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DALMATIAN CLUB SAN DIEGO COUNTY

THIRD ANNUAL SPECIALTY SHOW

MAY 17, 2002

RANCHO SANTA FE POLO GROUNDS

14555 EL CAMINO REAL

RANCHO SANTA FE

Hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

General Meeting

May 18, 2002

1 hour after Dalmatian judging (check Bradshaw website for time of Dalmatian judging)

At the Thomsen motorhome located near the Group ring

Please be sure to attend and share your ideas for fund raising for the upcoming year as well as suggestions for judges for our next Specialty, which will be in November 2003 (instead of May)

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - January 2, 2002

No board members absent. Guests, James Ryan and Sharon Thomsen.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Randy Thomsen.

First order of business to appoint club officers for the coming year: President, Tony Wood; Vice President, Randy Thomsen; Recording Secretary, Chuck Davis; Treasurer, Kathy Martin; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Bennett; Board Director, Teresa Bailey.

Tony Wood took over meeting as new President.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.

No corresponding secretary report.

Old Business (continuing items)

Past President Randy Thomsen thanked the Board for their support during his tenure as President. Reminded members and we are here for the sport of dogs and that we shy away from personal issues.

Specialty report: Contracts to go to the Petits and Gene Mills. Chuck Davis volunteered to do the catalog covers again this year. Barbara Scott will be Show Secretary. Tom Harris is co chair.

Discussion of membership involvement followed; consensus was that we are not a large enough club to offer our "muscles" to earn dollars helping set up other shows, etc. We may check into setting up another type of seminar. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Board Meeting - February 13, 2002

Board member absent, Teresa Bailey. Guests, Heidi Hampson, Sharon Thomsen.

Meeting was called to order by President, Tony Wood at 7:45 pm. This board meeting was to have taken place on 2/6, but was postponed.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were given and approved. Treasurer working on getting delinquent dues paid.

Corresponding Secretary noted that regional notices were out from DCA. Discussion regarding new membership list. Will be published as soon as members dues are paid.

Old business (continuing items). . .

Specialty information: discussion on having a Parade of Champions. Will bring to general meeting. Discussion on offering a sweepstakes at the November Country Club Classic shows.

Specialty lunch arrangements still being worked on. Catalog covers were presented as well as the trophy list. Sweepstakes awards were discussed. It was decided that the money offered was enough in these classes. Raffle was discussed. A welcome back sign for the Petit's was discussed.

Terri Bailey is working on having a horse trial demonstration for a general meeting in the future.

No March board meeting because of DCA. General meeting will be 2/16 after Dalmatian judging at Silver Bay show. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
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General Meeting - February 23, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President Tony Wood at 2:02 pm. 19 members present. Board member absent was Chuck Davis. There were 6 guests.

Treasurer's report and minutes were approved.

Board member positions were announced: President, Tony Wood; Vice President, Randy Thomsen; Recording Secretary, Chuck Davis; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Bennett; Treasurer, Kathy Martin; Board Director, Teresa Bailey.

President reported that our 2003 specialty would be in November because of a May conflict with the National. Specialty: Parade of Champions left up to Board. Potluck for our luncheon was suggested. Teresa Bailey, Heidi Hampson and Angela Stevanus said they would organize. It was suggested that we collect a donation for this pot luck. Suggestion to place an Honor Roll in the catalog. Other ideas were suggested for the catalog and left up to the catalog chairperson. Postcards have been sent out to all who participated in last year's specialty, inviting them back. Our judge originally assigned for this specialty has passed away and a new judge has been selected. Ed Petit will do all conformation classes; Carol Petit will do all sweepstakes classes; Andrew G. Mills will do Junior Showmanship. Debbie Goddard will do ribbons and Mona Meddock will assist. Teresa Baily indicated we have 25 ceramics left from last year. Board will take up how to distribute these.

Election of new members: James Ryan, Anastassia Vordoanova, Alex Lisnevsky. All were approved.

No unfinished business. Next general meeting is 5/18/02 at Country Club Classic shows. Meeting adjourned.

Board Meeting - April 8, 2002

No board members absent. Meeting called to order by President, Tony Wood at 7:08 pm. Again noted that there was no meeting in March, due to DCA.

Minutes and treasurers reports were approved.

Specialty: Decided not to have a Parade of Champions. Sweepstakes at November shows not possible, since we are changing our dates to November. Luncheon arrangements are being made. Discussion of favors for placements followed and decided that we would only give out for 1st place in conformation. Raffle items all set. Still checking on welcome back banner. Ribbons and Junior handler trophy taken care of. Still checking on having matching blazers, probably not a possibility for this show.

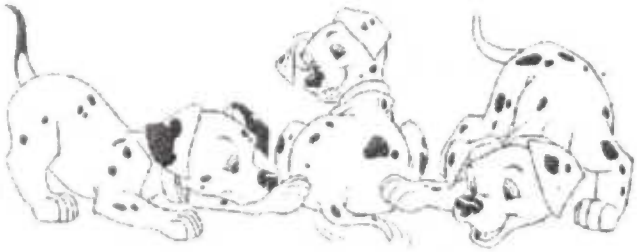
Discussion of combined specialty with Nevada put on hold. Board meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Specialty meeting followed.

Next board meeting combined with specialty chairpersons is May 1, 2002.



DCC National Specialty



Dalmatian Club of Canada National Specialty 2002

August 2 – 5, 2002 Calgary, Alberta

5 sets of conformation points for Dalmatians, & 5 obedience trials

4 All-Breed Shows and 20 Associated Specialties

International Panel of All-Breed Judges Outdoors on grass

4 CKC Agility Trials & 2 NADAC Agility Trials

clean runs = new titles in both venues!

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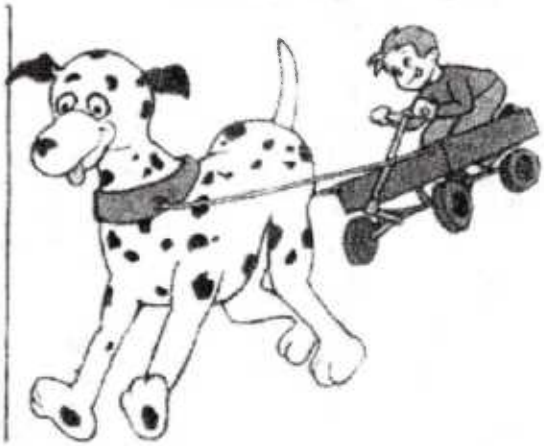
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Charlene Maines
Dalmatian Club of Canada Specialty 2002

MEMBER'S NEWS



FROM STARCOACH

Starcoach Who's on First (Abbott)
WD Yuma KC #2, Imperial KC #1 & KC of Palm Springs #1. Fourth in Open Liver, Dal Org of Houston

Starcoach Sparkling Campaign (Sparkie)
DCA, 1st Open Liver and Reserve Winners Bitch.

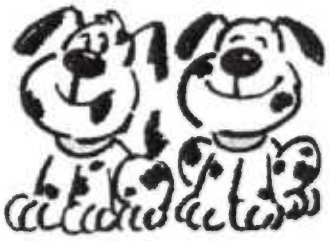
Starcoach Jumpin Jack Flash (JJ)
WD/BOW Del Sur KC and Cabrillo KC to FINISH Father Jack's 50th Champion

Starcoach Othello Will Play (Otto)
RWD Imperial Valley KC #1
Second place Am Bred at DCA.

Litter announcement: 5 boys, 1 girl, whelped 2/15.
CH Tuckaway Winged Foot X Am/Int/Mex CH Starcoach Swan Princess

Standing Rule 16 change to read as follows: Selection of judges for point shows shall be handled in the following manner: Names will be solicited from the membership through the newsletter and the general meetings and given to any Board member. These names will be compiled with names also provided from members of the Board. The Board will select an order in which potential judges will be contacted, based on cost and availability.

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?



You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, should like it that you like sports and should keep the chips and dip coming.

Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

Kirsten, age 10

Dot to Dot Costs for Winter 2001/2002
Printing, Misc., Stamps = $39.69

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OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC.
Specialty Show and Sweepstakes
Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Del Rio, Rho Santa Fe, CA.
Friday, May 17, 2002

ENTRY FEES: * $ 20.00 for first entry of each dog $12.00 each additional entry of same dog
* $ 12.00 Puppy Classes (6-9,9-12) $10.00 Sweepstakes (Add'l Class only)
$ 12.00 Jr. Showmanship
* Includes 50 cents AKC Recording Fee

MAIL ALL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: Mrs. Barbara Scott, Show Secretary
441 Las Flores Terr, San Diego, CA 92114 (619) 262-2885

MAKE CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: BARBARA J. SCOTT

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 6:00 PM, WEDNESDAY ,MAY 1, 2002

IMPORTANT: Read Carefully Instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling Out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box. (PLEASE PRINT)

BREED **DALMATIAN**	VARIETY [1]	SEX
DOG [2] [3] SHOW CLASS	CLASS [3] DIVISION Weight, Color ,etc.	
ADDITIONAL CLASSES	OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASS NOT OFFERED	JR. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS
NAME OF (See Back) JUNIOR HANDLER		JR. HANDLER AKC#
FULL NAME OF DOG		
Enter number here ☐ AKC REG. NO ☐ AKC LITTER NO. ☐ ILP NO. ☐ FOREIGN REG NO. & COUNTRY	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH	☐ USA ☐ Canada ☐ Foreign Do not print the above in catalog

BREEDER _____

SIRE _____

DAM _____

ACTUAL OWNER(S) _____
[4] (Please Print)
OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT
(IF ANY) AT THE SHOW

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this show or obedience trial, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this show or obedience trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent
duly authorized to make this entry _____ Telephone _____

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY. MAY 1, 2002 6:00 PM #2002364701

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GOVERN THIS SHOW AND TRIAL

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TO BE HELD AT
RANCHO SANTA FE POLO GROUNDS
14555 El Camino Real
Rancho Santa Fe, California

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2002
SHOW & TRIAL HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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Doggy Recipes

Princess Mercedes Classic Caviar Cookies
(low in purines)
4 C white rice flour
1 TBS coarse garlic powder
2 TBS safflower oil
1 1/2 C plain Yogurt/active cultures
2 oz goldenwhitefish caviar(no dye)
2 eggs
Mix ingredients well to form a stiff dough, for 30 minutes. Roll out & cut into shapes, as desired. Bake 350 degrees for 20 min. Turn oven down to 200 degrees and bake another 20 min. Cold storage is best.

Dog Biscuits
3 1/2 C flour
2 C cracked wheat
2 C whole wheat flour
1 C Rye flour
1 C corn meal
1/2 C non-fat dry milk
1 pkg dry yeast
4 tsp salt
1 pint bouillion or stock
1 egg & 1 TBS milk, mixed
Warm bouillion, dissolve yeast in 1/4 C warm water together with bouillion. Mix dry ingredients and pour liquid into and knead for 3 min, to a stiff dough. Roll out dough, cut as desired, brush with egg & milk mixture and bake in 300 degree oven for 45 min. Turn off heat & let stand in oven overnight. Store in tins.

Frosty Paws (low in purines)
32 oz vanilla yogurt
1 mashed banana, or jar of baby fruit
2 TBS peanut butter
2 TBS honey
Blend together and freeze in appropriate sized containers. Warm a bit before serving.

Turkey Cake for Dogs
4# ground turkey
3 C cooked brown rice
1 C chopped carrots
1 C chopped celery
1 C chopped parsley
2 beaten eggs
crushed fresh garlic
Olive oil, as needed
Mix all ingredients together and spread into appropriate pan(s). Bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours. Cool. To ICE: mash potatoes to cover cake. Pipe into rosettes and decorate, or decorate with flower shaped carrots.



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Attention Members

Your Board of Directors has been busy with the monthly workings of the Club and want to keep you advised of our activities.

We just had a general meeting the day after our 3rd successful Specialty (read minutes review on page 3). If you weren't able to attend, we missed you and hope all is well in your household of two legged and four legged "people."

We are planning a social event (we'll leave our beloved Dals at home on the sofa) for September 15th at the home of Boyd and Debbie Goddard. See page 9 for preliminary information.

Included is information on Regional Club News for your review.

There's a change suggested in the standing rules to clarify our processes (page 6). If you have any questions please contact our President, Tony Wood or our Vice President, Randy Thomsen.

We are hoping to have a seminar the first part of 2003 to raise much needed funds. Watch for future announcements. We'll need everyone's help.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - July 3, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President, Tony Wood at 7:20pm at Mimi's Cafe.
Board member Kathy Martin was absent. Guests were Debbi Jones and Sharon Thomsen.
6/5/02 minutes were approved with a minor correction. No Treasurer's report. Corresponding Secretary; letters went out to the prospective judges for the 11/07/03 Specialty. Newsletter will be coming out mid-July.
Continuing business. . .Replies to letters are Kathy Nogar & Dianne Bartholomew are available for sweeps judging. Andrew Mills declined for conformation judging. Meg and Todd have not responded. Suggestion that we send out post cards regarding our date change about the time that people would be expecting to see the premium list. Will be done. 2002 Specialty is all completed with AKC, all points were awarded. Debbi Jones reported her findings regarding the Gilbert Seminar. The board still had some questions and she will endeavor to clear them up so we can give a commitment at the August board meeting. Looks like March-April would be good times. Teresa and Tony are continuing working on the possibility of a Road Trial Workshop. Much discussion ensured and they will get the items necessary cleared up. Our insurance will cover it.
New business. . .A motion was made and passed to sponsor a 1st place trophy for the road trial at 2003 DCA for $75. Tony will check with the Goddards regarding a social BBQ at their place this summer for the membership. Webmaster information was again discussed. No final outcome yet.
Meeting adjourned at 9:04. Next meeting 8/7/02 at Mimi's Cafe.

Board Meeting - June 5, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President, Tony Wood at 7:45pm at Mimi's Cafe.
No board members were absent. Guests were John Bailey, Debbi Jones and Sharon Thomsen.
5/1/02 minutes were approved as read.
Treasurer's report was given. Specialty profit was $1156.48.
Corresponding secretary reported on a legislative alert from AKC. No action required.
Continuing Business. . .Discussion on the specialty just passed. Information listed to aid the 2003 committee. Contact AKC regarding changing our date to November for the next few years. Need to get on the AKC Gazette calendar. Club to offer Parade of Champions and Award of Merit at next show. Standing rule suggested that "The Show Chairman for the DCSDC Specialty Show will be ineligible to handle any dog at the Specialty." We currently follow this guideline, but think putting it in writing is best. Print 55 catalogs. We ran out due to aggressive selling. Suggested the page in the catalog that listed the BOB and BOS, list all the winners. Will research back to get it started.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
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Remember the Veterans classes for placement favors. Suggestion that we have a 50-50 raffle may be a good fund raiser. Need to remember to order Bronze Medallions from DCA in plenty of time for the show. Postcards were well received, will do it again. Need web site to inform our viewers of the upcoming show and possible downloading the entry form, or complete premium list. Randy Thomsen was appointed Show Chairperson for 2003. Tony Wood will do advertising for the catalog. Chuck Davis will do trophies. Terri Bailey will handle the much appreciated raffle. Randy will also take care of our grounds and contact with Country Club Classic representative. Future judges were discussed. It was decided to send out solicitations for conformation judging to Todd Jardine and Andrew G. Mills. Sweepstakes solicitations will go to Diane Bartholomew, Meg Callea and Cathy Nogar. Next specialty is scheduled for 11/7/03.
New business. . .It was agreed we need a social event with the general meeting a few months away. Possibly a BBQ or picnic sometime in July or August. Board members will try to come up with ideas. There was some discussion of challenging DCSC to a non-titled dog match. Could make money for both clubs. Will discuss with them later. Debbi Jones presented information on "Gilbert's K-9 Structure & Movement Seminar." Debbi will check into this, dates available and experience of the speaker and come to the next board meeting. Terri Bailey and Tony Wood are working on a Road Trial Seminar and Workshop. They would like to do it in February. Checking out all the details and the cost. There are interested persons.
Next board meeting is July 3, 2002 at Mimi's. Adjourned at 9:35pm.

General Meeting - May 18, 2002

Guests present were: Tammy Jenkins, Shirley Larsen, Steve Larsen, Carol Petit, Ed Petit, Keith Roberts, Mary Widder. Meeting called to order by President, Tony Wood at 1:50pm following Dalmatian judging. Minutes of 2/23/02 meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. Specialty report will come at the next board meeting. No correspondence to be read.
Continuing business. . .Discussion mostly confined to the 2002 specialty. Consensus was that a good job was done, but will work on deficiencies. The potluck lunch provided by members made the club some money and the food was excellent and well received. Suggested we do again. A 50-50 raffle to raise funds was suggested. Errors made were no parade of title holders, no awards of merit and no bronze medallion. These were all oversights by the committee. Suggested post cards be sent again. Placement trophy's for veterans were not given out by steward. Debbie Goddard will take care of getting them to Michelle Smith and Mike Wagner. Discussion on back to back specialties was not favorably received. Thank you given to the judges, the Petit's. Meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.

Board Meeting - May 1, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm. No absent board members. Guests, James Ryan and Sharon Thomsen. Minutes of 4/8/02 were approved. Treasurer's report was given. No correspondence was read.
Continuing business. . .newsletter was sent out. Suggested pre-meeting email or memos to the board, just as reminders. Specialty is changed to ring 2. Specialty will be in November for the next 3 years due to DCA in May. Luncheon in good hands. 9 catalog ads were received. Raffle all set up.
Sharon will do a welcome back sign for Ed and Carol. Blazers still under discussion. Flowers will be used around the ring for ambiance. Next board meeting 6/5/02. Adjourned at 8:13pm.

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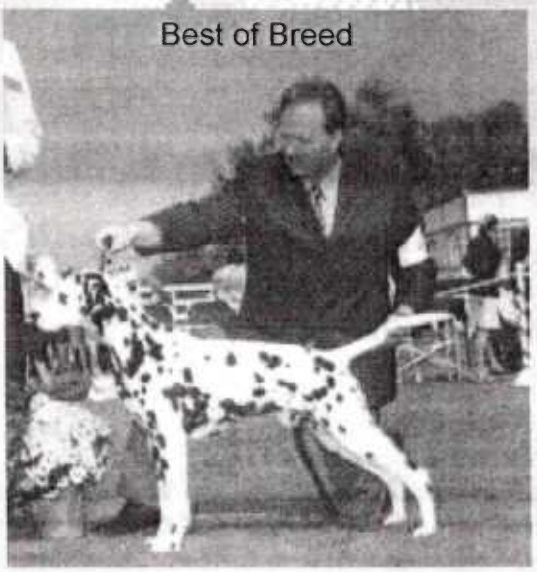








DCSDC Winners


Best of Breed


Best Opposite Sex


Ed


Best In Sweepstakes


Winners Bitch


Carol


Winners Dog

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Jonesborough, TN 37659

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Highlights of DCA Board of Governors Meeting 3/9/02, Round Rock, TX

1. President John Lyons presented the DCA check for $21,000 to the Uniformed Fire Fighters, Widows and Children's Fund. Two DCA members, William Fetner and Glen Lightholder have passed away and he will reflect on their service to DCA at the annual meeting.

2. Vice-President, Rob Lawson; Breed registrations are less; no correlation to our membership level and entry levels at our specialties; Health and Research Committee working mainly on the survey; DCA DCARE Committee functioning.

3. Sharon Boyd, Corresponding Secretary: handled all mailings including ballot for 2004, notified all candidates of election results, handled changes in judging panel for Specialty; sent bronze medallions; answered all inquiries and phone calls.

4. Treasurer, Meg Ispas Hennessey: SPOTTER is making money; all funds at $100,143.24 balance.

5. AKC Delegate, Jim Smith has agreed to continue as Delegate.

6. Officers are: President, John Lyons; Vice-President, Rob Lawson; Recording Secty., Rick Miller; Corres. Secty., Sharon Boyd; Treasurer, Meg Ispas-Hennessey; AKC Delegate, James Smith.

7. SPOTTER web site and DCA web site have several additions;

8. Public Relations, Julie Lux: drafted media article about the check presentation ceremony to the Uniformed Fire Fighters; assisted Siberian Husky Club of America with their public relations plan for Disney movie.

9. the new printer for the SPOTTER is working out well; Kathy Szomoru asked for approval of no longer inserting items in the magazine.

10. 18 new members were approved, bringing the total membership to 1,012.

11. DCARE, Kathy McCoubrey; fund raising plans are for raffles, t-shirts, and support of an agility trial in November 2002 in Rectortown, PA.

12. Seizure/Epilepsy, Marion Mitchell: need more blood samples from epileptic dogs and their relatives.

13. Skeletal/Dysplasia, Sheila Wymore: article on hip Dysplasia will be in winter SPOTTER;

14. Renal and Kidney disorders, Jim Seltzer: Work continues on evaluations attempting to distinguish between copper storage as a primary or secondary disorder. Number of queries regarding kidney and or liver provlems have dropped significantly as info. is available on line.

15. Urinary Stone, Carroll Weiss; Mr. Weiss tendered his resignation but then decided to put his resignation on hold until the Board has time to evaluate his resignation.

16. A study Group on eyes was requested by Denise Powell and Andrea Paccagnella was appointed to the Group.

17. Veterinary Liason, Dr. Susanne Hughes: Betty Pirs will chair a Health and Research Special Operations Structure Committee. Sheila Wymore, Ken Berg, Rick Miller are committee members.

18. Illistrated Standard, Elaine Lindhorst: Elaine will apply for the copyright for the completed illustrated standard. 3,000 copies will be printed by mid-April. Separate mailing will be sent AKC Dalmatian judges. This has been a very time-consuming, difficult project and the Board expressed their great appreciation for all the work done.

19. Ways and Means, Michele Beck; the 2002 Specialty Lottery did not break even so money was refunded. A decision on the risk-free "lottery" will be made at the next Board meeting. Purina continues to be the primary sponsor. Additional sponsorship by Bayer is being pursued. Christmas tree ornaments priced at $15 and $18 will be available to membership as a fundraiser on a trial basis.

20. Tracking, Tom Hacholski: Requested a separate DCA Tracking Test if one cannot be held at the National; a Regional Tracking Test be offered; and Traking Tests open to all breeds. Specific recommendations were requested by the Board.

21. Road Trials, Peggy Ann Strupp; Trials are planned for North Carolina and Ocala, Florida. New instructional material is available. There will not be a Trial at the 2003 National Specialty.

22. Top 20, Ken Berg; 24 dogs entered for competition. income has substantially exceeded budget estimates.

23. A show manual has been prepared by Mary Miller covering hosting a National.

24. Future Specialties: 2003 and 2004 show committees are on track with all aspects of their shows. Tentative site for the 2005 show is the Purina Farms facility in St, Louis, MO.

25. Historian, Cindy Ingalls: Cheryl Steinmetz was appointed Chair due to Ms. Ingalls resignation. Board was appreciative of Ms. Ingalls fine work.

26. Membership Education, Susan Brooksbank: Board decided to suspend Specialty Seminars for the time being and requested focus on the SPOTTER and web site for articles in areas of education.

27. Breeder Referral - Gerri Lightholder: there seems to be an increase in serious calls for puppies. Dal. Club of the Inland Empire has been deleted from the Referral list.

28. DCAF President,if not a DCA Board member, may attend Board Meetings but have no vote.

29. John Lyons will represent DCA at the AKC Delegates Parent Club Conference in October 2002.

30. Board decided to make a contribution in the name of Mr. Lightholder to DCAF.

As you can see from all of the above, the Board worked long, tedious hours handling club business. Since they were all so business-like, we had little business to transact at the Annual Meeting and a lot of time to have fun. For those of you who were not there, the Elvis impersonator was a "hoot", and I will not embarrass all the ladies who were waving their dollar bills at him by mentioning names.

Complete minutes are printed in the SPOTTER and on the Web Site.

Margie Doane

Regional Club Council Chair

Club Social Event



September 15, 2002

Sunday 11:00 am

BBQ at the Goddards

Look for more information to follow.



NEWS BRIEFS

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Brags

Pasadena Shows DeSoto took the Breed both days and a Group 4 both days.

Mission Circuit DeSoto was BOB Fri,Sat,Sun, taking a Group 2 on Sat.

Belle was WB on Friday and Saturday at the MIssion Circuit with a BOW on Sat.

Loved by Dennnis Sanders

BIG REMINDER

DCSDC Specialty Show is moving to November for the next three years.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tammy Jenkins, San Diego
Steve & Shirley Larsen, Agoura Hills
Keith Roberts, Lakeside
Mary Widder, Simi Valley





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BBQ & "Toast"



September 15, 2002
11:00AM at the Goddards
4325 La Orilla, Rancho Santa Fe

RSVP 858/756-1281
Food is provided

Come One! Come All!
We are celebrating our accomplishments throughout the year. Everyone is welcome, wheather you are actively showing or not. We would love to see all our members in attendance. Give Debbie a call.

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Board Meeting - August 7, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President, Tony Wood at 7:47pm at Mimi's Cafe.
Board member Randy Thomsen was absent. Guests were Debbi Jones and Heidi Hampson.
7/03/02 minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was read. Corresponding Secretary; thank you note from Petits, decline note from Gene Mills re 2003 specialty judging assignment. Looks like a go for Todd Jardine, he is very difficult to contact.
Presidents report; Tony Wood was pleased with all the great comments we received on our recent Show.
Unfinished Business: Seminar - Gilberts K-9 Structure & Movement. Vote was unanimous to have the seminar. Dates being considered are 4/12 & 4/13. Debbi Jones is chairing this event.
Tony & Terri discussed the Road Trial Seminar scheduled for 2/15/03. Coming together nicely.
2003 Specialty judges are Kathy Nogar for Sweepstakes and Todd Jardine for Conformation. Contracts will be sent out.
BBQ at the Goddards 9/15/02. Theme to be a roast of various members on their ring experiences coupled with roast chicken and beef. A fun time for all.
Still don't have the veteran's class "goodies" shipped out. Debbie Goddard will take care of this.
Web site is being developed at no cost to the club, to replace our current web site. It is very difficult for us to get in contact with the site manager. We need to be able to make necessary changes ourselves, instead of relying on someone else. There was a litter announcement on the site (unknown to the breeder), which is against the rules put forth for the web site. It was an error and won't be repeated and the announcement was removed.
Will be sponsoring a road trial B trophy at the next DCA National.
New Business: None
Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Board Meeting - September 4, 2002

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Randy Thomsen at 7:35pm at Mimi's Cafe.
Board members absent: Tony Wood & Terri Bailey.Guests were Debbi Jones and Sharon Thomsen.
8/07/02 minutes were approved as read.
Treasurer's report was given.
Corresponding secretary: contact with upcoming judges is on-going. Those who were contacted, but not selected were notified.
Newsletter: The editor suggested to the board that the newsletter go out every other month, instead of just before each meeting. The board agreed. The regional report was also sent to the Spotter.
Unfinished business: Seminars
Gilbert's K-9 Structure & Movement Seminar needs to find a new location. The old location changed managers and the cost is prohibitive. Debbi asked the board to help her find another site before we finalize the date with the speaker. A plea will be included in the new Dot to Dot, for someone who might know someone that has access to a large room with at least a small kitchen.
2003 Specialty: We will be offering Todd Jardine 2 nights lodging in addition to his $250 judging fee. We will be giving Kathy Nogar 2 nights lodging as she requested.
BBQ at the Goddards 9/15/02. Probably be like a "toast & roast" for our members. Hoping all will attend as Debbie and Boyd are going all out for the event.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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HIGHLIGHTS DCA BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2002, St. Louis, Missouri:

1. President John Lyons stated accomplishments include the Illustrated Standard and CD, National Specialty Show Manual, Purina Partnership agreement, Firefighter's Fund, a profitable SPOTTER and a successful Specialty.

2. Secretary Sharon Boyd has responded to all phone calls, correspondence, emails, sent medallions, mailed judges contracts. AKC Dal exhibit was to be discussed as well as DNA certification and $125.00 catalog ad for the Eukanuba Am. Dog Classic was approved as well as a $75 winners' medallion.

3. Treasurer Meg Ispas-Hennessey reported all funds at $72,569.85.

4. AKC Delegate, Jim Smith, reported on the 3 amendments pending and the Board approved his voting in favor of all proposals, but not for a standard publication at all independent specialty shows.

5. Julia Soukup reported many recent additions to the DCA Web Site/

6. 17 new members were elected, three of which are juniors.

7. The all-breed agility trial to benefit DCARE will be November 8, 2002 at the Warrenton Kennel Club grounds in Rectortown, VA.

8. Health Survey: surveys for 811 dogs owned by 243 people were received. Board will review the analysis before final report is done; Seizure/ Epilepsy: 50 Dals participating in the DNA research at the Univ. of Mo.; Skeletal/Sysplasia: Sheila Wymore is stepping down as chair and was replaced by Diane Ryan; Hearing: GDC Hearing Registry to the OFA's Congenital Deafness Database have reached an agreement and data transfer will be ompleted later this year. A new category for untested littermates will be allowed; Study Group on Eyes: Claudia Rusconi is the new Director.

9. Illustrated Standards have been distributed to DCA members, judges, seminar leaders.

10. 82 bitch nominations and 56 puppy nominations for 2003 Futurity

11 Final proposal for DCA Road Trial at the Ohio Specialty will be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting.

12. C.E. Flock, Jr. was named event Chief Ring Steward.

13. Cheryl Whetsel was appointed 2004 Show Chairman. A DCA member may be the photographer at the Specialty, rescinding the standing rule.

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14. A large majority of DCA members are in favor of a permanent DCA Specialty Show Committee and consistent time of the year for the Specialty. Approximately 100 responses were received by the President. A permanent show committee with Laura Lightholder as Show Chair. Paula Lisciotto as Asst. Chair and Meg Hennessey as Treasurer was approved. The committee is to selct a reasonalby consistent time of the year taking into account the health and safety of the dogs.

15. Carol Petit is Chair of the Nominating Committee, assisted by Joanne Nash and W. Jean Smith.

16. The next Board meeting will be October 19, 2002 in Chicago.

Above information compiled by Margie Doane, Regional Club Council Chair.



We Need YOUR Help

We are seeking a facility to rent for our upcoming seminar, as well as future seminars we might hold. What we need is a room approximately 40' x 80' where we can set up chairs and/or tables for lecture and show and tell types of seminars. A small kitchen available would be an asset, as we wish to cater or box lunch our participants. If you know of a place such as this, that we can negotiate a reasonable rental fee, please contact Debbi Jones at DJDal@aol.com, or our president, Tony Wood at dalhouse1@earthlink.net. We are currently seeking a February date for availability, but can be flexible, if necessary.



The Senior Dog

By Arnold Plotnick MS, DVM

Dogs are living longer than ever. Nearly a fifth of the canine population is ten years of age or older. Canine longevity is due to a number of factors including advances in veterinary medicine, as well as a renewed focus on preventive medicine and keeping pets healthy. Dogs are considered geriatric around the age of 8 years. How can we tell when our elderly canine companions are starting to feel their age?

When dogs get older, they may experience changes in any of a number of body systems. The skin, the teeth, the urinary system, the muscles and bones, the heart, and the brain may be affected.

Hair coat

Is your dog's previously thick, lush hair coat starting to look sparse, dull, and lusterless? Are the numbers of white hairs on the muzzle increasing? Have the footpads become thicker and callused? Are the toenails looking brittle and strange in appearance? These changes in a dog's integument (skin, nails, and coat) are typical of the aging process. Hormonal changes and changing nutritional requirements are partly responsible for the changes in the skin and hair coat. There is nothing you can do for the white hairs on the muzzle (they don't make Grecian Formula for Dogs), however, there are a variety of shampoos that may be able to help restore the luster to your dog's coat. If a medical problem is responsible for the dry, dull coat (such as hypothyroidism or seborrhea), your veterinarian can treat with appropriate medication, or with special medicated shampoos. Fatty acid supplements containing omega-3 fatty acids may cause dramatic improvement in the skin and hair in some dogs, although this may take several weeks or months before improvement is seen.

Skin

Older dogs are also more likely to have tumors of the skin. Many of these lumps and bumps are benign (not dangerous), however, some lumps and bumps might be cancerous, and should always be examined by your veterinarian.

Toenails

As for the toenails, the best way to avoid problems is to keep them properly trimmed. Walking dogs on concrete surfaces rather than dirt or grass tends to keep the nails naturally filed down.

Dental Disease

Oral problems are a concern as your dog ages. Does your dog have bad breath? Is he refusing to eat dry food or hard treats and instead only eats soft food? Is he drooling excessively, pawing at his mouth, or chewing his food on one side of his mouth only? These types of symptoms may be seen as your dog ages because the incidence of dental disease increases as our canine friends advance in years. Dental tartar and calculus will begin to accumulate, the gums may become inflamed (gingivitis) and recede, and the teeth may start to loosen. This causes pain, and may affect the way your dog eats his food, and may have an effect on which food textures he'll pursue and which ones he'll avoid. As tartar builds up, it causes bad breath. Every dog owner notices that! Fortunately, dental disease is preventable and treatable. Prevention involves regular check-ups with your veterinarian. He or she may prescribe special toothbrushes and toothpastes specially designed for dogs, as well as prescription diets that help control tartar build-up. Mild or moderate gingivitis may be reversed, and tartar can be removed during a dental scaling. This process is similar to dental cleanings that people receive. Loose teeth should be extracted.

Kidney Disease

A gradual decline in kidney function is a normal part of the aging process. The kidneys take toxins out of the bloodstream and puts them into the urine. As kidney function starts to decline, the toxins begin to accumulate. Is your dog drinking and urinating more than he used to? Is he waking you up in the middle of the night to urinate, whereas before he could wait until it was time for his morning walk? Has his appetite decreased a bit? Has he lost weight? Does he vomit every now and then? These are the signs you might notice in a dog whose kidneys are beginning to fail. Blood and urine tests are required to make a firm diagnosis of the disorder, and various treatments and preventative measures (special reduced-protein prescription diets) can be tried if the symptoms worsen.

Bladder Control

Urinary incontinence (loss of bladder control) is another problem seen mainly in older dogs. Sometimes a dog will wake up in the morning and discover that he's leaked a few drops of urine on his doggie bed. He might slink away in shame, feeling that he's misbehaved by soiling in the house. Or a pet owner will find small puddles of urine in various locations in the house. You shouldn't get angry, and you shouldn't punish him, especially if he's already acting guilty. He knows he's done something wrong, but he can't help himself. As dogs get older, hormonal changes often cause the muscles that keep the urine stored in the bladder to weaken, and urine can unintentionally leak out, especially when the dog is very relaxed, such as when asleep. It's important for you to have your dog examined by a veterinarian, because there can be simple and treatable medical reasons for this, such as a urinary tract infection. It's also important to make sure that the dog isn't leaking urine because the bladder is so full that he can't hold it in anymore. If that's the case, tests will need to be performed to determine the cause of the excessive urine production. Kidney failure and diabetes are two common conditions that can result in excessive thirst and subsequent excessive urination. Urinary incontinence is usually treatable. Yes, they do make bladder control underwear for dogs! But doggie diapers are usually a last resort; there are several oral medications such as estrogen (for female dogs) or a drug called phenylpropanolamine (for either sex) that your veterinarian can prescribe that usually resolve the problem.

Arthritis

As dogs grow older, they often develop arthritis. Any of the joints can be involved, but the hips seem to be the most commonly affected. Severe cases of arthritis can lead to permanent loss of function. Arthritic dogs show the same kinds of signs that are seen in arthritic people. They tend to have a stiff gait, and can have trouble walking and moving around after prolonged periods of inactivity, such as sleeping or resting. Many cases are due to trauma, nutritional disorders, or infections. Young dogs with arthritis in the hips usually experience it secondary to hip dysplasia, a common developmental hip disorder found mainly in larger breeds. Dogs diagnosed with hip dysplasia at a young age often experience very painful hip arthritis in their golden years. Has your dog become reluctant to go on long walks with you? Does his stride seem stiff?

Does he favor any particular leg, or have a noticeable limp when he walks? These are telltale signs of arthritis in an old dog. X-rays are often recommended to confirm the diagnosis and assess the severity of the condition. Fortunately, a number of medications have been developed and marketed in recent years that might give your dog some much-needed pain relief. Some of these new medications have turned a few stiff old dogs into spry young puppies. Carprofen (Rimadyl) and Etodolac (EtoGesic) are two arthritis drugs designed for relieving arthritis pain. These drugs are similar, in terms of their action, to aspirin. Rimadyl has recently been reported to cause some liver damage in a small subset of dogs receiving it, and should be given only under strict supervision by a veterinarian who can monitor the blood and see if your dog can tolerate the medication. There is another class of arthritis drugs called chondroprotective agents. These drugs not only help relieve pain, but also help protect cartilage and promote its repair. Examples of drugs in this category are Cosequin, Glycoflex, and Adequan. Dog owners should not rely on drug therapy alone. The best results are seen when medical therapy is combined with appropriate exercise and weight management. Non-strenuous exercise, such as a brief leisurely walk, or better yet, low impact exercise (for example, swimming) is therapeutic for arthritic dogs. Avoid strenuous, high impact activities. Overweight dogs must be placed on an appropriate diet. Extra pounds means more stress on those joints. Arthritic dogs benefit from being a little bit underweight. If medical therapy and proper diet and exercise still don't offer adequate pain control, don't abandon all hope. There may be surgical procedures that could substantially improve your dog's quality of life. Acupuncture is another option that is gaining acceptance in the treatment of joint problems in dogs, although clinical studies are still lacking.

Heart Disease

Ten percent of all dogs examined in veterinary clinics have some form of heart disease. In dogs between the ages of 9 and 12, it is believed that approximately 25% of dogs have some type of heart disorder. In dogs 13 years and older, the incidence jumps to 33%. That's one out of three! There are many signs that might indicate that your dog has a heart problem. Reluctance to exercise, increased breathing rate, coughing, and fainting are potential clues that something might be amiss with your dog's ticker. If your dog used to run up the long driveway to greet you when you got home, but now can only run halfway before he has to stop and rest, then it's time to take him to the veterinarian for a check-up. Don't be surprised if your veterinarian suggests chest x-rays, an electrocardiogram (EKG), and maybe even cardiac ultrasound! That's how you diagnose heart disease in dogs. Most of the time, the heart disease is caused by thickening and stiffening of the heart valves. This can happen in any breed of dog, but certain breeds, such as Yorkshire Terriers, Miniature Poodles, Pomeranians, Cocker Spaniels, and other small breeds seem particularly susceptible. It is difficult to prevent the changes in the valves from occurring, however, there may be several options for treatment once a diagnosis is made. Dogs with heart valve problems can be fed a low sodium diet and be given medication that may delay the onset of congestive heart failure. If congestive heart failure develops, additional medications (for example, digitalis) are often necessary to keep your dog happy and comfortable.

Behavioral Problems

Over the past seven or eight years, a syndrome similar to Alzheimer's disease in humans has become increasingly recognized in geriatric dogs. The syndrome has been termed Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS). This syndrome is manifested by one or more behavior problems in an older dog that cannot be attributed to an unrelated medical condition such as cancer, infection or organ failure. Disorientation is a major sign of CDS. Does your dog wander aimlessly or appear lost or confused? Does he sometimes not recognize familiar people? Dogs with CDS sometimes show altered or decreased interaction with their family members, for example, soliciting attention less, or is less willing to be petted. Some of the changes are subtle, such as less enthusiastic greeting when the owner returns to their home from work. Dogs with CDS will often experience a change in their sleep-wake cycle, sleeping more hours overall, but less at night. A common sign seen in dogs with CDS that dog owners find particularly frustrating is a loss of housetraining ability. Does your dog signal less to go outside, or urinates and defecates in the house? This is a common sign of CDS in older dogs. Many pet owners attribute these age-related behaviors to the "normal" aging process, and only let their veterinarian know about them when the behavior becomes intolerable. Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome is more common than you might expect. In a pet owner study, dogs 8 years of age and older exhibited one or more of the signs associated with CDS described above. In a University of California-Davis study, 62% of dogs aged 11 to 15 showed at least one clinical sign of CDS, and nearly 100% of dogs aged 16 and older showed one sign. The prevalence increases with advancing age.

Diagnosis is exclusionary

In other words, a complete physical examination, neurological examination, blood tests (complete blood count and chemistry panel), urinalysis, and thyroid and adrenal tests should be performed to rule out other causes of the symptoms before making a diagnosis of CDS. Occasionally, a canine patient may require additional sophisticated tests such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or a computed tomography (CT) scan to rule out brain tumors or vascular disease as a cause of the dog's abnormal behavior. Although there is no cure for CDS, a relatively new drug has shown a lot of promise in the management of this syndrome. Selegiline hydrochloride, a drug labeled for the management of Parkinson's disease in humans, is marketed for dogs under the name Anipryl. This drug has been shown to improve or restore the normal behavior in about three-quarters of affected dogs after one month of therapy. Some dogs showed continued improvement for up to three months. How quickly the improvement is seen, how long it lasts, and the degree to which they improve will vary from dog to dog. And even though there is nothing we can do to stop the aging process, a study in dogs and another study in rodents suggests that selegiline hydrochloride may actually extend your dog's life.

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Newsletter to come out every other month to help keep you informed of the activities of the board, as well as the general Dalmatian fancy.



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BIG REMINDER

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There will be a short general meeting at the BBQ to take care of miscellaneous business.

Top Ten Ways to Tell if Martha Stewart is Stalking Your Dog

10. There's a potpourri hanging from his/her collar.
9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia bows.
6. That tell tale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.
5. You find liver and whole-wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's house.
2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme-colored raw cotton handknitted sweater with matching boots.



AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS. . .

1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING



November 9, 2002

Rancho Santa Fe Polo Grounds
Rancho Santa Fe
Del Sur Kennel Club Show

Following Dalmatian judging at the Thomsen motorhome. Ask for location area that day.

Please plan to attend to discuss upcoming events planned for your enjoyment:
Horse Trial Workshop
Murder/Mystery Dinner
Gilbert's K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar
Specialty 11/03 Updates
Holiday Party

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MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING - August 7, 2002

Absent member:Randy Thomsen

Guests included: Heidi Hampson and Debbi Jones

Meeting called to order by President, Tony Wood at 7:45pm. Minutes of 7/3/02 were approved.

Treasurer's report was given. Specialty profit was $1267.73. Job well done.

Corresponding Secretary read thank you from Petits for asking them to judge. Gene Mills declined the judging assignment for 11/03, looks like Todd Jardin will accept the assignment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. . .

Seminar Gilbert's K-9 Structure and Movement being worked on by Debbi Jones. Decision to go ahead with this seminar, tentative dates of 4/12 & 4/13.

Workshop on Road Trial was tentative for 2/15/03, based on availability of site. Wood and Bailey are working on this.

Specialty 2003 Board voted to have Kathy Nogar do Sweepstakes and Todd Jardine do Conformation. Contract will be put together and sent out.

BBQ for members will be held at the Goddards 9/15/02. Theme will be a roast.

Web Page development of new site under way. More to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

BOARD MEETING - 9/4/02

Absent members were Tony Wood and Teresa Bailey.

Guests were Sharon Thomsen and Debbi Jones

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Randy Thomsen at 7:35pm.

Minutes of 8/7/02 were approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Corresponding Secretary - Contracts have gone out for Kathy Nogar and Todd Jardine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. . .

Newsletter will be coming out every other month, instead of quarterly to keep members uptodate on the Board's activities.

Seminar Gilbert's K-9 Structure and Movement is in need of a location. The previous seminar location became unavailable due to cost. Debbi asked for members to look for alternative locations and let her know.

Specialty 2003 all is going well. Will be giving Todd Jardine 2 night lodging along with fee of $250.00. Kathy Nogar will receive 2 nights lodging.

BBQ and General Meeting at Goddards 9/15/02. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.



MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
continued. . .

GENERAL MEETING 9/15/02

All Board members present except Chuck Davis.

17 present for the BBQ at the Goddards.

Minutes were not read on previous general meeting because of the absence of Chuck Davis.

Treasurer's report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. . .

Debbi Jones spoke on the need for a site for the Gilbert Seminar. She and Randy are working on a potential site.

Teresa Bailey reported on the Horse Trial Workshop. Waiting to set a date so as not to conflict with the Gilbert Seminar.

Specialty 2003 need to find a Juniors judge. Randy will take care of it. Waiting for DCA approval/waiver for 1st road trial with our specialty.

NEW BUSINESS. . .

Tom Harris objects to Judges for the specialty being a Board choice. Much discussion followed. Board members explained the judge selection process. Names are solicited from everyone and anyone. The board compiles the list and contacts names to see if available and from those responses selects the judge. In the case of the 2003 judges, no names had been submitted to the Board, so the board had discussion on possible people to contact. Two contacts were made for Conformation and three contacts were made for Sweepstakes. From those responses the selection was made.

Social event at the Goddards was discussed for November. The theme murder/mystery. Terri, Debbi and Carrie will be setting this up.

Standing Rule #18 which had been proposed previously was discussed and voted on. Will be added to the standing rules list.

Carrie Jordan reported the Southern California Dal Club is working with Eucanuba in Long Beach in 2003 and would like for our club to Join in holding a Sweepstakes event on Friday. Further discussion will be done at the next general meeting and following board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm. Next general meeting at Del Sur Kennel Club show November 9th, after Dalmatian judging.

Things I Must Remember As A Dog

1. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff
2. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table
3. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge, sofa of under the bed
4. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house
5. I will not eat the cats' food, before they eat it or after they throw it up
6. I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to get sick
7. I will not throw up in the car
8. I will not roll on dead seagull, fish, crabs, etc just because I like the way they smell
9. "Kitty box crunchies," although they are tasty, are not food
10. I will not eat any more Kleenex or napkins and then redeposit them in the backyard after processing
11. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar
12. I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell him
13. I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging
14. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside
15. We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV
16. I will not steal my mom's underwear and dance all over the backyard with it
17. The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are mom and dad's laps
18. My head doesn't belong in the refrigerator
19. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for mom's driver's license and car registration
20. I will not play tug-of-war with dad's underwear when he's on the toilet
21. I will not eat mint flavored dental floss out of the bathroom garbage, to avoid having a string hanging out of my butt
22. I will not use "roll around in the dirt" as an option after just getting a bath
23. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is not an acceptable way of saying hello
24. I will not hump on any person's leg just because I thought it was the right thing to do
25. I will not fart in my owner's face while sleeping on the pillow next to their head
26. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my butt across the carpet
27. The toilet bowl is not a never-ending water supply and, just because the water is blue, it doesn't mean it is cleaner
28. I will not sit in the middle of the living room and lick my crotch when company is over
29. Suddenly turning around and smelling my butt can quickly clear a room
30. The cat is not a squeaky toy so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.

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Dear God"
Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride. I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!



Why does my dog like to roll in smelly things? (Holly Frisbey, DVM)

It is thought that dogs may choose to roll in foul-smelling things to mask their scent, much as wolves do. Wolves may roll in decomposing carcasses or the feces of herbivores to disguise themselves. They want to cover their own odors so their prey won't be alarmed by their scent. This way they can sneak up on their prey and have a better chance of making a kill. Some behaviorists feel dogs may roll in smelly things to "advertise" what they have found to other dogs. No matter the reason, unfortunately some of our domesticated friends have held onto this trait. How many of us have given a dog a bath only to find him running outside to roll in something foul?

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