re.Dalmatians and the Board directed the Secretary to write a letter of rebuttal.

The following officers were elected: President, J. Charles Garvin, M.D.; Vice-President, Robert Lawson; Recording Secretary, C. E. Flock, Jr; Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Boyd; Treasurer, Kenneth Berg, AKC Delegate, James Smith.

A review of possible changes in board assignments was discussed. The Board feels that the plan instigated a year ago has been successful and should continue. Some changes were made and will be listed in the new membership book.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

It was with regret the Board accepted Christina Jackson's resignation as Chair of the DCA National Rescue Committee. She stressed that the people are not willing to take responsibility for their own problems with their dogs. She strongly recommended that the National Rescue Coordinator not be a person who does rescue on a local level. The extreme pressure, emotional stress involved in this position is overwhelming. She made several suggestions regarding the position and the Board considered them as well as a mail link on Mrs. Boyd's new telephone system that would refer rescue to the local level.

The Board also regretfully accepted the resignation of Mary Widder as Public Education Chairperson. This committee has been combined with the Regional Club Council.

Breeder Referral: Geri Lightholder, Chair. received 1229 phone calls, 244 letters last year re. informaiton. One-third were seeking puppies, one-third looking for stud dogs, and one-third asking if DCA lists puppies for sale.

Ways and Means: Hal Shorr reported 178 lottery tickets had been sold for 1998. The Committee is looking at methods to improve the response to the lottery.

Membership: Georgette McMurray, Chair, submitted 17 candidates- all were accepted for membership.

Historian: Cindy Ingalls, Chair has ordered acid-free storage material and is developing a "finding guide'indexing system" to retrieve information from the files. There will be a display at the 1997 Specialty

Standard Committee: The Board reviewed a "morphing" video of the Dalmatian Standard prepared by Susan Brooksbank and Carol Schubert and felt it should be pursued.

Spotter: Sheila Wymore, Chair. reported that the Membership Booklet will be mailed after the Winter issue is finished. She is seeking a subscription manager.

AKC Gazette: Elaine Gerwitz, Chair will welcome suggestions for future columns

Membership Education: Susan Brooksbank, Chair. reported the historical video should be finished as soon as the editing machine can be replaced. Mr. Berg will contact Mr. Shorr re. possible corporate sponsorship of a video of the Specialty, as a search to establish a group to video the event has not been succesful. Ms. Brooksbank resigned as Chairperson and made recommendations for the composition of the Committee.

Research: Eva Berg, Chair is negotiating with the GDC to establish a hearing registry. An oral commitment is in place. A program will be presented to the Membership Ed. Comm. at the 1998 Specialty.

Specialty Steering: Mary Miller, Chair, reported on upcoming Specialty, rules regarding the Top-Twenty Competition; Hills Dog Foods medallions; offer to provide a challenge trophy for Top-Twenty and advised Rod Strand will be contacted these issues before the Board will take action. Meg Hennessey was authorized to spend $13,875 for replacement trophies; Obedience Chair, Prue Stuhr has resigned. Ms. Miller gave her recommendations for the composition of the committee. Cathy Shorr reported that Jessee Sutton will be the top junior handler in Dalmatians for 1996 and may be the top in DCA history. Peggy Strupp has completed the pamphlet entitled "Hosting a Road Trial" which is available from her or Ms. Miller.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DCA Dal. Book- The book is to be published before the 1997 Specialty. Ms. Sue MacMillan and Ms. Jessica MacMillan will be sent to New York for a final review of the photographs.

Public Relations: Julie Lux, Chair., has received hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles from concerned DCA members, etc. throughout the U.S. and Canada. She reported on activities of regional clubs, "follow-up" activities, failure of McDonald's and Friskies/Alp to provide financial support, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AKC request to eliminate references to euthanasia in the AKC Dal. Brochure: Board will notify AKC it is the responsibility of the parent club to safeguard the welfare of dogs within its breed and that we disagree with their policy of not mentioning euthanasia.

NEW BUSINESS:

AKC Canine Good Citizenship Program, AKC Canine Health Foundation and various other requests were discussed.

Complete Minutes will be published in the SPOTTER.

See you in Detroit!

Margie

P.S. Please have your club secretary send me the names and addresses of members from your club who may be attending the Regional Club Council Meeting along with your official delegate. Everyone is welcome. Tentatively, Sandi Melkie has scheduled us for around 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 26. We had a great program last year and this one will be even better!

The following information and sketches are taken from Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats *(ISBN # 0-87857-395-X) pages 208&9.*

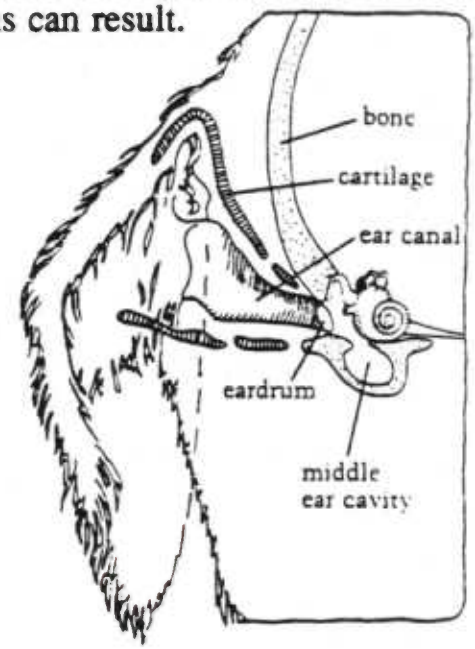


TRAPPED FOXTAILS

These and other plant stickers are much more likely to get stuck in the ear canal of a dog with hanging ears. The flaps act like hinged trapdoors that direct the foxtails right into the ear canal. Though you can do little to prevent stickers (other than cutting down your weeds and controlling where your animal runs), here is how to deal with them if they get trapped in your dog's ears.

After an excursion in the fields or tall grasses, immediately check the ears and between the toes as well. If you *see* foxtails, pull them out. If you can't see any but *think* there is one deep down in the ear, *don't* try to remove it yourself. The ear can easily be damaged or the foxtail pushed right through the eardrum. Try pressing gently on the ear canal, with feels like a small plastic tube and is under the ear as shown in the illustration. If the dog cries out in pain, there is a good chance a foxtail is trapped inside.

In such a case, if you cannot immediately get veterinary care, put some warm olive oil into the ear. It will soften the plant material and make it less irritating. Very rarely, a dog can shake a foxtail out after it has been saturated with oil, but don't count on it. As soon as possible, take your dog to a veterinarian. The sticker must be removed with the proper instruments (sometimes under anesthesia) or very severe damage can be done. And if you leave it in, terrible infections can result.



What follows is from Spots Illustrated, *A publication of the Dalmatian Club of Northern California, Volume 12, Number 3, May 1994.*

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE watch out for Foxtails! These plants have caused dogs belonging to two of our members to undergo some serious srugery. The Shorr's Beamer had his left lung removed after a foxtail entered his bronchial tube and abscessed, destroying the lung tissue. It is unknown how long it was there before symptoms began. In four days he went from being a happy healthy dog to not being able to breathe. He spent two weeks at UC Davis while they tried to determine the problem, then through exploratory surgery found the foxtail. (They don't show up on X-rays, Folks!) One of Shirley Allegre's dogs had a granuloma that formed around a foxtail, and in the end required the removal of the dog's spleen. PLEASE watch where your dogs wander. Foxtails can be inhaled, get caught in ears, or pierce the skin (often between toes or anywhere on the dog). Once in the body, they can travel anywhere These plants are in fields, in the city, in our neighbor's lawns, and because of birds and wind crop up in our yards too!

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SORRY

Yikes my computer crashed....of course the June newsletter was on it. I just recently got it up and running. So, this issue is for June/July. Deadline for the next ***DOT to DOT*** is August 20th.

Please note there is no July meeting.

AUGUST POOL PARTY

Sunday, August 17th. Mark your calendars now! We will also have a pot luck. This will be a "people" only party.
Directions, time etc. will be announced mid July by a flyer.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Dave Wilterding for organizing the water sales. Also to Matt & Jess for driving around the show grounds all day. Did you get your license yet, Matt?

MORE THANKS

Thanks to Nancy Dandrea for chairing the match and to Sharon Thomsen for "stuffing" the judge's gift and delivering the trophies. Thanks also to Annelle Wilterding for coordinating the luncheon and to all members who contributed food.

Another big thank you to all who helped with the water sales.

DEL MAR FAIR

Area breed and performance clubs were invited to set up booths inside one of the barns in order to display club and breed information during the first weekend of the fair. All booths were decorated, by the fair committee, in a red, white & blue theme and had lattice work around them suitable for hanging pictures, posters or banners. The hours were from 9am-9pm on Saturday and 9am-6pm on Sunday.

The DCSDC booth was manned on Saturday & Sunday by the following members:

Kari Cargel, Mike Wagner, Xandra Prevatte, Tom & Michele Smith. Debbie Goddard, Nancy Dandrea, Dave & Annelle Wilterding, Al & Sandy Winter, Cindy Lyford and Debbi Jones.

Kari coordinated our set up and did a terrific job decorating our booth! We had club and Dal information, candid photos, our club photo album and Dal posters (donated by the Winters) on display.

Many fair goers were disappointed that there weren't any Dals there, but we had decided not to bring our dogs, which in my opinion, was a smart idea, as the area got *very* crowded at times and was quite noisy during the flyball demonstrations.

As a thank you from the fair organizers, all participants received free passes for parking and entrance to the fair.

And, from DCSDC, thanks to all members who helped out over the weekend.

RECIPES PLEASE

Recipes are trickling in *very slowly*. I *know* you all have some favorite recipes as you tell me every time I mention the cookbook! Let's get this project going so we can have the cookbooks ready in the fall so people will buy them for "stocking stuffers".

Recipes needed:

finger foods
salads
desserts

We could also use easy one dish main meals. Please keep in mind that these dishes should not only be easy to prepare but also easy to transport.

Also, send in candid photos of your dogs... no show photos, please.

Send your recipes & photos to your editor. Thanks.

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Any other ideas for fund raisers should be sent to Dave Wilterding.



BRAG PAGE

NEW ARRIVALS

Alfredrich Pocahontas "Tessa"
owner: Debbi Jones

Coachman's CEO
owners: Heidi Hampson & Tony Wood

Paisley's Run For The Border "Chili"
owner: Debbie Goddard

Shandrydan's The Natural "Rhett"
owner: Gabriella Ravani

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Tessa for going Best in Match at our May match show. Way to go Debbi!

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BIG CONGRATULATIONS

to Jack for all his Group and BIS wins!!!!
Good luck in Detroit Tom & Carrie!!

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Pasadena KC WB, BOW
San Gabriel Valley KC WB, BOW major!
owners: Dave & Annelle Wilterding

Hill N Dal's Steele Magnolias
Antelope Valley KC WB to finish!!
owners: Tom & Michele Smith

CH. Tuckaway's Winged Foot
Cabrillo KC BOB, Gr. 1
Del Sur KC BIS
Mt. Hood Specialty BIS
owners: T. Harris ,C. Jordan, F Remmele

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Boyd & Debbie Goddard for getting son number two, Tommy, through high school! He's on to college in the fall.

Skin and Coat Disorders in Dalmatians

by

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By popular demand, the initial topic for consideration by the DCA Study Group on Skin & Allergic Disorders is that all-too-common and frustrating syndrome referred to by fanciers as ***"Dal crud."*** I will discuss this topic specifically as it relates to dogs being actively campaigned in conformation or obedience.

A typical scenario may be the following: the light of your life has a flawless coat while running in the backyard at home and swimming in scummy ponds. He may even tolerate a flea or two. He is groomed and shampooed on Thursday for the weekend shows. By Saturday, bumps start appearing, usually on the top of the dog's head and/or along his back. Left unchecked, the bumps spread and often become very itchy (pruritic). A significant proportion of these lesions, interestingly, may not itch but still progress as follows. Each bump is actually an inflamed hair follicle that oozes a bit of serum, which may be noticed only as it dries in the form of scabs. Within a few days, hair loss occurs at the site of each bump. Eventually the coat looks moth-eaten. Additionally, white hairs take on a pinkish-bronze cast at the sites of the original bumps, and now your hopes and vision of the judge nodding in your direction begin to fade. At this stage itching is variable.

What is the cause (etiology) of this skin disorder? How do we treat it? More importantly, how can we prevent it? Is this what is referred to as the ***"Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome"***? Does the ***"Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome"*** really exist as a diagnostic entity? The answers to most of these questions are relatively straightforward. Let us address these issues in sequence leaving the question of cause for last.

- The bumps are actually hive-like reactions that occur at individual hair follicles;
- When inflammation of the follicles (folliculitis) occurs, we see secondary infection (superficial pyoderma) by ***Staphylococcus intermedius***, which is one of the normal bacterial flora found on all dogs' skin;
- By-products of bacterial life cycles can cause intense itching in the skin, aggravating

the initial itchiness;

- Hair loss (alopecia) is a result of folliculitis stopping the growth of hair;
- Remaining hairs are stained by pigments called porphyrins in the serum which ooze out during the inflammatory process.

The final and lasting result of all this is the "bronzed" appearance of the coat. The discolored hairs are permanently stained and little can be done to whiten a coat so affected. Of course this bronzing occurs just as frequently in colored coats, but is not as apparent.

The central issue of this syndrome, however, remains to be addressed: Why do the hive-like reactions occur in the first place? The answers are many:

1) Allergy. A large majority of Dalmatians exhibiting these signs are allergic. Many scientific surveys statistically list our beloved breed as one of the most commonly represented allergic purebreds, based on repeatedly positive skin tests to assorted substances known to cause allergic reactions (allergens). These allergens may be ***inhaled*** as in the case of airborne pollens, molds, etc.; ***ingested*** as with food allergens; ***injected*** as with flea saliva; or merely ***contacted*** as with local irritants coming in contact with the skin.

2) Stress. Add to allergy the physiological stress associated with travel, excitement, change in routine and diet (all that baiting!). Biologically, stress is associated with an increase in production of steroid hormones called glucocorticoids. Normally, glucocorticoids allow dogs to meet the special needs of stressful situations, but they may also have the unfortunate effect of decreasing the "barrier function" of normal canine skin. When inflammation already exists, the glucocorticoid response may permit bacteria, normally kept in check on the skin, to flourish.

3) Humidity and Heat. Veterinary dermatologists consider changes in humidity and temperature also to be significant factors in the onset of these hive-like reactions. These changes may be associated with the ambient or skin environment, such as:

- climatic differences between home and the show site;
- drying of the skin;
- occlusion of pores in the skin by special grooming products.

It has been suggested that the non-itching form of this syndrome is more directly related to these environmental conditions than it is to allergies.

PREVENTION

Veterinary dermatologists are convinced that flea and inhalant allergies in dogs are hereditary. Certainly the best preventative medicine is to eliminate affected dogs from the breeding population. Some conscientious breeders have had great success in establishing lines with consistently good coats by simply avoiding the breeding of visibly affected dogs who exhibit chronically troublesome coats.

There is less agreement, on the other hand, about the hereditary nature of food allergies in dogs. As guardians of the Dalmatian breed, we must plan our breedings for general good health as carefully as we plan for that dynamite puppy that will knock 'em dead at the next DCA!

For those of us who have not quite accomplished coat-nirvana in our breeding programs, a little forethought and care may allow us to avert an impending coat disaster. A quick review of the situation allows us to enumerate potential problems and then formulate solutions:

1. We have a more or less allergic dog;
2. We groom this dog with whitening shampoos that strip natural protective oils from skin and coat;
3. We travel, exposing him to unfamiliar allergens and possibly fleas;
4. Change in daily routine produces physiological stress and subsequently a somewhat suppressed immune response;
5. Using bait alters the normal diet and may negatively affect those dogs who have a component of food allergy as part of this syndrome.

The following preventative measures have generally proven effective and safe with no long-term contraindications or negative side effects.

For the last few years veterinary dermatologists have been prescribing fatty acid supplementation (Derm Caps, EFA Caps, OM Caps, etc.) for those dogs shown to be allergic. Fatty acids act as immunomodulators, anti-inflammatory agents, and are especially important in helping the body maintain the integrity of skin as a barrier to infectious agents. Other beneficial side effects include optimum hair growth and luster. Although debate continues as to the ideal ratios of specific fatty acids, most dermatologists agree these supplements should contain a combination of vegetable and fish oils. Recent data suggests these supplements should be administered at two to three times the manufacturer's recommended dose. (Note that some dogs will develop diarrhea if given doses higher than the recommended one.) Another important note: the effects of fatty acid supplementation will not become apparent for four to eight weeks and so should be part of long-term nutritional support. I recommend supplementation for the dog's entire show career, and in some cases, for its entire life. Fatty acids may not entirely prevent episodes of "the crud", but they allow the skin to function optimally under adverse circumstances.

Fatty acids have recently been shown in allergic dogs to act synergistically with antihistamines by helping to block the initial reaction to offending allergens. In several studies, dogs receiving both fatty acid supplements and antihistamines responded better with fewer, less severe bouts of itching and secondary skin infection than did those receiving either compound alone. Additionally, all dogs continuously receiving antihistamines responded better than those treated only when scratching was observed.

For breeders, this translates to a prevention protocol advocated by Carroll H. Weiss (Dalmatian fancier and Professor of Dermatology, U. of Miami School of Medicine), myself, other practitioners and veterinary dermatologists. Several days prior to an anticipated allergic challenge (dog show), begin preventative antihistamine therapy and continue it until you return home. Like Professor Weiss' suggestions, I usually choose to prescribe chlorpheniramine maleate (Chlor-Trimeton), 12 mg., two to three times daily. This is an inexpensive antihistamine available without a prescription that tends to produce less drowsiness than many other antihistamines. (For those dogs experiencing dullness after they receive their antihistamine, wait until after showing to dose them. Duration of activity is short, so this effect should be inapparent by the next morning.)

Individual response to specific antihistamines is variable so do not despair if your initial choice is ineffective. Other potentially effective choices include diphenhydramine (Benadryl), clemastine (Tavist), and hydroxyzine (Atarax).

The rest of the prevention protocol involves common sense management:

- Keep the Dalmatians free of fleas;
- Use hypoallergenic shampoos, alternating with antibacterial shampoos if necessary. Do not bathe them too frequently;
- Avoid baits known to induce allergic reactions. These foodstuffs will vary from dog to dog and may require extensive trial and error to identify. When possible use a single source protein bait such as all-turkey hot-dogs as opposed to Rollover.

Remember that no studies have been published which have examined large groups of allergic Dalmatians. Anecdotal evidence gathered from dermatologists in academic and referral centers is compatible with published statistics of allergic dogs: approximately 10% have food allergies and 90% have inhalant allergies.

TREATMENT

If your dog begins to "bump up" despite your best efforts or in lieu of preventative measures, then aggressive treatment is necessary to save some coat for the next couple of show circuits. Topical treatment with benzoyl peroxide (Oxydex, Pyoben) or chlorhexidine shampoos (Chlorhexiderm, Nolvasan) act to cleanse the skin, removing superficial bacteria. Under these circumstances, it may be necessary to bathe weekly, following with a hypoallergenic oatmeal creme rinse to prevent excessive drying of the skin and compromise of the skin barrier.

Systemic antibiotics are always indicated in cases of folliculitis. Unfortunately, skin needs to be treated for three to four weeks even in uncomplicated cases. If response is not noted within seven to ten days of antibiotic therapy, reevaluation of the antibiotic being used is warranted. Antibiotics chosen as first line therapeutic agents should be those known to be effective against ***Staphylococcus intermedius***. Both prescriptions by veterinarians, and

response by bacteria to antibiotics, vary regionally but appropriate choices include: oxacillin, cephalexin, ormetaprim-sulfas and, in some instances, amoxicillin with clavulanic acid. It is vitally important that appropriate treatment regimens are followed conscientiously.

For recurrent pyodermas that cannot be controlled by preventative measures outlined above, your veterinarian should recommend further workup to definitively rule in or out any allergies, endocrine disorders, seborrhea, Staphylococcal hypersensitivity or rarely, immunocompromise.

THE "DALMATIAN BRONZING SYNDROME"

I mentioned this "syndrome" earlier when discussing the bronze staining of white hairs by serum pigments called porphyrins. The bronzed Dal typically appears to have a broad stripe of pinkish - bronzed coat along the topline often including the head. Close examination of the hair shafts reveals staining from the skin to extend also to varying levels of the hair shafts. Early reports attempted to link this staining to other Dalmatian health problems including urinary urate crystals, dietary allergies, protein intolerance, demodecosis, and sarcoptic mange, and to call the collection of disorders, the "Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome". Dermatologists are skeptical that this is a syndrome definitely associated with these other maladies or unique to Dalmatians. Most believe instead that it is the natural result of follicular inflammation described previously. Obviously, white coated breeds will exhibit the staining most dramatically.

Despite this skepticism in the veterinary community, a new study is getting underway at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine examining the "red hair syndrome" of many breeds. This is a problem reported more frequently in Europe than the United States, but closely parallels what has been referred to as the "Dalmatian Bronzing Syndrome" here. Researchers will be studying the structure of hair shafts by electron microscopy. Anyone interested in participating by supplying hairs for examination should contact me for more information:

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MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 28th 3PM
WHERE: MIKE & XANDRA'S
25713 Bellemore Dr.
Ramona
(760) 788-0982

Mike & Xandra will provide the main dish. Please call to see what you should bring. Do bring your own drinks.

THIS WILL BE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS WE WILL BE VOTING ON SOME IMPORTANT CLUB DECISIONS. PLEASE RSVP BY 9/21

DIRECTIONS

From the North: I-15 or I-5 south to 78E through to 10th St./San Vincente Rd..6mi. **turn LEFT** on Ramona Oaks Rd...2mi., **turn LEFT** on Welcome Way, **turn RIGHT** on Bellemore Dr.

From the South: 67 north, **turn RIGHT** on Willow Rd. (Circle K), **turn LEFT** on Wildcat Canyon Rd...13 mi., **turn RIGHT** on San Vincente Rd...2mi. **as above**

BRING A CHAIR

DCSDC WEB PAGE

If you haven't visited our web page recently, you're in for a surprise. Tim has our "store" up. We would also like to include candid shots of your dogs and club event photos. Please send any photos to Mike Wagner

FUTURE MEETING DATES

OCTOBER 26th "DOG DAZE"
This will be a general meeting and a fun day with our dogs. Further information on location, time, food etc. will be in the October/November newsletter.

NOVEMBER 8th
General meeting following Dal judging at the Del Sur KC show. Call any board member one week prior to the show for Dal judging time.

DECEMBER ????
We need a date and host for our Christmas party. This will be a general meeting, gift exchange and "eats". Please contact Mike Wagner if you are interested in hosting this event.

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month. Members are welcome to attend. Please call Mike Wagner for location and time.

AN EXCEPTION: The September board meeting will be held on the 17th

COOKBOOK FUND RAISER

PLEASE ! !

From all the pot lucks we have, I **know** that there are a lot of great recipes out there! Send your recipes to me by **October 1st.** We would like to have this cookbook ready to go as soon as possible. It already may be too late for other clubs to order for Christmas. So, please hurry and get your recipes in to me. Also, we want to include photos of your dogs...so send those to me too. ***I will be calling to remind you !***

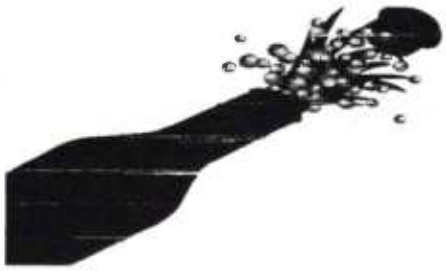
AKC WORKSHOP

(see flyer elsewhere in newsletter)

Looking ahead to putting on our own Specialty, this should prove to be a very interesting and informative workshop.

Area breed clubs have been invited to attend this workshop. Since DCSDC is hosting the workshop, it would be nice if we could have a great turnout of *our* members.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



BRAGs

DCSDC achieved the Bronze Patron Level for the 1997 DCA Nationals by selling 10 lotto tickets, 50+ raffle tickets and sponsoring a first place trophy.

And DCSDC members certainly reaped the benefits!!

Lotto winners: Michele Smith, 1st place; Annelle Wilterding, 2nd place.

Raffle winners: Sharon Thomsen and Annelle Wilterding.

MORE.....

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Please remember to send, call in or e-mail me your wins and litter announcements.

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Check out the ad for **ME & MY DAL CANINE FANTASY PHOTOGRAPHY.**

Debbi Jones has had portraits of Jim and Tessa done recently. They turned out really great! I'm *sure* Debbi could be persuaded to show them off!

Heather (the photographer), Skip and Dal, Weston, will soon be joining DCSDC.

Dalmatian Club of America

General Preventative Guidelines For Stone-Forming Dalmatians

- Have your vet perform a routine, inexpensive urinalysis periodically. If centrifuging spins out sediment from the urine specimen, send it for assay only to one of the two urinary stone centers in the United States. (Minnesota Urolith Center does not charge.)

- Obtain "fresh" urine in a clean, chemically-inert container (glass, plastic) for vet's testing. Do not obtain sample after Dal has recently urinated when the bladder may been flushed of crystals or small stones. Instead, obtain specimen either first thing in A.M. before feeding (after urine has sat unemptied in the bladder overnight) or after dog has not urinated for at least four to five hours. Deliver urine to vet as soon as possible after collecting - do not refrigerate.

- **ONE MAJOR GOAL OF PREVENTION IS TO MAINTAIN A PLATEAU OF NORMAL URINARY PH 7.0.** Dipstick fresh urine frequently and keep a diary of pH readings.

  If the pH goes ***below*** 7.0 (into the ***acidic*** area of 6.5 or less) and stays there over the course of several dipstickings, consider reevaluating the Dal's diet/drugs and consult with your vet for additives to alkalinize the metabolizing of current food formulation.

  If the pH goes ***above*** 7.0 (into the ***alkaline*** area of 7.5 or higher) and stays there over the course of several dipstickings, contact your vet to rule out a possible urinary infection.

- Stone-formers should drink - unrestricted - only distilled water for their entire lives. This form of water is available in any supermarket where bottled water is stocked and is not expensive. Make sure labeling specifies "distilled water," not merely "drinking," not "filtered" nor "purified." (Filters on your water faucets or supply will not purify the water to the extent that distilled water will.)

- Formation of abnormal crystals and stones occurs in stagnant urine. Let the Dalmatian urinate as frequently as possible (at least every 4-5 hrs.) so that the bladder is flushed of crystals before they progress into stones.

Carroll Weiss
Study Group on Urinary Stones
Research Committee
Dalmatian Club of America

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Emergency Procedures:
Dalmatian Cannot Pass Urine
("Urinary Obstruction")

- **RUSH DOG TO YOUR VETERINARIAN OR EMERGENCY CLINIC!** Obstruction of the urinary pathway quickly reaches life-threatening status within 24 to 72 hours as urine backs up into the body system instead of being expelled. It is not unknown for bladders to burst as urine continues to collect!
- Have dammed-up urine easily but immediately removed from bladder either by "cystocentesis" or by catheterization. This may have to be done several times while diagnosis and treatment are being evaluated. Draining urine "buys time."
- Have the type of stone identified by urinalysis: abnormal urinary crystals are apparent and identifiable under an office microscope. Urates form in acidic urine (pH below 7.0). Struvite known as "infection" crystals/stones form in alkaline urine (pH above 7.0). Their treatment is different!
- Have size of the stones confirmed by x-ray but remind veterinarian the most commonly-seen urate stones in Dalmatians may not visualize under normal x-ray procedures. Urates require skillful "indirect radiography" to be visualized **in situ.**
- Non-surgical clearing of the obstruction can be often accomplished by "hydropropulsion" whereby, under anesthesia, the stones are flushed back up into the bladder. This sometimes must be done two to three times, also under anesthesia, before a free urinary stream is sustained. If stones quickly move down and constantly re-obstruct after short periods of time, then bladder surgery may be unavoidable to restore normal urinary flow. Request **"Isofluorane"** for the anesthetic if surgery is unavoidable. "Urethrostomy" is not "bladder surgery!" It is a surgical creation of a false urinary opening generally at the base of the scrotal sacs and should be considered **A LAST RESORT** after all other anti-stone procedures have failed. It should be performed only by an experienced surgeon, preferably one who is "Board certified."
- Have Dalmatian started on antibiotics for existing urinary infection or to prevent the onset of one. A bacteriology culture including "antibiotic discing" may point to the most effective antibiotic for the species of bacteria inducing the infection.
- Shift the stone-former to distilled water, only.
- Rush either stones passed or catheterized or removed surgically - or sediment centrifuging out during urinalysis - to one of the two urinary stone centers listed to confirm assay by electron micrography, chromatography and other highly specialized testing procedures. (Minnesota Urolith Center does not charge.)

Dalmatian Club of America

Urinary Stone-Forming in Dalmatians and Other Dogs

Introduction

Dalmatians, Bulldogs and many other breeds can form urinary stones. Innumerable stone-forming dogs, Dalmatians included, live out their lives happily and uneventfully without any sign that they are stone- formers according to U.S. veterinary centers specializing in urinary stone problems. Other Dalmatians, also never showing any symptoms, may not be stone-formers at all.

Most dogs who exhibit symptoms of stone-forming can be easily and successfully treated. Veterinary knowledge of canine urinary stones and their non-surgical treatment has expanded rapidly within recent years. Today, there are even two national veterinary centers specializing in urinary stones: the Minnesota Urolith Center at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Minnesota, and the Urinary Stone Analysis Laboratory at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of California at Davis (addresses cited at end of article).

The best **preventatives** for stone-forming in Dalmatians are those of diet and probably of water intake. Paralleling the splendid advances in veterinary knowledge, commercial availability of many special dogfoods for this problem has also evolved. Most of these are readily available at local pet stores, others by prescription. After being weaned from the mandatory puppy diet, maturing and adult Dalmatians (stone-formers or not) can be fed now from a choice of non-beef, non- meat dogfoods (such as vegetable-and-rice or turkey-and-barley) and go their entire lives without the onset of urinary stones. In others, stones already formed can be non-surgically and successfully dissolved with certain medications and prescription anti-stone-forming dogfood from the veterinarian. For the few for whom bladder surgery is unavoidable, modern anesthetics such as ***"Isofluorane"*** for dogs provide no more threatening nor complex a procedure than appendix removals in humans.

Why Do Some Dalmatians Form Urinary Stones?

Dalmatians, humans and apes are unique for the way in which they metabolize "purine-yielding foods." Not every human will form urinary stones and neither will every Dalmatian.

The **amount** of dietary protein may contribute to the problem but, more importantly, the **type** of protein can be more damaging. For many Dalmatians, it is those diets containing high amounts of purine- yielding foods to be avoided. Certain foods such as liver and other organ

meats are very high as purine-yielders, other foods like eggs and most vegetables and fruit are acceptably low as purine-yielders.

When some humans ingest foods high in purines, they develop gout or kidney stones. When some Dalmatians ingest those foods, they develop urinary stones and in particular those known as "purine" or "urate" stones. Dogfoods containing high amounts of meat, beef and meat- or beef-"by-products" should be carefully evaluated for Dalmatians as well as other formulations creating an abnormally high acidic urine.

Of all stone-forming Dalmatians, the vast majority form urate stones but a few may form other types. Treatment can be the exact opposite for each type of stone so your veterinarian will want to first obtain an accurate assay in order to prescribe the most effective treatment.

FEEDING MOST TYPES OF HUMAN TABLE SCRAPS TO DOGS IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE WORST DISSERVICES TO THEIR NORMAL GOOD HEALTH... ESPECIALLY TO DALMATIANS!

Urate stones are composed of one or several of three types of purines: 1) ammonium acid urate, 2) uric acid or 3) sodium urate. **Over 90 percent of stone-forming Dalmatians produce ammonium acid urate,** a purine stone very responsive to simple non-surgical treatment with a conscientious program of anti-urate medication and anti-urate diet.

Urinary stones in dogs are found in the upper system (such as in the kidneys), or in the lower system (such as in the bladder). Data collected over 10 years of stone-forming Dalmatians showed 97 percent of their stones were found in the bladders where treatment and maintenance is much more simple and successful than for those in the kidneys and upper system.

The most common type of stone in all breeds of dogs is "struvite," so identified with urinary infections they are called "infection stones." **THE TREATMENT OF INFECTION STONES VS. URATE STONES IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT** and underscores the importance for first, accurate assay of the type of urinary stone being formed by the Dalmatian before treatment is started.

How is a Stone-Former Detected?

A standard urinalysis will immediately show if abnormal crystals are forming in the urine long before the crystals "grow up" to become stones which then may reach a size large enough to create the dreaded urinary obstruction.

If no diagnostic tests have ever been done to reveal its presence, stone-forming in male dogs will produce emergency symptoms more obviously than in females perhaps because of the marked difference in their normal urinary anatomy. As a large enough stone travels down the urinary pathway, it can lodge within the male dog's penis at a damlike narrowing of a cartilage, the "os penis." The same size stone will usually pass uneventfully through the female dog's urinary anatomy.

When normal urine flow is obstructed by a stone, the male dog will visibly strain to urinate. No urine will pass or only a few drops. The dog will attempt to urinate repetitively with little or no result. Urinary obstruction in male dogs is thus very visible to the observer familiar with these signs and **watching for them daily**.

Females with stones will demonstrate symptoms similar to those of urinary infections, namely more frequent urinating, "accidents" by housebroken bitches and very frequent licking of their genital area. (Because these are similar symptoms to simple urinary infections, do not become concerned unless results of a urinalysis confirm abnormal crystals are being formed.) Some stone-forming dogs will succeed after several attempts with a sudden outpouring of urine. In such an instance, it is probable that the stone creating the obstruction was "passed," restoring the normal flow of urine. Any obstructed dog, even those who quickly pass stones naturally, should be seen by their veterinarian for workup and to embark on a preventative program of anti-stone medication with the proper anti-stone diet.

Specialist Veterinarians for Consultation on Stone-Forming

Minnesota Urolith Center
Carl A. Osborne, DVM, PhD, Chief

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U. of Minnesota Veterinary School
C339 University Hospitals
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Dipsticking to Monitor Stone-Forming Dalmatians

Remember high school chemistry when litmus paper revealed if a solution was either acid or alkaline? Modern dipsticks (or "chemstrips") from your vet or drug store are "super" litmus paper. They are simple to use by the Dal's owner and show exact degrees of urinary pH.

A quick dip into a dog's urine before feeding will indicate if the pH is ***acidic*** (how much *below* the normal of 7.0) or ***alkaline*** (how much *above* the normal of 7.0).

With a program of regular dipsticking and *keeping a diary of the results*, any Dalmatian can be tracked to detect when and how long it is producing abnormal and unstable urine, often much before abnormal crystals progress into stone formation.

All Dalmatians are born with a tendency to acidic urine in which the occurrence and growth of abnormal urate crystals and stones thrive. The success of preventative anti-urate diets and drugs thus can be monitored by dipsticking and treatment regimens modified if the pH continues to be undesirably acidic.

Some dogfood formulations produce an acidic urine and dipsticking will also help to reveal those that do and the ones which should be avoided for stone-forming Dalmatians.

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"DEALING WITH MISCONDUCT"

SPEAKER AKC REP MIKE SHEA

HOSTED BY THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1997

7:45PM

PETSMART (2ND FLOOR) JACKMAN ST. EL CAJON

This will be a seminar on Dealing With Misconduct....specifically on how a bench show committee works. We will go through a bench show committee hearing with a question & answer period to follow. This is important information that members of all clubs should be familiar with.

Please present this to your membership and get back to me with an approximate head count of those planning on attending this important seminar by August 30th.

RSVP

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Each photo session includes costumes (subject to availibility), 36 shots, and lots of treats and love for motivation and a job well done.From your selected shot Heather will develop a high contrast black and white print. She then adds artis'ts oil color to the dogs eyes, costume or accessory. The final portrait is then mounted on acid free board and sprayed with a high lustre spray giving you and your canine companion a portrait that is sure to be the envy of every dog in the neighborhood.

Price List

STUDIO FEE- *$15.00 (to be paid at time of sitting)*
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Studio fee includes 36 shots, costumes (subject to availability), with treats & love for motivation and a job well done

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OCTOBER 26TH

Our general meeting and "DOG DAZE" will be held at the DOGPATCH DOG SPORTS CENTER in San Marcos. The grass field is large and completely fenced. We will have access to a BBQ and a special "throne room".

Bring xpens/crates, water for your dogs and a chair and drinks for yourself.

Directions are on the flyer.

Besides games and a day out with our dogs, we will also be having a pot luck. To cover the fee to reserve the field, there will be a $3 cover charge per person. ***If you bring a recipe along with your pot luck dish, the cover charge will be waived!***

Karyn Dawes, the owner, has given us a considerable break on the field rental. In appreciation, please be sure to pick up after your dog and yourself.

DO NOT take your dogs over the advanced equipment on your own.

(SEE NEXT PAGE)

IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ

For those of you who would like to try your dogs on some of the more advanced agility equipment (dog walk, teeter, tire, A-frame, tunnel), we will have a familiarization period led by Cindy, Gabriella and Debbi J.

Feel free to do the jumps and barrels on your own.

Please bring a buckle, snap or flyball collar for your dog.

Sorry to be so strict on this, but it is for the physical and mental safety of your dogs.

NOVEMBER 8TH

Our general meeting will be held following Dal judging at the Del Sur KC show at the Polo grounds in Rancho Santa Fe.

Please call a board member one week prior to the show for Dal judging time.

We will gather at Randy and Sharon Thomsen's motor home. As usual, it will be in the #1 spot.

As there will not be a newsletter prior to the show, this will be your only notice.

TELEPATHIC ANIMAL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP WITH RAPHAELLA POPE

DATE: November 15th & 16th (1-5pm)
SITE: Mt. Woodson, Ramona
COST: $125.
CONTACT: Carol Killebrew
(760) 788-9309

Raphaela has been featured nationally and internationally on radio and television, and in many newspaper and magazine articles.

DAY 1: Introduction to the essentials on how to get in touch with animals telepathically. Discover your blocks to communication with animals and the levels of communication possible. Enjoy exercises and meditations that increase your awareness and understanding of animals and your receptivity to telepathic communication. Discover how to be open to and experience animals' viewpoints, how you have already experienced telepathic communication with animals in the past and how to expand on that.

DAY 2: Learn how to quiet and focus your mind when being with animals. Practice opening the channel to get across to animals and allowing yourself to receive what they communicate telepathically in thoughts, images, impressions, feelings, messages...

Raphaela will also be available for individual consultation on the mornings of the two day workshop.

$40. for 30 minutes: $80. for 60 minutes.

JIM

Our condolences go out to Debbi Jones on the loss of her companion, Jim, on September 17th.

1998 DAL-TIMER

For those of you wishing to order the 1998 Dal-Timer, the price has been reduced almost 20% from last year. The new price is $12.50 per Timer.

Dal-Timers would make great Christmas gifts for your Dal friends. Copies will be sent by 12/7/97.

Make your check out to the Greater Denver Dalmatian Club and send to:

805 S. 1st Avenue
Brighton, CO. 80601

DUES INFORMATION

According to our By-Laws, **dues are payable on or before the first day of January each year. Membership shall be considered lapsed as of the first day of February.**

In the past we have had members pay their dues as late as March 1st...this after a number of written notices and phone calls. This becomes very time consuming and aggravating for the person trying to collect the dues.

A dues statement will be sent out in November. ***PLEASE***, take a few minutes to write out your check and mail it in right away.

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Silver Bay KC match Group 4

MIKE SHEA WORKSHOP

Although the workshop was poorly attended by DCSDC members, those of us who did attend learned quite a bit about how an Event Committee Hearing works. Mike picked a committee from the audience and made up a typical scenario of charges. The committee then had to conduct a hearing. Following the hearing, there was a question and answer period with Mike pointing out what was done correctly or incorrectly by the committee.

Thank you Sharon and Debbi for picking up gifts for Mike and thanks to those of you who attended the workshop.

EDITORIAL

WHO ARE WE KIDDING?

When members are asked what kind of programs they would like to have, the answer usually comes back "educational".

In our Constitution, Article I, Section 2 states:

The objectives of the Club shall be:

a. To provide a forum for knowledgeable Dalmatian enthusiasts to educate both the public and members in order to advance the interests of the breed.

This year three educational programs have been presented. All three of these programs have been very poorly attended by DCSDC members.

On the other hand, the "party" programs have been very well attended.

Why don't we stop kidding ourselves that we want educational programs when it's fairly obvious by the attendance record that we're more interested in the "party" programs. Now, there is nothing wrong with preferring the "party" programs, but why not just admit it!

It takes a lot of time and effort to put together any program; especially, the educational ones...finding a speaker, location, advertising etc. and it's very discouraging after putting in all the time and effort to end up with a very low turnout.

The other matter I'd like to address is the RSVP that is requested prior to some of the meetings/programs.

The RSVP is a request for *either a yes or no* answer concerning your attendance at an event so that the person(s) planning the event will have an idea of how many to expect or if the event should be canceled due to lack of interest.

The RSVP request should be enough, but the due date comes and goes with no answer. At that point members are called (which shouldn't have to be done) and messages are left asking for an answer and there's still no response. If you're unable to attend due to other obligations, that's fine, but I do think it's rude not to answer at all.

If anyone wishes to reply to this editorial, please feel free to do so. In order for your response to appear in DOT to DOT, it must be signed.

Cindy Lyford
Editor

DOG DAZE

GOOD TIMES GAMES POT LUCK

WHEN **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th 2PM**

WHERE **DOGPATCH DOG SPORTS CENTER**
CASSOU RD. SAN MARCOS

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE NORTH: I-15 south to Deer Springs Rd./Mountain Meadow (Deer Springs turns into Twin Oaks Valley Rd.)...continue on Twin Oaks Valley Rd. to Cassou Rd...turn **RIGHT**. (Cassou is the first **RIGHT** after the light at Buena Creek.) Field is on the **LEFT**. Turn **LEFT** right past field and park on ***the field side*** of the street.

I-5 south to **78 west**...exit Twin Oaks Valley Rd...turn **LEFT** onto Twin oaks Valley Rd....continue to Cassou Rd....turn **LEFT**. (as above) **SEE NOTE BELOW**

FROM THE SOUTH: I-15 to Twin Oaks Valley Rd....turn **RIGHT**...continue on Twin Oaks Valley Rd. to Cassou...turn **LEFT**. (as above) **SEE NOTE BELOW**

NOTE: After you pass the light at La Cienega, start looking for Cassou Rd. There is a small towing service on the corner. If you get to the light at Buena Creek, you've gone too far...turn around and Cassou will be the first street on your **RIGHT.**

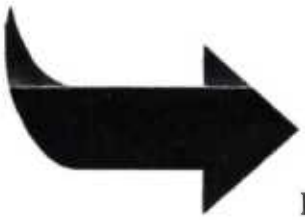
RSVP TO CINDY (390-2770) BY OCTOBER 20TH

POOL PARTY AND POT LUCK A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who contributed food and drinks (my personal favorites..the artichoke dip & cream puffs) and to Mike and Tom S. for grilling the hamburgers and hotdogs...good job, guys.

Tom and Carrie filled us in on all the happenings and gossip at the Nationals for those of us unlucky stay-at-homes.

Wow! Tom H. and Randy were on their best behavior! I think Xandra was the only one who got thrown in the pool. Carrie came real close to being dumped in, but escaped unscathed.



DON'T FORGET....

....the show season is winding down. With only a handful of shows remaining, start looking around for items for our annual gift exchange.

GOOD LUCK

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE GOING TO THE LAS VEGAS SPECIALTY

COME HOME WINNERS!

1988 DCA NATIONAL

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	EVENING
Sun. 6/14	Tracking	Welcome Party
Mon. 6/15	Obedience Sweeps Futurity Jr. Show	Jr. Show clinic Educational Seminar
Tues. 6/16	Obedience Sweeps Futurity Conformation	Annual Meeting
Wed. 6/17	Road Trial Conformation	Research Agility Trial
Thurs. 6/18	Conformation	Top Twenty
Fri. 6/19	BOB	Awards Banquet

JUDGING PANEL

Dogs & Intersex	Patty Strand
Bitches & Non Reg.	Anne Fleming
Obedience	Jim Ham John Metz
Jr. Showmanship	Mary Miller
Sweeps	To Be Voted
Futurity	To Be Voted
Road Trial Mounted Course	Kathryn E. Vande Logt Lisa Sulkowski
Agility	TBA
Tracking	Herb Morrison TBA
Canine Good Citizen	Charlie Cyopik

More 1988 DCA info on following pages

DCA IN DIXIE Show Committee

Show Chairman	**Bob Ekle**
Assistant Show Chairman	**Barbara Kalbach**
DCA Steering Committee	**Mary Miller**
Treasurer	**Gloria Yarina**
Show Secretary – Coordinator	**Laura Lightholder**
Trophy	Meg Ipsas Hennessey
Catalog	Tom and Marie Kaiser
Ring Stewards	Chris Neal
Top Twenty	Rod Strand
Publicity - Coordinator	**Paul Lindhorst**
Publicity	Elaine Lindhorst
Daily Newsletter	Mary Lynn Jensen
Performance – Coordinator	**Charlie Cyopik**
CGC, Agility	Charlie Cyopik
Tracking	Tom Hacholski
Obedience	Molly Martin
Road Trial	Tina Smith
Publicity/Catalog	Cathy Raver
Trophies/Ribbons	Donna Gump
Stabling /Horse Rentals	Barbara Curtis
Hospitality	Ann Mooney
Grounds/Equipment/Supplies	TBD
Chief Steward	TBD
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Daily Hospitality	Margie Doane
Welcome Party }	{David Kemp
Awards Banquet }	{Max Bradley Kemp
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Dog Wash	Lori DePasquale
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Room Share	Lynne and Robert VonMayr
Grounds & Equipment – Coordinator	**John Benoit**
Recreational Vehicles	Karl Kalbach
Education – Coordinator	**John Lyons**
Misc. & DCA	
Committee	Bernie Ekle
Logo and Promotions	Karen Moore
DCA Sponsors, Raffle, Lottery	Hal Shorr
Regional Club Contact	Connie Wagner
Booth/Vendors	Bob Ekle

Message from the Show Chairman:

Your National Specialty Show committee is looking to June 14, 1998 and welcoming you all to Perry Georgia and ***"DCA IN DIXIE".*** Southern Hospitality is waiting to greet you at the beautiful and spacious Georgia State Fairgrounds. Each year the National Specialty offers those who attend something new, and at the same time at this event we renew our history. This event has much to offer those who will join us in Perry. The Road Trial will be on site for the first time, with conveniently placed bleachers to observe this unique and growing competition. Agility during one evening will surely be memorable and enjoyable.

Those who chose to stay on site in campers will be parked next to the rings and will enjoy the beauty of this facility. If you are staying in one of the nearby hotels, you will find them first rate and reasonably priced. The Show Committee is working to make this a ***"User Friendly"***, affordable, and interesting experience. We will provide lots of room to see the competition, plenty of COOL space for the dogs and people. Join us for one full week that is dedicated to the Dalmatian and those people who care about them.

We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to visit us in Dixie.

Bob Ekle

Preliminary Information

The information in this flyer is being made available for planning purposes among the members and friends of DCA. The final arrangements and schedules etc. will be forthcoming in the pre-show mailer due to mail in early January.

Hotels - The hotel information in the hotel chart is accurate to the best of our ability. Rates are firm and reservations can be made now if desired. Remember to read the hotel and show grounds rules regarding exercise areas, cleanup, and DCA's policy. To secure your reservation, there is a one (1) night deposit required, that will be refunded only up until 30 days prior to the event.

RV Rental – Arrangements have been made with Coachmen and their dealer, Giant Recreation World to supply 34'(approx.) motorhomes and/or trailers for rental. Cost is $105 per night. Included are all costs including full hook up's (electric, water, and sewer) and grounds fees. RV's will be at the show grounds when you arrive. Dogs will be allowed in the RV's but the number of crates in the RV will subtract the number the RV will sleep, normally 4 to 6. More information will be available in the pre-show mailer, including whom to contact for reservations. There will be plenty of units available at that time. All personal items and dog supplies are to be supplied by the renter. If you need a list of recommended equipment, contact Karl Kalbach at 770-442-0334.

RV Parking – Grounds fees with full hook up is $20 per night.

Crate Rental - Due to the concerns of disposing of or storing the rental crates after the show, we will be instituting a crate purchase program. We will negotiate a group purchase of crates that will be shipped to the show grounds awaiting your arrival. We will arrange for UPS to ship all crates to your home after the show. There will be no additional cost to keep crates of your own inside the show building. In fact, if you want to ship your own extra crates to and from the fairgrounds via UPS, this can be arranged.

Performance in Perry - For the first time at the National Specialty, all performance events will take place in the same site. The Georgia State Fairgrounds is large enough to accommodate all events. Come to Perry and compete in obedience, tracking, agility, road trial and canine good citizen. Just think, one motel or camp site for all events.

After the excitement dies down, the more practical will ask "What is the weather like in Georgia in June?" For the indoor events, try air-conditioned comfort. For the outdoor events, try 80-90F with high humidity. Sounds a bit like Lexington in 1993. We survived and had a great time, so come prepared again. Coolers, ice water, and train your dog to the heat. Remember, if you don't enter, you can't win and have a good time.

The concept of a Club Performance Champion is being developed to honor the Regional Club with the most members with the most placements in the Performance Events. Watch the Pre Show Mailer for more information.

Air Transportation – DCA has selected Delta Air Lines as the official air carrier for our Specialty in Perry, GA. Delta is offering special discounted fares. To take advantage of these savings travel Delta round trip from anywhere within the US, Canada, Bermuda, Nassau, San Juan, St. Croix and St. Thomas to the Specialty.

To take advantage of Delta's quality service, convenient schedules and special fares, call Delta at 800-241-6760 between 7:30 AM and 11:00 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday,(between 8:30 AM and 11:00 PM Eastern time Saturday and Sunday) and reference the File Number: 103786A.

Car and Van Rental – The Specialty Transportation Committee has been busy working with the major car and van rental agencies in Atlanta, to secure rates and availability during this busy time of the year. More information will be available at the time of the pre show mailer. Vans are available from Budget, Hertz, Alamo, Avis and Armada. At this point, Armada (1-770-994-8800) is the only rental agency that allows the passenger seats to be removed. Be sure that any rental company you choose is open during the hours you are planning to arrive and depart from the airport.

Education, Testing, and Meetings - Plans are already underway to assure a great week of learning for all exhibitors, both new and well experienced in the breed. For the Educational Seminar, we have Chuck Tomkins from Sea World, a terrific motivational speaker specializing in Obedience and Conformation training. Additionally, Research committee updates are being planned by the sub-committees on skin/allergies, seizures, and stones. These will take only 15 minutes each and will bring us up to the minute on these important topics for all of us.

There will also be a highly visible Historical Review exhibit, a testing program for dogs, and a special event for the Juniors to be announced in the pre-show mailer.

DCA in Dixie Apparel and Memorabilia – Never before have there been so many quality items to chose from. See the insert in this packet for a preview of this collection. You have plenty of time to save up to buy one of each of these terrific items. Deadline is May 1, 1998.

DCA IN DIXIE - 1998
HOTELS

Hotel	Holiday Inn	Hampton Inn	Quality Inn	Comfort Inn	Knights Inn	Econolodge
Dogs in room	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rate	$46	$57	$47	$46	$47	$45
# of Floors	1	3	1	2	2	1
Pool	Outdoor	Outdoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Outdoor
Restaurant	Full Service	Cont. Brkfst.	Cont. Brkfst.	Cont. Brkfst.	Cont. Brkfst.	Cont. Brkfst.
Exercise Area	Yes	Yes	Easy Access	Large Field	Large Field	Yes
I75 Exit #	43	43	43	43	43	43
Phone Number	912-987-3313	912-987-7681	912-987-1345	912-987-7710	912-987-1515	912-987-2585
Toll Free	800-808-8804	800-426-7800				800-424-4777
Fax Number	912-988-8269	912-987-7128	912-987-5875	912-988-2624	912-988-8454	912-987-4314
# of rooms	150	74	45	65	40	30
# of Dogs in Room	0	4	4	4	4	4
Cleaning Charge	NA	One time $20	$5 per day	One time $10	None	One time $10

DCA Policy: *"Any exhibitor who allows his/her dogs to be loose or unattended in a room or to damage hotel property and who then does not immediately contact the hotel management to make proper restitution, will be subject to Bench Show Committee action which could result in loss of AKC privileges."*

Reservations require a one (1) night's deposit, which is refundable only up until 30 days prior to the event.

1998 "DCA in Dixie" Apparel & Memorabilia


A


B


C


D


E

All apparel except T-shirts are available by pre-order only!

A. Hilton "Americana" 100% Cotton Pique Knit Golf Shirt
Features: 7oz. 100% pique knit cotton, two button placket with woodtone buttons, extended sleeve length, stars and stripes motif jacquard knit collar with coordinating sleeve welts, full-cut sizing. Embroidered logo. Available in Royal or White. S-XXXL.
Price ***$30.00***

B. Jerzees 9oz Cadet Collar Pullover Sweatshirt
Features: 50/50 blend, half-zip front pullover with cadet collar, set-in sleeves, ribbed cuffs and waistband, coverseamed waistband, brasstone zipper. Embroidered logo. Available in Khaki, Oxford, Weathered Denim, or White. S-XXL.
Price ***$26.00***

C. Jerzees Heavyweight 50/50 Short Sleeve T-Shirt
Features: Heavyweight 50/50 blend, taped neck, hemmed arms and waist. Screenprinted color logo. Available in Khaki, Natural, Royal, or Weathered Gray. S-XXXL.
Price ***$12.00***

D. Dunbrooke "Jammer" Fashion Styled Jacket
Features: Coated nylon shell, water resistant, hidden hood, breathable mesh back yoke, folds into a small pocket pouch. Embroidered logo. Available in Red/Navy/White only. Sizes: S/M, L/XL, XXL, and XXXL.
Price ***$54.00***

E. Crystal Springs Cotton Short Sleeve Denim Shirt
Features: 100% laundered cotton denim, banded collar with 1/4" topstitch, double back yoke, left front pocket, clean finished placket with six woodtone buttons, single needle edge stitching on shoulder and sleeves. Embroidered Logo. S-XXL.
Price ***$38.00***



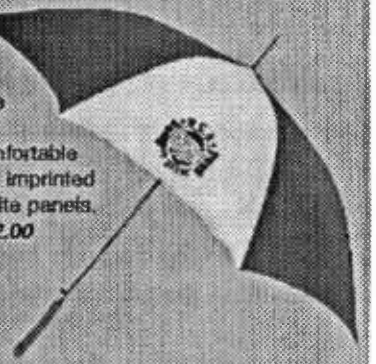
F. Terrycloth Golf Towel
Features: 100% woven terry-cotton, hemmed edge, includes hook and grommet. Screenprinted color logo. White only.
Price ***$7.00***

G. Commemorative Can Hugger
Features: Durable, foam insulation, holds any 12oz beverage can. White with black imprint.
Price ***$2.00***



H. Cotton Bandannas
Not pictured. Features: 100% cotton. Screenprinted color logo. Available in Royal only. 22"x22".
Price ***$7.00***

I. Deluxe Umbrella
Features: Large 48" arch, sturdy metal shaft, comfortable wooden handle, imprinted logo. Red & White panels.
Price ***$12.00***



To guarantee your selection, please pre-order using the order form on the reverse side. Most items will not be available for purchase at the show site.

1998 "DCA in Dixie" Apparel & Memorabilia Order Form

Hurry! Orders must be received by May 1, 1998.
No late orders will be accepted.

ITEM #	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL

All pre-ordered items will be available for pickup at the Specialty.

- or-

Send $5.00 per apparel item and $3.00 per memorabilia item to cover the cost of shipping and handling.

ITEMS ADD $2.00 EACH	
ITEMS ADD $3.00 EACH	
SHIPPING	
TOTAL ORDER	

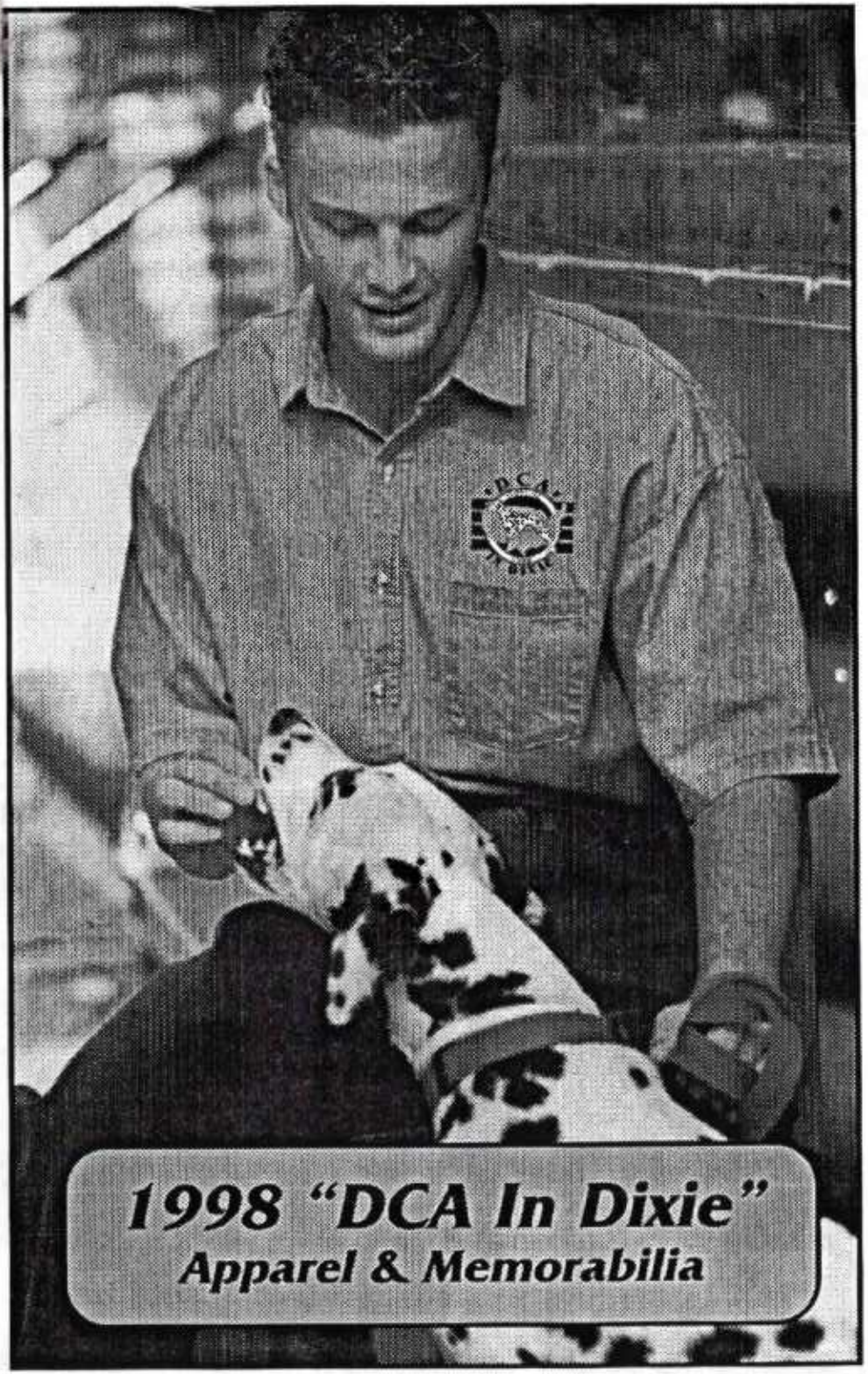
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DCSDC WEB PAGE

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DECEMBER 28TH

Our annual Holiday party and "ruthless" gift exchange will be hosted by Randy and Sharon Thomsen on Saturday, December 28th. The fun starts at 11am. **Please RSVP to Sharon (619-698-0420) by December 15th to find out what you should bring.**

We will also be voting on our new Board members, so please plan to attend this fun and important meeting.

DIRECTIONS

7019 Mt. Vernon St.
Lemon Grove

94 EAST or WEST---exit at Massachusetts Ave....turn **LEFT** and continue to Mt. Vernon St....turn **RIGHT.** Their house is on the **LEFT.**

PLEASE NOTE

AREA CODES 760 & 562

There has been an area code change for some of our members. Please change the area code on your membership list for M. Cabral, Davis, Jones, Prevatte, Smith, Wagner & Wilterding to 760; for T. Harris to 562.

1998 DUES

Your 1998 dues are due by the end of this month. If you want to save yourself 32 cents, bring your check to the Holiday party.

1998 BUSINESS CARD ADS

If you want your business card included in *DOT to DOT*, please send your $10. check to Cindy by December 30th. Your card does not have to be dog related.

NO JANUARY MEETING

There will be no general meeting in January. Our first general meeting of 1998 will be following Dal judging on the Saturday of the Silver Bay KC show in February. More information will be in the January/ February *DOT to DOT*

ELECTIONS

Both Mike Wagner and Michele Smith will be leaving the Board at the end of the year. Thanks to both for jobs well done over the past three years.

The nominating committee, Debbi Jones, Chair, Xandra Prevatte and Annelle Wilterding, presented the following nominees at our October general meeting:

Chuck Davis
Kathy Martin
Gabriella Ravani
Randy Thomsen

There were no nominations taken from the floor at the November general meeting.

Elections will be held at our Holiday party.

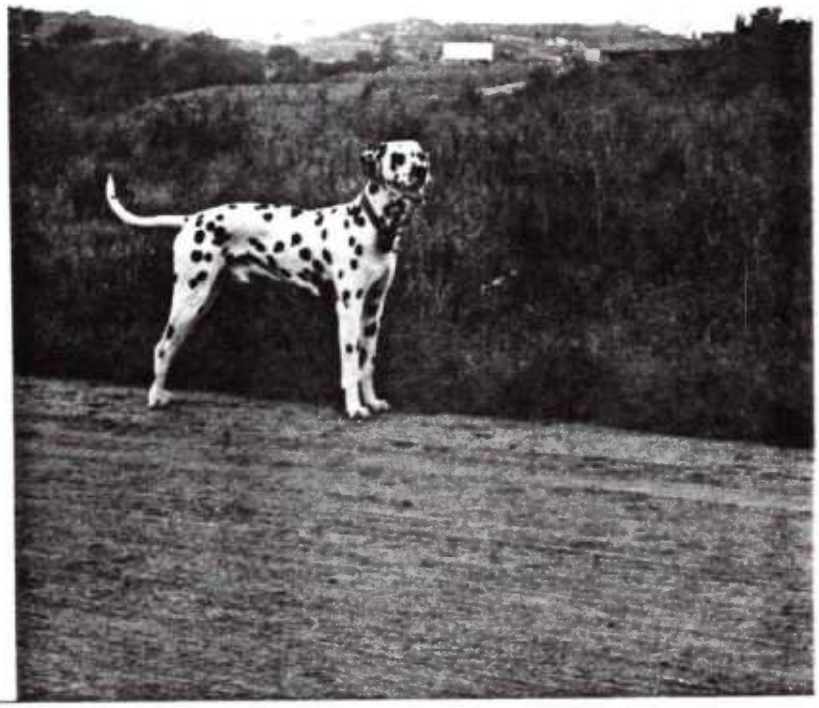
VOICE MAIL

Although the voice mail certainly served its purpose throughout the media blitz of 1996, we have decided to drop our voice mail service at this time for two reasons. Firstly, our provider is going out of business and to secure a new provider would mean a major jump in cost. Secondly, most of our calls were from people who wanted to get rid of their Dal "yesterday". We are not nor have we been in a position to foster dogs so, we couldn't help these people anyway.

SILVER BAY KC

DCSDC will be supporting the Dal entry both days of the Silver Bay KC show in February. More information to follow.





GENTLEMEN JIM OF HILL-N-DAL, CGC
January 3, 1987-September 16, 1997

What can I say about my beautiful Jimmy Bean Boy? The champion hot dog catcher. When he was 8 weeks old, he licked my face and said take me home. So I did. And I'm so glad I did. I could never have asked for a better companion. I will never forget our romps on the beach, or our quiet times that we would cuddle together. He was a great foot warmer. He always slept under the covers, and when my alarm went off in the morning, he would groan and snuggle deeper. He was not a morning dog. He was an extremely patient dog. He never tired of waiting for me. Whether I was working, playing or visiting with friends. I will never forget the day he received his canine good citizenship title. He was nine years old and I was so very proud of him. He was a gentleman in every way. I will miss my Jimmy Bean Boy. I know that he is in a happy place now, and one day, I will see him again.

I want to thank everyone who sent me a card, gave me a hug, and shared my tears. You have no idea how much your support and compassion means to me.

Our Dalmatian gift exchange is an event to look forward to. Gifts up to $10 will be exchanged in a unique & fun interaction of membership & guests. See if you can bring the most "unusual" Dalmatian gift!!!



The Dalmatian Club of SanDiego County invites you to it's annual holiday party & elections. Please join us for friendship and best wishes for the year to come.

Sunday, December 28th at 11:00 am
at the home of RaShar Dalmatians
Randy & Sharon Thomsen
7019 Mt Vernon Street, Lemon Grove
619/698-0420
Please call with your confirms AND regrets

A light brunch will be served & a gift exchange will follow.

Las Vegas Specialty
DCSDC WINNERS

Sweepstakes judge: Keith Pautz

6-9 Puppy Dogs
1. COACHMAN'S CEO
   Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood
   Carrie Jordan & Tom Harris
2. QUICKSILVER'S FLYING HIGH
   Barbara Lyons
3. SHANDRYDAN'S THE NATURAL
   Gabriella Ravani

9-12 Dogs
3. HILL-N-DAL'S FIRE AND RAIN
   Jan Hill

6-9 Puppy Bitches
3. PAISLEY'S RUN FOR THE BORDER
   Debbie Goddard

9-12 Bitches
2. STARCOACH WALTZING MATILDA
   Nancy Dandrea & Jan Hill

12-18 Bitches
1. DAISYDOT SNOW IN SUMMER
   Tom Harris & Carrie Jordan

BEST IN SWEEPS
DAISYDOT SNOW IN SUMMER

Regular classes
judge: Mrs. James Edward Clark

6-9 Puppy Dogs
1. COACHMAN'S CEO
   Heidi Hampson, Tony Wood
   Carrie Jordan, Tom Harris
2. QUICKSLIVER'S BOZZ SCAGGS
   Barbara Lyons
3. QUICKSILVER'S FLYING HIGH
   Barbara Lyons
4. SHANDRYDAN'S THE NATURAL
   Gabriella Ravani

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   Jan Hill

Open Black Dogs
4. AVIATOR N RANCHO SMOKIN' EAGLE
   Debbie Goddard

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   Debbie Goddard

9-12 Bitches
2. STARCOACH WALTZING MATILDA
   Nancy Dandrea & Jan Hill

Bred By Bitches
1. ARROW'S SONG O' SONORA
   Dave & Annelle Wilterding

RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH
ARROW'S SONG O' SONORA

7-10 Veteran Dog
1. LIEUTENANT SNOWY BROCK CREEK
   Tom & Michele Smith

BEST OF BREED
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Carrie Jordan & Tom Harris



WHAT A TERRIFIC SHOWING FOR DCSDC MEMBERS!!

VEGAS WEEKEND CONTINUED

Black Mountain KC Judge Edd Bivin

6-9 Puppy Dogs
1. QUICKSILVER'S BOZZ SCAGGS
   Barbara Lyons
2. COACHMAN'S CEO
   Heidi Hampson, Tony Woods
   Carrie Jordan, Tom Harris
3. QUICKSLIVER'S FLYING HIGH
   Barbara Lyons
4. SHANDRYDAN'S THE NATURAL
   Gabriella Ravani

Open Black Dogs
4. LIEUTENANT SNOWY BROCK CREEK
   Tom & Michele Smith

RESERVE WINNER'S DOG
QUICKSILVER'S BOZZ SCAGGS

6-9 Puppy Bitches
1. PAISLEY'S RUN FOR THE BORDER
   Debbie Goddard

9-12 Bitches
1. STARCOACH WALTZING MATILDA
   Nancy Dandrea & Jan Hill

Bred By Bitches
2. DAISYDOT SNOW IN SUMMER
   Tom Harris & Carrie Jordan

Open Black Bitches
1. SUNNYGLEN'S SOME LIKE IT HOT
   Dave & Annelle Wilterdaing

WINNER'S BITCH
SUNNYGLEN'S SOME LIKE IT HOT

RESERVE WINNER"S BITCH
STARCOACH WALTZING MATILDA

AWARD OF MERIT
CH. QUICKSILVER'S FIRESTORM
   Barbara Lyons

Silver State KC Judge Mrs. Hungerland

6-9 Puppy Dogs
1. COACHMAN'S CEO
   Heidi Hampson, Tony Woods
   Carrie Jordan, Tom Harris
2. QUICKSILVER'S BOZZ SCAGGS
   Barbara Lyons
3. QUICKSILVER'S FLYING HOGH
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Open Black Dogs
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BEST OF OPPOSITE
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BRAGS

ARROW'S SONG OF SONORA
San Gabriel Valley KC WB BOS major
owners: Dave & Annelle Wilterding

TALAMORA'S PAR FOR THE COURSE
San Gabriel Valley KC WD BOW to finish
breeders: Dave & Annelle Wilterding

ALFREDRICH POCAHONTAS
Riverside KC WB BOW BOS
owner: Debbi Jones

AKC APPROVAL RECEIVED

DCSDC has been approved by AKC to hold a Sanctioned "A" match. Our match will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1998, following Best in Show judging at the Cabrillo KC show at the Polo grounds in Rancho Santa Fe.

Match Chair---Nancy Dandrea
Secretary-------Debbi Jones
Judge----------Jerry Roszman

PRE-ENTRIES ONLY

As an "A" match requires a lot more work (both prior to and during the event) from our members, please be ready to volunteer your time so we can make this a very successful endeavor.

MORE BRAGS

DAISYDOT COOL CRIMSON
Cabrillo KC Match BIM
breeders: Jordan, Harris

ARROW'S SONG OF SONORA
Cabrillo KC WB, BOS
owners: Dave & Annelle Wilterding

SUNNYGLEN'S SOME LIKE IT HOT
Cabrillo KC RWB
owner: Annelle Wilterding

CH. DAISYDOT DUSTY MILLER
Del Sur KC BOB
Cabrillo KC BOB Group 1
owners: Carrie Jordan & Tom Harris

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Paul Lindhorst, Kim Blutreich

SYNOPSIS OF JULY 25, 1997 DCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING at the Northfield Hilton, Troy, Michigan:

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:10 p.m. All Board members, AKC Delegate James Smith and DCA Past President Peggy Rudder attended.

Since the last meeting the Secretary (Sharon Boyd) has answered 945 letters and 88 telephon e calls resulting in the dispersal of 1033 DCA information packets or membership applications.All other correspondence regarding Board action and AKC were appropriately answered.

Mr. Berg gave income and expense information for the quarter as well as to date. DCA total account balance for July 23, 1997 was $58,442 and year-to-date income in excess of expenses was $14,262. Complete treasury details will be in the unabridged Minutes appearing in the SPOTTER.

Regarding the Futurity the Board directed that in the event of multiple ownerships or multiple breeders, one single check be sent to one address with the owners or breeders of interest dispersing the funds among themselves. Mr. EKle, Futurity Chair. is to obtain such an address of record at the times of nomination.

SPOTTER Editor Sheila Wymore reminded the Board that a first class mailing option for the SPOTTER IS OFFERED AT $12.00 per year. The Board approved regional clubs be given a free 1/4 page to advertise their specialties in exchange for SPOTTER subscription/advertising information to be inserted into regional club catalogs; that advertisements from non-members of DCA pay the higher corporate advertising rate; that "tear sheets" be given advertisers rather than a copy of the SPOTTER; and advertisers will be offered a 10% discount for additional pages after the first ad.

Julie Lux, Public Relations Director, reported that Dog Fancy will do a follow up article re. Dalmatians and the Disney movie.

Nilda Dorini has been named chair. for the sub-committee on hypothroidism. Mrs. Berg, Research Chair., will distribute a questionnaire DCA weekend re. a project by a vet. student at Univ. of Calif. at Davis.

Cheryl Steinmetz has been appointed to the Historian Committee.

Sheila Wymore is Chair. of the Nominating Committe for 1997 with Carol Schubert and Sandy Milkie as members of that committee.

All Specialty Chairs. gave reports. Sandra Milkie reported on the current DCA National which was in good order; Bob Ekle reported on 1998 in Perry Georgia and announced that Coachman Industries and its subsidiary Gian Recreation World are offering financial support in the amount of $20,437. Jan Nelson and Ginger Sammonds, Co-chairs. for the 1999 Specialty in Denver have all their committees in place. The 2000 Specialty will be chaired by Sherry Cornwell and take place in French Lick, IN. Helen Siegel appeared with her and both gave a lengthy overview of the turn of the century Specialty.

Marie Jenkins and Mary Miller will continue to pursue the issue of a Versatility certificate. It was the consensus of the Board that a Road Trial title should be a part of the concept.

The DCA Book of the Dalmatian has been completed and gratitude was expressed to authors Susan MacMillan, Sheila Wymore and Susan Brooksbank. It is now available for sale.

Carla Hedges was appointed Assistant to the Corresponding Secretary to handle the huge amount of correspondence. The Board discussed many alternatives for the future of the office of Corresponding Secretary as Mrs. Boyd's term ends this year.

Walter Johnson's long years of service to DCA were discussed and an appropriate recognition is being planned.

DCA member Maggie Blutreich proposed that DCA send information to anyone placing ads for Dalmatians in newspapers. Ms. Blutreich is to devise a pilot program to be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

The next DCA Board of Governors meeting will be in Denver, Colo. on November 1, 1997.

On a personal note: The Detroit Specialty was one of the most conveniently easy to find shows I have attended . Sandy Milkie and her committees as well as MaryMiller, Specialty Steering Chair., did a great job in making it a really fun time. One complaint - I didn't have time enough to visit with all the folks there. Maybe we can make up for it next year in Perry, GA!

Best wishes to all,

Maggie Deane, Chair
Regional Club Council

(The complete minutes will appear in the next SPOTTER)

THE NEW BOOK ON

THE DALMATIAN

Yes, the new book was released by TFH at the National Specialty Show in Detroit. It is an absolutely excellent publication with over 600 color photos. Without doubt, it is the most comprehensive book published on the Breed.

The book retails at $79.99 in stores. You can order it direct through the DCA Foundation for $59.95 plus $5.00 handling. You save $15.00 and the Foundation earns a profit also.

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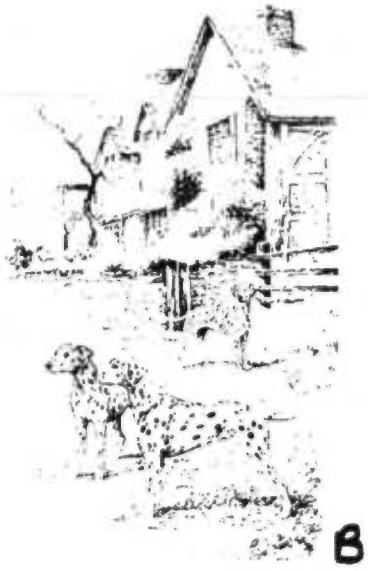
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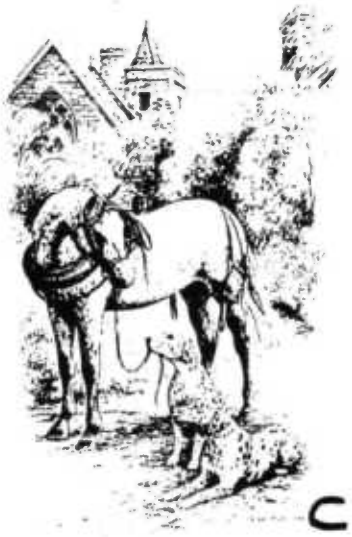
These wonderful drawings were crafted by world famous animal and bird artist, Deidre Hunt. In addition to working on specially commissioned work for the Franklin Mint, Ms Hunt is known world wide for her special one of a kind and very detailed works.

We have produced **only 101 copies of each** of these three prints. They are individually numbered and bear the artists signature. They are reproduced on quality textured paper. The originals will be on display at the National Specialty in Detriot. You can place your order there or direct with our treasurer, by check or Visa/MasterCard on the form below. Don't miss out, as these will not be re-printed no matter how fast they sell.

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