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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2001
SILVER BAY KENNEL CLUB
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IMMEDIATELY AFTER DALMATIAN JUDGING
NEAR RINGSIDE



SUBMIT NAMES OF JUDGES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR OUR UPCOMING SPECIALTIES TO ANY BOARD MEMBER PRIOR TO THE MARCH BOARD MEETING.

The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the
Red Lobster Restaurant in Mira Mesa
You are welcome to attend, just let the President know.

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DAL SPECIALTY'S

January 13, 2001	Mid Florida Dalmatian Club	FL
February 25, 2001	Chicagoland Dalmatian Club	IL
March 2, 2001	DalmatianClub of Great St. Louis	MO
March 2, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Greater Phoenix	AZ
March 16, 2001	Dalmatian Organization of Houston	TX
March 16, 2001	Heartland Dalmatian Club of Greater Kansas	KA
April 6, 2001	Dalmatian Club of the Piedmont	NC
April 15, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta	GA
May 18, 2001	Dalmatian Club of San Diego County	CA
June 29, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Southern California	CA
June 29, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Southern New England	---
July 1-5, 2001	Dalmatian Club of America	CA
July 20, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Northern California	CA
August 11, 2001	Puget Sound Dalmatian Club	WA
August 18, 2001	Greater Denver Dalmatian Club	CO
August 25, 2001	Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club	MN
August 25, 2001	Western Reserve Dalmatian Club	OH
September 2, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Greater New York	NJ
September 20, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta	GA
September 23, 2001	Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club	PA
October 5, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Las Vegas	NV
October 5, 2001	Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club	PA
October 6, 2001	Cumberland Valley Dalmatian Club	TN
October 7, 2001	Cumberland Valley Dalmatian Club	TN
October 13, 2001	Chicagoland Dalmatian Club	IL
November 1, 2001	Dalmatian Organization of Tulsa	OK
November 30, 2001	Dalmatian Club of Detroit	MI

Note:All applications for events and dates are pending and subject to AKC approval. This information is being compiled for the convenience of exhibitors and may not be accurate. Verify dates prior to making entries. Dates are projected from year 2000 information.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF DCA BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2000, ORLANDO, FLA.

1. President, Charles Garvin, discussed the release of the Disney movie and the Webmaster change. Disney seems to be cooperating with DCA and the new Webmaster has been working hard to get the site up to date.

2. The Secretary has responed to 78 requests for information and 20 phone calls since the last Board Meeting. All other correspondence re. Nominating Committee, AKC, etc. has been answered.

3. Treasurer Meg Hennessey reported a SPOTTER loss of $677.81 which is a great improvement over recent years. The total balance of all funds as of 9/30/00 is $82,829.27. Approval was given to transfer $50,000 from the current Money Market account to a CD.

4. AKC Delegate James Smith led a discussion of numerous upcoming items at AKC. DCA is one of the oldest member clubs, being 17th in club longevity. Mr. Smith was instructed to vote yes on all items except limitation of number of delegates and regulation of changing membership fees from the delegates to the AKC Board.

5. Dr. Garvin and Julie Lux, Public Relations Chair for DCA, attended the opening night of the Disney movie.

6. Contract between JLS Canine Services Web Design and the liason to McPherson Internet Services was ratified. Dr. Garvin reported the response from the membership towards the new Web Page has been very positive.

7. Breeder Referral has received over 150 calls and 120 E-Mails since the last meeting.

8. Paul Lindhorst was commended for the excellent job of writing the Dalmatian article appearing on the AKC web site.

9. Fee proposal re. the Futurity is to be in the next SPOTTER for comment from the membership.

10. Board members are to document their Standard Operating Procedures for their areas and submit to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nelson, for compilation and review at the March 2001 meeting.

2001 Dalmatian Club of America National Specialty
Ventura, California July 1-5, 2001

The DCA needs your help to make the many and varied events at the National take place. If we are to continue with the traditional **Wilton Armetale** trophies, we need your generous support. Our Trophy Chairman will try to honor your first request for classes whenever possible. However, you may wish to check with her personally before sending in your pledges.

DCA Trophy Chairman is: Christine L. Prince
(704) 764-5640 Day & Evening phone
CHRISPRNCE@aol.com

For donors to be listed in the catalog, all trophy donations must be in by April 10, 2001.

Class Placements (All conformation and performance **except** Jumpers with Weaves):

First	Tavern Pitcher	$75.00
Second	Dinner Plate	$40.00
Third	Salad Plate	$30.00
Fourth	Bread Plate	$25.00

Jumpers With Weaves **ONLY:**

First	Country French Mug	$25.00
Second	Scallop Handled Appetizer	$20.00
Third	Pineapple Small Dish	$15.00
Fourth	Scallop Sealife	$10.00

All Regular and traditional DCA Non-Regular conformation and performance classes will be offered in 1st through 4th placements, except:
Veteran's classes that traditionally only offer first place.
NO tracking is offered at this year's National.

There will be two agility trials at this National. Both trials will offer Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes. If you would like to sponsor a trophy for a specific day, please request either Agility 1 (Monday) or Agility 2 (Tuesday).

PERFORMANCE EVENTS FUND

The Performance Events Fund helps support the numerous performance events we enjoy at a National level. All donors who send their funds in before the April 10, 2001 catalog deadline will receive acknowledgement in the catalog for your generosity.
Anyone who donates $40.00 or more **prior to the April 10th** will receive the specially designed T-shirt. These shirts will not be available for sale at the show. You will be able to pick-up your shirt at the National, or prepay $6.00 for shipping and handling to have the shirt mailed to you.

Name/ Contact Number or Email: _____

Trophy Sponsored (Class/Placement): _____

Donor Acknowledgement for Catalog: (i.e. John Doe, Spot Kennel or John Doe in loving memory of Ch. Dotty, RD)

_____

Performance Fund (for donations over $40.00) T-shirt Size: _____

Please return your completed questionnaire and check made out to DCA to:

Christine L. Prince
DCA 2001 Trophy Chair
6421 Medlin Rd.
Monroe, NC. 28112-7348

Statement from the Dalmatian Club of America

Once again, Dalmatians will be in the spotlight in November with Disney's release of their new movie, 102 Dalmatians. The Board of Governors and the 1100 members of the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA) understand and appreciate the appeal of these wonderful spotted dogs. Dalmatians are lovable, intelligent and loyal companions. They are devoted to their owners and, above all else, want to be part of the family activities. The Dalmatian is a medium-large, happy, athletic, active breed.

The American Kennel Club encourages prospective owners to research a breed carefully before deciding to make a purchase. The DCA agrees with this idea and urges anyone considering getting a Dalmatian to find out as much as possible about the breed before bringing one into their family. You should contact a DCA member in your area to learn more about Dalmatians, and to help you find a responsible breeder or refer you to an affiliated rescue group.

It is most important to resist the urge to buy any dog on impulse. Owning a dog is a serious responsibility and a long-term commitment, actually adding a new member to the family. Taking the time to learn about Dalmatians before acquiring one is the best way to ensure a long and happy relationship for all.

The Dalmatian Club of America, established in 1905, is an organization of breeders, owners and fanciers who are dedicated to the preservation, improvement, health and welfare of the Dalmatian breed.

Be sure to browse our web site, www.thedca.org for more information about the Dalmatian and the Dalmatian Club of America.

Where to get a Dalmatian

The best source for a Dalmatian puppy or adult is a reputable breeder who is a member of the Dalmatian Club of America or one of its regional clubs, or from an affiliated rescue group. The choice between a puppy and an adult should be guided by your lifestyle, your energy and activity level, and the amount of time you will have to spend with your Dalmatian.

A responsible breeder or rescue group will ask for references, will require an explicit written contract outlining the responsibilities of the new home, and will perform a home check . The breeder or rescue group will always be available to answer questions about training, care, and any other concerns and to make referrals to veterinarians, trainers, and dog clubs.

All dogs will have adjustment periods in new homes. This is the time to bond with your new Dalmatian and to establish behavioral guidelines. Obedience or training classes are strongly encouraged and will help make this adjustment easier.

Responsible dog ownership begins with choosing the right breed of dog for your lifestyle. Make sure you spend time with real Dalmatians. Take as much time as you need to consider your decision.

What is a Dalmatian like?

Size — preferably 19" to 24" at the shoulders

Weight — 40 to 65 lbs.

Color — white background with black or liver (dark brown) spots; eyes may be brown and/or blue.

Hair and Coat — short and dense; sheds all year; requires regular brushing

Intelligence — very intelligent and eager to learn if trained consistently with positive reinforcement methods. Many Dalmatians excel in obedience, agility, tracking, and road trials.

Energy Level — very active with lots of stamina; requires regular exercise.

Purpose of Dalmatians — No one is sure where the breed originated. Dalmatians became popular in England and the British isles as coach dogs. They would clear the road of stray animals and also guard the carriages and horses. They served a similar purpose for horse-drawn fire apparatus. When fire engines became mechanized, Dalmatians stayed on as mascots. Today most Dalmatians are family companions.



Health Issues in Dalmatians

There are certain health problems associated with every breed of purebred dog and with mixed breeds. Those of specific concern to Dalmatians are:

Deafness The only accurate way to determine a dog's hearing status is through Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) Testing. The Dalmatian Club of America does not endorse selling or giving away bilaterally deaf puppies. Reputable breeders will supply you with hearing test results.

Bladder Stones The Dalmatian has a unique problem with processing purine-forming proteins, which may cause the formation of bladder stones. Dalmatians should be fed medium or low protein commercial dog food or a diet that is low in purine forming proteins. The DCA website www.thedca.org has a great deal of information on this subject.

Other Issues - Regardless of the breed selected, you may wish to discuss general canine health concerns with your veterinarian, including dysplasia, hypothyroidism, seizures, allergies, and eye problems.

The Dalmatian Club of America Foundation www.dcaf.org, a 501 (c) 3 corporation, sponsors research and education on many important health issues. Donations may be directed to: DCAF Treasurer, 1348 Beulah Park, Lexington, KY 40517. To purchase The Official Book of the Dalmatian, send a check for $47.95 to DCAF Book, P.O. Box 632, Elgin, IL 60121-0632.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - November 1, 2000

Board member absent Teresa Baily, Randy Thomsen, Tony Wood. Guests Boyd Goddard.
Meeting called to order by Rec Secretary Debbie Goddard.
Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.
Quorum was not present, regular order of business was dispensed and discussion followed on two items:
a) medallions previously discussed, cost seemed prohibitive and it was decided to table motion until next meeting
b) discussion about judge selections for specialty.
Chuck Davis showed next specialty cover for catalog. Chuck has donated covers to Club.
Next meeting 12/6/00 at Red Lobster.

General Meeting - November 11, 2000

Meeting held on Country Club Classic show grounds after Dalmatian judging at 2:50pm, conducted by Tony Wood.
Main item of business was to take nominations for the 2 open board positions from the floor. None were made and nominations were closed.
Discussion on the medallions was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Board Meeting - December 6, 2000

Guests Boyd Goddard, Heidi Hampson, Sharon Thomsen & John Baily. Tony Wood absent.
Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved. Sharon Thomsen will send out dues notices for Treasurer.
Unfinished business - Specialty, contacted Barbara Scott, Super for next show. Otherwise all is moving along well for May, 2001, per Heidi Hampson, reporting for Chair, Tony Wood.
Discussion ensued on judge selection as it seems our present method (collecting names and sending out ballots with many names listed) is not working out well. No one judge seems to get more than 1 or 2 votes, as so many are listed. Standing Rule #16 will be revised and rewritten by Chuck Davis to suggest "selection of judges for both specialty conformation and sweepstakes shall consist of the following procedure. ..names will be solicited from membership through various methods and referred to any Board member. These names will be compiled and the Board will select judges from the list, by majority vote after due deliberation." This process will allow us to be creative in selecting judges, as well as not limiting the time frame in which the selection can be made.

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

General Meeting - December 9, 2000

Meeting held at the home of Chuck and Elaine Davis for the annual Holiday Party. Called to order at 12 noon by Randy Thomsen. Judges: Balloting selected Randy Thomsen for Sweepstakes judge May, 2001.

Discussion ensued on Standing Rule #16 and proposed change. The motion to change the standing rule was passed 6/4 and reads as follows: "Selection of judges for both Specialty Conformation and Sweepstakes shall be handled in the following manner: Names will be solicited from the membership through the newsletter, personal contact, and general meetings and referred to any Board member. These names shall be compiled. The Board will then selet both the Sweepstakes and Conformation judges by majority Board vote, after due deliberation."

A unamimous ballot was cast and the two board positions were filled with Chuck Davis and Randy Thomsen.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48pm after which the new board met and appointed new officers as follows: President, Randy Thomsen; Vice President, Tony Wood; Treasurer, Kathy Martin; Recording Secretary, Chuck Davis; Corresponding Secretary, Debbie Goddard; Board member, Teresa Baily.

It was also noted that Heidi Hampson will be handling Membership functions for the Club.

Board Meeting - January 3, 2001

Members absent Kathy Martin. Guests Boyd Goddard & Heidi Hampson.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved

Unfinished business - Specialty - new contract to Barbara Scott Superintendent. Discussion on a bid from Jack Bradshaw. AKC paperwork is on schedule. Looking into raising sweepstakes prizes from 25% to 30%, Tony will check out impact on budget. National Show - still no word from Chairperson. Debbie Goddard will try to nail down the actual date of our hospitality night and our responsibility. Fund raising at the National was discussed, nothing was decided.

New business - Discussion on selecting judges for the 2002 Specialty. Teresa showed some trophies that might be appropriate for our Specialty. Chuck Davis indicated trophy's for 2001 have already been selected.

There was a lengthy discussion on whether to have a November specialty. Tabled until next meeting.

Next board meeting on 2/7/01 at Red Lobster. Next general meeting after Dalmatian judging at Silver Bay KC on 2/24/01.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR WINS



Starcoach Jumpin' Jack Flash
WD/BOW/BOB
Del Sur Kennel Club
(at 6 mos 2 days)
WD
Imperial Valley KC
Owner/Breeder:Nancy Dandrea

Starcoach Jumpin' Jack Flash
(aka "JJ")
Best Puppy
Kennel Club of Palm Springs
Owner/Breeder:Nancy Dandrea

Starcoach Who's On First
(aka Abbott)
Yuma Kennel Club
Winners Dog
for his first point
from the puppy class
Owner: Kathy Martin

CH RasharsRebecca@Daisy.com
(aka Becky)
Kennel Club of Palm Springs
AOM Judge Patti Strand
BOB Judge Rod Strand

FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Our second Specialty show is coming upon us and Tony Wood can use all of our help. If you have special skills or want to learn one of the positions required to put on such an event, please contact Tony. Maybe you aren't able to chair one of the many positions this year, but may be interested in next years show, contact myself or any Board member. We would love to hear from you and have your input.

Recommendations are being accepted for future judging assignments. We need to start thinking about 2002 and 2003 +. The Board would like to work on the slate early, in order to work with the all-breed shows and perhaps be able to share judges expenses. Give your suggestions to any Board member, at any time. We appreciate your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the General Meeting after Dalmatian judging at the Silver Bay Kennel Club Show on Saturday 2/24/01. Best wishes to all our members for the year 2001.

Randy

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DALMATIAN CLUB OF
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SECOND ANNUAL SPECIALTY
MAY 18, 2001
RANCHO SANTA FE POLO GROUNDS
RANCHO SANTA FE, CALIFORNIA

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EXCELLENT SHOW GROUNDS!
GREAT RAFFLE ITEMS!
GREAT JUDGING!
WONDERFUL LUNCH!
AND
FRIENDLY FACES!

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BULLETIN FOR DCA REGIONAL CLUBS

From: Study Group on Kidney and Liver Disorders

Health & Research Committee, Dalmatian Club of America

For more information, contact:

Kenneth E. Berg, Chair
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For Immediate Release

New Director for DCA Study Group on Kidney and Liver Disorders

We are pleased to announce that James E. Seltzer, Ph.D. is the new Director of the DCA Health and Research Study Group on Kidney and Liver Disorders. Jim has been very active in a variety of Dalmatian health issues over the past several years, and has assisted many Dalmatian owners with expert advise via internet chat rooms and user groups. He will now be in a position to concentrate his efforts in this area of vital concern to many of us. Jim will be assisted in his work on this Study Group by Lindsey Weedon (spotondals@sympatico.ca) and Margaret Varnackas (rayvarn@aol.com).

Retired from a position as a director at a defense research facility, Jim has degrees from the United States Military Academy, BS, and Purdue University, MSE and Ph.D. He is a published author in professional journals primarily in the areas of random phenomena in engineering design and the mathematical modeling of electromagnetic signatures. His current interest is the field of statistical analysis applications for population genetics especially as this subject relates to the problem of selecting and breeding Dalmatians for better health.

Jim got his first Dalmatian, Gabby, in 1976, shortly after returning from an assignment as a Peace Corps volunteer on the small Polynesian island of Upolu, Western Samoa. Gabby, a Cynjacs Dal, proved a worthy jogging companion and a dedicated proponent of Zazen, fond of reposing serenely and meditatively upon her owner whenever he managed to find a quiet moment. She had one blue eye and a butterfly nose and competed only in fun matches, but instilled a deep and abiding dedication to the breed in her owner. At the age of nine, Gabby succumbed to acute renal failure after a very brief illness. After the loss of Gabby, Jim became more involved in exhibiting, obedience competition, and breeding. Currently, he lives with two Dals both of which are certified Therapy dogs, and are active in visiting and entertaining the residents of retirement homes and hospitals.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF DCA BOARD MEETING March 3, 2001, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

1. Outgoing President, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, thanked the Board for all their help in resolving the many problems faced, including the development of "The SPOTTER", new web site, versatility certificates, Governors trophies and the cooperative relationship with the Disney Organization.

2. Vice-President, Robert Lawson, hopes for a concerted publicity and educational plan to raise the image of the Dalmatian in the public's eye. He also raised the issue of non DCA or DCAF organizations advertising in the SPOTTER and on the web page.

3. Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Boyd, has responded to all correspondence.

4. Treasurer, Meg Ispas-Hennessey, reported as of 12/31/00 all funds totaled $87,025.80 There are a few outstanding expenses for the French Lick Specialty. SPOTTER loss is $8,761.81 which is attributed to decreased advertising revenue. Approval given for increasing the priority mail fee and use of credit cards for DCA business.

5. New Officers: President - John Lyons; Vice-President - Robert Lawson; Recording Secretary - Rick Miller; Corresponding Secretary - Sharon Boyd; Treasurer- Meg Ispas-hennessey; Delegate to AKC - James Smith;

6. Liason responsibilities are as follows: John Lyons - Ethics, Public Relations, Web Page; Rick Miller - Breeder Referral, Regional Club Council, Standing Rules; Sharon Boyd - Standards, Statistics; Meg Hennessey - AKC Gazette, SPOTTER, Membership; Robert Lawson - Health and Research, Health Survey, Study Groups, Epilepsy, Skeletal/ Dysplasia, Kidney and Liver Disorders, Hearing, Urinary Stone, Rescue Education; Eva Berg - Judges Education Committe, Illustrated Standard, Dalmatian CD, Seminars, Futurity; Ed Petit - Performance Events, Ways & Means; Edward Flock - Specialty Steering; Cheryl Steinmetz - Awards & Trophies, Historian, Membership Education.

7. Three Board members are to convene a hearing of both sides of a conflict between two DCA members.

8. An introductory rate of $20.00 for ads on the Web was approved.

9. "The 102 Best In Show Dalmatian Book" is being compiled by Robert Von Mayr.

10. Nancy Werhane's article in the SPOTTER re. visiting a puppy auction won an award at the Dog Writers' Assn. banquet and the SPOTTER was nominated for Best Breed Publication.



11. Denise Powell has learned of a DNA test for coat color genes which detects carriers of both liver and lemon genes. The Health Survey has been completed and will be distributed as a SPOTTER insert. Marion Mithcell would like members to participate in the DNA Canine Epilepsy Study which is strictly confidential. The Seizure pamphlet has been sent out with the DCA membership booklet. Sheila Wymore is attempting to get a consensus of what age would be acceptable for Dalmatian OFA certification. There are still problems in the application form for the Hearing Registry but work is progressing.

12. Rescue Education Chair, Kathy McCoubrey, has proposed several changes in information on the website.

13.Work progresses on the Illustrated Standard with a tqrget date of the end of this year or early 2002. The CD may have a presentation in Ventura.

14. Futurity Chairs - Robert and Bernadine Ekle, mailed over 300 questionnairs re. proposed fee changes and also included it on the web page. Results - 40 agreed; 17 agreed with part of the changes; and 18 disagreed.

15. A new Chairperson is needed for DCA Tracking. Anyone interested, contact Ed Petit.

16. The committee reviewing the National Specialty Judges' Selection procedure has been requested to have a firm recommendation by the July 2001 meeting

17. The Health and Research Committee will investigate the issue of older Dalmatians premature deaths.

18. The Board meeting commenced at 1:45 p.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Complete Board Minutes will appear in the SPOTTER or send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will be happy to send you a copy now.

SEE YOU IN VENTURA!

Margie Doane

A TRUE STORY!



Hope This Never Happens To You. . . . .

After competing at a show in Arizona, Bronte and her handler, Tony, flew to Texas for a show the following day. Upon landing at Dallas/Ft. Worth airport, Tony waited about 45 minutes for Bronte and her crate to appear from baggage claim. No crate ever arrived.

Tony's worst fears began to materialize when he saw a very worried airport official *running* towards him. Pulling Tony along through the airport, the official blurted out the following:

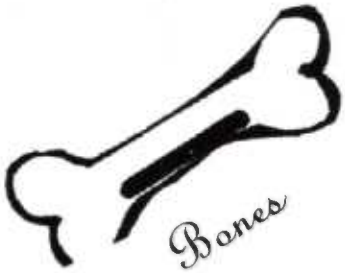
An airport baggage handler was unloading baggage from the flight onto a baggage truck. He was having trouble with one bag and in the process he neglected to notice the dog crate coming out of the jet's belly down the conveyer belt. The crate reached the end of the belt and with no baggage handler there to grab it, it fell onto the tarmac. There it broke open and one very frightened Dalmatian ran off into the darkness. . .onto the runway. . .into the path of landing jets.

Another baggage person jumped into a truck and took off after the frightened dog. The chasing truck made the dog run even faster. The first approaching jet was ordered to circle the airport (at a loss of $100,000 to the flight business). More jets were on the approach. Someone made the decision that the dog and a possible law suit was not worth the loss of the expenses of circling jets. The oncoming planes were allowed to land.

At this point, someone decided to find the animal's owner, and let them help in the recovery of the dog. From a truck, Tony saw the first plane barely miss his confused and fleeing Dalmatian. As each of the next three jets landed, Bronte dodged their wheels. Tony was sure Bronte would not survive this ordeal. The fourth jet to land came the closest to the dog and the jet blast send Bronte rolling end over end on the rough tarmac, knocking Tony off his feet as he tried to reach his dog. He shattered is glasses and cell phone.

Battered, Bronte stood shaking on injured paws only 20 feet from Tony. She couldn't hear him because of the jet noise. As another jet approached, Tony shouted "Bronte, it's me!" She turned and saw him and ran and leaped into his safe arms. As she trembled, bruised and with torn foot pads, she kissed his welcome face.

Footnote: Bronte' is fine after her experience and back on the show circuit.







Old Dog Tales

He always knows, no matter how quietly you get out the leashes, how you smuggle the bait gab out to the car, you're going to dog class or a trial and he knows it. He sits beside the cabinet where the gear is stowed as you bustle about attending to the last minute details. His ears flat, a hopeful gleam in his eyes, he looks at you. It is as close as he will come to begging. You pause for a moment to rub behind this ears, guilty at leaving him and you think back. . .remembering how it was not so terribly long ago, when raining and showing meant just you and him, striking out in the early morning before the sun came up to burn away the fog. Everything was bright and new and life was simple. He was the smartest, most handsome dog in the world...your goal then was a qualifying score or racking up titles. And now its placements and anything less is a disappointment. Once you took pride or found fault in your own performance, monitoring the strivings of others. Politics once applied only to elected officials. Would you go back again? Yes, that you could with him. Today now you move on. . .it's nearly time to go. He gets up to follow you from room to room. . .age and arthritis narrowing his limits. You tell him that he will have to stay home, and turn away before his eyes droop slowly to the floor. And so you leave. You see his head appear at the window as you drive away and your tears flow freely now, remembering the nobility of his character and the trust in this eyes, and you vow never to do anything to dishonor him. . .your first competition dog.



WALKING MY OLD DOG

Graying, slowing, loathe to roam
dreaming sunny spots and home
eyes myopic, stoic shine
that is me. My old dog's fine.

Janice Lindsay



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - February 7, 2001

Board member absent Tony Wood. Guests Boyd Goddard, Sharon Thomsen, Heidi Hampson. Meeting called to order by President, Randy Thomsen.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.
Note was made that 24 members have renewed their memberships.
Correspondence was read from Mike Heflin about the DCA National.

Specialty report: paperwork required by AKC is being processed. All committee positions are filled and committees are busy working on their respective assignments. A motion was passed for Teresa to contact Angelas Creations and purchase 50 dalmatian mixed ceramic items with two fountains. Will be used as future trophies and supported entries as well as raffle items. Cost to be about $450.00.

A motion was tabled on having a November specialty until we have a few shows to our credit. Things are looking up for the Las Vegas Club to continue their shows in October.

DCA has assigned our hospitality for the night of 7/4/01. There will be a BBQ during the early evening and it was decided to have dessert type items available in the room. It is ok for us to have a silent auction that evening and Teresa will arrange the items. Decorations will need to be provided.

NEW BUSINESS. . .Future judges names were submitted to the board. Randy will contact Debbi Jones to see if she is interested in chairing another Pat Hastings seminar for 2002, and will have her check on the availability of dates.
Meeting adjourned with tentative plans to meet again at Red Lobster while seeking out other meeting sites. The next board meeting is 3/4/01 and general meeting is 2/24/01 at Silver Bay Kennel Club show.

General Meeting - February 24, 2001

Meeting held at Del Mar Fairgrounds after Dalmatian judging at Silver Bay Kennel Club. Minutes of this meeting were not available for inclusion in newsletter.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY continued. . .

Board Meeting - March 7, 2001

Guests Boyd Goddard, Tom Jones & Amy Thomsen. Teresa Baily absent.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved. Twenty-eight members have now renewed their dues.

Specialty Information. . .AKC event number is 2001-364701. Conformation judge has agreed to do Junior Showmanship. Specialty meeting is scheduled for 4/11/01 at Mimi's Cafe in Mira Mesa.

DCA Information remains as last months report.

NEW BUSINESS. . .Judges for 2002 were selected by Board. Ray Fitzsimmons for conformation and Mary Widder for sweepstakes. Both will be contacted.

Pat Hastings seminar will be chaired by Debbi Jones and Annelle Wilterding. Scheduled for 2002 and 2003.

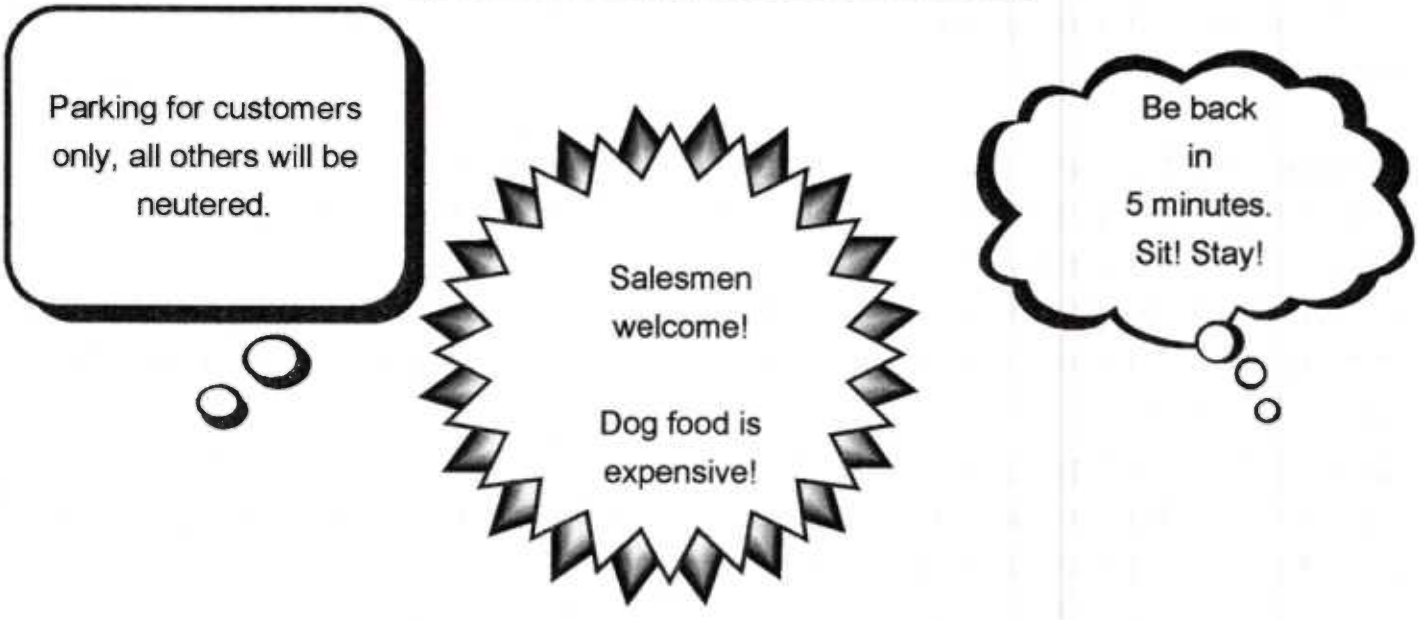
Next board meeting scheduled for 4/4/01 at Mimi's Cafe.

Board Meeting - April 4, 2001

A quorum was not available and meeting was canceled.



SIGNS AT VETERINARY OFFICE



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR WINS



Bronte'
Best of Breed Scottsdale/Tucson
3/23 & 3/24
Shown by Mona Medock
Pittsburgh dog shows
Best of Breed 3/30 & 4/1
Shown by Tony Wood

Arizona Specialty Winners Bitch
Daisydot Brown Derby
This is the 7th puppy in the Jack X Olive litter to take the winners spot at a Specialty. We are very proud.
Home schooled by Heidi Hampson.
Shown by Carrie Jordan.

Starcoach Jumpin' Jack Flash
(aka "JJ")
Mt Palomar KC Match 3/25
BOB & Group 1
Piedmont KC 4/7/01
Best in Sweeps & WD
Columbia KC 4/8/01
WD & BOW
Bred, Owned & Loved
by Nancy Dandrea

CH RasharsRebecca@Daisy.com
(aka Becky)
Silver Bay Kennel Club
February 24 & 25
BOB Judge Dee Mattern
BOB Judge Frank Nishimura

Starcoach Who's On First
(aka "Abbott")
Silver Bay Kennel Club 2/24/01
Best Puppy & Puppy Group Two
Silver Bay Kennel Club 2/25/01
WD
Thank you Randy Thomsen
Owned & Loved by Kathy Martin

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www.caninechronicle.com
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Believe it, or not, our second specialty is just around the corner. Everything is going well and in good hands with Tony Wood as Chairperson and his reliable co-chairperson, Heidi. We are hoping for a good turnout, as we are "fine tuning" for the National in July. DCSDC will be hosting the Hospitality Room on July 4th. We will be providing "light dessert" and soft drinks. If you will be attending and would like to help "our club", please contact Debbie Goddard who is chairing this event.

Debbi Jones has volunteered to chair the Pat Hastings Seminars for 2002 and 2003. Debbi is attempting to get on Pat's very busy schedule. When the dates are confirmed, flyers will be available.

Hope to see everyone at our specialty and on Saturday, May19th for our general membership meeting. The meeting will be held 1 hour after Dalmatian judging at the Thomsen's motorhome.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2001

AFTER DALMATIAN JUDGING

NEAR GROUP RING

RANCHO SANTA FE POLO GROUNDS

RANCHO SANTA FE, CALIFORNIA

BE SURE TO ATTEND

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT IT'S SLATE OF TWO NEW DIRECTORS. THE FLOOR IS OPEN TO ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS.

RAFFLE ITEMS AND FRIENDLY FACES. WE HAVEN'T HAD A MEETING FOR SOME TIME SO LETS ALL GET TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR RECENT WINS AND UPDATE EVERYONE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - May 2, 2001

Board member absent Randy Thomsen. Guests John Bailey, Boyd Goddard, Sharon Thomsen, Heidi Hampson.
Meeting called to order by Vice President, Tony Wood.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.

No recent correspondence.

Specialty Report: Upcoming specialty, small entry, we have reduced the number of award "trinkets" we will be giving out to 1st through 4th in conformation only. Sharon Thomsen to make 4 specialty tablecloths @ $60.00. Judge has been moved to the Hilton. Raffle items are well in hand. Supported entry trophies were slightly increased in cost. Judging of sweepstakes will start at 10am. Board to be on the grounds by 8am. Feelers are out on next year sweepstakes and conformation judges. Seeking quick acceptance.
National show: Hospitality will be Tuesday the 3rd.
No new business. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm. Next board meeting June 6.

General Meeting - May 19, 2001

Meeting held at Rancho Santa Fe Polo Grounds, after Dalmatian Judging.
Specialty 2001. Good show and a special thanks to everyone who helped.
National hospitality night still up in air regarding which night (Tues or Wed). Silent auction to be turned over to Kim Hess to monitor. Will limit items to between 10 and 15.
Pat Hastings Seminar for 2002 will not be a possibility as to the only date being available is too close to the Specialty date. Will seek other means of raising funds for the club.
Specialty 2002 conformation judge will be Ray Fitzsimmons. Ed Petit will judge sweepstakes and juniors.
Las Vegas is on the calendar for another specialty show in October.
New member voted in is Elaine Gewritz.
Corresponding secretary reported that thank you notes were sent to all who donated to the trophy fund. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

Board Meeting - June 6, 2001

Board Member absent Teresa Baily. Guests: Boyd Goddard, Heidi Hampson, Sharon Thomsen.
Meeting called to order by President, Randy Thomsen at 6:55pm.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given and approved.
Corresponding secretary indicated she sent thank you notes to all who entered our show. New member was sent a welcome letter.
Specialty report: A very successful specialty. A few catalog errors.
National show: Hospitality assignment is Tuesday night. Debbie Goddard will take care of the food requirements, Sharon Thomsen will take care of the decorations. We will keep track of our expenses for reimbursement, should that be available.
The National show in 2003 will conflict with our May dates. We may move to November that one year only, if it is agreeable with the Country Club Classic committee. New chairman is needed for the 2002 specialty and all of its components.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Board Meeting August 1, 2001

Board members absent were Chuck Davis and Terry Baily. Guests were Heidi Hampson, Sharon Thomsen and Boyd Goddard.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.
There was no meeting in July due to the National show.
Unfinished business: Health of our 2002 conformation judge was addressed. We will make decision in November 2001. There is an offer from the Petit's to do both conformation and sweepstakes should the current conformation judge be unable to fulfill his assignment.
A motion was made to change our 2003 specialty date to November, due to conflict with DCA Specialty date. Motion passed and Country Club Classic committee has agreed that we can have our show in conjunction with their's. November 14th is the tentative date.
New business: Money making projects were discussed. Several to be followed up on. Sharon Thomsen will make 4 more tablecloths to match the previous ones.\
Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

Board Meeting - September 5, 2001

Board members absent: Teresa Baily, Debbie Goddard, Randy Thomsen. Guests was Heidi Hampson.

There was no quorum for only informal discussion took place from 6:45 to 8:15pm.

Chuck Davis reported that he contacted Ray Fitzsimmons regarding his health and the upcoming specialty assignment. He is optimistic about being well enough for the assignment. Will make a firm decision in November. The Petit's would be put on stand by.
A nominating committee was formed for the appointment of the two vacancies that will be on the board at the end of this year. Heidi Hampson, Sharon Thomsen and Debbi Jones. Nominating committee will be formally accepted at the next meeting.

Board Meeting - October 3, 2001

Board member absent Kathy Martin. Guests were James Baily, Boyd Goddard, Heidi Hampson and Sharon Thomsen.
Previous meeting minutes were approved as read. Treasurer was absent so no report given.

Seminar information: Debbie Goddard contacted Rachel Elliot regarding a seminar. She indicated no longer doing seminars. Michael Dougherty (from LA area) has indicated an interest in judging match assignments to fulfill his Dalmatian requirements. Sympathy card was sent to Angie (she did many of our trophy's and raffle items) on the loss of her husband.
The nominating committee was confirmed of Heidi Hampson, Deborah Jones, Sharon Thomsen and two alternates of Chuck Davis and Mona Medock. The committee has selected Mary Bennett and Teresa Baily to fill the open positions. Nominations will be taken from the floor in November for anyone else interested in being on the board.
It was reconfirmed that the only shows the Club will be supporting will be those on the same weekend as the specialty.
The board voted to send $100 to DCA for the Firemen's Fund for their efforts on 9/11/01. DCAF will match donations.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR WINS



See more wins on the FYI page. Too many to fit on this page.

CH Daisydot Checkered Flag
BOB Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers
10/27/01 and 10/28/01
DeSoto went on to a Group 4 and 2.

Daisydot Summer Wind Chime
Las Vegas Dalmatian Club Show
Best in Sweepstakes
and
WB for a 3 pt major
Owned by Dennis Sanders
Shown by Carrie Jordan

DJ's Cupid's Comet (Haley)
3rd in 15-19 Futurity at DCA
3rd in 16-18 Sweepstakes at DCA
WB at Burbank Kennel Club
WB/BOW/BOB at White Mt Kennel Club (day 1)

DJ's Orion The Hunter (Hunter)
4th in 16-18 Sweepstakes at DCA
Made cut in 12-18 class at DCA
WD/BOS at White Mountain Kennel Club (days 1 & 2)
Breeder/Owner: Debbi Jones

Starcoach
Jumpin' Jack Flash (JJ)
RWD Greater Denver Dal Club
WD/BOS Santa Ana Valley KC #1
WD/BOW/BOS Santa Ana Valley KC #2
BOS to Best in Sweepstakes at
Las Vegas Dalmatian Club
RWD Black Mountain KC #1
Sparkling Campaign (Sparkie)
WB/BOW Santa Ana Valley KC #1
WB Santa Ana Valley KC #2
WB/BOW Riverside KC #1 & #2
WB Black Mountain KC (Major) #2
Who's on First (Abbott)
RWD Santa Ana Valley KC #1 and #2
WD Riverside KC #1 and #2
All bred and shown by Nancy Dandrea

CH RaSharsRebecca@Daisy.com
Owned by Randy & Sharon Thomsen
As of 9/30/01 current rankings according to AKC Top Dogs. **Number 10** in Dalmatians and **Number** 15 in All-Breed totals.

Rancho Daisydot's Eat My Dust (Tootsie)
Owned by Debbie Goddard
Finished at Ventura.

Dalmatians 1.0 - Windows 2000

Letter to Bill Gates,

Recently I purchased and installed Dalmatian 1.0. I soon noticed that this program appears to have numerous glitches. For instance, every time my computer boots up, I have to run Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1. Many times I've been in the middle of writing an important document and a window will flash telling me to run Take for Walk 2.0. This program also contained applications I did not wish to install, such as Pooper Scooper 8.5, and Flying Drool 9.4.

Applications such as Vacation 2.7 and Free Time 10.1 can no longer run, crashing whenever selected. Possibly the worst is that Dalmatian 1.0 has attached itself to programs like Finance Manager and MS Money, with folders added such as "Entry Fees" and "Puppy Toys."

Periodically, I'll get a reminder telling me to send a check to the manufacturer of Dalmatian 1.0 for the aforementioned items.

I have tried to uninstall Dalmatian 1.0 numerous times, but when I try to run the uninstall program, I get warning messages telling me that a deadly virus known as "Dog Show Withdrawal" will infect my system. Please Help!!!

THE REPLY to the User:

Your complaint is not unusual. A common misconception among users is that Dalmatians 1.0 is a mere "utilities and entertainment program." It is not - it is an OPERATING SYSTEM and is designed by its creator to run everything! A warning will soon be imprinted on the box.

Since you have already installed Dalmatian 1.0, here are a few tips on how to make it run better: If you are annoyed by the applications Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1, you may run C:\HIRE HELP, however this will cause another folder to be added to financial applications, labeled "Staff." Failure to send payment to "Staff" will result in Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1 being run again on startup.

A note of caution: NOT booting up your computer for several days isn't the solution to avoiding Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1. You will find that, when you boot up your computer again, a nasty virus called "Barking and Howling 4.2" will have attached itself to important documents and the only way to rid your computer of "Barking and Howling 4.2" is by purchasing and installing "Vet 10.1", which we admit is extremely expensive, but crucial. Otherwise, "Barking and Howling 4.2" will cause irreversible damage to the operating system.

Finally, it is important you that you run C:\Milk Bones and C:\Tummy Rubs on a fairly regular basis to keep the application running smoothly. If you have any more questions, please call our tool free number.

Sincerely, Tech Support

Bed Dog

BD: Bed Dog
Waits to be invited on the bed. Able to get on bed by self. Snuggles next to you when you are alone in bed. Remembers not to scratch in bed. Knows not to eliminate in bed.

BDX: Bed Dog Excellent
All of the above plus: Able to get up on bed between two sleeping adults and find a comfortable place without disturbing people. Jumps off bed without waking anyone up. Does not leap off bed barking if a cat walks through the room.

UBD: Utility Bed Dog
All of the above plus: Able to get up on bed with a person and at least one other dog, and find a good space without awakening person. Has learned not to let gas while in bed. Does not leap off bed barking even if other dogs in household start barking.

UBDX: Utility Bed Dog Excellent
All of the above plus: wipes feet before getting on bed. Gets on bed with another dog and two cats and a person without disturbing person. Rearranges cats to get closer to person. Blames cat if lets gas in bed. Does not leave bed until person is ready to get up in the morning.

OBDCH: Outstanding Bed Dog Champion
Does all of the work of the UBDX, but also makes bed in the morning!

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JUST

FYI

From the Home of the Jackson's

Best Junior Handler - Cassidy Jackson
Black Mountain Kennel Club
Showing BISS CH Daisydot Snow in Summer
Del Valle Kennel Club
Showing BISS CH Daisydot Snow in Summer
Sacramento Valley Kennel Club
Showing BISS CH Daisydot Checkerd Flag

Summer in Kokomo (Kipp)
WD & Best Bred By Group 1
Santa Maria KC 10/7
Handled by Cassidy

Summer in Kokomo (Kipp)
WD Sacramento Kennel Club 10/27
Handled by Cassidy

Nominating Committee Report
Filling two vacancies on the Board of Directors
Teresa Baily
Mary Bennett
Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the November meeting in accordance with the By-Laws

The 2003 Specialty date has been changed due to a conflict with DCA. The new date for 2003 is in November in conjunction with the Country Club Classic Dog Shows

From the President

I want to say thank you to all of our members who worked so diligently on the 2001 Specialty. It was a great success and we look forward to May 2002.

I also want to thank those who supported the DCA hospitality night and our silent auction. We had a great turnout, the room was very festive and the food outstanding. Thank you to Debbie Goddard, Teresa Baily and Sharon Thomsen for the outstanding job they did on getting everything to Ventura and getting it set up.

Be thinking about our holiday party (flyer out soon) and our wonderful, cut-throat gift exchange. We need to come up with some fund raising ideas. Please contact any board member with ideas you might have for the club to raise funds.

TOP 10 SIGNS THAT YOU ARE BECOMING THE VETERAN BITCH

You pray that the judge doesn't ask you to move your dog just one more time.
You request a first floor room at the hotel because if you have to climb a flight of stairs and carry those crates you know you will permanently clog the stairway.
Someone keeps making the rings bigger and bigger.
People aren't looking at your movement anymore because their only concern is that you get around the ring.
Your age spots are mistaken for excessive ticking.
If you are a judge you have decided that it is much more appealing to sit in your favorite chair and sleep than pretty yourself up for the next judging.
You start carrying your little brown bottle of nitro pills and/or muscle relaxants in your bait bag.
The judge faults your aging behind as a low tailset.
It really doesn't matter anymore that you can't button your show clothes.
YOU HAVE TO MAKE TOO MANY TRIPS TO THE PORTA-POTTIES!

Spotter, Winter 2000

CLIPPY THING

Upstairs in Momma's secret drawer
she keeps a monster thing of horror,
it bites and tries to eat our toes,
why they do that no one knows!

We bark and fuss and wiggle and squirm,
but our dad and momma hold us firm.
This thing of horror makes a noise;
although it's squeaky--it's not like toys.

It's a squeakly, snippy, clippy thing,
it has sharp teeth and a big strong spring.
Sometimes after it eats our feet,
we get something good to eat.

But one day when no one else is home
and we are left here all alone,
we'll sneak it out and no one will know,
we sent it where the odd socks go!



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General Membership Meeting

February 23, 2002

(1 hour after Dalmatian judging)

Silver Bay Kennel Club Dog Show

Del Mar Fairgrounds

Del Mar, California

Location to be determined

(near Dalmatian ring,

outside building)

Entries close 2/6/02

Jack Bradshaw, Superintendent

Judge **Saturday**:Philip A Lanard

Best Puppy Competition

Group Judge: Mr Robert High

Judge **Sunday**:John H Honig

Group Judge: Mr Phillip Lanard

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - November 7, 2001

Board member absent Tony Wood. Guests John Bailey, Boyd Goddard, Sharon Thomsen.
Meeting called to order by President, Randy Thomsen.
Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.
Corresponding Secretary will write Country Club Classic to change our specialty date in 2003 to November, so as not to conflict with DCA in May of that year.
Specialty Update. . .
Chuck Davis contacted Ray Fitzsimmons and he graciously declined to judge our 2002 specialty because of health reasons. Would like to be considered again in 2003. Tony Wood will be contacting the alternate judges Ed and Carol Petit to confirm their commitments. Carol will do sweepstakes and Ed will do conformation. Junior Showmanship yet to be determined.
President Randy Thomsen asked for suggestions to involve the membership in more activities. Suggestions were made such as fun match, training classes, etc. We also need to come up with some money making ideas for the club.
The Goddards will have the holiday party at their home 12/29, tentative date.
Meeting adjourned 8:20pm. Next board meeting 12/5.

General Meeting - November 10, 2001

Meeting held on the Country Club Classic Show Grounds after Dalmatian judging. Guests included Cassidy Jackson, Anastassia Kosopanova, Alex Lisnevsky, Blake & Kyle Smith. Meeting called to order at 11:10am. Minutes and treasurer's reports were given and approved.
President's Report...
Randy Thomsen discussed club participation at the DCA show for hospitality night. Discussion of judge replacements Ed and Carol Petit and the upcoming holiday party.
Election to the Board of Directors. . .
Terri Bailey and Mary Bennett are the class of 2004. There were no nominations from the floor.
Specialty report from Chuck Davis. . .
Suggestion that we send out postcards as a precursor to our show in hopes of encouraging entries. A budget of $100.00 for the project was approved. 2002 Specialty chairs are as follows: Tony Wood and Tom Harris co chairs; Nancy Dandrea, Advertising; Sharon Thomsen, Catalog; Debbie Goddard, Hospitality; Chuck Davis, Trophies and Ring Steward; Terri Bailey, Raffle; Cathy Meyers and Angie Stevanus, Luncheon; Randy Thomsen, Facilities/Parking. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. Brags followed.
Next general meeting 12/29/01 at the Goddards (will be brief).



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

Board Meeting - December 5, 2001

Board Member absent Teresa Baily & Tony Wood. Guests: Boyd Goddard & Mary Bennett.
Meeting called to order by President, Randy Thomsen at 7:42pm.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given and approved.
Corresponding secretary indicated she sent a note to Ray Fitzsimmons and also a letter to Country Club Classic regarding the change of dates in 2003.
Specialty report: The Petit's have agreed to their respective judging assignments in 2002. Randy Thomsen will ask Gene Mills if he would judge Juniors for this show. Chuck Davis presented the postcard mailer idea. Will be sent out in late February or early March.
Next board meeting will be 1/2/02 at Mimi's at 6:30pm.
Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Board Meeting January 2, 2002

No Board members absent. Guests were James Bailey, Sharon Thomsen.
First order of business was appointing officers for 2002:
President, Tony Wood; Vice President, Randy Thomsen; Recording Secretary, Chuck Davis; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Bennett; Treasurer, Kathy Martin; Board Member Terri Bailey.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.
Past president's report. . .Randy thanked the board for their support. Reminded members that we are here for the fun of the sport of dogs.
Specialty. . .Tony is sending contracts out this week. Suggested that we have a parade of champions at the beginning of the show, prior to the judges arriving on the grounds. Chuck Davis will do the catalog cover again this year, Barbara Scott will be our superintendent again this year.
Discussion on member activities ensued for fund raising. It was agreed that the size of our club does not lend us to take on commitments such as setting up dogs shows and maintaining them as a fund raising activity. We have a good treasury balance and will look into another seminar in the future. Several good ideas were discussed and will be followed up on.
Next meeting is 2/6/02 at Mimi's 6:30 pm.

Dr. Seuss and The Binch

Every U down in Uville liked U.S. a lot,
But the Binch, who lived Far East of Uville, did not. The Binch hated U.S! the whole U.S. way! Now don't ask me why, for nobody can say, It could be his turban was screwed on too tight. Or the sun from the desert had beaten too bright. But I think that the most likely reason of all, May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

But, whatever the reason, his heart or his turban, He stood facing Uville, the part that was urban. "They're doing their business," he snarled from his perch. "They're raising their families, They're going to church! They're leading the world, and their empire is thriving, I MUST keep the S's and U's from surviving!"

Tomorrow, he knew, all the U's and the S's, Would put on their pants and their shirts and their dresses, They'd go to their offices, playgrounds and schools, And abide by their U and S values and rules.

And then they'd do something he liked least of all, Every U down in U-ville, the tall and the small, Would stand all united, each U and each S, And they'd sing Uville's anthem, "God bless us! God bless!" All around their Twin Towers of Uville, they'd stand, and their voices would drown every sound in the land.

"I must stop that singing," Binch said with a smirk, And he had an idea, an idea that might work! The Binch stole some U airplanes in U morning hours, And crashed them right right into the Uville Twin Towers.

"They'll wake to disaster!" he snickered, so sour, "And how can they sing when they can't find a tower?!

The Binch cocked his ear as they woke from their sleeping, All set to enjoy their U-wailing and weeping, Instead he heard something that started quite low, And it built up quite slow, but it started to grow - And the Binch heard the most unpredictable thing...And he couldn't believe it-they started to sing!

He stared down at U-ville, not trusting his eyes, What he saw was a shocking, disgusting surprise! Every U down in U-ville, the tall and the small, Was singing! Without any towers at all! He HADN'T stopped U-Ville from singing! It sung! For down deep in the hearts of the old and the young,, those Twin Towers were standing, called Hope and called Pride, and you can't smash the towers we hold deep inside.

So we circle the sites where our heroes did fall, With a hand in each hand of the tall and the small, And we mourn for our losses while knowing we'll cope, For we still have inside that U-Pride and U-Hope.

For America means a bit more than tall towers, It means more than wealth or political powers, It's more than our enemies ever could guess, So may God bless America! Bless us! God bless!

(from the Net, author unspecified)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2001 DCA BOARD MEETING, STRONGSVILLE, OH.

1. Secretary, Sharon Boyd, has handled all incoming corres. including 51 requests for information and 30 phone calls; arrangements for Board Meetings, Mailing of medallions.

2. Treasurer, Meg Hennessey, reports account balance (all funds) $108,300.10. Seventy-two members whose dues are unpaid will be dropped October 1.

3. Several new additions to Web Site.

4. SPOTTER will produce a 100th Anniversary edition in 2005. Committee for this will be co-chaired by Cheryl Steinmetz and Ed Flock.

5. Ten new members approved.

6. Study Group Reports: SEIZURE-EPILEPSY, Marion Mitchell: DCA has met the Univ. of Mo. DNA Canine Epilepsy Study criteria. More DCA membership participation is needed; SKELETAL-DYSPLASIA, Sheila Wymore: DCA established appropriate age for hip certification to be no earlier than 12 mos.; LONGEVITY, Julie Prentice: needs to record existing dalmatian health issues upon time of death -- both advanced and premature; HYPOTHYRODISM- Nilda Dorini,working on our participation in the CHIC pilot program; RENAL, KIDNEY AND LIVER DISORDERS - Jim Seltzer: posting information in timely fashion is difficult, working on new procedure; HEARING, Denise Powell: Position Statement on Deafness is being re-written; URINARY STONE: Carroll Weiss, updated pamphlets will be included with Winter SPOTTER: VET. LIASON, Dr. Suzanne Hughes: Dr. Hughes and Denise Powell are to attend Canine Health Conf. in St. Louis; ILLUSTRATED STANDARD, Elaine Lindhorst: Progress continues. After Board approval of text and illustrations, it will be on the Web for viewing and comment.

7. Dalmatian CD-ROM available at $60 per. Following presentation at the National several copies were sold.

8. Futurity fee changes approved effective with 2003 Specialty.Fees will be listed on Web and in SPOTTER.

9. Ways and Means, Michele Beck: pursuing corporate sponsorship with Bayer, Heinz, Walthan as supporting sponsors with Purina as our major sponsor.

(see over)

10. Top Twenty new chair is Ken Berg.

11. Steering Committee make up changed: Permanent chair, 2 past Committee Chairs, three past Specialty Chairs who served within preceding 5 years, selected by present and past Committee Chair..

12. Agility, Juniors and Obedience are all in place for 2002 Specialty; Board approved Ohio 2003 site; dates for 2004 have been changed to 5/1/04 thru 5/7/04.

13.Nom. Committe: Chair, Gerri Lightholder with members Katherine Blink and Marie Dennis.

14. New Honorary Lifetime members: Peggy Rudder, Norma Baley, Margie Doane, Jim Smith, Jack Austin.

Approved complete minutes will be on the Web and in the SPOTTER. If you would like a set now, send me a SASE with 2 stamps and same will be mailed.

Currently we are close to $15,000 for the Firefighters fund. Way to go Dal People!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Margie

Introduction to the Illustrated Standard

The purpose of the Illustrated Standard is to facilitate the education of aspiring judges, breeders and fanciers of the Dalmatian. The illustrations are used to assist in visualizing the Dalmatian as described in the AKC Official Standard. It is a valuable educational tool and should serve as a guide for judges in interpreting the Dalmatian Standard.

Eva Berg was appointed chairman of the Judges Education Committee in April of 1999 and the Illustrated Standard became the responsibility of Elaine Lindhorst. Others on the committee are Hal Shorr, Wendell Sammet, Barbara Greenspan (as Standards Chairman) and later, Susan Brooksbank. In 2000, Edith Gladstone was commissioned as the artist. Edith is a Dalmatian breeder judge and had done the illustrations for the Pointer Illustrated Standard.

In April of 2001, Elaine Lindhorst was appointed chairperson of the Judges Education Committee, and Eva Berg became the DCA Board member liaison. Susan Brooksbank was added to the Illustrated Standard Committee.

The drawings are currently the property of the artist and cannot be used or copied in any manner. Once the final version is accepted, ownership will transfer to DCA and become copyrighted by DCA.

Procedure

A step-by-step procedure was created to develop the Illustrated Standard.

a. Committee input of what illustrations are required
b. Chairman communicates to artist illustrations required
c. Artist creates illustration and sends a scanned version by e-mail to the chairman.
d. Once Chairman and artist agree, Chairman forwards to committee, by e-mail and snail mail
e. Committee replies with comments and requested revisions
f. Chairman requests further revisions from artist.
g. On quarterly basis, a copy of Illustrated Standard with report on status is prepared for the DCA Board of Governors.
h. Board comments and illustrations are revised.
i. Once Board approves, the document is published on the DCA web site for member input through December 31, 2001.
j. After all final revisions, Illustrated Standard to be published and distributed.

Use of scanned images and e-mail saved considerable time and expense in communicating with the artist and members of the committee.

Contents

Since the Illustrated Standard is a "work in progress", it was decided to keep our first published illustrated standard simple. More illustrations and refinements can be added later. The topics to be illustrated are the three main Dalmatian Breed Characteristics. These are the outline, the spotting and the movement.

The first and most difficult characteristic to develop was the Outline of our Breed. The standard does not use precise language, for example, "*Approximately* Square", "Neck *fairly* long", "chest of *moderate* width". Therefore, the illustrations attempt to depict a generic dog, not patterned after any particular style, but to follow the language of the standard as closely as possible. The final drawing is an EXAMPLE of correct type. After everyone's input, it is a compromise and therefore no part of the Illustrated Standard depicts any one dog.

Spotting is a unique characteristic of the Dalmatian, and is most difficult for judges to interpret. Rather than use a perfect spotted Dalmatian as our example, it was decided to incorporate eight drawings. These drawings illustrate a range of acceptability. The first drawing depicts a lightly spotted dog, close to the minimum spotting required. The seventh depicts excessive ticking, which detract from breed type. The eighth is spotted to the point that the spots are no longer distinct and the excessive intermingling affects breed type and is undesirable. Patching and tri-color are also illustrated and explained.

Several illustrations are used to depict correct movement, restricted movement and various movement faults.

The remaining parts of the Illustrated Standard cover the topics of head, forequarters, hindquarters, feet, and tail.

Current Status

At its meeting on September 8, the DCA Board of Governors accepted the Illustrated Standard with certain changes requested, and asked for the final document to be displayed on the DCA Web Site for member viewing. If you wish to comment please contact Elaine Lindhorst at centdals@home.com or 49 Oak Springs Ct. St. Charles, Mo. 63304. Receipt of all e-mail will be acknowledged.

Elaine Ann Lindhorst
September 12, 2001

Recipe For A Happy New Year



Take twelve whole months.
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate & jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.
Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.
Mix well into each day one part of faith,
one part of patience,
one part of courage,
and one part of work.
Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.
Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,
garnish with a smile,
and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.
You're bound to have a Happy New Year.

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