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2010 Dalmatian Club of San Diego County Specialty Feb. 28 Results_query

Conformation — **Judge: Mrs. Susan St. John Brown**

Class Name	Armband	Place	DogName	Owner
Puppy Dogs, 6-9 months	5	1	Proctor's Gold Rush Absolutely Striking It Rich	Dennis & Michelle Collingwood
Puppy Dogs, 6-9 months	7	2	Checkerboard NspirD Hollywood Dirt	Jennifer Whaley, Carrie Jordan
Puppy Dogs, 9-12 months	9	1	Jubi's Breakaway Lance at Rockledge	Tom & Sonja Jones
Bred By Exhibitor Dogs	13	1	Starcoach Jamaica Me Crazy	Nancy M. Dandrea
Bred By Exhibitor Dogs	17	2	Penwiper's Power Surge	Barbara DiMino, Mary Kate & Katie Diercks
Bred By Exhibitor Dogs	11	3	Xanadu's Apollo	D. Sanders, J. Harmon, & S. Monkarsh,
Bred By Exhibitor Dogs	15	ab	Easy To Spot Never A Dull Moment	Julie Sandoval
Open Black Dogs	19	1	Starcoach Monticello	Lauren & Peter Worland, Nancy M. Dandrea
Open Liver Dogs	21	1	Fyrehouse N Xanadu's Travis	J. Brown, R. Brown, D. Sanders, M. Higginbotham
Open Liver Dogs	23	2	Smvin Dal's Love At First Sight	Kinn Georgeson
Winners Dog	**21**		**Reserve WD 13 9 dogs, 4 pts**	
Puppy Bitches, 6-9 months	6	1	Imperial Genesis of Robbsdale	Carol Herbold
Puppy Bitches, 6-9 months	8	ab	Proctor's Absolutely Priceless	Carole Wadlow & Kimberley Hess
12-18 Bitches	12	1	Proctor's Absolutely No Nonsense	Bob Rock, M & D Collingwood, K. Hess
12-18 Bitches	10	2	Xanadu's Goddess Artemis	Dennis Sanders, Mona Meddock
12-18 Bitches	14	3	PHD's Ravin Reviews	John & Karen Whyte, Brett & Toni Searly
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches	16	1	Dotzink NspirD Hit Me with UR Best Spot	C. Jordan, L. Partch, R. Picinich
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches	18	2	Xanadu's Goddess Demetra	Dennis Sanders
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches	20	3	Starcoach Watch Me Shine	Scott Crispell, Ned Malmquist, Nancy M. Dandrea
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches	22	ab	Easy To Spot Never Look Back	Julie Sandoval
Open Black Bitches	24	1	NspirD Smooth As Silk Chloe	Jennifer Waagenaar & Jose Alas
Open Black Bitches	26	2	Bedestal-Hesperides	Heidi Erland
Winners Bitch	**16**		**Reserve WB 24 9 dogs, 2 pts**	
Veteran Dogs, 7-10 Years	25	1	CH Amethyst Semi Sweet Snowcapdsydot	Amy Tempel, DVM, Maggie Jackson, Cassidy Jackson, Tom Harris
Veteran Dogs, 7-10 Years	27	ab	Flashpoints Irish Jigg	Suzi Wahl & Ceci Luongo & Daniel Luongo
Veteran Dogs, 10 Years and over	29	1	CH Quicksilvers Rhythm & Blues	Jim & Barbara Lyons
Veteran Dogs, 10 Years and over	31	ab	CH Odyssey's Four On the Floor by Daisydot	Kimberley Hess
Veteran Bitches, 10 Years and over	28	1	BISS CH Rashars Rebecca @ Daisy.com CD, RN, CGC	Randy Thomsen
Best of Breed Competition	33		CH Centurion Top Co-Pilot	Steve & Shirley Larsen
Best of Breed Competition	35		CH Spotlite-Tramac Daimler	Charles T Davis, Elaine P Davis & Jennifer Meisch
Best of Breed Competition	37		CH Rashar's Remember When	Annette Willerding & Randy Thomsen
Best of Breed Competition	39		CH Dotzink Waltzing WaltS D	Daniel DeMeyere
Best of Breed Competition	41		CH Rockledge's Bring Them Young	Tom & Sonja Jones
Best of Breed Competition	43		CH NspirD SpotsAfire It's A Wrap	Teresa Bailey & Carrie Jordan
Best of Breed Competition	45		CH Starcoach Who's On First	Mary Kathleen Martin
Best of Breed Competition	47		CH Delwood 'N' déjà vu's Wingman	Diane & Gene Bartholomew & G. Rudder, C. Haywood, & J. Romano
Best of Breed Competition	30		CH Fyrehouse Fiona	Eleanor Green Winters & Dennis Sanders
Best of Breed Competition	32		CH Xanadus Angel Sabrina	Joseph J. Ulloa & Anne O. Fornon
Best of Breed Competition	34		CH Sunnyoaks St Florian Literati's Compass Rose	Linda Sexton & Dawn Mauel
Best of Breed Competition	36		CH Xanadu Ships Ahoy	Lesley Stevens & Dennis Sanders
Best of Breed Competition	38	ab	CH Tramac Just Walk'n on Sunshine	JW Smith & Meg Calles

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Sweepstakes — **Judge: Mr. Dean Busby**

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The Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc
General Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2009

President Randy Thomsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Davis's house.
Members' present: Mike & Xandra Wagner, Pam Shank, Annelle Wilterding, Randy Thomsen, Carol Haywood, Peggy Rudder, Laren Worland, Nancy Dandrea, Mary Bennett, Chuck Davis, Norm Collins, Linda Byer, Barbara Lyons, Jackie Jackson, Boyd & Debbie Goddard, Richard & Cynthia Horvath, Kathy Martin
Guests present: George Starr, Dave Wilterding, Mary Hopper, Elaine Davis, Jim Lyons, Dave Martin, Reid Collins
Randy introduced the guests.
Minutes were read & approved.
Corresponding Secretary: Mike received notice from the AKC about the canine partner- mixed breed events due to go into effect next year. Also, we got a notice from the CA Federation of dog clubs. AkC asked for the slate of officers for 2010.
Treasurer's report: Healthy . Debbi sent out dues notice. She will be collecting dues as of now. She has received the insurance rider for our Specialty.
Old Business: 2010 Specialty: Chuck gave the trophy list for the Specialty; the premium list will go out soon. We will keep the fees at $28, & $18. The DNA paperwork will go out in the premium list. We will have a memorial page in the catalog again this year.
New Business: the election of 2 board members was announced: Randy Thomsen & Renee Grady.
A thank you was given to Chuck & Elaine Davis for hosting the Xmas party.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM
Respectively submitted, Debbie Goddard, rec sec

From Nancy

A Happy Way to Get Fit

by Allison Takeda

WHEN IT COMES to getting active, you may be better off investing in a dog than a gym membership. Researchers in Great Britain recently surveyed 5000 people and found that those with dogs exercised up to six hours more a week than those who worked out at a gym or on their own.

According to the study, the average dog owner walks his pet for less than 30 minutes twice daily and then longer three times a week. Those short spurts add up to more than eight hours of physical activity a week. In contrast, the average gym-goer works out less than two hours a week.

Researchers say the difference can be attributed in part to varying levels of enjoyment. While 86% of dog owners said they enjoy the time with their pets, only 16% of respondents rated going to the gym favorably.

Walk a dog for better health

Perhaps that's also why dog owners are more likely to make physical activity a priority. Nearly two-thirds said they walk their pets even when they're pressed for time. Compare that with 46% of gym-goers who admitted to often making excuses not to work out. Sound familiar? Try the dog owner's secret of breaking up your workout into small bursts of activity. The miles and minutes will add up.

Thanks Nancy

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
Feb. 27, 2010

Meeting was called to order by president Randy Thomsen at 11:32 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.
A well deserved thank you was given to Debbie and Boyd Goddard for their efforts on our Specialty yesterday—especially the catalog!
Members present: Randy Thomsen, Nancy Dandrea, Chuck Davis, Debbie and Boyd Goddard, Debbi Jones, Mike and Xandra Wagner, and Annelle Wilterding.
Guests: Jose Alas and Jennifer Waagenaar.
.Our specialty judge, Susan St. John Brown commented that she was pleased with the quality of the dogs shown to her, as well as the show itself, and our members.
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.
Treasurer's Report: A report will be given once the show income is tallied up.
Corresponding Sec: No news other than lots of information on upcoming canine legislation in different states.
New Business: Nancy Dandrea brought up the "Grand Champion" competition that AKC will initiate when the point numbers are renewed, effective in mid-May. To compete, the dogs must be champions, and gain a total of 25 points, including 2 majors. We can go to the AKC website for more information. The group alignment is "on hold" for now due to lack of support.
Old Business: Renee Grady was voted onto the board in Dec., but has had to resign from the position as well as the club for now due to illness of her husband and fellow member Frank. Mary Bennett has agreed to take her place and has been appointed to the board.
The newsletter will go out after the show.
The March board meeting will be cancelled. The next board meeting will be on April 7, 2010.
Start thinking about judges for next year!
Two new members applied and were voted in today, Jose Alas and Jennifer Waagenaar. Welcome to the club!
No further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:59
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding, Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT RANDY'S MESSAGES:

It was a great Specialty 2010. Kudo's to all who helped put it on....and special thanks from the membership to Boyd and Debbie Goddard. When Debbie and Boyd team up our club is in great hands!
Our Board Meeting for Feb. is canceled....our next Board Meeting will be in April.
Randy Thomsen

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
Jan. 13, 2010

President Randy Thomsen called the meeting to order at 7:04 at Marie Callenders in Escondido.
Board members present: Randy Thomsen, Chuck Davis, Debbi Jones, Debbie Goddard, Annelle Wilterding. Absent: Renee Grady.
Guests: Dave Wilterding, Mary Bennett, Mary Hopper, and Boyd Goddard.
Club Treasurer Report: The books have been audited, and will have a letter to that effect sent to us. There is balance that is healthy. There are still several outstanding dues.
Old Business: 2010 Specialty. So far we have received 2 entries, and requests for premium lists. Medallions have been ordered from Sheila Wymore. AKC has given permission to do the DNA testing, and also requested that we FAX the current officers list to them. Angie Stevanus may have a litter due on the day of the specialty, which will conflict with the catering of our lunch. We will know closer to the date, and can pick up sandwiches, etc. at Albertsons or Subway. Angie has the gift boxes and will prepare them for us. We will find a way to get them from her as necessary.

Debbie booked a room at Morgan Run for Thurs. night for our judge Susan St. John Brown at $129.00 + tax. She has not heard back from her as yet. We will need to find out how she will get to the show site. Dean Busby declined need for a room.

Maggie Jackson will coordinate the blood draw for the DNA clinic. Debbie Goddard will follow up with Maggie.

We need someone to video—possibly Richard Hovarth or Xandra Wagner. Hospitality will be outside at the motor home. Party to follow the specialty at Goddards house one hour after the show.

Randy stated that there has been no further response from Julie Sandoval regarding our club being a sponsor for an agility match.
New Business: Renee Grady has had to decline being on the board due to her husband's health issues. Randy recommended that Mary Bennett take her place as Director. Mary has agreed, and it was voted unanimously that she replace Renee. Randy will call Renee.
Newsletter: Will go out after the specialty. Debbie Goddard will E-mail all members in February that there will be a general meeting on Sat. following Dals. Randy is working to have Dals scheduled at 10:00 both Sat. and Sun. Also at the general meeting we need to ask for judge recommendations for 2011.
Our next Board meeting will be the 1st Wed in February.
No further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:19
Respectfully submitted,
Annelle Wilterding, Recording Sec.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE:
I am so sorry that this newsletter is so late. My computer caught a very evil worm and it took 3 weeks and lots of scrubbing of all my saved information to finally get it back online. I am rebuilding all my templates and hopefully the newsletters will get out a little faster.
I hope everyone will notice that I have paid for a full page ad….HEY! anyone can do that if they would like to. I have done this newsletter since 2004 and other than my business card ad …..and my full page ad that I have paid for…..no one is taking advantage of this newsletter. I don't think you will find a cheaper way to advertise your dogs…your wins….your business…..
BE PROUD…..PLACE AND AD! Mary B

Inside a dog's world

Author Alexandra Horowitz explains why dogs pee on hydrants, lick our faces, and are always sniffing.

GO LOOK AT a dog. Go on, look—maybe at one lying near you right now, curled around his folded legs on a dog bed, or sprawled on his side on the tile floor, paws flitting through the pasture of a dream. Take a good look—and now forget everything you know about dogs. Because forgetting what we think we know is the best way to begin understanding dogs.

The first things to forget are anthropomorphisms. We see, talk about, and imagine dogs' behavior from a human-biased perspective. Of course, we'll say, dogs love and desire; of course they dream and think; they also know and understand us, feel bored, get jealous, and get depressed. What could be a more natural explanation of a dog staring dolefully at you as you leave the house for the day than that he is depressed that you're going?

The answer is an explanation based in what dogs actually have the capacity to feel, know, and understand.

If we want to understand the life of any animal, we need to know what things are meaningful to it, beginning with what it can perceive—what it can see, hear, smell, or otherwise sense. Second, we need to consider how the animal acts on the world.

WE HUMANS TEND not to spend a lot of time thinking about smelling, for instance. Smells are minor blips in our sensory day compared to the reams of visual information that we take in. The room I'm in right now is a phantasmagoric mix of colors and surfaces and densities, of shadows and lights. Oh, and if I really call my attention to it, I can smell the coffee on the table next to me. But as humans *see* the world, a dog *smells* it. The dogs' universe is a stratum of complex odors.

Consider too that dogs don't act on the world by handling objects or by eyeballing them. Instead, they bravely stride right up to a new unknown object, stretch their magnificent snouts within millimeters of it, and take a nice deep sniff. That dog nose, in most breeds, is anything but subtle. The snout holding the nose projects forth to examine a new person seconds before the dog himself arrives on the scene. And the sniffer is not just an ornament atop the muzzle; it is the leading, moist headliner. What its prominence suggests, and what all science confirms, is that the dog is a creature of the nose.

The sniff is the great medium for getting smelly objects to the dog, the tramway on which chemical odors speed up to the waiting receptor cells lining the caverns of the dog's nose. Human noses have about 6 million of these receptor sites; beagle noses have more than 300 million. The difference in the smell experience is exponential. Next to a beagle, we are downright anosmic, smelling nothing. We might notice if our coffee's been sweetened with a teaspoon of sugar; a dog can detect a teaspoon of sugar diluted in a million gallons of water.

What's this like? Imagine if each detail of our visual world were matched by a corresponding smell. Each petal on a rose may be distinct, having been visited by insects leaving pollen footprints from faraway flowers. What is to us just a single stem actually holds a record of who held it, and when. A burst of chemicals marks where a leaf was torn. Imagine smelling every minute visual detail. That might be the experience of a rose to a dog.

And dogs put their remarkable sense of smell to great use socially. While we humans leave our scents behind inadvertently, dogs are profligate with their scents. It is as though dogs, realizing how much can be learned from odor, are determined to use this to their advantage. Dogs—like all other canids—leave urine conspicuously splashed on all manner of object. Urine marking, as this method of communication is called, conveys a message. Every dog owner is familiar with the raised-leg marking of fire hydrants, lampposts, trees, bushes. Most marked spots are high or prominent: better to be seen, and better for the odor to be smelled.

From observations of the behavior of sniffing dogs, it appears that the chemicals in the urine give information about, for females, sexual readiness, and for males, their social confidence. The prevailing myth is that the message is "this is mine," that dogs urinate to "mark territory." But research has failed to bear this out as the exclusive, or even predominant, use of urine marking. Instead, marking seems to leave information about who the urinator is, how often he walks by this spot, his recent victories, and his interest in mating. In this way, the invisible pile of scents on the hydrant becomes a community bulletin board, with old, deteriorating announcements and requests peeking out from underneath more recent posts.

SPENDING AN AFTERNOON at home at the height of a dog can generate many surprises. But the objects you would see when crawling around on all fours are not, in some sense, the same objects a dog sees. A dog looking around a room does not think he is surrounded by human things; he sees—and smells—*dog things*.



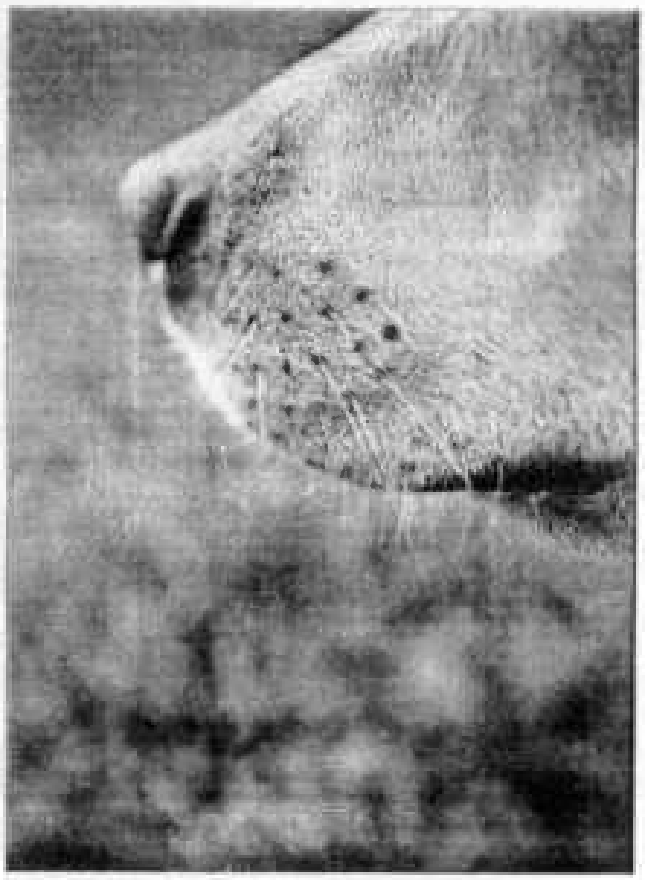
What we may think an object is for, or what it makes us think of, may or may not match the dog's idea of the object's function or meaning. Objects are defined by how you can act upon them: what the German biologist Jakob von Uexküll called their "functional tone." A dog may be indifferent to chairs, but if trained to jump on one, he learns that the chair has a *sitting tone*: It can be sat upon. But other things that we may identify as chair-like are not so seen by dogs: stools, tables, arms of couches. Stools and tables are in some other category of objects: obstacles, perhaps, in their path toward the *eating tone* of the kitchen. A ball, a pen, a teddy bear, and a shoe are in some ways equivalent: All are objects that one can get one's mouth around.

Here we begin to see how the dog and human overlap in their worldviews, and how we differ. A good many objects in the world have an eating tone to the dog—probably many more than we see as such. Feces just aren't menu items for us; dogs disagree. Dogs may have tones that we don't have at all—*rolling tones*, say: things that one might merrily roll in. And plenty of objects that have very specific meanings to us—forks, knives, hammers, pushpins, fans, clocks—have little or no meaning to dogs. To a dog, a hammer doesn't exist. A dog doesn't act with or on a hammer, so it has no significance to a dog. At least, not until it overlaps with some other, meaningful object: It is wielded by a loved person; it is urinated on by the cute dog down the street.

I FREQUENTLY HEAR dog owners verify their dogs' love of them through the kisses delivered upon them when they return home. These "kisses" are licks: slobbery licks to the face; focused, exhaustive licking of the hand; solemn tongue-polishing of a limb. I confess that I treat the licks that my dog Pump bestows on me as signs of affection. "Affection" and "love" are not just the recent constructs of a society that treats pets as little people, to be shod in shoes in bad weather, dressed up for Halloween, and indulged with spa days. Before there was any such thing as doggy day care, Charles Darwin himself wrote of receiving lick-kisses from his dogs. He was certain of their meaning: Dogs have, he wrote, a "striking way of exhibiting their affection, namely, by licking the hands or faces of their masters." Was Darwin right? The kisses feel affectionate to me, but are they gestures of affection to the dog?

First, the bad news: Researchers of wild canids—wolves, coyotes, foxes, and other wild dogs—report that puppies lick the face and muzzle of their mother when she returns from a hunt to her den, in order to get her to regurgitate for them. Licking around the mouth seems to be the cue that stimulates her to vomit up some nicely partially digested meat. How disappointed Pump must be that not a single time have I regurgitated half-eaten rabbit flesh for her.

Furthermore, our mouths taste great to dogs. Like wolves and humans, dogs have taste receptors for salty, sweet, bitter, sour, and even umami, the earthy, mushroomy-seaweedy flavor captured in the flavor-heightening monosodium glutamate. Eventually I realized that Pump's licks to my face often correlated with my face having just overseen the ingestion of a good amount of food.



A dog's nose is millions of times more sensitive than a human's.

Now the good news: As a result of this functional use of mouth licking—"kisses" to you and me—the behavior has become a ritualized greeting. In other words, it no longer serves only the function of asking for food; now it is used to say hello. Dogs and wolves muzzle-lick simply to welcome another dog back home, and to get an olfactory report of where the homecomer has been or what he has done. Familiar dogs may exchange licks when meeting at their ends of their respective leashes on the street. It may serve as a way to confirm, through smell, that this dog storming toward them is who they think he is. Since these "greeting licks" are often accompanied by wagging tails, mouths opened playfully, and general excitement, it is not a stretch to say that the licks are a way to express happiness that you have returned.

WHAT ABOUT A dog's power of visual and mental perception? Look a dog in the eyes and you get the definite feeling that he is looking back. Dogs return our gaze. They are looking at us in the same way that we look at them. Naturally we wonder, is the dog thinking about us the way we are thinking about the dog?

In fact, we are known by our dogs probably far better than we know them. They are the consummate eavesdroppers and Peeping Toms: Let into the privacy of our rooms, they quietly spy on our every move. They know about our comings and goings. They know whom we sleep with, what we eat. We share our homes with uncounted numbers of mice, millipedes, and mites—none bothers to look our way. Dogs, by contrast, watch us from across the room, from the window, and out of the corners of their eyes. Their sight is used to see what we attend to. In some ways, this is similar to us, but in other ways it surpasses human capacity.

Dogs are anthropologists among us. They are students of our behavior. And what makes them especially good anthropologists is that they never tire of attending to minute changes in our expressions, our moods, our outlooks. Unlike us, they don't become inured to people.

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CONGRATULATIONS



JUST LOOK AT ME NOW !!!! I AM ....

CHAMPION RASHAR'S REMEMBER WHEN

AND I HAVE MY CHIC# WITH OFA-EXCELLENT, BAER-BILATERAL AND CERF-NORMAL. WHEN I AM NOT LOOKING HANDSOME, I BOSS AROUND ANNELLE AND DAVE WILTERDING...AND SOMETIMES I GET TO BOSS RANDY THOMSEN...AND I GIVE BIG WET KISSES TO MY "OTHER-MOM" MARY BENNETT. I SHOULD SAY HI TO MY REAL MOM, DAISYDOT RASHAR RUMOR HAS IT (REBA) AND MY REAL DAD CH. STARCOACH WHO'S ON FIRST (ABBOTT).....WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

BRAGS

in THE ORDER THEY ARRIVED TO MY BOX:

FROM ANNELLE WILTERDING 3/2/2012

"Oliver" **Ch. Rashar's Remember When** received his CHIC# with OFA-excellent, BAER-bilateral, CERF-normal! He put "the icing on the cake" with taking "Best Opposite" at our Specialty Annelle Wilterding and breeders Mary Bennett and Randy and Sharon Thomsen

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FROM DEBBIE GODDARD AND NANCY DANDREA 3/5/10

Rancho Starcoach's Tin Lizzie

WB/BOW/BOS- Dal Club Gr/ Phoenix Specialty (3pt major)

Additional Brag 3/6/2010

Rancho Starcoach's Tin Lizzie

WB/BOW Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Assoc. (2 pts.)

Lizzie has won 9 points in 5 shows/

YEAH LIZZIE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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FROM NANCY DANDREA: 3/21/10

Starcoach Jamaica Me Crazy "Jamie"

Owner: Nancy Dandrea

BISweeps DC Northern Cal Specialty #1

RWD Sacramento ValleyDog Fanciers Assoc. KC.

RWD San Gabriel Valley KC

Best in Match DC San Diego County.

RWD DC San Diego County Specialty

WD Del Sur KC #1

WD/BOW del Sur KC #2

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FROM ANNELLE AND RANDY 3/21/10

CH. Rashar's Remember When "Ollie"

BOB Del Sur KC #2

GROUP 1 WINNER

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FROM RANDY THOMSEN

WHERE SHOULD WE EAT?

A group of 40 year old Dalmatian Club buddies discuss and discuss where they should meet for dinner.
Finally it is decided they should meet at the Gausthof Restaurant because the waitress's there have low cut blouses and nice breasts.

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10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof because the food there is very good and the wine selection is good also

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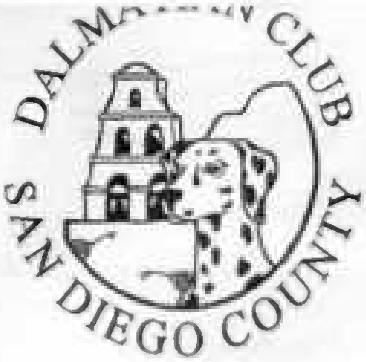
10 years later at 60 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gusthof Restaurant because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke free.

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10 years later, at 70 years of age' the group meets again and one again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible and they even have an elevator.

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10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss and discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at they Gausthof because that they should meet at the Gausthof because that would be a great idea because they have never been there





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone, hope you had a great summer! The weather was really great for the humans and our companions. Looking forward to our upcoming match in November and plans are moving forward to our Specialty Show in February. Debbie Goddard has once again stepped up as Showchair and Boyd Goddard as Show Secretary. If anyone would like to assist and help or co-chair one of the sub committee's let Debbie know and she will put you in touch with committee members. Remember this is OUR club and everyone is encouraged to participate. Hope to see you all ringside.....

Randy

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR AND INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW!

I bet you all were wondering if I was still alive and the Dot to Dot was "lost in the mail". Not to worry! We are both still chugging along as you can now see.
I am looking forward to seeing you all in November. Mark your calendar right now!!!! November 21st, 2010 at Kathy and Tom's house....it will be a great time....you have almost 2 months to get that "hairy child" of yours ready for the CGC test that will be available following the Sanctioned B Match.....for more information on the match there is a flyer in this newsletter and information on the CGC title.
The time this year is flying by.....At our last Board Meeting a Nomination Committee was put together to suggest replacements for the two Board Members that will be needed in 2011. Debbie Goddard and Chuck Davis's term will be up.....Debbie Goddard was eligible for a second term in office, however, Chuck is finishing his second term this year. The committee suggested that Debbie Goddard and Boyd Goddard be on the ballot for the election that will be held in December at our Christmas Party. Nominations from the membership will be taken at the upcoming Match and CGC test in November.
BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL! MARY B.

AKC SANCTIONED B MATCH

for

Dalmatians

Sunday, November 21st

at Kathy Martin's house
1119 Old Mountain View Rd.
El Cajon, CA 92021

Entry Fees: (No Dogs with Major Points)
Pre-registration: **$4.00** (Closes Friday, November 19, 2010)
Day of Match: **$6.00** (Match entries will be accepted on the day of the match until 10:45)

Breed Classes:
3-6 months
6-9 months
9-12 months
Bred by Exhibitor
Open
Junior Handling Classes

Judging begins at 11:00

Professional Handlers:
You may enter and show your own dogs.

DCSDC General Meeting at lunch break

Lunch will be provided (donations accepted)
Please **RSVP** to Nancy Dandrea for a lunch count
619-475-3947 / starcoachdals@aol.com

Match Secretary:

Boyd Goddard
P.O. Box 2005
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Also, following the Match:

AKC Canine Good Citizen

certification testing
(Test Fees paid by club)

&

Fun day activities

for all members' dogs

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County Entry Form

ARM BAND NUMBER

$

Make checks payable to "DCSDC"
PAID: ☐

BREED: DALMATIAN VARIETY:_____ CLASS:_____

AKC NAME of DOG:_____ AKC#: _____

DATE of BIRTH:_____ /____ /____ SEX:_____

OWNER:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:____ ZIP:_____

Canine Good Citizen Entry ☐

We agree to hold the DCSDC, its members, officers and agents, and the owners of the premises harmless for any claims for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds.

SIGNATURE:_____ TELEPHONE: ( )____ _____

AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program

Training/Testing: CGC Test Items

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the **Responsible Dog Owners Pledge**. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

Test 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of overexuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

Test 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

Test 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g, "there, there, it's alright").

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures – Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
MAY

Members Present: Randy Thomsen, Debbi Jones, Debbie Goddard, Mary Bennett, Annelle Wilterding.
Member absent: Chuck Davis
Guests: Dave Wilterding, Boyd Goddard Mary Hopper.
Meeting was called to order at 7:10 at Marie Callender's in Escondido.
Recording Secretary: The minutes from the last board meeting were approved.
Treasurer's report: The current balance is healthy. The website bill was paid, as was the insurance. A check will go to Boyd Goddard for his expenses. The show made a net profit.
Corresponding Secretary: Michele Mixon from Silver Bay invited a representative from our club as well as the other participating specialty clubs to a lunch on May 15 to give feed-back on the shows. Debbie Goddard will attend. We could use more chairs, do something about the metal plates under the carpet, food policy. Silver Bay has discovered that there must be a permit in order to hold raffles. The cost is $50.00. They will try to obtain one that will cover all the clubs. Debbie also received a list of legislation-involved groups asking us to keep in touch with animal counsel.
Boyd passed out the video of the specialty!
Old Business: Ann Fomon's check will be put into the general fund.
Judges—we can't have Tim Robbins as he judged 2 years ago. Marilyn Dromgoole is approved for Jr. Showmanship as well as Dals. She lives in Berkley. There are 2 provisional judges in Ca. One is in Fairfield, and one in Pleasant Hills. Silver Bay will have a provisional for Dals, Sandra Ellis from Michigan. Gene Mills is a local judge, and cannot charge as he is an AKC delegate. He also judges juniors. They will also have Elaine and Thomas Gomez, Larry and Jan Sinclair and Anne Flemming. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mary Bennett to use Gene Mills as it wouldn't cost us anything. The motion was seconded by Debbie Goddard. The vote was 4 for, and 1 against. Debbie will send Gene a contract for conformation and juniors.
Sweeps—Suggestions for Lou Guerrero, Carey Racey, Linda O'Connor, Carol McAndrew. Debbie Goddard mae a motion for Linda O'Connor, and was seconded by Annelle Wilterding. All were in favor. Debbie will contact her.
Our next general meeting will be Sat. May 22, ½ hour after Dals show.Debbie will e-mail the membership, and Boyd will post to website. The website is getting lots of "hits." We need to update the roster in the newsletter.
New Business: Letter of compliance to AKC. We have done our match, Debbie does breeder referral, and we had our education program. We did our health clinic with the DNA blood-draw. We can do a disaster-plan for dogs. Do we want to do a Padres game per Kathy Martin. It was decided that we wouldn't get the 25 people needed for a discount. We will try to plan a summer get-together.
There will be no meeting in June.
No further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45.
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding, recording secretary

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2010

Members present: Chuck Davis, Debbi Jones, Debbie Goddard, Mary Bennett, Annelle Wilterding.
Guests: Dave Wilterding, Boyd Goddard.
Meeting called to order at 7:12 at Marie Callender's in Escondido.
Rec. Sec: Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.
Treasurer: Current balance is healthy. Insurance due – will be sent out.
Specialty: Boyd presented his accounting from show, and a consolidated report to follow. The blood draw was a big success—there were 22 participants! Ann Fomon presented the club with a $500.00 donation, and her generosity was acknowledged. We will continue to discuss what to do with the money.
Dues: Those who have not paid their dues have been dropped from the club roster.
Corresponding Secretary: Debbie received an advertisement from Karl Edwards who does custom pet portraits. There will be an all-breed CERF clinic this weekend at the Canine Eye Clinic on Convoy. The price is $30.00. The application for next year's specialty has been received from AKC. Included is the statement of compliance which has a place for use of a provisional judge if we choose to use one.
Old Business: We need to start discussion of judges for next year. A consideration would be a breeder-judge, or possible a provisional judge. Possibility of someone local, that we wouldn't necessarily need to go with Silver Bay. It was good not having to pay hotel expenses for this year's judge.
Input so far:
Tim Robbins, Marilyn Dromgoolee, Shiela Wymore(?) Sweeps: Carol McAndrew, Carrie Racey.
Specialty: Our silent auction went well—Terrie Bailey has no more items for raffle. We need to start "collecting." The party was (as usual) a great success, with 35 people attending. The food was wonderful!!! Boyd states that the video will be available soon.
The newsletter was great Mary!
New Business: We will have the general meeting at Mt. Palomar KC on Sat. May 22, following Dals. Maybe we can put together a picnic. Bring names of judges!
No further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:50.
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding Recording Secretary

Dalmatian Club of San Diego Co, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
7/7/10

Members Present: Randy Thomsen, Chuck Davis, Debbi Jones, Annelle Wilterding, Debbie Goddard, Mary Bennett.
Guests: Boyd Goddard, Dave Wilterding, Mary Hopper.
Meeting called to order at 7:00 at Marie Callender's in Escondido.
Recording Secretary: Minutes were corrected and approved.
Corresponding Secretary: We received a thank you from Barbara Harris for the flowers sent for Tom Harris. Lots of incoming mail received in respect to the dog legislation ongoing fight in California.
Treasurer: Balance to date healthy. Received from James Ryan money for membership, included a donation. Debbie Goddard submitted a bill for the flowers, and $50.00 for the AKC filing fee. Report approved.
Old Business: 2011 Specialty—Debbie has received the contracts back accepted from both judges. Linda O'Conner-Schneider will judge Sweeps, and Andrew Gene Mills will judge conformation. These were sent along with application, fees, and statement of compliance to AKC. Our entry fees will remain the same--$28/$18. Sandra Ellis will judge Dals on Sat. and Larry Sinclair on Sun. for Silver Bay.
Our match at Kathy Martin's will be Nov.21—more to follow.
New Business: In light of the new Grand Champion title, it was decided to add a place on our website to honor all title-holders with their win photos. It was decided that we won't go to a Padres game due to lack of interest.
There will be no meeting in August. Next meeting will be Wed. Sept. 1st.
No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding, Rec. Secretary

Members Roster



members roster in this Dot.....you will have to go to our website for the moment.... under the member's only area you will find the roster and it is up to date.....I am having a small glitch in my printer and will have to replace it....so sorry.....but I will promise you that it will be in the Nov/Dec Dot. That will come out after our Nov. match/business meeting/cgc test. Best wishes, Mary

IN MEMORY
OF
TOM HARRIS

JUNE 28, 1938- MAY 14, 2010

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

In Loving Memory of

Thomas C. Harris

Entered Into Life
Tuesday June 28, 1938
Detroit, Michigan

Entered Into Rest
Friday, May 14, 2010
Los Angeles, California

Celebration of Life
Thursday, May 20, 2010
9:30 A.M.
Westminster Memorial Park
Westminster, California

Officiant
Reverend Seamus Glynn

Family assisted by: Donald J. Donan, Director
McKenzie Mortuary Services ~ Long Beach, California FD-1539



huge thank you

a big huge THANK YOU goes out to one of our club members....Ann Fomon.....for the generous donation she has made to our club. Thank you so much for being a Dalmatians best friend!.....thank you thank you! Mary B.

Brags





Brags

Brags are in the order they arrived in my email...I have been known to make 1 mistake (ok maybe 2) it is not my intention to forget anyone...I believe I have all that were sent to me since the last Dot.



1. From Nancy Dandrea
March 21 '10
Starcoach Jamaica Me Crazy "Jamie"
Owner: Nancy Dandrea
BISweeps DC Northern Cal Specialty #1
RWD Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Assoc. KC
RWD San Gabriel Valley KC
Best in Match DC San Diego County
RWD DC San Diego County Specialty
WD Del Sur KC #1
WD/BOW Del Sur KC #2

2. From Barbara Lyons
March 29 '10
Crosby, Am Can Ch Quiksilver's Rhythm & Blues RN RD, was Award of Merit at San Diego Specialty show and the next week went Best in Specialty Show at the Phoenix Specialty. All from the 10 years and older class. He also finished the year as the Number 2 Stud Dog at 10 1/2 years old!

3. From Debbi Jones:
May 22 '10
Mt Palomar Kennel Club Match May 21, 2010 WB/BOB/Group1
DJ's It's Showtime At the Roxie. Roxie was also Best Puppy and took a Puppy Group One. This was Roxie's first show and first point!



4 From Annelle Wilterding:
June 21 '10
GRAND CHAMPION CH RASHAR'S REMEMBER WHEN "OLLIE" is on fire!
Ollie finished his Grand Champion this weekend with 2 more BOB's and a Group#2. Ollie had 2 BOB's at Pasadena with a Group #4 .....the kid is HOT!

5. From Debbi Jones
August 16 '10
South Bay Kennel Club (Day 1)
DJ's It's Showtime At The Roxie was WB for 2 points. And Roxie's Littermate Marina's Princess Daphne was RWB. This was both Marina's and Daphne's first time in the Show Ring. What

This morning I went to sign my Dogs up for welfate.

At first the lady said, "Dogs are not eligible to draw welfare. So I explained to her that my Dogs have mixed color, unemployed, lazy, can't speak English, and have no frigging clue who their Daddies are. They expect me to feed them, provide them with housing and medical care, and feel guilty because they are dogs."

So she looked in her policy book to see what it takes to qualify for benefits.
My Dogs get their first checks Friday!

Hi Mary, Here is an article for the next newsletter. Please make sure the author gets the credit. I hope people read it.
Debbi J. DON'T YOU DARE STEAL MY JOY by Connie Cleveland

On the occasion of my tenth anniversary, my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us. At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table. He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!"That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner. I took her advice and put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.Are you a joy stealer?"You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner.
"I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score."
"I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you."
"I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance, " said to the winner.
"Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner.
"Boy, aren't you glad Mrs Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won."
"You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy."
"That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream."No Basset Hounds get UD's," said to the owner of the Bassett in Utility class.
"I've never seen a Rottweiler that could do fronts and finishes", said to the owner of the Rottweiler practicing fronts and finishes.
"Do you have any idea how hard it is to get a UD and a Master Hunter? Do you know how few people have ever done it?" said to the first time dog owner setting out to do both.When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, "No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion." My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn't it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I received when those last 35 points were earned?If you are willing to destroy someone's dream, perhaps you don't realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment. My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles. "Darn it, " I said, as he came out of the ring," she didn't even try to find the right one!" "Oh", he replied, "but, weren't her heeling and signals wonderful?" Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, "What did you think?" That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in (the coming year). Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the landmines of injury, failures and other setbacks. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don't let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.

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Randy

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR AND INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW!

I bet you all were wondering if I was still alive and the Dot to Dot was "lost in the mail". Not to worry! We are both still chugging along as you can now see.
I am looking forward to seeing you all in November. Mark your calendar right now!!!! November 21st, 2010 at Kathy and Tom's house....it will be a great time....you have almost 2 months to get that "hairy child" of yours ready for the CGC test that will be available following the Sanctioned B Match.....for more information on the match there is a flyer in this newsletter and information on the CGC title.
The time this year is flying by.....At our last Board Meeting a Nomination Committee was put together to suggest replacements for the two Board Members that will be needed in 2011. Debbie Goddard and Chuck Davis's term will be up.....Debbie Goddard was eligible for a second term in office, however, Chuck is finishing his second term this year. The committee suggested that Debbie Goddard and Boyd Goddard be on the ballot for the election that will be held in December at our Christmas Party. Nominations from the membership will be taken at the upcoming Match and CGC test in November.
BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL! MARY B.

AKC SANCTIONED B MATCH

for

Dalmatians

Sunday, November 21st

at Kathy Martin's house
1119 Old Mountain View Rd.
El Cajon, CA 92021

Entry Fees: (No Dogs with Major Points)
Pre-registration: **$4.00** (Closes Friday, November 19, 2010)
Day of Match: **$6.00** (Match entries will be accepted on the day of the match until 10:45)

Breed Classes:
3-6 months
6-9 months
9-12 months
Bred by Exhibitor
Open
Junior Handling Classes

Judging begins at 11:00

Professional Handlers:
You may enter and show your own dogs.

DCSDC General Meeting at lunch break

Lunch will be provided (donations accepted)
Please **RSVP** to Nancy Dandrea for a lunch count
619-475-3947 / starcoachdals@aol.com

Match Secretary:

Boyd Goddard
P.O. Box 2005
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067
(858)756-1281
email: btgoddard@aol.com
fax (858) 756-4946

Also, following the Match:

AKC Canine Good Citizen

certification testing
(Test Fees paid by club)

&

Fun day activities

for all members' dogs

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County Entry Form

ARM BAND NUMBER

$

Make checks payable to "DCSDC"
PAID: ☐

BREED: DALMATIAN VARIETY:_____ CLASS:_____

AKC NAME of DOG:_____ AKC#: _____

DATE of BIRTH:_____ /____ /____ SEX:_____

OWNER:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:____ ZIP:_____

Canine Good Citizen Entry ☐

We agree to hold the DCSDC, its members, officers and agents, and the owners of the premises harmless for any claims for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds.

SIGNATURE:_____ TELEPHONE: ( )____ _____

AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program

Training/Testing: CGC Test Items

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the **Responsible Dog Owners Pledge**. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

Test 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of overexuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

Test 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

Test 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g, "there, there, it's alright").

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures – Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
MAY

Members Present: Randy Thomsen, Debbi Jones, Debbie Goddard, Mary Bennett, Annelle Wilterding.
Member absent: Chuck Davis
Guests: Dave Wilterding, Boyd Goddard Mary Hopper.
Meeting was called to order at 7:10 at Marie Callender's in Escondido.
Recording Secretary: The minutes from the last board meeting were approved.
Treasurer's report: The current balance is healthy. The website bill was paid, as was the insurance. A check will go to Boyd Goddard for his expenses. The show made a net profit.
Corresponding Secretary: Michele Mixon from Silver Bay invited a representative from our club as well as the other participating specialty clubs to a lunch on May 15 to give feed-back on the shows. Debbie Goddard will attend. We could use more chairs, do something about the metal plates under the carpet, food policy. Silver Bay has discovered that there must be a permit in order to hold raffles. The cost is $50.00. They will try to obtain one that will cover all the clubs. Debbie also received a list of legislation-involved groups asking us to keep in touch with animal counsel.
Boyd passed out the video of the specialty!
Old Business: Ann Fomon's check will be put into the general fund.
Judges—we can't have Tim Robbins as he judged 2 years ago. Marilyn Dromgoole is approved for Jr. Showmanship as well as Dals. She lives in Berkley. There are 2 provisional judges in Ca. One is in Fairfield, and one in Pleasant Hills. Silver Bay will have a provisional for Dals, Sandra Ellis from Michigan. Gene Mills is a local judge, and cannot charge as he is an AKC delegate. He also judges juniors. They will also have Elaine and Thomas Gomez, Larry and Jan Sinclair and Anne Flemming. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mary Bennett to use Gene Mills as it wouldn't cost us anything. The motion was seconded by Debbie Goddard. The vote was 4 for, and 1 against. Debbie will send Gene a contract for conformation and juniors.
Sweeps—Suggestions for Lou Guerrero, Carey Racey, Linda O'Connor, Carol McAndrew. Debbie Goddard mae a motion for Linda O'Connor, and was seconded by Annelle Wilterding. All were in favor. Debbie will contact her.
Our next general meeting will be Sat. May 22, ½ hour after Dals show.Debbie will e-mail the membership, and Boyd will post to website. The website is getting lots of "hits." We need to update the roster in the newsletter.
New Business: Letter of compliance to AKC. We have done our match, Debbie does breeder referral, and we had our education program. We did our health clinic with the DNA blood-draw. We can do a disaster-plan for dogs. Do we want to do a Padres game per Kathy Martin. It was decided that we wouldn't get the 25 people needed for a discount. We will try to plan a summer get-together.
There will be no meeting in June.
No further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45.
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding, recording secretary

Dalmatian Club of San Diego County, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2010

Members present: Chuck Davis, Debbi Jones, Debbie Goddard, Mary Bennett, Annelle Wilterding.
Guests: Dave Wilterding, Boyd Goddard.
Meeting called to order at 7:12 at Marie Callender's in Escondido.
Rec. Sec: Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.
Treasurer: Current balance is healthy. Insurance due – will be sent out.
Specialty: Boyd presented his accounting from show, and a consolidated report to follow. The blood draw was a big success—there were 22 participants! Ann Fomon presented the club with a $500.00 donation, and her generosity was acknowledged. We will continue to discuss what to do with the money.
Dues: Those who have not paid their dues have been dropped from the club roster.
Corresponding Secretary: Debbie received an advertisement from Karl Edwards who does custom pet portraits. There will be an all-breed CERF clinic this weekend at the Canine Eye Clinic on Convoy. The price is $30.00. The application for next year's specialty has been received from AKC. Included is the statement of compliance which has a place for use of a provisional judge if we choose to use one.
Old Business: We need to start discussion of judges for next year. A consideration would be a breeder-judge, or possible a provisional judge. Possibility of someone local, that we wouldn't necessarily need to go with Silver Bay. It was good not having to pay hotel expenses for this year's judge.
Input so far:
Tim Robbins, Marilyn Dromgoolee, Shiela Wymore(?) Sweeps: Carol McAndrew, Carrie Racey.
Specialty: Our silent auction went well—Terrie Bailey has no more items for raffle. We need to start "collecting." The party was (as usual) a great success, with 35 people attending. The food was wonderful!!! Boyd states that the video will be available soon.
The newsletter was great Mary!
New Business: We will have the general meeting at Mt. Palomar KC on Sat. May 22, following Dals. Maybe we can put together a picnic. Bring names of judges!
No further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:50.
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding Recording Secretary

Dalmatian Club of San Diego Co, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
7/7/10

Members Present: Randy Thomsen, Chuck Davis, Debbi Jones, Annelle Wilterding, Debbie Goddard, Mary Bennett.
Guests: Boyd Goddard, Dave Wilterding, Mary Hopper.
Meeting called to order at 7:00 at Marie Callender's in Escondido.
Recording Secretary: Minutes were corrected and approved.
Corresponding Secretary: We received a thank you from Barbara Harris for the flowers sent for Tom Harris. Lots of incoming mail received in respect to the dog legislation ongoing fight in California.
Treasurer: Balance to date healthy. Received from James Ryan money for membership, included a donation. Debbie Goddard submitted a bill for the flowers, and $50.00 for the AKC filing fee. Report approved.
Old Business: 2011 Specialty—Debbie has received the contracts back accepted from both judges. Linda O'Conner-Schneider will judge Sweeps, and Andrew Gene Mills will judge conformation. These were sent along with application, fees, and statement of compliance to AKC. Our entry fees will remain the same--$28/$18. Sandra Ellis will judge Dals on Sat. and Larry Sinclair on Sun. for Silver Bay.
Our match at Kathy Martin's will be Nov.21—more to follow.
New Business: In light of the new Grand Champion title, it was decided to add a place on our website to honor all title-holders with their win photos. It was decided that we won't go to a Padres game due to lack of interest.
There will be no meeting in August. Next meeting will be Wed. Sept. 1st.
No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15
Respectfully submitted, Annelle Wilterding, Rec. Secretary

Members Roster



members roster in this Dot.....you will have to go to our website for the moment.... under the member's only area you will find the roster and it is up to date.....I am having a small glitch in my printer and will have to replace it....so sorry.....but I will promise you that it will be in the Nov/Dec Dot. That will come out after our Nov. match/business meeting/cgc test. Best wishes, Mary

IN MEMORY
OF
TOM HARRIS

JUNE 28, 1938- MAY 14, 2010

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

In Loving Memory of

Thomas C. Harris

Entered Into Life
Tuesday June 28, 1938
Detroit, Michigan

Entered Into Rest
Friday, May 14, 2010
Los Angeles, California

Celebration of Life
Thursday, May 20, 2010
9:30 A.M.
Westminster Memorial Park
Westminster, California

Officiant
Reverend Seamus Glynn

Family assisted by: Donald J. Donan, Director
McKenzie Mortuary Services ~ Long Beach, California FD-1539



huge thank you

a big huge THANK YOU goes out to one of our club members....Ann Fomon.....for the generous donation she has made to our club. Thank you so much for being a Dalmatians best friend!.....thank you thank you! Mary B.

Brags





Brags

Brags are in the order they arrived in my email...I have been known to make 1 mistake (ok maybe 2) it is not my intention to forget anyone...I believe I have all that were sent to me since the last Dot.



1. From Nancy Dandrea
March 21 '10
Starcoach Jamaica Me Crazy "Jamie"
Owner: Nancy Dandrea
BISweeps DC Northern Cal Specialty #1
RWD Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Assoc. KC
RWD San Gabriel Valley KC
Best in Match DC San Diego County
RWD DC San Diego County Specialty
WD Del Sur KC #1
WD/BOW Del Sur KC #2

2. From Barbara Lyons
March 29 '10
Crosby, Am Can Ch Quiksilver's Rhythm & Blues RN RD, was Award of Merit at San Diego Specialty show and the next week went Best in Specialty Show at the Phoenix Specialty. All from the 10 years and older class. He also finished the year as the Number 2 Stud Dog at 10 1/2 years old!

3. From Debbi Jones:
May 22 '10
Mt Palomar Kennel Club Match May 21, 2010 WB/BOB/Group1
DJ's It's Showtime At the Roxie. Roxie was also Best Puppy and took a Puppy Group One. This was Roxie's first show and first point!



4 From Annelle Wilterding:
June 21 '10
GRAND CHAMPION CH RASHAR'S REMEMBER WHEN "OLLIE" is on fire!
Ollie finished his Grand Champion this weekend with 2 more BOB's and a Group#2. Ollie had 2 BOB's at Pasadena with a Group #4 .....the kid is HOT!

5. From Debbi Jones
August 16 '10
South Bay Kennel Club (Day 1)
DJ's It's Showtime At The Roxie was WB for 2 points. And Roxie's Littermate Marina's Princess Daphne was RWB. This was both Marina's and Daphne's first time in the Show Ring. What

This morning I went to sign my Dogs up for welfate.

At first the lady said, "Dogs are not eligible to draw welfare. So I explained to her that my Dogs have mixed color, unemployed, lazy, can't speak English, and have no frigging clue who their Daddies are. They expect me to feed them, provide them with housing and medical care, and feel guilty because they are dogs."

So she looked in her policy book to see what it takes to qualify for benefits.
My Dogs get their first checks Friday!

Hi Mary, Here is an article for the next newsletter. Please make sure the author gets the credit. I hope people read it.
Debbi J. DON'T YOU DARE STEAL MY JOY by Connie Cleveland

On the occasion of my tenth anniversary, my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us. At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table. He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!"That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner. I took her advice and put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.Are you a joy stealer?"You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner.
"I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score."
"I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you."
"I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance, " said to the winner.
"Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner.
"Boy, aren't you glad Mrs Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won."
"You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy."
"That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream."No Basset Hounds get UD's," said to the owner of the Bassett in Utility class.
"I've never seen a Rottweiler that could do fronts and finishes", said to the owner of the Rottweiler practicing fronts and finishes.
"Do you have any idea how hard it is to get a UD and a Master Hunter? Do you know how few people have ever done it?" said to the first time dog owner setting out to do both.When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, "No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion." My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn't it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I received when those last 35 points were earned?If you are willing to destroy someone's dream, perhaps you don't realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment. My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles. "Darn it, " I said, as he came out of the ring," she didn't even try to find the right one!" "Oh", he replied, "but, weren't her heeling and signals wonderful?" Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, "What did you think?" That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in (the coming year). Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the landmines of injury, failures and other setbacks. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don't let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.

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