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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Meeting Notice

club meeting

let's make plans for the new year

Sunday, February 16, 1992

at the Bahia Sur Kennel Club Show
Southwestern College
900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista

hosted by Nancy Dandrea
(619) 475-3947

call Nancy for meeting time no sooner than one week before the show

Coming up ...

Don't miss the ***RAFFLE*** at the February 16th Meeting

Next Meeting
March 28, 1992
at the Means'

The President's Spot

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Hopefully you've all recovered from the holiday festivities. Those of you who couldn't make the Annual meeting missed out on a delightful party and a riotous gift exchange. Certainly the most provocative gift was the red bikini underwear with the 1989 National pin on it. I'm sure we haven't seen the last of it ...

The 1992 slate of Officers/Board members were chosen. They are:

President:	Lisa Means	Treasurer:	Nancy Dandrea
Vice-Pres:	Carol Petit	Board Member:	Sharon Thomsen
Secretary:	Cindy Lyford	Board Member:	Debbie Jones

Other mundane stuff: Because we are still in the process of getting a bank account, the dues deadline is being extended to February 16. Dues are $15 per member. Checks should be made out to DCSDC and brought to the February meeting or mailed to Nancy Dandrea at 3741 Sarasona Way, Bonita, CA 92002.

Educational stuff: Cindy Lyford and I attended the Amy Ammen Obedience training seminar in January at the Al Bahr Shrine (synopsis next issue). It was a terrific opportunity to hear Amy's views, ask her questions and solve training problems. Which brings me to a good point: What are you doing to expand your knowledge of the sport of dogs? And what are you learning that you can share with the rest of us? Most professions require or encourage continuing education in their particular field. How are you continuing your education? Think about it ... See you at the next meeting!

Brags!!! (we finally got some!)

•The Petit's Harley (a.k.a. CH BG and Hansom All Fired Up) took BOB/Gr I at Los Encinos and BOB/GrII at Long Beach.

•Cindy Lyford's Justin (Hansom and Echo Just a Gigolo) went BOB and Gr I at the Del Dios match in September

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back cross program

If you are fairly new to the Dalmatian fancy, you may not be familiar with the controversial Backcross Program. From *Spots Illustrated* , March 1990.

Background

Dalmatians have two unique genetic traits, the distinctive marking pattern and the high level of uric acid found universally in Dalmatian urine. The high uric acid predisposes Dals to the formation of urate calculi, which can cause urinary blockages, most frequently in middle-aged males. The gene responsible for the spotting pattern and that for the uric acid level apparently are on the same chromosome, and in selecting for markings early breeders also inadvertently selected for the uric acid abnormality.

The Dalmatian Pointer Backcross Project was started by Dr. Robert Schaible, a medical geneticist at the University of Indiana. His goal was to breed dogs of Dalmatian type and temperament but with normal low uric acid levels. His theory was that the low uric acid dogs would be free from the predisposition to urate calculi and that improvements would also be seen in deafness and in certain types of skin problems. He bred a Pointer to a Dalmatian, then bred one dog from that litter to another Dalmatian. He continued backcrossing to purebred Dals selecting for Dalmatian characteristics and low uric acid. When he reached the fifth generation, the puppies had 31 Dalmatians and one Pointer in the fifth generation of their pedigree.

At this point, the American Kennel Club agreed to register two of the fifth generation pups, a male and a female. Although the DCA Board of Directors had supported this decision, the registration became a very controversial issue among the Club membership. A DCA vote opposed the registration and AKC was notified. AKC let the registraions of the original two dogs stand but rescinded the right for any of their offspring to be registered (the male was never bred; all backcross dogs after the fifth generation are descended from the bitch Stocklore Stipples). Unregistered Backcross Dalmatians cannot be shown in conformation but have been allowed to receive ILPs which permit them to be shown in obedience, and several have earned obedience titles.

The Northern California branch of the Project

In spite of the current AKC ban on registration of backcross Dals, the project has been carried on, including here on the West Coast.

Holly Nelson, DVM and Joanne Nash contacted Dr. Schaible about purchasing a backcross puppy. Dr. Schaible had no suitable puppy available, but he offered to lease the registered bitch, Stocklore Stipples, to them. Stipples came to California in 1982 and was bred to Ch. Sunspot's Rambler Ottomatic, CDX. Two low uric acid bitches from that litter, RFBCN Blackeyed Susan, CD (co-owned by Holly and Joanne) and Susan's liver sister RFBCN Cinnamon Stipple were the foundation for the "West Coast Branch" of the project. Susan's granddaughter was bred to Cinnamon Stipple's son for the first low-to-low backcross breeding. The backcross litter by Forrest Douglas Fur ex Snowdot's Swiss Forrest (backcross low), due this month at Marilyn Moody's house, is the first ninth generation backcross litter. In addition to Forrest, Rambler, and Snowdot, other DCNC kennels which have participated in the project include Proctor, Sunspot, Driftwood, Lidgate, and St. Florian. The DCNC membership has been has been very supportive of this project.

When a backcross Dal is bred to a registered Dal, about 50% of the puppies have low uric acid while the other 50% inherit the high levels. Those with high uric acid are just like the registered Dals The low uric acid are also typical Dals in type and temperament, except that the size of the spotting tends to be slightly smaller. The spots however are well within the dime-to-a-half-dollar size called for in the standard and are within the normal range seen in the show ring. Whether continued breeding will produce low uric acid Dals with larger spots remains to be seen.

Points To Remember

1.Although the membership of DCNC has strongly supported the Backcross Project since its inception, this is a controversial and emotional issue in many parts of the Dalmatian community.

2.One Pointer (a champion liver) was bred to one Dalmatian one time, for the purpose of introducing th normal uric acid gene. This gene is not found among purebred Dalmatians and could not be acquired without an outcross to another breed. No other pointers will be used, ever.

3.If backcrossed Dals are allowed to be AKC registered, Dalmatian breeders will have the option of breeding to bring low uric acid levels into their lines in order to try to breed healthier dogs. Fanciers not interested in using the backcrossed dogs can continue to breed from the traditional Dal gene pool.

4.AKC registration would allow backcross dogs to compete in conformation. The show ring is the logical place to determine if these dogs are indeed what they are believed to be by backcross breeders - typical good quality Dals which can be successful in the ring.

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 1991

The meeting was called to order at the home of the Petits at 7:15PM after a great Christmas Dinner.

Regular meeting agenda was dispensed with.

Sharon Thomsen moved that the slate of Directors be approved as submitted for 1992. Seconded and approved.

The next meeting will be February 16, 1992 at the Bahia Sur Kennel Club Show, time to be announced, hosted by Nancy Dandrea.

Lisa Means will host the March meeting on the 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Sharon Thomsen
Secretary

DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 21, 1991

The first meeting of the new directors was called to order by previous President protem, Lisa Means. Among the six Directors it was decided on the terms:

Class of 1992	Nancy Dandrea & Carol Petit
Class of 1993	Sharon Thomsen & Debbie Jones
Class of 1994	Lisa Means & Cindy Lyford

The Directors appointed their officers for 1992:

President	Lisa Means
Vice President	Carol Petit
Secretary	Cindy Lyford
Treasurer	Nancy Dandrea
Board	Sharon Thomsen
	Debbie Jones

The Board will meet again 1-21-92 at Carol Petits.

Sharon Thomsen
Secretary

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Volume II Number 2 March 1992

Meeting Notice

club meeting

Saturday, March 28, 1992
5:00 PM

at the Thomsen's
7019 Mt. Vernon Street
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Please RSVP
(619) 698-0420

Board Meeting at 4:00 PM

Please note change of location!

Coming up ...

Don't forget to bring your logo ideas to the next meeting

The President's Spot

Our first meeting of the year got us off to a great start! Not only did we have a lovely hors d'oeuvres spread thanks to Nancy and Jan but we raised $76 from our raffle...

...Match Chair, Carol Petit has got the ball rolling for our June 6 Match (in conjunction with Del Dios Shelties). We'll be choosing judges at our next meeting. Carol Mac has generously donated trophies. Have you thought about how you can help. It's your match. Give Carol Petit a call and tell her where your talents fit in...

...And if your talents take an artistic bent, don't forget to bring your logo ideas to the March meeting. Even if you aren't very artistic, bring your concepts. We need everyone's ideas...

...It's not too early to start planning for the National in August. I'll have fliers from DCA at the March meeting. Also, our resident travel specialist, Elaine Davis, has done some research into the available flights into the area. The basic information is included in this issue. For specific flight information or to book tickets, call Elaine. She does a super job!...

...At the last meeting, Cindy brought up the April 4 Walk for Multiple Sclerosis on San Diego Bay. What a fun way to spend a morning with your dog and get a little sunshine and fresh air to boot! More info elsewhere in this issue. If you're interested, give Cindy a call or see her at the meeting.



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brags

- Rudy (a.k.a. Mex/Am CH Hill-N-Dals Rude Awakening; Dandrea and Hill) finished his Mexican CH on Jan 18 and went BOS next day at Club Corre Comino de Baja in Mexicali
- Hill-N-Dals M'Lady Mercedes (Hill and Jones). Mercedes went WB and Bahia Sur and RWB at Silver Bay.
- Hill-N-Dals Our Turbo Bently (Mandelbaum and Hill) went RWD at Silver Bay his first time out!

CONGRATULATIONS!

SUPER CITIES FUN WALK FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1992
SITE: EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK NORTH (BEHIND SEAPORT VILLAGE)
TIME: 8:30a,m.--check in & late registration
9a,m, start for 1st walker--start time will be sent
ROUTE: 5,10 or 15 miles with rest stops
FEE: FREE

Sponsors can give a flat fee or pledge per mile. Pledges are due by 5/5/92.

There will be refreshments at the rest stops (bring water for your dog) and a spectacular finish line party.

A team is made up of four or more walkers. Please contact Cindy (390-2770) if you are interested in representing DCSDC in this worthwhile and fun event.

Special Thanks to my Sweetie, David, for printing this for me while I'm out recuperating!

February 26, 1992

Lisa Means, President DCSD
1020 Daisey Ave.
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Dear Lisa:

Per our phone conversation this morning I am submitting the following information for publication in the DCSD Newsletter pertaining to the airline flights from San Diego to the Reading , PA area for the Dalmatian Nationals in August 1992.

Per the United Airlines Convention Desk, official air carrier for the DCA Nationals, the Convention Number is 513SR. A 5% discount may be taken off the lowest published fare in effect at the time a reservation is made and ticketed. 40% may be deducted from a full coach fare. The discount applies for flights into Allentown, PA, Harrisburg, PA, Philadelphia, PA, and Wilkes-Barre, PA. Travel dates for which the discount applies is August 5 through August 17.

Dogs traveling in their own crates will be charged $50.00 one way. Proof of having proper shots within the last 60 days prior to shipment, etc. is the responsibility of the owner.

From May 1-September 30 United has restrictions as to the number of dogs that may be shipped per flight. The number varies with the type of air craft used on the routing. It is first come first served for reservations for the dogs but a reservation for the dogs will be made at the same time the reservation is made for the owner.

Enclosed are schedules that United has to and from Philadelphia. As you will note all flights entail a change of planes both directions. The only way this can be avoided is to go to Los Angeles and take a non-stop Los Angeles to Philadelphia. The same is true for all flights into Allentown, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre. Flights from John Wayne Airport and Ontario Airport all entail a change of planes both directions to and from Philadelphia using United.

The lowest per person cost of a round trip air ticket from San Diego to Philadelphia or from Los Angeles to Philadelphia is currently:

$549.00 - 27.45(5% discount)= $521.55 per person.

The rules governing this fare are as follows:

1. Ticket must be purchased at least 21 days prior to

date of travel.

2. Ticket must be issued within 24 hours of when reservation is made.
3. Excursion Round Trip fare space must be available. Seats at this fare are limited since not every seat is is sold at this rate.
4. A Saturday night stay is required.
5. A change on the return may be made for $75.00 with a 21 day advance notice and is subject to availability.
6. Ticket is non-refundable.
7. Ticket must be purchased by March 2, 1992.
8. All travel must be on United Airlines.

Knowing that it is quite some time before travel would commence people are sometimes reluctant to tie their money up for so long. Also they hope that a lower fare may come along. When one needs to be at a certain place on a certain date it is wise to make the reservations as soon as the date and times are known so that they may be where they need to be on that designated date. Once ticketed, should the rates go down, the tickets can be reissued at the new lower fare. The client is protected by having the needed space ticketed for the specified dates. They are also protected against having to pay a higher rate should rates increased before they have their tickets issued and they are protected against having a lower rate come along after being ticketed because the ticket can be reissued for the lower fare.

This is a lot of information to pass on to the membership. I hope I have made it clear to you. Should you have questions please call me at my office or at my home.

Office: 727-2321 Home: 726-7472

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to once again assist the membership in making their travel plans to the Dalmatian Nationals.

Sincerely,

Elaine P. Davis
Travel Consultant

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 1992

The General meeting was called to order by President Lisa Means at 4:25p.m. following Dal judging at the Bahia Sur KC. and a great wine & cheese spread put on by Nancy Dandrea & Jan Hill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in Dot to Dot.

TREASURER'S REPORT--NANCY DANDREA
Nancy informed the membership that for the time being club monies would be deposited in her private account due to the high monthly bank costs. She will also be bonded.

Nancy asked that dues be paid today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP--CINDY LYFORD
Cindy reported that we now have membership application forms & to contact her if anybody needs one. She also mentioned that breeders should invite their puppy buyers to meetings & club functions.

MATCH SHOW--CAROL PETIT
Carol reported that we will be holding a Match in conjunction with the Del Dios Sheltie Club on 6/6/92 at Kennedy Park in El Cajon. Conformation will be judged separately with BOB going on into the NS group. Dogs entered in Obedience will be judged in the regular obedience classes. Del Dios will handle the entries. They will take 20% of our gate--the rest goes to us. The Board presented four possible judges and asked the membership for other suggestions. As there were no other suggestions, the following persons were voted on: Diane Barthalmew, Tom Harris, R.J. Marchulis & Martin Cabral. When the votes were counted, Tom Harris & Martin Cabral were tied. Both will be contacted to see if they are available & willing to judge. A vote will be taken at our next meeting if both are available.

Randy Thomsen will steward. Carol McAndrew will provide ribbons and trophies.

Carol suggested that we have a pot luck luncheon. It was also decided to have a number of items to raffle and to have information on DCSDC & Dals available.

PROGRAM--ROB & MERRY SHAVER
Merry informed the membership of meeting dates set for 1992 and asked for volunteer host. She also told of programs already set and asked for further suggestions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Sharon reported the following fee:
Incorporation----$30.
filing with the Franchise Tax Board----$25.
IRS----$150.
We will hold off on these procedures until we have more money in our treasury.

NEW BUSINESS
The membership was asked to bring in rough drafts of logos by our next meeting. They were also asked to bring in three ideas for making money.

Lisa mentioned that one of our largest expenses right now is the newsletter. She has volunteered to absorbed the cost for 1992. A motion was made to publish the newsletter only in conjunction with a meeting. Passed.

Cindy gave information about a Fun Walk around Mission Bay for Multiple Sclerosis and suggested that it might be fun to go as a team representing DCSDC. The date is 4/4/92. Anyone interested in joining Cindy on the Walk should contact her as soon as possible.

Cindy also mentioned the possibility of DCSDC holding a Canine Good Citizenship Test later in the year as a way to raise money for the club and also as a public service event. She suggested that it might be fun if every member could get their certification. She stated that she is willing to hold a practice session to that end....possibly as a meeting program.

Our raffle at today's meeting brought in $76.

Lisa Means will not be able to host the 3/28/92 meeting due to surgery. Sharon Thomsen will host.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

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club meeting and social

Saturday, May 16, 1992

at the Cabrillo Kennel Club Show
San Luis Rey Downs, Oceanside

hosted by Chuck and Elaine Davis
726-7472

call for time

From the West take Mission Ave. east, right at Old River Rd., right at W. Lilac Rd. to Camino Del Rey and Camino Del Cielo.

From I-15 take Gopher Canyon Rd. west to Old River Rd., right at W. Lilac Rd. to Camino Del Rey and Camino Del Cielo.

Coming Up
Our First Match
in conjunction with the
Del Dios Sheltie Club

but *Woops!*
Join us on **Sunday June 7**
NOT Saturday June 6
(we just got a little excited!!!)

The President's Spot

Plans are coming together for the upcoming match on ***Sunday June 7***. We gave you the wrong date previously - please mark your calenders. We'll be having a "Best Friends" class so those of you whose dogs aren't currently in the ring, bring your spotted pals for some frivolity.

At the match we'll have a special basket to raffle. Please bring a Dalmatian related item to donate at the May meeting.

Inside you'll find some logo sketches from Annelle Wilterding. If you've got more ideas, please bring them to our July meeting. We'll present the finalists for a vote at the September Meeting.

An Important Note: As we progress down the path to becoming an AKC sanctioned club, each member needs to collect there own exhibition and breeding records as far back as possible. Placements, points and legs are not necessary but you need to record where and when you entered and whether breed or obedience.

This month's Meeting/Social looks to be another enjoyable event. Hope to see you there!

Brags!!!

•Jan Hill and Debbie Jones' Hill-N-Dal's M'Lady Mercedes wasn't too sad the Conejo and Malibu shows were cancelled. Mercedes went BIM Sr. at the Dobie Booster Fun Match instead. Congrats!

•Another Dobie Booster winner was Cindy Lyford's Justin (Hansom and Echo Just a Gigilo) who went BOB and Gr I.

Congratulations all!

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March 16, 1992

Dear Lisa:

I would be most appreciative if you would print the following in the next issue of Dot to Dot:

My Wife and I have been deeply touched with the cards and calls we have received concerning the untimely sickness and subsequent passing of our friend and companion of five years, Rambler Gianni "Schicchi". He may not have been a champion (the Lord knows we never gave up, though), in our minds he was something much more, a Dog for all Seasons. Only fellow Dal people can understand the depth of our loss; we are thus most appreciative of the support and understanding exhibited particularly by those who knew Schicchi and appreciated his uniqueness.

Thank You All So Much,

Charles T. Davis

hold the herbicide?

From *Spot News*, May 1992

With a little assist from Mother Nature, lawns turned brown all last summer. People did their part, too, passing along the word that green (as in well watered and well fertilitzed) is ugly and brown is beautiful. Now comes another reason for letting the turf fend for itself. The Journal of the National Cancer Institute in September issued notice that dogs allowed to romp on lawns treated with a herbicide containing the chemical 2,4-D (also called 2,4-D acid or 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid) were twice as likely to develop malignant lymphoma (lymphatic cancer) as dogs who did not have contact with the chemical or the treated lawns. Factors that were not significant were the use of flea-control products and smoking on the part of the owner.

The study examined chemical exposures in almost 500 dogs with malignant lymphoma. The dogs most at risk were owned by the most lawn conscious people, those who used the herbicide more than four times a year.The chemical was just as lethal in its granulated as in its liquid form but a little less so if applied by a professional lawn treatment company rather than the lawn owner (perhaps because the professionals spread it more evenly). Another possible conclusion from this study: If 2,4-D is a threat to dogs who roll in the chemical and lick it off their coats, it may also be a threat to humans handling the compound.

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 28, 1992

The General meeting was called to order by President Lisa Means at 6:25p.m. at the home of Randy and Sharon Thomsen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in Dot to Dot.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--LISA MEANS
Lisa thanked Sharon for her hospitality and great food. Lisa also informed the membership of Chuck & Elaine Davis' loss of their dog. A card will be sent. Information was passed out on the National and a Fun Day (4/11/92) being put on by So. Cal. She also passed out a sheet of fund raising ideas that was printed in the Chicagoland newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT--NANCY DANDREA
Nancy reported that we now have $391,00 in our treasury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP--CINDY LYFORD
Cindy reported that she has membership forms & to contact her if any are needed. She reminded the membership that a new member MUST attend two meetings prior to applying for membership.

MATCH SHOW--CAROL PETIT
Carol reported that Del Dios is waiting on our decision of a judge so they can get their flyers printed. They have asked that our judge do other NS breeds and the NS group. Carol will check to see if we will be able to have our own ring and if it is OK to have an "Old Friend's Parade".. We would be collecting money at ring side for that event. Info on the match will appear in the So. Cal catalogue and flyers will be passed out at their specialty. She will also check to see if we can sell cold drinks. If yes, Dave & Annelle will co-ordinate the buying and transporting. Sharon & Randy will co-ordinate the raffle and Nancy will co-ordinate the pot luck lunch. Martin Cabral was voted to judge.

EDUCATION--Debbie Goddard
Debbie sent a first draft of the Dal info sheet to all members and asked for imput. Hopefully, these will be ready to go by the Match.

PROGRAM--ROB & MERRY SHAVER
Two program ideas were suggested, both of which cost money. Dr. Stockner will come and talk to us about reproduction and thyroid. Her fee is $50. The other program is at the Zoo and they want a $250. fee. It was discussed about getting other clubs involved to defray the cost. Carol mentioned that DCA has a lending library and we could get videos from them.

WAYS & MEANS--CINDY LYFORD
DCSDC will hold a Canine Good Citizenship Test hopefully in conjunction with the 12/6/92 Del Dios match. Carol will check with Del Dios KC. Other suggestions for fund raising: Christmas cards, calendars. Other suggestions were asked for. There will be a raffle at the Cabrillo show on 5/16/92.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Cindy read two applications for membership; John Tigner and Kathy Martin. Both were approved.

Unfinished Business
Rough drafts were brought in of logos. It was decided that we shouldn't rush our decision and we will keep bringing in ideas for a period of time until we hit on one that is "perfect".

NEW BUSINESS
The membership was informed that it is very important that we keep records of all shows entered as the AKC will want that information when we apply for sanctioning. Members should try to go back as far as possible. It is not necessary to show your placement just that you were entered. Breeders should also have their records available. It is important to start getting this information together now.

Sixty dollars will be sent to the DCA general trophy fund for this year's National.

Our next meeting will be held at The Cabrillo KC show on 5/16/92. Elaine Davis will co-ordinate the pot luck. There will also be a raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

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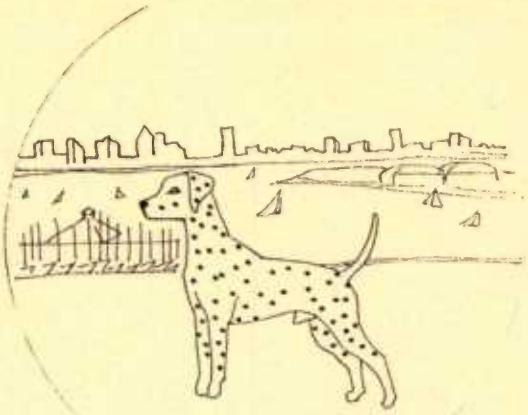
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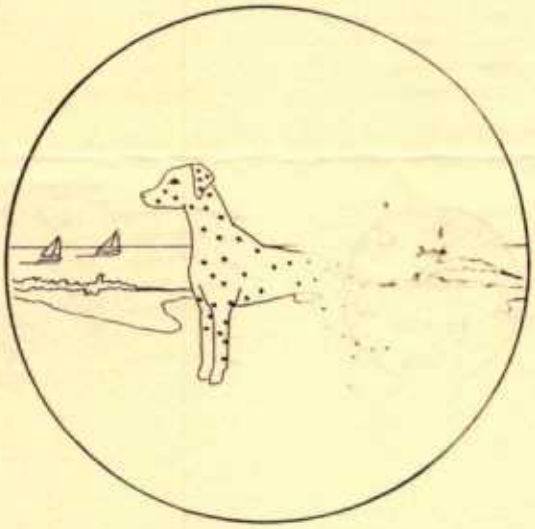
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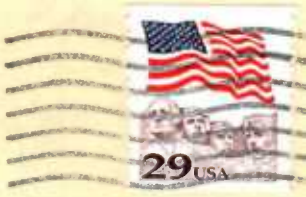






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it's match time!

Sunday, June 7, 1992

in conjunction with
the Del Dios All-Breed Fun Match

at Kennedy Park
corner of Madison Ave. and 4th St.
El Cajon

details in this newsletter

Don't Forget
Bring your "Dalmatian" contribution for our basket raffle to Carol Mac on Match morning ...

... and don't forget your contribution to the Taco Fiesta. Contact Nancy Dandrea

The President's Spot

A *Dot to Dot* Special Report...

Dateline: El Cajon, CA.
Excitement is building for the Dalmatian Club of San Diego County's first match. The fun begins at 7:30 AM match morning when eager volunteers take entries. Get your entries in by 10:00 AM as judging begins at 10:30. Martin Cabral will be judging Dalmatians in front of cheering crowds. There will also be Dalmatian action in the Obedience rings as club members and their dogs go through their routines. A "Best Friends" class, raffle, and lunch will cap off the days activities. Don't miss the excitement!!!

Inside

- Minutes from our May Meeting and Social.
- Seminar on Parvo and Lyme Disease.
- Notices from the DCA.
- Roster

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THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 16,1992

The General meeting was called to order by President Lisa Means at 12:18p.m. following Dal judging at the Cabrillo KC show.

A motion was made and approved to disband with our regular meeting format.

Lisa thanked Tom and Carole Harris for letting us use their motor home and shade for our tailgate luncheon. Lisa also thanked Carole for her generous donations from SEE SPOT SHOP to our raffle.

Lisa thanked Elaine Davis for organizing our tailgate luncheon & all members who donated food and raffle gifts.

As there were a number of guests attending, Lisa asked everybody to introduce themselves.

Final reminders about our Match on June 7th were given. Debbi Jones passed out a sign-up sheet denoting what food each member would bring for our luncheon that day.

Carol McAndrew told us of a rescue Dal that Bev Rutherford has at her place. Anyone knowing of a possible home for this dog should contact Bev directly.

Different print styles for our logo were submitted by Rob & Merry Shaver. These will be printed in a future Dot to Dot.

After brags the meeting was adjourned at 12:35p.m.

Following the meeting we held our raffle. Between the raffle & the brags we brought in $106.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

SUMMER FUN!!

Sunday, June 7th ! at Kennedy Park
1675 Madison Ave. • El Cajon, CA
Time: 7:30am – 10:00am
Judging Begins at 10:30 • Groups After Breeds

The Del Dios ALL-Breed FUN Match

ALL BREED* + SHOW & GO OBEDIENCE*

Rare & Miscellaneous Breeds Welcome

* All Americans Welcome in Obedience, Agility Confidence & Good Citizens' Events

✔ YES – Mixed Breeds! ✔ YES – Corrections!

OBEDIENCE CLASSES:	NOVICE Y	OPEN A
	NOVICE A	OPEN B
	NOVICE B	UTILITY A & B

CONFORMATION COMPETITION

Rare & Miscellaneous Breeds Welcome

	CONFORMATION CLASSES:	JR:	2–4 mos.	4–6 mos.	6–9 mos.
		SR.	9–12 mos.	12–18 mos.	OPEN
JUDGES:	TOYS	Breeds & Jr./Sr.Groups	Michelle Mixon, Poodle Breeder and Handler		
	NON-SPORTING	Dalmation Specialty, Sr. Group & Jr. Handling	Martin Cabral, Dalmatian Breeder		
		Remaining Non-Sptng. Breeds & Jr. Group	Ray Bailey, Chow Breeder		
	SPORTING	Breeds & Jr./Sr. Groups Sr. Best-In-Show	Dennis Emkeys, Lab Breeder from the East		
	WORKING	Rottweilers Jr. Group & Jr. B.I.S.	Mike Grossman, Rottweiler Breeder		
		Remaining Working Breeds & Sr. Group	Betsy Winnard, Doberman Breeder, Professional Handler		
	HERDING	Breeds & Jr./Sr.Groups	Shirley Qualls, Sheltie Breeder and Professional Handler		
	TERRIERS	Breeds & Jr./Sr.Groups	Bonnie Warrell, Schnauzer Breeder		
	RARE BREEDS	Breeds & Jr./Sr.Groups	Ron Gaither, UKC judge		

SHOW INFORMATION:

CONFORMATION ADD'L CLASSES	$5.00 day of match Jr. Handling & Movement	$4.00 Pre-entry $2.00 ea.
OBEDIENCE	$4.00 day of match	
AGILITY/CONFIDENCE	$5.00 day of match	
GOOD CITIZENS TEST	$10.00 Must have valid written proof of rabies vacination in order to receive AKC certification. Mix Breeds Welcome!	

PRE-ENTRY for Conformation, Jr. Handling & Movement Classes Only must be recieved by JUNE 4th. Please make your check payable to the Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club (DDSSC) and mail to: Marisa Pung, 184 Madrona St., Chula Vista, CA 92016.

GREAT FOOD OFFERED BY THE COCKER CLUB!

- Cocker Spaniel Club of San Diego Boosters offers Delicious Food & Beverages!
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- Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club Boosters
- Australian Shepherd Club of San Diego
- San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
- San Diego Dalmatian Club
- Bahia Sur Kennel Club Boosters offers Show & Go Obedience!

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Date of Birth _____
Event _____ Class _____ Add'l Classes _____
Owner's Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone # _____
I agree to hold the American Kennel Club, the Del Dios Sheltie Club, Kennedy Park and the City of El Cajon, CA blameless in the event of accident or injury to myself or any dog in my care.
Signature _____ Date _____

THE SOUTHWESTERN ROTTWEILER CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

PRESENTS

AN AKC PROMOTED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST

DATE: *SUNDAY, JUNE 7*

TIME: *9AM -12NOON FIRST SESSION*
1PM-4PM SECOND SESSION

LOCATION: *KENNEDY PARK*
CORNER OF MADISON AVE AND 4TH STREET
EL CAJON, CA

TEST FEE: *$ 10.00 PER DOG*

REQUIREMENTS: *DEPT. OF ANIMAL CONTROL WRITTEN CERTIFICATION OF VALID DOG LICENSE AND RECORD OF RABIES VACCINATION*

MAIL ENTRIES BY 6/4 TO: *RON SEIDLER*
6310 SCIMITAR DR
SAN DIEGO, CA 92114

INFORMATION: RON SEIDLER (619) 263-8268

DOG'S NAME_____

DATE OF BIRTH_____ LICENCE NUMBER_____

OWNER'S NAME_____

STREET ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP CODE_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER_____

CIRCLE SESSION PREFERRED 9AM -NOON OR 1PM-4PM

I agee to hold the American Kennel Club, the Southwestern Rottweiler Club of San Diego, Kennedy Park and the City of El Cajon blameless in the event of an accident or injury to myself or any dog in my care.

SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

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Signature _____ Date _____

FOR MORE MATCH INFORMATION, CALL

Conformation	Good Citizen Test	Agility	Show & Go Obedience
Mike Macnamara	Ron Seidler	Vickie Hill	Connie Parish
276-9295	263-8268	561-6085	460-2953

Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club Inc.

The Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

and

Co-Host, Paula Johnson, D.V.M.
Lake Murray Animal Hospital

Invite you to attend an important and timely presentation featuring

STEPHEN B. JAFFE, D.V.M.

Manager of Professional Services, direct from
Fort Dodge Laboratories, Fort Dodge, Iowa

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1992

PLACE: Del Mar Hilton Hotel
15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
Del Mar, California

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - Registration
7:30 p.m. - Presentation
9:30 p.m. - Questions & Answers

FEES: *Pre-registration: $15* *Registration at Door: $18*
Fees include two trips to the ice cream sundae bar plus beverage

TOPICS

PARVOVIRUS ENTERITIS AND KENNEL MANAGEMENT	CANINE BORRELIOSIS (LYME'S DISEASE)
1. Definition of parvovirus	1. Background
2. Causes of canine enteritis (vomiting/diarrhea)	2. Disease prevalence
3. Type of virus, related viruses	3. Disease transmission
4. Transmission of parvovirus	4. Clinical findings
5. Infection with the virus	5. Laboratory findings
6. Clinical findings	6. Diagnosis
a. Enteritis	
b. Myocarditis	
7. Laboratory findings	7. Treatment
8. Diagnosis	8. Prevention/vaccination
9. Other causes of canine enteritis	9. Prognisis
10. Treatment of infected puppies	10. Feline Borreliosis
11. Kennel management	11. Public Health Considerations
12. Vaccination strategies	
13. Reasons for vaccination failure	

For Further Information, Call

Michael Macnamara	Lake Murray Animal Hospital	Peggy Terrel
276-9295	461-5155	727-1050 - Days Only

The Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. Pre-Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Name of Guest(s): _____
_____
_____

Make checks payable to: Del Dios Shetland Sheepdog Club (DDSS)

For pre-registration, please remit $15 per person NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1992, to Barbara Severance, P.O. Box 1972, La Jolla, CA 92038

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"THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA'S BOOK OF THE DALMATIAN"

We are pleased to announce that DCA has been invited to produce a new Dalmatian book in cooperation with T.F.H. Publications. We are currently negotiating the contract, and the book will not be available for several years, but we wanted the membership to know about this exciting project.

It is anticipated that this will be a large format "deluxe" book with several hundred pages and hundreds of colored pictures. This will be a book for the new Dal owner as well as for the experienced fancier. It will be a "Dalmatian specific" book, rather than a general information book, and will include topics not previously covered in Dalmatian books.

The book will be written by a committee, but will draw upon the expertise of many DCA members. In return for our efforts, the publisher will make a substantial contribution to DCA (presumably for Research), and DCA will receive a percentage of the royalties.

We invite you to submit your IDEAS for making this the "ultimate Dalmatian book". WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR ARTICLES, BUT FOR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS. Also, if you are knowledgeable in a specific area, please let the committee know if you would be available as a resource person.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY PICTURES AT THIS TIME. They will be requested later. We will need pictures of show dogs, obedience dogs and top producers. If you have good shots of lemons, tris, and patches (or color oddities such as brindles) we may need them too. Since this book is intended to appeal to pet owners as well as show people, we'll also want pictures of puppies, therapy dogs, fire safety dogs, hunting dogs, sled dogs and performing dogs.

We will keep you advised of our progress though DCA and Regional Club Council mailings. Please send your ideas and suggestions to:

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SUBJECT: DALMATIAN DEAFNESS

With the rising popularity of the Dalmatian breed, there has been a rapid increase in the number of deaf Dalmatian pups showing up in homes, pet shops and Humane Societies across the country. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Deafness is NOT uncommon in Dalmatians. It has been estimated that from 10% to 12% of the breed is deaf. Recent discoveries in the genetics of deafness have made it possible to reduce the incidence of deafness, with the possibility of virtually eliminating it in the future. Hearing research is currently being financed by The Dalmatian Club of America, various regional Dalmatian clubs and interested individuals. However, for the time being it is important that deaf pups be dealt with in a responsible and HUMANE fashion.

Responsible breeders NEVER knowingly sell, place or give away deaf pups to pet homes. Deaf pups should ALWAYS be humanely destroyed by a veterinarian. In the event that a deaf pup is inadvertently placed, it should be replaced with a hearing pup. Many breeders have their deaf pups put down at three to four weeks, though some choose to wait a few weeks longer. Dalmatian pups normally start to hear at fourteen to sixteen days of age, and hear by five weeks of age if they are going to hear.

The deaf pups which are showing up in unsuspecting homes, pet shops and Humane Societies are generally bred by either "commercial breeders" (puppy mills) or by inexperienced Dalmatian owners who are unaware of deafness in the breed, are unable to identify deaf pups or are unwilling to have them put down. NO ONE should consider raising a litter of Dalmatians without being prepared to deal responsibly with any resulting deaf puppies.

The Dalmatian Club of America Board of Governors feels very strongly that deaf pups should NEVER be sold, placed or given away, and most certainly should not be bred from. Deaf Dalmatians are hard to raise, difficult to control (they are often hit by cars when they "escape") and often become snappish or overly aggressive, especially when startled.

IF YOU ARE THE OWNER OF A FEMALE DALMATIAN, and plan to raise a litter, be sure that you are prepared to deal responsibly with any resulting deaf pups. If you have trouble identifying deaf pups, please ask for assistance from an experienced breeder. IF YOU ARE A STUD DOG OWNER, be sure that your stud contract requires that deaf pups be properly handled.

Deafness, continued...

IF YOU ARE THE OWNER OF A DEAF DALMATIAN, and are having problems with the dog, don't feel "guilty" about it. Consider starting over with a healthy, hearing pup. (And DO have the deaf dog put down.)

IF YOU ARE AFFILIATED WITH AN ANIMAL SHELTER, HUMANE SOCIETY OR DOG RESCUE SERVICE, PLEASE do not attempt to place the deaf Dalmatian puppies and adults that come in, and do not advertise for a "special home" for the "poor little deaf Dalmatian". The HUMANE approach is to put down the deaf Dals and concentrate on finding good homes for the healthy, hearing dogs.

IF YOU ARE A PET SHOP OWNER, please remember that deaf Dalmatians should NEVER be sold.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO PURCHASE A DALMATIAN, contact the Dalmatian Club of America, the closest regional Dal club, or an experienced local breeder who will guarantee that any pups offered for sale have normal hearing.

IF YOU ARE A VETERINARIAN, please advise your clients to put down any deaf pups they may have bred. PLEASE do not make it any more difficult for your client by suggesting that perhaps a "special" home might be found. With the enormous surplus of unwanted dogs in this country, there is no need to preserve dogs with problems such as deafness.

Sincerely,

The Board of Governors
Dalmatian Club of America

HEARING RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

Hearing Status Registry

The Dalmatian Club of America - Subcommittee on Hearing Research is interested in knowing your views about how we can build a useful Hearing Registry. Your answers to these questions and your comments will help us decide how to proceed. Thank you for your time and effort.

Note: In planning a registry, confidentiality and reliability are of the greatest importance. If a registry is formed, data entry and primary processing would have to be done by individuals not associated with the DCA or other breed clubs. Release of information would occur only by following a set procedure agreed upon in advance.

Please circle the best answer

1. I **would** **would not** support the formation of a hearing registry for dogs.

2. If a registry is formed, it should be **All Breed** **Dalmatian only.**

3. Should only bilaterally hearing animals be given registration numbers? Yes No

4. If only bilateral dogs/bitches are given registration numbers, what would you consider a "fair fee" for registration of a bilateral dog. (registration of deaf and unilateral dogs would be done without cost) **$5.00** **$8.00** **$12.00** **$15.00**

5. With time, information from the registry will help breeders predict the likelihood of deafness in a litter. For this to happen, we will need to have the test results from entire litters of puppies for several generations. To facilitate this goal, should the fee for registering the hearing status of *complete* litters of pups be reduced. Yes No

6. If yes, what reduction in the price of registering pups individually would entice you to register the entire litter? **none needed** **10%** **25%** **33%** **50%**

7. As the registry grows, information on various studs and bitches production will grow. This information should **always be confidential** **be published annually** **be available upon request from owner of the stud or bitch.**

8. There are currently no standardized BAER test protocols or specific guidelines for reading the results. If a registry is formed should it provide a **primary** **confirmatory** reading of the BAER test results.

Comments and Suggestions

Send completed questionnaire to *John A. Wilson, 6473 Cuming St., Omaha, NE 68132*

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Meeting Notice

join us to learn about
Therapy Dogs
with guest speaker
Patti Shea
Saturday, July 25, 1992
5:00 pm

at the home of Rob and Merry Shaver
1425 Monte Rico Dr.
El Cajon, CA 92021

(619) 588-6727

From I-8, take the 2nd St exit North, right on Green Field (3 traffic lights), then left on Peerless. As Peerless jogs left, Monte Rico is on the right (no street sign). The Shavers home is the second on the right.

Board Meeting at 4:00 pm

Mark your calender ...

Remaining meeting dates for 1992

September 12
October 17
November 21
December 19

The President's Spot

What a delightful time we had at our first match! We had 17 conformation entries, two obedience entries, and three agility entries. The taco salad potluck was tasty, the ribbons and prizes were terrific, and the new banner made us look official. Our judge and steward made the day's judging fun. Next time I'm going to bring Chico instead of the baby! Many thanks to everyone who participated and to the great work and donations of Carol Pettit, Carol Mac, Nancy, Sharon, Randy, and Cindy.

and the winners are:

2 - 4 mo. Puppy Dog
1. BG Sport Leight - Davis

4 - 6 mo. Puppy Dog
1. Replay - Bradley

6 - 9 mo. Puppy Dog
1. Two Too Many - Marshall
2. Mark - Partch
3. Rocky - Bushman/Jones
4. BB King - Dandrea

9-12 mo. Puppy Dog
1. Crown Prince of Chlkhls - Wallace Jones

12 - 18 mo. Dog
1. Shades - Goddard

Open Dog
1. Hill-n-Dal Oh Spreck - Hill, Felder
2. Amadeus - Michael W.

2 - 4 mo. Puppy Bitch
1. Porsche - Goddard

4 - 6 mo. Puppy Bitch
1. Cheri - Bradley

6 - 9 mo. Puppy Bitch
1. Dixie - Partch

9 - 12 mo. Puppy Bitch
1. Tango - Tigner, Breunig
2. Hidden Oaks River Reata - Rutherford
3. Gina - Bradley

Open Bitch
1. Talamora's Sunrise on Sonora - Wilterding

BOB Jr: Porsche
BOS Jr: Two Too Many

BOB Sr: Crown Prince of Chlkhls
BOS Sr: TANGO

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AKC Introduces Certified List of Awards Service

Do you remember who gave your champion its first major? Where your U.D. bitch earned her C.D.? When your hunting dog earned its Master Hunter title?

Of course you can look these things up, but why bother when the AKC can do it for you? Now you can have your dog's lifetime show, obedience, tracking, field trial and hunting test awards at your fingertips. Or hanging proudly on the wall.

The American Kennel Club is pleased to inaugurate its newest service, the Certified List of Awards. These attractive certificates are light green trimmed in white, with a darker green border and the AKC logo embossed in gold. Lettering is big, black and bold for easy reading.

Your dog's registered name and number, including all titles, appears in large print in the upper right hand corner. Beneath it, in smaller print, is the date the certificate was issued and how many pages it contains (sometimes more than one certificate is necessary to display a dog's entire career). The certificates list event, including the date, class, award and judge, at which your dog won, placed, qualified or passed (judges are not listed for field trials or hunting tests, however).

Introduced at AKC's National Invitational Dog Championship on April 7, 1992, Certified List of Awards certificates are available for $20 per list, no matter how many certificates it takes to list all your dog's wins, placements and qualifying scores.

To purchase your dog's Certified List of Awards, write the American Kennel Club, Certified List of Awards, 5580 Centerview Drive, Suite 200 Raleigh, NC 27606. Be sure to include your name and address, your dog's registered name and number, and a check or money order for $20.

brags

Nan Phipps' Abby garnered WB and BOS honors at the Ventura KC show.

Nancy Dandrea's Starcoach-N-Hill BB King went BOB Jr at the Bahia Sur Match, June 13, while...

... Jan Hill and Carolyn Felder's Hill-N-Dal's Oh Spreck went BOB and Gr 1 Sr. at the same time ...

... and Hill-N-Dal's M'Lady Mercedes owned by Jan Hill and Debbie Jones followed up by going BOB and Gr 2 from Bred By at the Bahia Sur KC show the next day!

Finally, back in February (sorry Jan) Mercedes and her dad, CH Briarfield Rolls Royce modeled in the Junior League Saks Fifth Ave. Victor Costa Designer Encore Fashion Show at the Sheraton Harbor Island East. Reports have it that Mercedes barked "look at me!" all the way down the runway. What Fun!

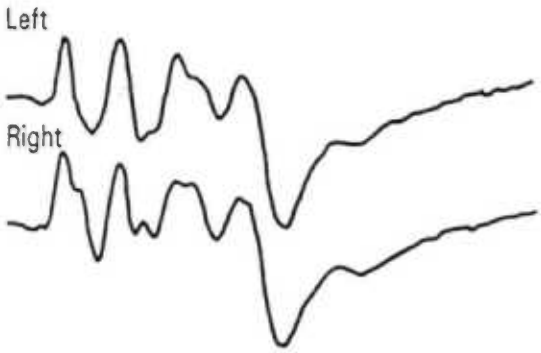
congratulations everyone!

in memorium

Nan Phipps' Taddy recently passed away after 16 years of somersaults and wags. Our condolences to Nan.

important news:

San Diego County has a BAER test facility! Dr. Greg Kortz, a veterinary neurologist in Rancho Santa Fe is very familiar with the work of Dr. Strain, et al. and is willing to help us with our testing needs. His fee is $35 per dog (no litter rates) and he is located at 6525 Calle Del Nido in RSF. The phone number is (619) 758-1777.



BAER Hearing Tests

by John A. Wilson

Technical Director, Deafness subcommittee

In answering calls for Dalmatian information and referral Jan and I have come to realize that there are some buyers who are being told that their puppy has been "BAER hearing tested" in the Council Bluffs - Omaha area. If only this were true and we did not have to drive 3½ to 5 hours each way to have a litter tested, but unfortunately this is not the case. None of the veterinarians in the Lincoln - Omaha area own the equipment needed to perform the test as it costs over $20,000. So that you will know what to look for, this article will describe the BAER hearing test, show a normal result for a dog that hears and describe what the test can tell you about hearing.

The ear works by converting sound into electrical signals. The BAER test consists of recording and averaging the electrical changes caused by 1,000 clicks in each ear. To perform the test, earphones are put in the dog's ears and recording electrodes, usually small platinum needles, are placed near the center of the puppy's head and near the ear (different testers prefer different electrode placements so there is some variation). After each click the electrical signals from the electrodes are fed into an amplifier, averaged and finally displayed on a screen and printed. The printout shows the averaged electrical changes in the brainstem in response to the clicks in the ear. The full name of the test is the Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response because this test shows whether or not the hearing regions in the brain are functioning normally in response to sound.

When a dog can hear in both ears, as shown in this example, an electrical response first occurs in the part of the ear called the cochlea. As the sound stimulates the sensory neurons of the cochlea, each cell changes its voltage by as much as 0.1 volts. Normally, we can not record directly from the cochlea, and as we move further away from the point at which the signal originates it gets smaller. When the signal is recorded near the base of the ear, it is only a millionth of a volt. As the cells in the cochlea are interested in passing the information to the brain, the next peak represents the activation of the neurons in the ear which carry the electrical signal to the brainstem. As time progresses we see the signal as it has been transferred into the dorsal cochlear nucleus, the olivary nuclei, and higher auditory centers in the brain. Each major peak in the tracing indicates that the information has reached its next target.

The tracing shown here is from a puppy with "normal" bilateral hearing. As you can see, the tracings for each ear are of similar height in both ears and occur at the same time in both ears. The voltages were reasonable and the times to the peaks were exactly right. If the dog had been deaf in one ear, one line would have been flat. Had the dog been totally deaf, the tracings from each ear would have been a flat line.

The BAER test therefore tells you whether or not the electrical potentials which are correlated with hearing occur in the tested dog's brain. It is the only available test which can tell you whether the dog has bilateral hearing or is unilaterally deaf. As deafness in Dalmatians is an inherited trait, knowledge is crucial for the future. By breeding bilateral dogs to bilateral bitches the incidence of deafness will decrease with each generation and fewer deaf puppies will have to be put down.

So when you buy a Dal, ask for a copy of your puppy's hearing test and ask to see the tests for the whole litter. I strongly believe that if you are buying a show quality dog which you plan to breed you should insist upon bilateral hearing. If you are in doubt, I will gladly look at the test and give you an opinion as to the hearing status of your future puppy.

From the Dalmatian Association of Lincoln-Omaha News.

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******Meeting Notice*********

Please note date change.

Sunday September 13, 1992

In conjunction with

Silver Bay KC Match Show at **Morley Field in Balboa Park**

Bring your own picnic, beverage, chairs, etc. Don't forget your puppies!

Directions: From I-8 take Texas Street South follow signs to municipal pool. At pool turn left then right to parking.

From I-5 Take Pershing Drive and proceed on Pershing two miles to show parking.

Entries taken from 8 AM to 10 AM.

Board meeting prior to general meeting.

Future Meetings:

October 17	Cindy Lyford
November 21	Nan Phipps
December 19	Debbie Goddard

The President's Spot

You'll notice as you open your Dot to Dot this month it has a new flavor to it. The ever talented (read: glutton for punishment) Cindy Lyford has taken the pen as your new editor. She comes to the job with no shortage of experience in Dal club newsletters. This is the most time consuming job of any in a club so please support her with news, clippings, and brags. A bouquet of wags to all of you for support during my tenure as editor and a big THANK YOU to Cindy for volunteering for the job.

At our last meeting, we started making preparations for the December match with Del Dios Sheltie Club. We've also set June 12, 1993 as the date for our first independent match. Think of ways you would like to volunteer for these events - we need everyone's talents.

The venue and date for the September meeting has changed and is noted elsewhere in Dot to Dot. We'll be selecting a nominating committee for next year's Board and deciding on a logo style. Don't forget to bring samples of logo ideas to the meeting to share. See you there!

DCA & DVDC PUT OUR CLUB ON THE MAP!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

(see page 3 for results)

The Deadline for articles, show wins and litter announcements for the October newsletter is September 28.

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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GENERAL MEETING -- JULY 25, 1992

The General meeting of DCSDC was called to order by President Lisa Means at 5:55p.m. at the home of Rob and Merry Shaver.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

OFFICERS REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--LISA MEANS
Lisa reported that our June 6th match had 17 conformation entries, 2 obedience entries and 4 agility entries. Thanks go out to Judge, Martin Cabral, Chairperson, Carol Petit, Steward, Randy Thomsen, Trophies, Carol McAndrew, Luncheon, Nancy Dandrea.

TREASURER'S REPORT
In Nancy's absence, Lisa reported that we received a check from Del Dios for $68. PREVIOUS BALANCE; $658. NEW BALANCE'; $ 726.

SECRETARY'S REPORT--CINDY LYFORD
A letter was received from Jan Nelson, Regional Council Chair, with information regarding the upcoming meeting at DCA. Carol McAndrew and Cindy Lyford will be representing our club. The program will be on rescue.
A premium list was received from Chicagoland.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MATCH SHOW--CAROL PETIT
Our next Match show will be held on Sunday, December 6th, again in conjunction with Del Dios. Chair, Carol Petit, Assistant Chair, Debbie Goddard, Steward, Boyd Goddard, luncheon chair, Debbie G. Nominations were taken from the floor for a judge. The following people were nominated: Tom Harris, Ray Fitzsimmons, Gene Mills and Bob Candelland. A vote was taken and Tom Harris was chosen. Carol will contact him to see if he is available. If not, she will contact Bob Candelland, who got the next highest number of votes.

EDUCATION--DEBBIE GODDARD
Debbie reported that we now have a BAER test facility here in San Diego County. She also reported that Dr,. Stockner is now doing OFA testing. Call Debbie for further information. Debbie is going to make up a brochure to send out to pet stores and vets with info about Dals and our club. We will also be placing an ad in the newspaper on a monthly basis. This ad will cost $15/mo.

OLD BUSINESS

Logos will be posted at our September meeting. Boyd stressed the importance of looking at the concept of the design rather than the exact detail. We will try to have a logo by the end of the year.

Now that we have some money in our treasury, Sharon will go ahead with the business of incorporation.

NEW BUSINESS

We will hold a Match show on Saturday, June 12, 1993. This is the day before the Bahia Sur show. Carol McAndrew and Carol Petit will check on the possibility of holding it at either the Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center or at the Humane Society in Escondido. Randy brought up the fact that we should notify Bahia Sur of our plans as they have a Match show the same day. This way they could note there would be no classes for Dals on their flyer.

Following brags, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

KUDOS...KUDOS...KUDOS...KUDOS.
Many Thanks to Lisa for undertaking the editor's job this past year. A job well done, Lisa. Merry Shaver and I will be co-editing the newsletter. Please make sure any information that you want included gets to us prior to the deadlines.



DCA Winners

SHADES OF DEVILSTAR owner -- Debbie Goddard	"Shades"	Futurity -- 2nd
HILL-N-DAL'S SILVER SPIRIT breeder/owner--Jan Hill	"Spirit"	6-9 mo Puppy Dog -- 4th
HILL-N-DAL'S FEATHER RIVER BELLE breeder--Jan Hill owners--Jan Hill & Elizabeth Johnson handler--Martin Cabral	"Rosie"	Am. Bred -- 1st
HILL-N-DAL'S M'LADY MERCEDES breeder--Jan Hill owners--Jan Hill & Deborah Jones	"Mercedes"	Open Black -- 1st
CH. BG AND HANSOM ALL FIRED UP breeders--Bob & Gay Patridge owners-- Ed & Carol Petit	"Harley"	Award of Merit
CH. FIRE ANNIE owners--Bob & Gay Patridge	"Annie"	Brood Bitch -- 1st

DVDC Winners

HILL-N-DAL'S M'LADY MERCEDES breeder--Jan Hill owners--Jan Hill & Deborah Jones	"Mercedes"	Am. Bred -- 1st
HANSOM N ECHO JUST A GIGILO owners--Cindy Lyford & Carol & Ed Petit	"Justin"	12-18 mo. -- 4th
RCHODALMAR MILLION DOLLAR MAN owner -- Debbie Goddard	"Dollar"	Open Black -- 2nd
SHADES OF DEVILSTAR owner -- Debbie Goddard	"Shades"	WD
LABYRINTH HIGH BARBAREE owner--Nan Phipps	"Abby"	WB, BOW

MORE BRAGS

HILL-N-DAL'S FEATHER RIVER BELLE breeder--Jan Hill owners--Jan Hill & Elizabeth Johnson handler--Martin Cabral	"Rosie"	Bonanza KC WB, BOS -- 4 pts Santa Barbara -- WB
HILL-N-DAL'S M'LADY MERCEDES breeder--Jan Hill owners--Jan Hill & Deborah Jones	"Mercedes"	No. Cal. Dal Speciality -- Bred By - 3rd
SHADES OF DEVILSTAR owner -- Debbie Goddard	"Shades"	No. Cal. Speciality -Sweepstakes -1st

Seems like Debbie Goddard and Jan Hill haven't gotten their fill of Specialties. They're making plans to attend Chicagoland on September 19th. Good luck and bring home the gold!

AGILITY

The Agility Club of San Diego, INC. is holding their first Agility Trial on Saturday, September 26th at the South Clairemont Recreation Center. They will also be offering an Agility Match and a beginning Agility Confidence Course. The Herding Breed Club of San Diego County is holding an obedience Show-N-Go at the same location.

10am---noon	Agility Trial
noon---5pm	Agility Match
9am----1pm	Show-N-Go
all day	Agility Confidence Course

DIRECTIONS:

From Hwy 5 - North or South -- exit at Balboa Ave., go west to Clairemont Dr. and turn right (south). Turn left at the 1st stop light--Ute. Turn right on Waco. The park will be on your right.

From Hwy 15 - South -- take hwy 163 split to Balboa Ave., go east to Clairemont Dr. and turn left. Follow as above.

From Hwy 15 - North or Hwy 805 - North exit at Balboa Ave., go east to Clairemont Dr. and turn left. Follow as above.

Come on down to the park to get a glimpse of the world of agility. While the trial and match are for dogs who have had previous agility training, all are welcome on the confidence course.

DCA SWEATSHIRTS

The DCA Ways and Means committee is selling sweatshirts as a fund raiser. The red sweatshirts have a black/white dog and the green sweatshirts have a liver/white dog embroidered on them.

L & XL	$25.00 + $3 postage
XXL & XXXL	$28.00 + $3 postage

There is no postage on orders of three or more. If you want a sweatshirt, contact Carol Mac who will consolidate the order to save postage.

Spotted: black and white dog cookie jars at Price Club $15.99.

A DOG LOVER'S CONFESSION

perfect love I have known,
whose animal eyes
disregard all disguise,
go beyond flesh and bone,

an unshaken forever,
heart's white purity
any angel would envy.
But I would slightly prefer

unpredictable pairing,
pain and peace in one thing,
unplumbable thoughts,
the love that comes wearing,
fall, fire, freeze, or springs,
black-and-white polka dots.

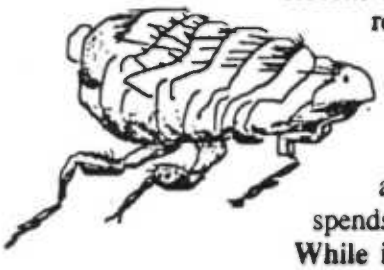
--Mona Van Duyn
from The New Yorker Magazine

From the Woodside Animal Hospital Lakeside CA.:

CLIENT EDUCATION

Preventing The "Flea Population Explosion"

Our living habits, including the use of household carpeting, contribute to increased flea populations. Most dogs and cats spend much of their time indoors where carpeting provides a protected microenvironment for fleas. Warm temperatures and high relative humidity indoors also help accelerate the flea reproduction cycle.



Recent research has shown that once on a pet, adult fleas are permanent residents of the host's haircoat. Adult fleas suck the pet's blood before they mate and lay eggs on the host. Flea fecal material (small, black "flea dirt") on the pet is sufficient evidence of flea infestation.

The female flea may produce hundreds or thousands of eggs in her lifetime. Flea eggs do not stick to the animal; instead, eggs fall off and contaminate the environment. Eggs are likely to fall where the pet spends the most time such as on carpeting, furniture or bedding.

While in the pet's environment the eggs hatch into larvae. Larvae feed primarily on blood passed in the "flea dirt" which accumulates in the bedding, furniture or carpet. After feeding and developing for about two weeks, the larval flea spins a cocoon and enters the pupal stage. The cocoon shelters the pupa and pre-emerged adult flea. The adult flea can remain inactive for up to 140 days within the cocoon until an animal is present in the house. A house that has been unoccupied for several weeks may be "jumping" with fleas soon after a family returns from vacation. Although the pre-adult flea may remain within the cocoon for many months, the egg-to-adult cycle is usually completed in about one month.

Flea bites irritate the pet's skin, causing some pets to develop allergic skin disorders. In these flea allergic animals, the bite of one or two fleas can cause intense itching and excessive scratching. However, fleas are not the only cause of itching. Fleas also transmit tapeworms when the pet ingests adult fleas.



Because some stages of the flea's life cycle occur on the pet and others take place in the environment, successful flea control must include effective, persistent treatment of the pet as well as the pet's bedding and areas of the house that it frequents. An insect growth regulator such as methoprene is especially helpful because it prevents the flea egg from hatching and the larval stage from developing into the pupal stage.

Vacuum carpeted areas to pick up eggs and flea dirt. The vibration of some vacuum cleaners may also cause adult fleas to emerge from the cocoon. The newly emerged adults are likely to be picked up by the vacuum cleaner or may be killed by adulticidal insecticides.

Insecticidal powders, dips, sprays and collars are available for use on the pet. The household areas must be treated concurrently with sprays, foggers or powders. If the homeowner prefers, assistance from professional pest exterminators is available. The outdoor environment should be examined for infestation and sprayed with insecticides if necessary.

Successful flea control requires complete, thorough application of a pest management program to break the flea life cycle. Disrupting the flea life cycle with an insect growth regulator is an integral part of a modern flea control strategy.

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MEETING NOTICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1992

at

CINDY LYFORD'S



9687 PETITE LANE, LAKESIDE

(619) 390-2770

BOARD MEETING 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM 2:00 p.m.

(BBQ to follow)

DIRECTIONS: FROM 8 east to 67 — Exit Wintergarden, LEFT at Woodside (1st light)--RIGHT at Los Coches -- LEFT at Julian--RIGHT on Petite Lane. Fourth house on left.

FROM 15 -- Exit Pomerado Rd.--continue to Rancho Bernardo — turn LEFT, LEFT on Poway Rd., RIGHT on 67—continue on 67 to Mapleview turn LEFT—quick RIGHT on Maine (Burger King) -- continue on Maine to Julian. As above.

Future Meetings:

November 14	**Nan Phipps**
December 19	**Debbie Goddard**

COMMUNICATION AS A MEANS OF EDUCATION

Are you unintentionally teaching your dog behaviors that you don't like? Do you find that **you** are **not** the pack leader?

Come to the October meeting and learn how to communicate with your dog.

Marjorie Hudson will be our guest speaker. You will see her at shows in both the conformation and obedience rings. She has been very involved with Canine Confidence, INC. Marjorie does litter temperament testing and teaches obedience classes.

Be sure to bring your dog to this meeting as we will also be working on confidence obstacles following Marjorie's presentation.

Plan to arrive early to get your dog settled in as the general meeting will start promptly at 1:30p.m. Bring an Xpen or crate for your dog and a chair for yourself.



UPCOMING SEMINARS

November 15, 1992----Touch Therapy----
Agility Club S.D.--Betty Fisher & Lou Powers--FMI--588-6491

November 21, 1992--Introductory Obedience
Hidden Valley O.C.--FMI--259-5307

Remember the deadline for November's DOT TO DOT is October 20; bring your articles/brags to the meeting at Cindy's.

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GENERAL MEETING—SEPTEMBER 13, 1992

The General meeting of DCSDC was called to order by Vice President Carol Petit at 1:40p.m. following the Dal judging at the Silver Bay KC match show.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—LISA MEANS No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT—NANCY DANDREA

Nancy reported that our balance is $726.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—CINDY LYFORD

No correspondence received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MATCH SHOW—CAROL PETIT

Carol reported that Tom Harris has accepted the judging assignment for our December 6th match. Boyd Goddard will not be able to steward. Cindy volunteered if the duty could be shared. Sharon volunteered Randy. A discussion ensued on the making of Christmas crafts for our table. A prospective member, Jim Haverly, suggested that we check out the catalogues at Column I where he works for different ideas. Carol Mac said she would make the trip to the store.

EDUCATION—DEBBIE GODDARD

Debbie is still working on a flyer to be distributed to vets in the county. She will bring a copy to the next meeting. Carol Mac volunteered to do the mailing. A motion was made and passed to run an ad in The Union Tribune for the next three months. The ad will cost $15./month. Both Debbie Goddard's and Jan Hill's numbers will be published. If they get overwhelmed with calls, they will refer calls to Carol Petit, Carol McAndrew and Nan Phipps.

MEMBERSHIP—CINDY LYFORD

The following applications were read and voted on: Carol LaMadrid, Tim LaMadrid, Martin Cabral & Mike Wagner. All passed.

Five applications were given out to prospective members.

NEWSLETTER—CINDY LYFORD & MERRY SHAVER

Cindy asked for ads as a means of generating money for DOT to DOT. Business cards for members will be $10./yr. Rates will appear in the newsletter.

REGIONAL COUNCIL—CINDY LYFORD

Cindy gave a brief report of the Regional Council meeting held during DCA week. A rescue questionnaire will be sent to the membership. She also gave Debbie and Jan telephone guidelines that were handed out by the No. Cal club. A full report will appear in the newsletter.

A break was taken during the meeting to support the Dal in the group and BIM judging.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sharon has the paperwork ready to go for the incorporation process and will get the first part mailed out.

We will hold off on insurance until closer to our June match.

Logo sketches were passed around for a final look. The majority of the members present selected the "mission" logo. This one will now be re-worked to get our finished product.

NEW BUSINESS

During the Board meeting, the nominating committee was chosen. Debbi Jones, chairperson, Randy Thomsen and Ed Petit. Alternates are Carol McAndrew and Nan Phipps. Debbi will call a meeting in October to select two Board members.

Jan Hill reported that she had received a notice regarding the tapes of the National. Members should let her know if they're interested as there's a reduced rate for two or more tapes.

Carol Mac took orders for DCA sweatshirts.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPOT

From all reports, the September meeting at the Silver Bay match was delightful with both weather and puppies cooperating. We even managed to get a lot of work done.

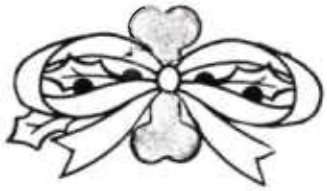
Our nominating committee of Debbi Jones, Ed Petit and Randy Thompsen was chosen and will present two new Board (bored?) candidates in November.

DCSDC's latest community service project is underway with the upcoming placement of an informational ad in the Union-Tribune. The public's response will be very interesting.

Our logo motif, designed by the talented Annelle Wilterding, is a Dal head with the Mission San Diego de Alcala bell tower in the background.

CRAFT'S AT CAROL'S

There will be a Christmas craft party at Carol Petit's on the weekend of October 24th-25th. We will be making crafts to sell at our December match. EVERYONE IS INVITED! If you are not able to attend or you don't feel "crafty", please donate $5 or $10 to help cover the cost of materials. The exact day and time will be announced at our general meeting.



INTERESTED IN A BAER CLINIC?

We have been contacted by the Australian Cattle Dog Club regarding participation in a BAER clinic conducted by Dr. Greg Kortz. For more information contact Jan Hill at (619) 561-6382.

A DOG'S LIFE

Train me anytime you want to, but ONLY when you want to.
Teach me cheerfully and I will respond cheerfully.
Work with me come rain or shine, but work with me.
Praise me and I will try that much harder.
Pay attention to me and I will pay attention to you.
Respect me as a dog and I will respect you as my master.
If you are feeling blue, let's forget it for the time being.
Cuddle me, but don't coddle me.
Care for me and I will care for you.
Know where you want to go and how to get there--
it makes it easier for me to follow.
If you want me to be responsible, you must give me responsibility.
I can't tell you my reaction to what you are doing, but I can show you--
watch my eyes, ears and tail.
I have four legs, am perfectly capable of walking and prefer it that way.
I need a leader, please be mine.
Say what you mean and mean what you say.



author unknown

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MISUNDERSTANDING YOUR DOG

by Carol Benjamin

If you live with dogs and you look at the world only through human-colored glasses, you stand a good chance of misunderstanding your dog. The secret of being able to understand your dog lies in being able to, from time to time, perceive the world as he does.

It is very easy to explain to anyone what a correction is--and what praise is. And, of course, almost anyone can learn to hold a leash properly or even manage quite well with an improperly held leash. What matters is not that you have mastered the best or fastest way to teach a dog to sit or heel. What matters is that occasionally you run a little check on things. You peek at the world, at training, at playing, at exercise, at living from day to day, through dog-colored glasses. You stop and take time to contemplate the world as your dog sees it--just so you won't be one of THOSE, misunderstanding your dog.

Dogs learn by reinforcement, both positive and negative. This means that if your dog nips our hand and you say NO, the dog is getting negative reinforcement for what he did last, which in this case was nipping you. If, on the other hand, when your dogs nips your hand, you think to yourself, "All dogs do that, don't they?" or "He'll outgrow that." or "I think he's doing that because he's afraid I'm going to hit him." and so you soothe the little 75lb. tyrant with petting and "There, there, take it easy, old boy", you will have given your dog some positive reinforcement for nipping. You will have strengthened his desire to nip you. That's pretty easy to understand because it is based on (a) what the dog does and (b) what you do in response to what the dog does. It is easy to see that if you want your dog to repeat an automatic sit, a come when called, or a go to our bed, all you have to do is positively reinforce the desired action immediately after the dog does it. Praise counts for the very last thing done.

It is also easy to see that if you do not want your dog to bite the hand that feeds him or bark in the middle of the night or run away when he's called to come, that you must negatively reinforce these acts immediately after they occur AND follow up just as quickly with replacement behavior, that which you would like your dog to do in these circumstances.

So why do so many of us misunderstand our dogs? Much of the trouble comes from the fact that the dog is reading us on a level that we humans, blessed with language, tend to ignore. The dog is not only reading the very accurate messages given by body language (the unassertive slouch, the whining and pleading "command", the lack of attention to major and minor war crimes), but he is also reading something far more subtle. He is reading emotion. Thus, when your adorable Akita steps up to the coffee table and ingests $27. worth of Havarti cheese and you THINK it's cute, you are training your Akita to steal. Given the fact that you admire the daring spirit of the thief, even if you "correct" him, you will probably do it in such a way that he will know you don't mean it. The dog is very well equipped to weed out sham training.

When you take your Lhasa down the block for a stroll and he barks at everyone and everything in sight and makes you feel protected by a wall of love, you are training your dog to bark at everyone and possibly, later on, to bite strangers when he gets the chance. You are giving a message and your dog is receiving. Again, as with the Akita, even if you say and do "the right thing", but you don't really mean it, the dog will get the deeper message and will continue to "protect" you from every child and bush in sight.

The dog who rushes at the front door and tries to scare off the postman and the meter reader always succeeds because when the mail is delivered or the meter read, the person departs. This mechanical reinforcement teaches lots of dogs some very bad habits. Left to their own devices, their own natures and the comings and goings of postmen and meter readers, the dogs continue to escalate, many to the point where if they got out, they'd bite. Here's where your feeling come into the picture, Any dog will enjoy "chasing" away an intruder, particularly

one in uniform (something different) and one who gives him daily reinforcement of his prowess as protector and general neighborhood big mouth. So, you let the little drama escalate on its own. Actually, in part at least, it satisfies you. Every time your dog "chases" the postman you feel secure, believing he'd chase a real criminal as well as he chases an imitation one. The dog is additionally reinforced then by your pleasure at his daring. He knows.

You can matter of factly stop any kind of inappropriate aggression by correcting you dog's behavior when he is out of line. The trigger-happy lunatic who barks at every leaf is, in fact, less likely to protect you from the real McCoy than the pensive, quiet dog who can differentiate a postman from an escapee from the local penitentiary. The dog who freaks out over everything is often burned out before you finish opening your bills.

The dog who continues into adulthood jumping on his owner (mine!) or stealing food from the table or counter or running away whenever the door is ajar is getting a message of enjoyment from his owner. Of course, this is not to say that your desire alone is enough to teach a dog to come or heel. But your real feelings are projected to the dog and do affect his behavior and his decisions.

By looking at the world through dog eyes once in a while, you will understand things about your dog that you previously did not. More than that, you will begin to understand things about yourself that you did not understand before. Her's an example of how this can work.

After years and years of teaching other people's dogs and my own dogs not to jump on people, I found I was postponing teaching this to Scarlet. One day I discovered that I had a 70lb. dog who jumped all over me, and all over anyone else she loved, entirely at her own will. Since I was adamant about not letting dogs jump up for these past many years, I thought that this must not be an accident. I wasn't too busy to teach her not to jump up. It wasn't either that I didn't know how to teach her not to jump. Indeed, if that were true, I could find plenty of sources for the information. It must be something else, something I felt deeply and wasn't aware of, so that when my lips said "NO! NO!" my feeling told Scarlet "YES". Was she confused? Not in the least. She kept right on jumping.

One day I realized why Scarlet was still jumping on me. Interestingly enough, I suspected but didn't really see the truth until my relationship with Scarlet grew to the point where I not longer needed her jump on me when I came home. When Scarlet was the age that I would have begun to teach her not to jump up on me, Oliver, my long-term Golden Retriever buddy, died. Having lost that closeness I had with my dear, old friend, I apparently needed the extra oomph of Scarlet jumping on me to make up for the difference. I know I really loved it when she jumped on me-but as she got bigger and bigger, my friends and family didn't think it was so cute. Why, I wondered, am I allowing myself to be so rude: Recently, I began to feel much of the richness of good communication with Scarlet that I had felt for years with Oliver. At that time, I was able, as well to break this stupid habit. (Well, almost break it.)

Sometimes when you stop and think about something your dog is doing, it will reveal something you didn't know about yourself. After all, much of your dog's behavior comes from his ability to reflect your own deep feelings. In my case, Scarlet's jumping on me let me know quite profoundly how very long the healing process takes when you lose a dear friend. In other cases, I have seen (by observing the dog's behavior) previously hidden evidence in people of fear, anger, vulnerability and other strong feelings that I was able to diplomatically reveal to them with the help of their pets.

Understanding your dog--which includes trying to better understand yourself--is a rewarding experience. Often it can mean replacing something false with something genuine and in these cases, both the owner and the dog will benefit from the discovery. ☺ ☺ ☺





TRAINING FOR COMPETITION



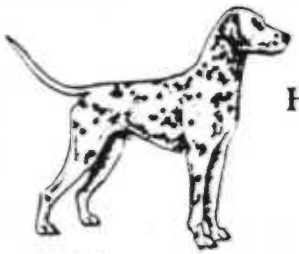
Are you, the handler, losing unnecessary points in the obedience ring? Are you causing your dog to lag the moment the judge says "forward" by taking too large a "first" step? Is your dog working to your pace or are you working to his?

Not every dog and handler team has the potential for scoring a perfect "200", but why go into the ring and lose anywhere from seven to twelve points on unnecessary handler errors?

If you are interested in not only teaching your dog obedience, but also learning handling techniques and ring procedure, join the **BLUE RIBBON TRAINING CLASS.** *Classes are held on Thursday evenings and some weekends. Weekends are reserved for those who are interested in jumping and agility training.*

For more information call Cindy Lyford at (619) 390-2770.

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Kathy Martin

HELP YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND

Not all dogs are instant pals!

It's not a pleasant statistic. Each year, many children are the victims of dog bites. The saddest part is that so many of them could have been prevented. So many of them need never have happened. The prime responsibility lies with the dog owner, of course. No dog should be allowed to roam loose or unsupervised.

But many of those dog bites may be unintentionally provoked by the children themselves.

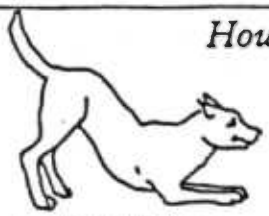
Have you ever been awakened by someone shaking you and responded by striking out at them in your semi-somnambulistic state? The action might even have coincided with a dream in which you were being attacked. A dog who is suddenly awakened by an innocent hug from a toddler may well react spontaneously, and a dog's only weapons are his teeth. Even a beloved family pet may be temporarily disoriented and react defensively. Warn your children that the old adage 'Let sleeping dogs lie' still has validity.

Sudden rushes at strange dogs may also provoke bites. There's no reason for a child to fear dogs but a bit of healthy respect and caution is well advised. Youngsters who have been conditioned by exposure to television dogs such as Lassie or Benji might well grow up thinking all dogs welcome friendly advances. Too often, children are prompted to suddenly hug or pat a strange dog. Or they may startle the dog by shoving their faces close to the dog's. Teach them to first ask the owner for permission to pet the dog and then not to move too quickly when approaching the animal. If the animal draws back, bares his teeth or shows signs of fear, the child should not attempt to press his attentions further.

Children don't like to be teased. Neither do dogs. Yet youngsters are often guilty of the very behavio.r they themselves dislike. They may be tempted to hold food in front of the dog and then snatch it away when he reaches for it — an action that may cause him to snap in order to grab the edible before it disappears again. Or they may rile up a neighbo.rhood dog by running sticks along 'his' fence or poking at him, little realizing that an unlatched gate or torn fence may one day give the dog a chance to go after his antagonists. Kindness is the key word here. And it's worthwhile to remind the children that the old golden rule of 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you' applies to animals as well as people.

BODY LANGUAGE

How your dog talks. From Dogs in Canada



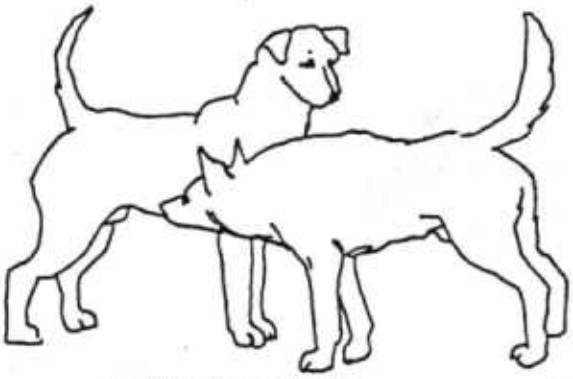
INVITING PLAY

When a dog assumes this position, he's already to leap into a game. He almost seems to 'grin' at you as he practically quivers with excitement, tail wagging wildly. He may lift a paw in invitation, too.



SUBMISSION

When a dog recognizes another dog — or you — as leader, he'll almost shrink, pulling into himself and laying his ears back. He'll probably crouch a bit or even lie down. This 'leader/follower' system is instinctive with dogs, for their social order.



GREETING RITUAL

When two dogs meet they may circle each other warily, sniffing. The more dominant dog (more aggressive and sure of himself) will walk stiff-leggedly and almost on tiptoe (to make himself appear larger). His tail, if it's long enough, will be erect, and his neck arched. If the other dog is happy to let him be 'boss,' he will stand still and allow himself to be sniffed and investigated. If quite submissive, he may cringe, tuck his tail under and lay his ears flat back. He might even lie down. This same kind of behaviour can be seen when *you* meet a dog. If he is the dominant, aggressive kind, you may be wise to leave him alone.



FEAR

More dangerous than the confidently aggressive dog is the one who's motivated by fear. His ears are laid back and he may or may not show his teeth. Don't get too close, as he's unpredictable and may snap in defence.

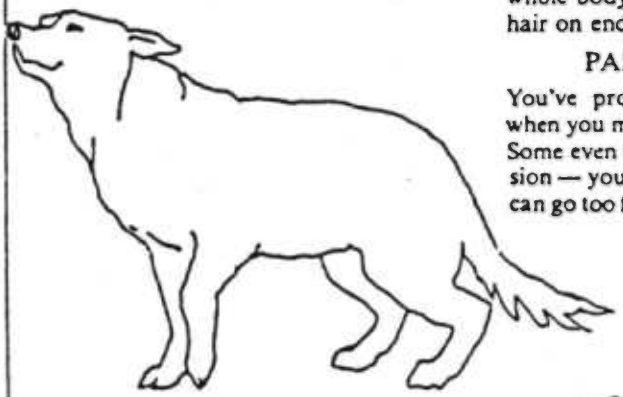


AGGRESSION

The look of pure aggression is frightening — and it's meant to be. The eyes are fixed on the enemy in a stare and the lips are drawn up, baring the teeth. The nose is wrinkled. Unlike the fearful-aggressive dog, the head is held high and the ears are forward. His whole body is tense, the tail is erect and his hair on end. Walk slowly away.

PASSIVE SUBMISSION

You've probably encountered dogs who, when you meet them, lie down and roll over. Some even whiddle. This is extreme submission — you are *really* the boss. Sometimes it can go too far, becoming a nuisance.



CONTRITION

"I'm sorry" says the dog's expression. Perhaps you've scolded him and he wants to be forgiven. He'll kind of slink, with his head turned to the side, eyes glancing upward with a pleading look. How can you resist? Give him a hug and he'll be transformed



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DCA GENERAL MEETING -- AUGUST 11, 1992

– Mary Johnson

The General Membership meeting was called to order, and the chairmen of the various committees were called upon to give their reports. Committee reports given in the RCC meeting report will not be repeated here.

The Education Committee has arranged to have Gail Fisher as speaker at the 1993 National Specialty in Kentucky. The title of her speech will be "Strategies for Success."

Road Trial Chairman Linda Myers reported that road trials will be held with regional specialties when there is a proper venue for the event. A road trial will be held in 1993 at the Horse Park in Kentucky, in conjunction with the national specialty. More stewards are needed than anticipated to control aggressive dogs. A 7-minute road trial video is available to purchase from Janet Seltzer for $15.

Steering Committee Chairman Peggy Rudder announced that the 1993 Specialty will be held in Lexington, Kentucky at the Horse Park. Show Chairman is Mary Miller. Show headquarters is the Holiday Inn, Lexington-North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511-9958 (phone 606-233-0512). Reservations will not be accepted until after September 1, 1992. The flat rate is $80 per room. Margie Doane and Ronnie-Ellen Fischler will be captains of baseball teams. Competition between the Livers and the Black Spots is ferocious. Cheerleaders will be needed as well as team players. Tracking will be held, as well as a road trial. Michelle Billings will judge bitches; Paula Hartinger will judge dogs and intersex.

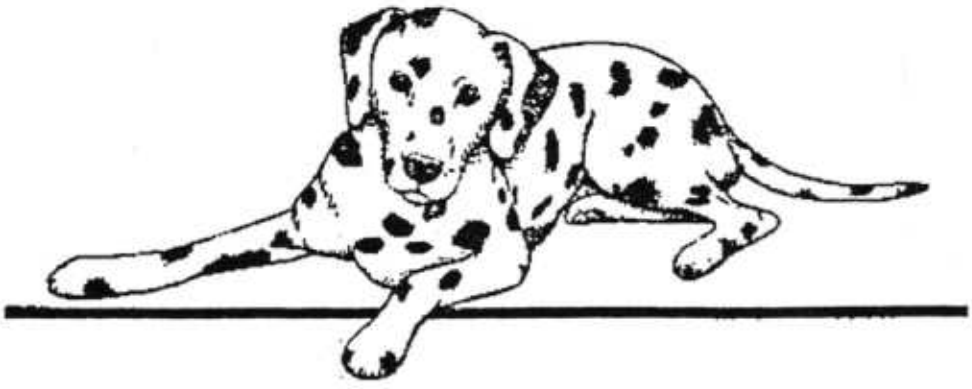
1994 -- N. California; Chairman Kathy Shorr; third week of July at the Embassy Suite Hotel. $99 for rooms, including continental breakfast and daily afternoon cocktail hour.

1995 -- Chicagoland Dal Club hosts. John Benoit, Show Chairman.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Lenore Liggett with committee members Lois Withew and John Lyons. If you are interested in running for the DCA Board, please contact one of the committee members.

Research Committee: Edite Walter presented information about the new proposed research project being prepared by scientists and veterinarians from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. The project will need to have contact with owners of stud dogs who have sired in excess of 100 puppies and that have less than a three percent rate of deafness. (Unis, for the purpose of this study, are considered as deaf. The three percent, which must be determined by BAER testing, therefore includes deafs **and** unis.) If you have such a male and are willing to participate in this research, please contact Sharron Podleski at 616-895-6749.

Carol Weiss, a member of the Research Committee, has constructed a Primer on Uric Acid problems in Dalmatians. It will be available to clubs early next year.



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1992 Regional Club Council Report

– Mary Johnson

The RCC meeting was held on Sunday, August 8, 1992, chaired by Jan Nelson. A brief summary of the DCA Board meeting held the previous night was given. Highlights of the Board report are:

1. DCA Historian Amy Lipschutz reports that there are gaps in DCA history, particularly from the '40s and '50s. Donations of catalogs and other memorabilia from private collections would be greatly appreciated.

2. The new DCA book project is now underway. Chairman Sue MacMillan will soon be asking for help from DCA members, and information will be forthcoming through the regional club representatives on what is needed and when. The book will be printed on high quality paper and will cost about $50. It will contain many color and black and white pictures, but not necessarily show photos. "Family" pictures will be included. There will be about 500 pages with around 800 pictures.

3. DCA Breeder Referral Coordinator Gerri Lightholder will handle phone requests for information about Dalmatians from around the country. Many, but not all, regional clubs have appointed regional coordinators to assist locally with these calls. Gerri asks that those clubs who have not yet appointed a coordinator please do so as soon as possible and send the names to her.

4. Discussion was held concerning the awarding of DCA medallions to clubs that hold multiple specialties annually. There are now 37 regional clubs with more being formed yearly. It was decided to continue presenting the medallions at all specialties unless or until the cost becomes prohibitive.

The evening's program was conducted by Hal Shorr who is a member of the Rescue Committee of the Northern California Dalmatian Club. The purpose was not to persuade or dissuade regional clubs from having rescue committees, but rather, to give information from a club with a successful program. Many handouts were available, and they will be presented at the DCD September meeting.

Many suggestions were presented by Hal as well as from RCC reps from clubs with successful rescue committees. Some suggestions are:

1. Chris Jackson from the Maryland club stressed the need to establish who is the legal owner of a dog accepted for placement.

2. Since one of the biggest difficulties in conducting a rescue service is in finding sufficient foster homes, one good suggestion is to ask people who have already adopted a rescue dog to provide temporary shelter for a second dog. Some clubs buy dog runs for people who agree to foster rescue dogs.

3. Club members must agree to be responsible for their own breedings in some clubs. If they are unwilling to handle rescue dogs out of their own breeding program, they must be willing to pay the rescue committee to do it for them.

4. Ask former dog owners for equipment no longer needed, such as crates, runs, collars, leashes, etc.

5. Fund raising suggestions:
   a. set up photographing booth at a mall during holiday times for "pet poses–all breeds–with Santa (Easter Bunny)". The Maryland club raised $1800 one year. At the same time, a puppy basket raffle can be held, as well as selling T-shirts and sweatshirts.
   b. Cash raffle – print 250 tickets at $20 a ticket (four people paying $5 each) with 9 prizes of $100 each. One club made $1500 doing this.
   c. Matches with a 50/50 raffle; tattoo clinics, etc.

After the program, each club was asked to give information on its next regional club specialty. A calendar of specialties is being constructed and will be distributed through the RCC reps when completed.



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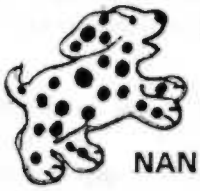
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MEETING NOTICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER I4, I992



DOG DAZE

at

NAN & KEN PHIPPS'



II332 MORENO AVENUE

LAKESIDE

(619) 390-7421

BOARD MEETING 2:00 p.m.

GAMES BEGIN 3:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

DIRECTIONS: 8 east to 67 —continue through light at Mapleview--turn RIGHT onto Willow Rd. (Circle K)--1st LEFT onto Moreno--look for KENNAN RIDING CTR. on LEFT.

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Next Meeting:

December 19 Debbie Goddard

PRESIDENT'S SPOT

It was good to see so many of you in attendance at our October meeting. It is really important to have a nice size turn out when there is a program planned; especially, a speaker. Thanks go out to Marjorie Hudson for the excellent and helpful information she gave us.

Be sure to bring your dogs to our next meeting at Nan & Ken's as it should prove to be a really fun day. New games are planned (along with some of the old ones). Please plan to arrive about 2:30 p.m. to get your xpens/crates set up. **Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share and whatever you want to drink.**

Anybody interested in a video of the September 14, Silver Bay KC puppy match, should give Kathy Martin a blank tape and she'll make a copy for you.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

November I5, I992----Touch Therapy----
Agility Club S.D.--Betty Fisher & Lou Powers--FMI--588-6491

November 2I, I992--Introductory Obedience
Hidden Valley O.C.--FMI--259-5307

Remember the deadline for December's DOT TO DOT is November 20; bring your articles/ brags to the meeting at Nan's.

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GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 17,1992

The General meeting of DCSDC was called to order by President Lisa Means at 1:50 p.m. at the home of Cindy Lyford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT—LISA MEANS

No report

SECRETARY—CINDY LYFORD

Correspondence received from DCA regarding stones in the Dal. Also a questionnaire on rescue from the Gr. Washington Dal Club. This was completed and returned to them.

TREASURER—NANCY DANDREA

New balance—$806.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MATCH SHOW—CAROL PETIT

Carol reported that everything is set except that she needs a volunteer to organize a pot luck luncheon. Joyce Uber, a prospective member, volunteered.. Carol also reported that one of the TV stations would be there doing a report on rescue. The craft party will be on Saturday, October 24th.

NOMINATING—DEBBI JONES

Three members were chosen by the nominating committee to fill two Board positions: Carol Petit, Debbie Goddard and Annelle Wilterding. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our November meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annelle will work on the logo and present it at our next meeting.

Sharon asked for $180. for the incorporation process. Approved.

Our club ad appeared in the wrong section of the newspaper. Debbie Goddard will get this straightened out. Also, we were too late to get into the Breeders' Directory.

It was brought up that individuals have to adopt a dog from the Humane Society—that they won't release a dog to the club. Randy will discuss this with the Humane Society director. He will also talk to other specialty clubs about this problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Carol Petit passed out a form on Dog Show Activity. The AKC requires this information from each club member prior to approval. Copies will be handed out at our next meeting. These should be filled out and returned to her at our December meeting. These forms will be handed out yearly.

Following brags the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

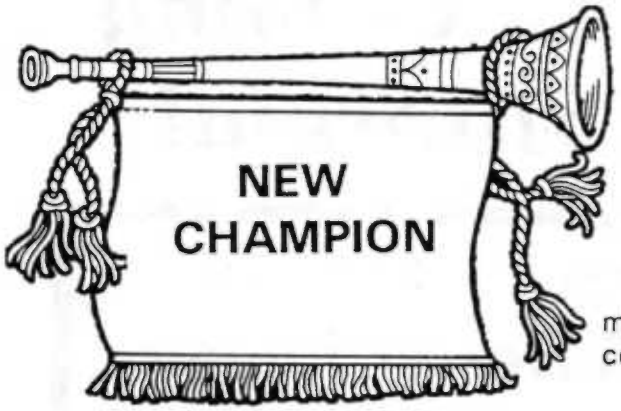


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LAS VEGAS SPECIALTY WEEKEND

LABYRINTH HIGH BARBAREE 'ABBIE'
Owner/handler: NAN PHIPPS

ABBIE finished her championship with back to back 5pt. majors. Let's hope we see this typey bitch (I mean Abbie, of course. - Ed.) in the obedience and agility rings soon!

CH. BG AND HANSOM ALL FIRED UP sends his congratulations to his multiple ribbon winning kids:



JEREL WHITE BLAZING FIRE	
JEREL LIGHT MY FIRE	WD/Sat.—RWD/Sun.
COACHMAN'S CITY SLICKER	RWD/Sat.
HANSOM HIGH DIMENSION	
HANSOM HIGH TECH	
HANSOM HIGH INTENSITY	
HANSOM ALL TIME HIGH	RWB/Sun.
JEREL'S FIREY ONE-O-ONE	

Thanks kids, for helping Harley win the stud dog class! Carol and Ed Petit

DOBE FUN MATCH

HANSOM N ECHO JUST A GIGILO GROUP 1 SR.
Owners: Cindy Lyford, Carol and Ed Petit

HANSOM HIGH DIMENSION GROUP 2 JR.
Owners: Carol and Ed Petit

MORRIS SPENCER DREWSON Sub-novice A 194-1/2
Owner: Kathy Martin



Sally Richerson will be the official photographer at the December 6th match show. Be sure to look her up if you would like a great photo of your Dal.

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(Limited Availability on Private Lessons)

Amount Enclosed: $_____
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1992 Dalmatian Club of America's Annual Educational Seminar,
August 10th in Reading, Pennsylvania:

URINARY STONES IN DALMATIANS AND OTHER CANINES

JOSEPH W. BARTGES, DVM
Minnesota Urolith Center
University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine
St. Paul, Minnesota

Important Note! Dr. Bartges' lecture was videotaped by Carolyn Bolt for the DCA lending library maintained by Cheryl Steinmetz. The videotape is currently being edited with Susan Brooksbank, Chair of the DCA Education Committee which arranged for Dr. Bartges' appearance in Reading, and will be available for loan out in the very near future. The following summary is just the "tip of the iceberg" from his thoroughly complete up-to-the-minute status of urinary stone-forming in dogs including Dalmatians.

Obstruction of urine flow by stones or by other causes, left untreated, is an emergency situation and can quickly become a life-threatening condition. The most desirable goals when confronted with a stone-forming Dalmatian is to relieve and remove the obstruction if present, either dissolve the stones or remove them by surgery and to put the Dal then on a preventative treatment program to minimize further stone-forming problems. In order to do this, some concepts of urinary crystals and stones must be understood.

The vast majority of canine stones, including those occurring in Dalmatians, are found in the lower urinary system (bladder, urethra). Unlike other breeds, the liver and kidney of Dalmatians appear to process certain substances called "purines" in a unique fashion, setting the stage for possible crystal and stone formation in the urine. In some Dalmatians, this defect and their diet cumulatively result in what is termed "unstable urine." Unstable urine occurs when many factors exist including but not limited to: abnormal pH of the urine, supersaturation of the urine, presence in the urine of crystal-forming compounds, abnormal urinary temperature, etc.

Crystals and stones will form in supersaturated urine and should be identified as to their mineral content to determine specific preventative protocols which are different mineral-to-mineral. Of 11,269 stones (all breeds) sent to the Minnesota Urolith Center for assay, the predominate mineral was struvite, followed by calcium oxalate and purines which include urates (uric acid or sodium urate or ammonium acid urate). The most common Dalmatian stones were urates and, of those, the most common form was ammonium acid urate.

Urinary infections can cause stone formation, most frequently struvite stones, when the pH generally is alkaline (above 7.0). Two to three percent of all dogs develop urinary infections, and the three bacterial species most commonly causing them are ***E. coli, Staphylococcus*** and ***Proteus***. Of the three species, ***E. coli*** is found most often but does not predispose to stone formation. However, urinary infections with ***Staph.*** or ***Proteus*** are stone-forming when Dr. Bartges cited the urinary pH can alkalinize up to 7.8 or 7.9.

Urinary infections do not create urate stones (the most common Dalmatian ones) but conversely **urate stones once present can cause "secondary" urinary infections** where none existed before and the infection, in turn, can then complicate the diagnosis.

Non-surgical treatment of stone-forming Dalmatians involves:

1) locating the site of stones and their number by direct or indirect x-ray or ultrasound. (Urate stones, the most common in Dalmatians, do not show up under standard x-rays. Their visualization requires other x-ray techniques or ultrasound),

2) removal of existing stones from where they are blocking urine flow,

3) identifying their mineral content,

4) antibiotics for prevention or treatment of urinary infection,

5) anti-stone-forming diet, and

6) anti-stone-forming drugs.

If the Dalmatian's urine flow is blocked by stones and the bladder has not been able to be emptied but instead has filled to the point of causing pressure and pain by being dammed up, Dr. Bartges recommended "urinary cystocentesis" whereby a needle is inserted through the abdomen into the bladder and the urine is withdrawn by a syringe. This tapping of urine from within the bladder "buys time" while the dog's condition is evaluated and attempts to succeed with non-surgical treatment proceed. Some small stones can be flushed out by use of a catheter whose end has been cut and smoothed. A final method of immediately reopening the urine flow is "urinary hydropropulsion" whereby saline is forced under pressure through a catheter into the urinary pathway and the fluid back-flushes the stones up into the bladder. The hydropropulsion may have to be repeated more than once and most dogs tolerate the procedure well, Dr. Bartges added.

Assay of the crystal or stone mineral content, he explained, can be done by two methods: qualitative and quantitative. Qualitative assay has been shown to have as many as 60 percent errors and additionally does not identify xanthine, one of the purines which can form Dalmatian stones. Dr. Bartges urges assay of crystals or stones only by quantitative methods. His Minnesota Urolith Center does not charge for this type of identification.

For Dalmatians whose crystals or stones have been assayed to be purines and in particular ammonium acid urate (the most common Dalmatian one), a preventative program can be started including:

1) Hill's u/d, a milk protein-based prescription diet which has been shown to be effective against urate stone-forming,

2) the drug, allopurinol, which is effective in dissolving of urate stones, and

3) changing the acidic urine associated with urate stone-forming by giving the Dal an alkalinizing agent like potassium citrate although, Dr. Bartges added, the u/d diet alone should suffice to alkalinize the urine.

Dr. Bartges noted that current food labeling does not list which ingredients are high in purines but in general, **"high protein" foods such as meat and beef contain a great deal of purines** and are foods to be avoided for purine stone-forming dogs like Dalmatians and Bulldogs. Other foods high in purines are broccoli, coffee and tea.

Dr. Bartges cautioned that recent studies have shown the amount of dosage of the drug allopurinol should be carefully prescribed because it can paradoxically cause the formation of xanthine, another purine stone. This side effect has been prevalent when allopurinol is given to dogs also receiving a high protein diet but is much less frequent when the diet is low in protein and, in particular, low in those proteins containing purines. When allopurinol is given the same time as the antibiotic, Ampicillin, another side effect of drug treatment may be dermatitis.

Dr. Bartges concluded by emphasizing that if the stones causing urine blockage can be removed by passing or by catheterization or by hydropropulsion, bladder surgery can be avoided in many instances. If non-surgical treatment is successful, stones may be passed or dissolved within an average of three months. If stones are still creating problems after that time, one or all of four explanations may explain the disappointing results:

1) the wrong mineral was identified and accordingly the wrong treatment to dissolve stones containing it was used,

2) the original mineral content was correct but subsequently other and different minerals were created,

3) stone-forming drugs were given,

4) either or both owner and dog were not strictly and conscientiously following the treatment procedures.

The most important key to successful non-surgical treatment of urinary stones, Dr. Bartges stressed, is frequent, periodic monitoring of the stone-forming Dalmatian.

Reported by Carroll H. Weiss
Study Group on Urinary Stones
Research Committee of the DCA

BULLETIN for DCA Regional Clubs /

From: Research Committee of the Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.

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For Immediate Release

Caution Urged for Drug Treatment of Stone-Forming Dals

Scientific articles in veterinary journals and textbooks are reporting new cautions in giving allopurinol and vitamin C to stone-forming Dalmatians.

For more than a decade, when stones or crystals in Dalmatian urine had been assayed as urate (either uric acid or sodium urate or ammonium acid urate), veterinarians prescribed allopurinol, a highly effective anti-urate medication. It now appears that overdosage with allopurinol may create xanthine stones, another form of urates. Xanthine stones cannot be dissolved and, once present (unlike other urates), surgery is the only method to remove them.

The report was on 9 Dalmatians and 1 Australian Shepherd and from the California Urinary Stone Analysis Laboratory of the University of California at Davis, by Dr. Gerald Ling and staff. Dr. Ling's group is one of a very few veterinary medical centers in the United States specializing in urinary stones in small animals.

Dalmatian dosage of the drug was cited to range from 450 mg. of allopurinol daily up to 2,400 mg. The article, published in the June 1991 issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medicine Association,* discusses procedures by which each dog can be evaluated to individualize the proper amount of allopurinol so that the anti-urate benefit of the drug need not be denied them.

Statistics from another U.S. center, the Minnesota Urinary Stone Center of Dr. Carl Osborne at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center in St. Paul, show one of the most common urinary stones in Dalmatians is calcium oxalate. Because vitamin C is a precursor of this mineral, Dalmatian fanciers are urged not to give vitamin C to their dogs.

The Research Committee of the Dalmatian Club of America has organized several Study Groups each of which is assigned, among other responsibilities, the gathering of the latest up-to-date information about one aspect of possible health concerns in the breed. The Study Groups include: Allergies, Hearing, IgA & Immune Disorders, Musculoskeletal & Dysplasia, Seizures, Thyroid Disorders, and Urinary Stones.

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IBUPROFEN POISONING IN DOGS

Ibuprofen (the active ingredient in Motrin, Advil, Nuprin) may not be suitable for your Dals:

1. Dogs cannot metabolize ibuprofen adequately--even a very small amount leads to toxic blood levels.

2. A dog with ibuprofen poisoning will have some or all of these--vomiting, diarrhea, bloody stool, anorexia, increased thirst and urination, uncoordinated behavior and decreased level of consciousness.

3. Prompt aggressive treatment is needed--if this has occurred. First steps would include gastric emptying and administration of activated charcoal and saline cathartic.

This article was reprinted from *Spotted Dick's Almanac*, via *101 Spots,* via *The Splatter.*



BEWARE PENNYROYAL OIL

In the never-ending search for the perfect flea product, owners may try almost anything. Advertisements may imply that "natural" products are superior to - and safer than - those that are synthetic or man-made. However, natural products can be toxic too.

Health food stores, pet shops, feed stores, grocery stores and some veterinary hospitals sell various flea repellents that contain an ingredient called pennyroyal oil, derived from the pennyroyal plant, squaw mint or mosquito plant (Mentha puleguim and Hedeoma pulegoides). The toxic ingredient, pulegon, is historically known for repelling fleas. Unfortunately, what appears as a "natural" way to repel fleas (which may be interpreted as safer) can cause a dog's death.

Pennyroyal oil is extremely toxic to the liver of many animals, including humans. Symptoms of toxicity result within hours of application, beginning with listlessness, vomiting, diarrhea and bleeding from the nose, mouth and intestines. Exposure may possibly culminate with convulsions. Depending upon the amount of exposure, treatment may be futile and death may ensue within one to two days.

DO NOT use pennyroyal oil in its pure form. And be cautious with shampoos, powders and any other form of flea product containing pennyroyal oil. Your best bet is to use only approved, reliable flea products. Ask your veterinarian about new products or those that seem questionable.

Remember...natural does not necessarily mean safer. After all, arsenic and cyanide are natural, too! (via *Journal of the AVMA,* via *AKC Gazette,* via *Dal Tales)*

TRAINING FOR COMPETITION



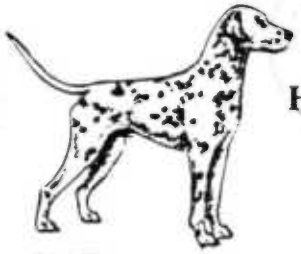
Are you, the handler, losing unnecessary points in the obedience ring? Are you causing your dog to lag the moment the judge says "forward" by taking too large a "first" step? Is your dog working to your pace or are you working to his?

Not every dog and handler team has the potential for scoring a perfect "200", but why go into the ring and lose anywhere from seven to twelve points on unnecessary handler errors?

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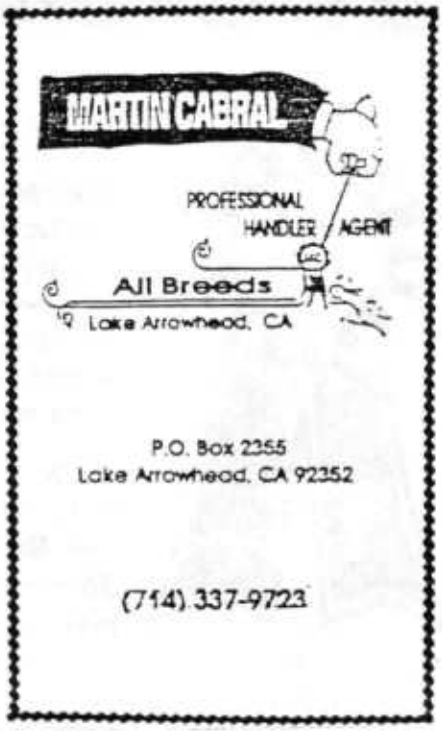
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Volume II Number 9 December 1992

O come all Ye faithful

To the Christmas Party at

CHUCK & ELAINE DAVIS'





There will be no January meeting or DOT TO DOT. Remember the deadline for February's DOT TO DOT is January 15; send your articles/brags to Cindy Lyford.

THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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GENERAL MINUTES

The general meeting of DCSDC was held on November 13, 1993 following the Dal judging at the Del Sur KC show. President, Debbie Goddard opened the meeting at 9:35a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT--CINDY LYFORD
Cindy reported receiving correspondence from AKC and the Regional Council--both items to be included in the next newsletter. Also, there was a flyer from Zed Wear which was passed out at the meeting. It was also announced that there was one DCA lotto ticket left. It was purchased immediately. Cindy gave the treasurer, Debbi Jones, a form to be sent to DCNC for the first place trophy that we'll be sponsoring. Cindy also collected $1 from club members for our DCSDC lotto ticket. The checks and stubs will be sent to DCNC by the middle of December.

TREASURER'S REPORT--DEBBI JONES
Beginning balance: $905.16
Debbi reported that we took in $92. in entry fees for our October Match and $66. for our raffle that day.
A check for $150. was written and sent to the IRS.
New balance: $913.16
Debbi reminded everybody that our dues are due by December 31st and suggested that we bring a check to the Christmas party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING--CINDY LYFORD, NAN PHIPPS, MIKE WAGNER
The following people were recommended by the nominating committee: Sharon Thomsen, Annelle Wilterding and Jan Hill. Nominations were then opened to the floor. There were no other nominations. Election

of new Board members will take place at the December meeting.

MATCH SHOW--DEBBIE GODDARD
Debbie reported that we had thirteen conformation entries and seven obedience entries. The financial report was included in the Treasurer's report. We also had a Stop, Drop and Roll demonstration put on by members Tom and Leuit Smith and El Centro firefighter Larry McArthur. Our Third Annual Dog Daze went off well and everyone seemed to have a great time.

EDUCATION--DEBBIE GODDARD
Debbie passed around a club information letter that she has been including with our Dalmatian pamphlets. She also showed us some different styles of stationary. She will bring more samples to our December meeting. Debbie said that she'd been getting a lot of calls from people who wanted Dals and from people who wanted to place their Dals. As a club we are not picking up or boarding dogs, but we are putting people in contact with each other. We are leaving total responsibility as to health, temperament etc. up to the interested parties. At this point we are just a referral service.

NEW BUSINESS
Chuck Davis has accepted the position as our AKC liason in conjunction with applying for sanctioning. He will be contacting members in regards to any information that they might have on DCSDC. He will get this information together and will send it in to the AKC.

Debbie mentioned that there was a Microchip clinic in Chula Vista.

John Tigner sent out an alert to all members to be very careful about poisons around the house. While staying with a friend this weekend, Tango ate a box of snail bait. She was rushed immediately to the emergency clinic last night and is still receiving treatment there today.

Debbie thanked Tom And Carole Harris for letting us use their RV spot AGAIN for our meeting place. She also introduced our guests.

Following brags, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

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REMINDER

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR BUSINESS CARD IN DOT to DOT PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
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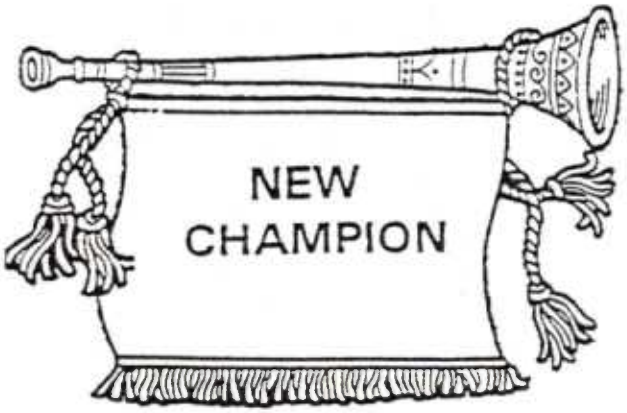
HILL-N-DAL'S M'LADY MERCEDES — DEL SUR KC BOS
owners: Jan Hill & Debbi Jones

HILL-N-DAL'S NOEL BROCK CREEK (SAMANTHA) — DEL SUR KC WB
owners: Tom & Michele Smith & Jan Hill — NOLAN RIVER KC WB

LIEUTENANT SNOWY BROCK CREEK — DEL SUR KC RWD
owners; Michele & Tom Smith — TUSCON KC RWD

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owner: Cindy Lyford
breeders: Sharon & Randy Thomsen

CABRILLO KC MATCH
SUB-Novice A 156
SUB-NOVICE B 154
out of a possible 160



HILL-N-DAL'S FEATHER RIVER BELLE
owner: Jan Hill & E. Johnson

Rosie finished at Superstition KC!!





YOUR 1994 DUES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31st! DUES ARE $15. PER MEMBER. IF YOU JOINED THE CLUB AFTER JUNE 30th, YOU ONLY OWE $7.50 FOR THE COMING YEAR. SAVE YOURSELF 29 CENTS AND BRING YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO DCSDC TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!!



A N N U A L C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y

Our Christmas party will be held at the home of Chuck & Elaine Davis on Saturday, December 18th. The festivities will start with a Happy Hour at 6P.M. with dinner, our general meeting and a gift exchange to follow.

The Davis' will be providing drinks and our main course, a honey baked ham. Members are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres, salads and desserts. Please check the following schedule:

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH:	PLEASE BRING:
A - L	HORS D'OEUVRES
M - R	SALADS
S - Z	DESSERTS

Please give the Davis' a call to let them know if you'll be attending.

The gifts for the gift exchange should be in the $10. range. If you would like to receive a gift, please bring one.

A map to Chuck & Elaine's will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

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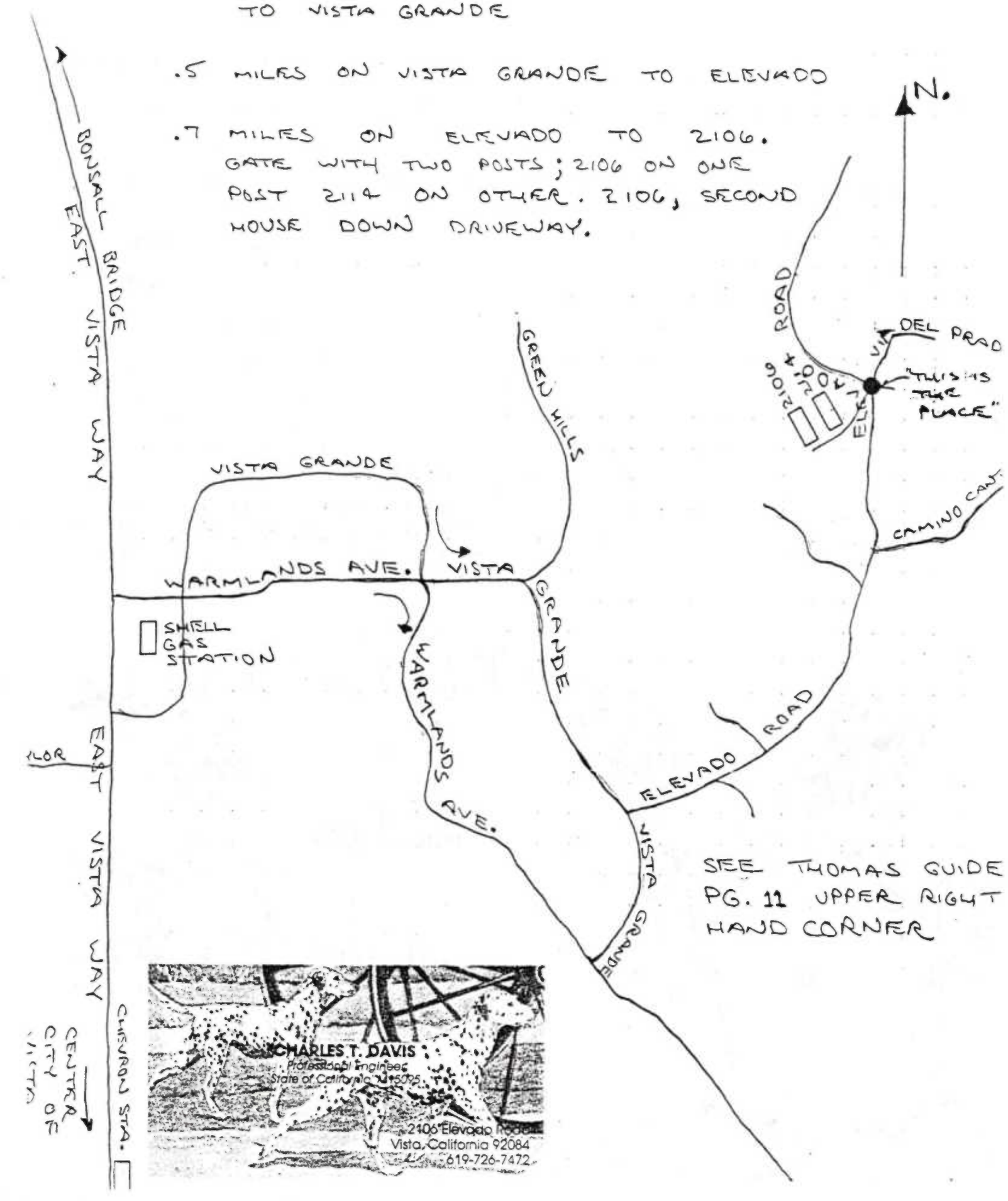
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MATCH SHOW RESULTS

PUPPY DOGS	2-4 mo.	HUTSON'S HOSED UP ARSENIST owner: Christy Baker
PUPPY DOGS	6-9mo.	HILL-N-DAL'S FAMILY TRADITION owners: Jan Hill & Nancy Dandrea
PUPPY DOGS	9-12mo.	HILL-N-DAL'S AMIES LIL CHIP owner: Patricia Wagner
PUPPY BITCHES	2-4 mo.	SHANDRYDAN'S MID SUMMER NITE owners: Kathy Martin & Cindy Lyford
PUPPY BITCHES	4-6mo.	SUNNYGLEN'S SOME LIKE IT HOT owners: Mary Widder & Annelle Wilterding
PUPPY BITCHES	6-9mo.	STARCOACH GRACEFUL PRESENCE owner: Nancy Dandrea
PUPPY BITCHES	9-12mo.	HILL-N-DAL'S NOEL BROCK CREEK owners: Tom & Michele Smith & Jan Hill

BEST JR. IN MATCH	SUNNYGLEN'S SOME LIKE IT HOT
BEST OPPOSITE JR.	HILL-N-DAL'S FAMILY TRADITION

OPEN DOG	HILL-N-DAL'S AMADEUS WAGNER owner: Mike Wagner
OPEN BITCH	ECHO'S PURRFECT ALIBI OF RASHAR owner: Cindy Lyford

BEST SR. IN MATCH	ECHO'S PURRFECT ALIBI OF RASHAR
BEST IN MATCH	SUNNYGLEN'S SOME LIKE IT HOT

SUB-NOVICE A	FIRECOACH'S FLAME FATALE--194 owner: Debbie Goddard
NOVICE A	CH. LABYRINTH HIGH BARBAREE--194 owner: Nan Phipps

HIGH IN MATCH — FIRECOACH'S FLAME FATALE--194+

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR MATCH; ESPECIALLY, TO JUDGE GENE MILLS WHO WAS WONDERFUL WITH OUR YOUNG PUPPIES.

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TOM & MICHELE SMITH TOOK SOME GREAT PICTURES OF OUR MATCH. THEY WILL BE BRINGING THEM TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. BOYD GODDARD DID A SUPER JOB WITH THE VIDEO CAMERA RECORDING DOG DAZE. THE SOUND EFFECTS ARE GREAT! WE WILL HAVE THE TAPE THERE ALSO.

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October 19, 1993

ATTENTION ALL REGIONAL CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITORS

It has been brought to my attention by Carol Schubert, DCA Judge's Education Co-ordinator, via Dr. Charles Garvin, DCA President, that there is an omission in the breed standard as printed in the 1993 DCA Membership booklet.

The second paragraph under the heading of GENERAL APPEARANCE has been omitted. It should read -

> "Deviations from the described ideal should be penalized in direct proportion to the degree of the deviation."

Obviously this is an important statement of how to properly interpret the standard.

The quickest way I know of to circulate news of this omission is through the Regional Club Newsletters. I would appreciate it if you would give top priority and conspicuous placement to the correction of this omission. Also please bring it to the attention of your local members in any other way possible.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If I can be of help to your Club in matters regarding the breed standard, please fell free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Howison

cc: C. Schubert
C. Garvin

ON A SAD NOTE

John Tigner's bitch, Tango,

HILL-N-DAL'S TANGO SAGE DEALE

did not recover from eating the box of snail bait. Our hearts go out to you, John.

Holiday Caution List



Christmas

Train your dog to stay away from the tree. Some dogs will be tempted to lay beneath it, but it's not safe. Dogs can break ornaments and get cut or swallow small pieces.

An animal's stress may result in flight or fight instincts. Stressed-out dogs have been known to bite guests or bolt through an open door to escape the noise. As the host or hostess you may not even realize your dog is missing until many hours and miles later.

Children guests who are not familiar with dogs could sit on your dog or pull his tail or fur. If your dog reacts to stress by fighting back, these children are in danger of being bitten.

New Year's

Adult party-goers can be cruel and senseless. Under no conditions should guests give your dog alcohol because they think "its cute." Dogs can get ill from drinking and eating rich foods which are different from their usual diet. Paws and tails are susceptible to being stepped on while guests mingle and dance.

Some people just don't like to have dogs around. Keeping your dog out of sight may be the best thing for you, your dog and your guests. Confine your dog to a separate area of the house and put up a sign warning guests that there is a dog inside and "Do not open door."

Make sure your dog is wearing traceable identification in case he does get loose. from ON THE SPOT-Gr. Washington

Thanks to Helen Massey for submitting this. Dal Club

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October 20, 1993

Study Group on Urinary Stones
Research Committee
Dalmatian Club of America

Letters-to-the-Editor
Newsletters of Dal Regional Clubs

Dear Editor:

Within recent years, a national controversy exploded throughout dog breeders concerning the presence of ethoxyquin in commercial dog foods and its alleged adverse effects, especially in pregnant bitches and their whelps. For those of us in the Dalmatian fancy, the DCA mailed a special information survey about the controversy as prepared by its Education Committee to the membership.

The controversy has quieted due to the lack of incriminating evidence but some manufacturers of dog food nevertheless shifted from using ethoxyquin (as an anti-oxidant to retard food spoilage) to either adding to it or by replacing it totally with vitamin C (which also can retard spoilage).

It has been suggested that the amount of vitamin C required for anti-oxidizing is necessarily large and so, dogfoods to which it has been added may now contain high enough quantities to pose a possible threat to some stone-forming Dals.

Ammonium acid urate is the most frequently assayed mineral in stone-forming Dalmatians and - in second place - ***calcium oxalate*** is the next most frequently identified mineral in their urinary stones.

VITAMIN C IS A PRECURSOR OF CALCIUM OXALATE.

If your Dal has a history of forming ***calcium oxalate*** stones, food labeling should be scrutinized to determine if vitamin C is present as a chemical additive. If it is, your veterinarian should be consulted as to the advisability of continuing to use that brand of food.

Very truly yours,

Carroll H. Weiss

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Hi everyone! Sorry this is coming out to you so late, it seems the entire month of September disappeared. As many of you know, my husband Doug had surgery towards the middle of the month, all is going well now but it sure took a toll on my outside duties.

Here is a run down on the August 29th DCA Board meeting:

BREEDER REFERRAL - Chairperson Geri Lightholder estimates over 1000 calls received by herself and the regional representatives this year!!! Most callers are looking for a good pet, 10-15% are looking for direction or have a wide variety of questions. Geri suggests the regional clubs set some guidelines for their representatives as far as knowledge, responsibilites of breeding, responsibility of stud dog owners, etc. to insure proper knowledge is being given out to the public.

Geri also asked me to remind you all that AKC policy dictates they must receive a letter on your clubs stationary if you are making a change to your breeder referral representative - and please send a copy to Geri for her records.

AKC GAZETTE - Sandy Ling reported the Gazette has now changed to limit breed columns to a quarterly frequency. This change, and feedback to Sandy from readers, has prompted her to columns of general interest rather than ones of current DCA activities. Sandy appreciates letters from readers letting her know any subjects they would like to see covered in a Gazette column.

DCA LENDING LIBRARY - Cheryl Steinmetz said "enough!" and has turned the lending library over to Cathy Nogar. Any requests for library materials should now go to Cathy at Rt 1, Box 370J, Espanola, NM 87532

MEMBERSHIP - The Board elected 33 new members at this meeting, bringing the total DCA members to 1217.

ROAD TRIAL - The committee will print the latest version of the rules and these will be available to any DCA member upon request. The sight for the 1994 Road Trial in California has not been confirmed at this time.

FUTURE DCA SPECIALTIES - The 1994 National will be in Northern California, July 17-20 and will be followed by the DCNC specialty. 1995 will be hosted by the Chicagoland Dal Club and will start August 5th. The Board approved the bid from Puget Sound Dal Club for 1996, tentative schedule calls for the week of August 11th.

1994 Judges: Dr. Charles Garvin Dogs & Intersex
Mr. W. Fetner Bitches

1995 Judges: Mrs. James Edward Clark Bitches & Intersex
Dr. Sidney Remmele Dogs

ETHICAL GUIDELINES - The Board received input from several members with suggested additions and/or changes to the proposal that was sent out. These suggestions were discussed at length and an amended version was unanimously approved to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. This version was presented and the attending DCA members felt more time was needed for input before the new guidelines are finalized.

AKC delagate Jim smith did report that AKC is beginning the process to have some ammendments to the rules concerning the maximum and minimum ages for bitches to have a litter and to the maximum number of litters in a lifetime.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - The Board will not have a 4th quarter meeting this year, so the next scheduled meeting is March 5, 1994 in Phoenix, AZ.

REGIONAL COUNCIL MAILINGS - This will be the first mailing that will go out to the RCC Representatives AND to the Regional Club Secretaries. We want to make sure the latest information is getting out to as many members and Dal fanciers as possible, so on a trial basis I will be sending my updates to both addresses.

DISCUSSION - A couple of topics come to mind as suggestions for discussions at your club meetings. Please take the time to have your club set guidelines for the RCC Rep so he/she knows what you have in mind for reporting, and also please give me some feed back from your club as to what you would like to see the Regional Council function to be.

When the revised ethical guidelines are received for your review, it would be great if members and/or clubs would take the time to send suggestions/comments to the Board. Our breed is enduring a population explosion now, the new breeders coming along need to have some DCA guidelines that are current and comprehensive. The sooner we can get a new set of guidelines approved the sooner we can help these newcomers and reinstate suggested practices for us oldtimers too.

DCA FUNDRAISING DCA FUNDRAISING DCA FUNDRAISING DCA FUNDRAISING

The 1994 DCA Show Chairperson Cathy Shorr and DCNC have come up with a great idea for an ongoing fund raiser that will help next years national and all future national host clubs as well. They have thought this out well and offer a chance to all the regional clubs to have a bigger part in each DCA National through "patron" levels.

Their system is geared to offer something to all regional clubs, regardless of the membership size or treasury. I personally issued a challenge to any of the "small" clubs to show those big kids what we can do. It will take a little more effort for a smaller club to become a silver patron, but is well worth the extra time when you think that someday this may help one of us host a DCA National!

DCNC has instituted a "Lotto" for the 1994 National. Only 500 tickets are available nationwide and the winner gets a trip to DCA (2 RT air tickets, 2 RT baggage tickets, and 5 nights in the headquarters hotel)!! Clubs that were representated in Kentucky took tickets for this Lotto, if your club did not get any of these please contact Lois Wilthew to see if there are any more available (these things are HOT!).

I have attached a sheet out lining the patron levels and requirements. Remember, because of the limited number of lotto tickets available there will be a limited numbers of clubs that can reach silver or gold - lets get that competition going!

Until next time -



Table Scraps?

More than 50 percent of pet owners feed their pets table scraps, according to a survey conducted by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The survey was completed by 2,000 pet owners who take their pets to AAHA veterinarians.

While only a small percentage of dog and cat owners, 11 and 4 respectively, feed their pets table scraps often, a large number 51 percent of dog owners and 38 percent of cat owners, report feeding their pets table scraps occasionally. Thirty-seven percent of dog owners and 58 percent of cat owners reported never feeding their pets table scraps.

Although more than half of the pet owners surveyed feed their pets table scraps, only 18 percent reported that their pet is overweight.

Feeding pets table scraps can lead to health problems similar to the problems overweight humans face. In most cases, a balanced diet of quality pet food provides the nutrients the dog or cat needs. The pet's diet should not include table scraps - a primary cause of obesity, according to the AAHA. Table scraps can be hazardous to the pet's health since the fat content of people food is often too high. Pets also may become finicky eaters and refuse more nutritious pet food.

In addition to the long-term ill effects of feeding table scraps, there are other immediate hazards associated with offering scraps as "special treats" for the holidays.

The high fat content in meat or poultry drippings can cause digestive upset and diarrhea. This is also true of trimmings from roasts and skin from poultry. All bones can cause punctures in stomach and intestines, necessitating emergency surgery. Even turkey giblets can upset the stomach of many dogs who eat a consistent, commercially prepared diet.

Although our pets love the smells of holidays and may wish they could steal a bite (or a whole bird!) we are obligated to limit their tasting to a *small* nibble of lean meat or poultry. We're not being heartless. We are saving them a tummy ache later on (and ourselves a nasty clean up job).

reprinted from *Obediently Yours* via *Dalmatian Sensation.*

A CANINE CHRISTMAS

It's the day before Christmas,
And all through the house,
The puppies are squeaking
An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had cheerfully
Hung on the door,
Is scattered in pieces
All over the floor.

The stocking so lovingly
Hanging in rows,
Now boast a hole in
Each of the toes.

The tree was subjected
To bright-eyed shims,
And now, although splendid,
Is missing some limbs.

I catch them and scold them.
Be good! I insist.
They lick me, then run off
To see what they missed.

And now as I watch them,
The thought comes to me,
That their's is the spirit
That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies
Yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy that
Should come with this day?

Could they bring the message
That's written above,
And tell us that, most of all
CHRISTMAS IS LOVE.

-Reprinted from The Splatter via Dal Tales

B.C.—By Johnny Hart



From AKC...

Excerpts from the AKC Board Highlights from the October 11/12 Board Meeting, AKC Gazette, November, 1993.

"The Board approved changes to the last two italicized paragraphs at the end of Chapter 14, Section 8 of the Dog Show Rules, which address changes in appearance by artificial means. The added statements address a dog's eligibility to compete in dog shows after changes/alterations in a dog's physical appearance have been made. The changes are as follows:

"A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure that has the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

"Even procedures that are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify the dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, bite or gait."

"Any procedures undertaken strictly to restore the health of a dog would not in and of themselves affect a dog's show eligibility. Such procedures would include but not be limited to:

repair of broken legs, even if such procedures involve the insertion of pins, plates or wires
removal of damaged cartilage
repair of ligaments that have ruptured or been torn
caesarean sections
repair of umbilical hernias
removal of tumors or cysts
gastric torsion/bloat surgery
splenic torsion
tonsillectomy
correction of 'cherry eye' (which involves the gland of the nictitating membrane)
debarking
removal of dewclaws, if it is a regular practice in the breed"

"Procedures that would in and of themselves be considered a change in appearance by artificial mans and make a dog ineligible for shows include but are not limited to:

correction of entropion, ectropion, trichiasis or distichiasis
trimming, removal or tattooing of the third eyelid (nictitating membrane)
insertion of an eye prosthesis
correction of harelip, cleft palate, stenotic nares or an elongated soft palate resection
any procedure to change ear-set or carriage other than that permitted by the breed standard
restorative dental procedures, the use of bands or braces on teeth or any alteration of the dental arcade
removal of excess skin folds or the removal of skin patches to alter markings
correction of inguinal, scrotal or perineal hernias
surgery for hip dysplasia, OCD, patellar luxation and femoral head resection
alteration of the location of the testes or the insertion of an artificial testicle
altering the set or carriage of the tail"

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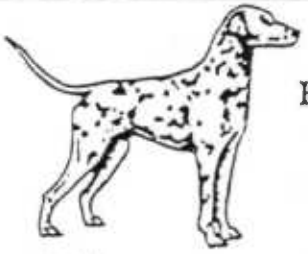
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O come all Ye faithful

To the Christmas Party at
Debbie Goddard's house.
(directions and map enclosed)





There will be no January meeting or DOT TO DOT. Remember the deadline for February's DOT TO DOT is January 15; send your articles/brags to Cindy Lyford.

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PRESIDENT'S SPOT

Congratulations to our puppy match winners and thanks to all of you who helped out and participated. An especially big thank you goes out to our judge, Tom Harris, for judging not only Dals but just about everything else. And thanks to Carol McAndrew for her wonderful trophy table.

I hope you are all planning to attend the December meeting and Christmas party at the Goddard's on the 19th. Besides having a great meal we will be having a general meeting and electing new Board members. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a dog related gift under $10.

Happy Holidays to all....

Lisa

GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 14,1992

The General Meeting of DCSDC was called to order by President Lisa Means at 5:20p.m. following an afternoon of fun and games with our Dals.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT--LISA MEANS

Lisa thanked Nan & Ken for their hospitality.

SECRETARY--CINDY LYFORD

A flyer was received from Zed Wear requesting our membership list. We decided not to give out our membership list if it were requested by various companies. In the future, flyers will be passed out and members can make their own contacts.

TREASURER--NANCY DANDREA

New Balance--$813. It was reported that money is due new members who joined after July lst. Instead of refunding money, those involved will receive a credit toward their 1993 dues. The members were reminded that 1993 dues are due by January 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MATCH SHOW--CAROL PETIT

We need card tables with table cloths--either Christmas or Dal motif. All craft items must be tagged. Joyce passed around a sign-up sheet for the pot luck. Cindy's next door neighbor will be making buttons. Janice will donate $1 per button sold, back to the club.

NOMINATING--DEBBI JONES

No nominations were received from the floor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annelle finished the logo drawing and sent it to the Shaver's to do the lettering.

Following brags, the meeting was adjourned at 6:p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lyford

Cindy Lyford, Secretary

MATCH SHOW RESULTS

PUPPY DOG	4-6 months	Proctor's Dappled Bedazzler owner: Cheryl McConnell
PUPPY DOG	6-9 months	Boneappetits Paisley P.J.'s owner: Carol McAndrew
PUPPY BITCH	6-9 months	Faster Thana Porsche owner: Debbie Goddard
PUPPY BITCH	9-12 months	Hansom High Dimension owners: Ed & Carol Petit

BOB Jr.	Boneappetits Paisely P.J.'s
BOS Jr.	Faster Thana Porsche
BOS in Match	Boneappetits Paisley P.J.'s
BEST IN MATCH	Hansom High Dimension

Best in Movement Class	Hill-N-Dal's Gentleman Jim owner: Debbi Jones

Thanks again to everybody who participated in the day's activities. Our Christmas craft tables were excellent as was our trophy table. Who says that dog people aren't talented!?!

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CH BG AND HANSOM ALL FIRED UP Ed & Carol Petit	Cabrillo KC	BOB, Gr. 3
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CH. HILL-N-DAL'S RUDE AWAKENING owners: Nancy Dandrea & Jan Hill	Yuma KC	BOS
HILL-N-DAL'S TANGO SAGE DEALE owners: John Tigner & Dale Breunig	YUMA KC	WB,BOW
HANSOM HIGH DIMENSION Ed & Carol Petit	DCSC match	BIM



REMINDER

Don't forget that your 1993 dues are due by January 1st. Why not make it easy for yourself and bring a check to our December gathering? Not only will your dues be paid on time, but you will save yourself 29 cents!

Also, if you haven't returned your Dog Show Activity form to Carol Petit, please bring that along.

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what a puppy is not

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A puppy is one of the most appealing creatures on earth. He's the embodiment of exuberance, humor, and affection. But there are a great many things that a puppy is not, and these negative aspects deserve some thought before you bring a puppy home.

A puppy is not a toy to be enjoyed while he is a novelty, then set aside in favor of a new diversion. He is a living thing whose physical demands must be met constantly for as long as he lives.

A young puppy needs more sleep than a human infant, even though your children may be in the mood to play with him. He needs to be fed regularly and often, even though his meals may conflict with family plans.

A young puppy is breakable. Very young children can inflict unintended tortures on a puppy, especially one of the small or fine-boned breeds. And his broken leg is much harder to fix than the broken wheel of a toy truck.

A puppy is not a teaching aid guaranteed to instill a sense of responsibility in children. If a child loves his dog, he will probably enjoy brushing him, taking him for walks, filling his water dish, and other tasks. A sense of responsibility may well grow out of the relationship, but it is unfair to the animal to put his entire well-being into the hands of children.

Even the most dog-loving youngsters tire of daily chores, and parents who try to force the regime will be asking for friction. Unfortunately, it is the puppy who is the loser in this battle. Responsibility lessons are better left to household tasks that don't involve a pet. The essentials of feeding, housebreaking, and discipline training will fall to an adult member of the household. Youngsters can help with the less essential jobs of grooming and walking.

Dogs and children do give each other something very valuable—time and attention that adults are often too busy to offer in sufficient quantities. This is the main function of a child-dog partnership.

A puppy is not cheap. Whether you pay a nominal fee at the city humane shelter or what seems to be a king's ransom for a really special pup, the money paid to make the pet yours is a mere drop in the bucket compared to what it will cost to keep him.

There will be veterinary bills to pay for both emergencies and regular vaccinations and checkups. There will be city and county licenses to buy. And there are legal aspects of dog ownership you may never have considered—not just personal injury claims, but replacement of shrubbery or grass or neighborhood children's clothing torn in play. And there's the wear and tear on your furniture and carpet.

A puppy is not a spur-of-the-moment purchase, or at least he shouldn't be. The wrong dog can be an unending nuisance to a household—and it's much easier to acquire a pup than it is to get rid of a grown dog who didn't work out. Animal shelters are bulging with dogs who were acquired for the wrong reasons, or without sufficient investigation.

If your family has decided to buy a dog, by all means take the time to learn about the breed you have in mind. Every breed has characteristics of temperament, and some of these traits may not fit in with your life-style. Some breeds are prone to physical problems such as hip dysplasia, ear cankers, and eye anomalies. If you are aware of these problems, you can do a more intelligent job of selecting your puppy.

Many towns have kennel clubs whose members are reputable, knowledgeable, and generally helpful. Most breeders will be glad to answer your questions and to help you locate the pup you want. A veterinarian can put you in touch with the nearest kennel club.

If you take the time to do some investigating before you buy, you will know what the going prices are for your breed. Pet shops are often able to sell pups of very low quality for show-dog prices simply because few buyers bother to check.

Many puppies are bought impetuously because they looked cute in the pet shop window; because it was a nice day for a drive in the country and there was a kennel with a "Visitors Welcome" sign; or because another family pet had just died. Pups bought without being genuinely wanted—and planned for—too often end up at the animal shelter.

A puppy is not a gift unless the giver is certain that this particular pup will be wanted. Not only now but a year from now, ten years from now. And even then the puppy should be selected by his new owner rather than by someone else. The pup that appeals to one might very well not appeal to the other. It's a matter of chemistry, like love at first sight.

A puppy is not self-cleaning. There will be puddles on rugs, vomiting occasionally, dog hair on clothing and furniture. There may be worms to be dealt with. If these prospects are intolerable to the housekeeper of the family, then perhaps the pleasures of owning a puppy will be overshadowed by the tensions it will cause.

Long-haired breeds need to be groomed—not only while the pup is small and new, but also week in and week out, for years. The heavy, silky coats of breeds such as cocker spaniels, Yorkshire terriers, and Lhasa Apsos become matted in a very short time, especially in areas of friction, such as legs and flanks. If the dog's coat isn't combed thoroughly and frequently, it becomes unsightly and uncomfortable. The matts pull and irritate, and they make excellent hiding places for fleas and skin disorders.

A puppy is not an adult dog. He has neither the physical nor the mental ability to perform as an adult dog would. He cannot go for long periods of time without relieving himself. He cannot tolerate harsh training methods, nor can he differentiate between what is chewable and what isn't. Nor will he make any distinction between food and objects that hurt if he swallows them. He will try the patience of the most devout dog lover in the household, and at times he may drive everyone mad. If he is very young, he will cry during his first night or two in his new home. He will require patience and understanding from everyone in the family.

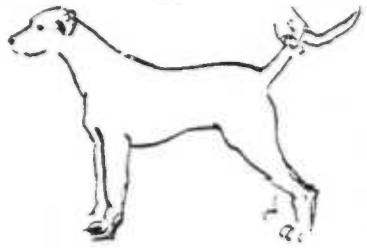
A puppy is not a puppy for long. Before you succumb to the charms of a clumsy St. Bernard pup, or a sad-happy hound, or a limpid-eyed cocker, be very sure that you want not only the puppy he is now, but also the gangly, unattractive adolescent he is about to become, and the adult dog who may fall short of what you hoped he would be.

If you've faced all the negative aspects of puppy ownership and still want him, chances are good that your new dog will be one of the lucky ones who finds a permanent happy home. And you will enjoy the rewards of planned-parenthood dog ownership—rewards which will far overshadow the drawbacks. ■

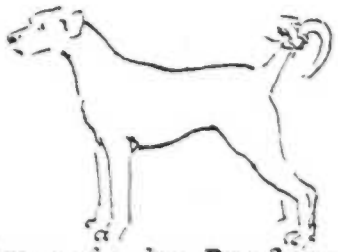
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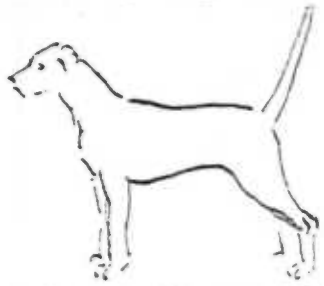
DALMATIANS IN PROFILE. Have you noticed how often handlers (Professionals as well as amateurs) spoil their dog's profile outline through the mishandling of the tail? So many of them support the tail with finger and thumb 6 - 8 inches from its tip, with the result that the tail has a kink like this:-



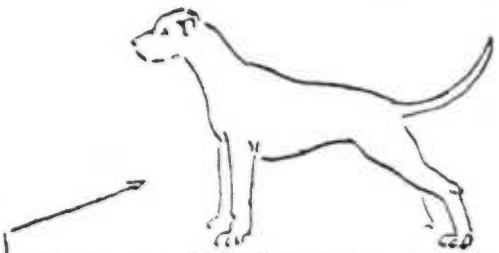
Or they grasp it firmly in the same area and, if the dog is not too interested in showing, the result is a 'wilted lily' effect like this:-

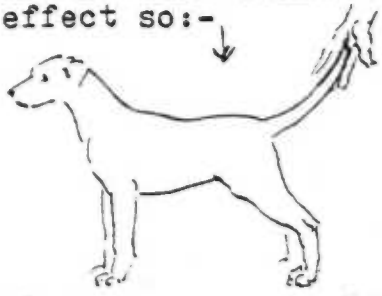


Another mistake, usually made by Professional Handlers, who feel the dog looks sharper in this way, is to hold the head and tail up as rigidly as possible, with the result that the lovely flowing lines are destroyed and the tail looks like a rod erupting from the dog's rear end thus:-



If a dog will stand with its tail wagging, I'd leave it alone. If you have to support the tail, I'd use the flat of the hand behind and just below the tip, to give the curved scimitar effect so:-





Another fairly common error in presentation is to over-extend the hind legs giving the dog a top line which slopes towards the rump like a German Shepherd. Take a look at the breed Standard, "Topline, Should be <u>level</u> and may arch slightly over the loin."

From TRANSCANADALS, newsletter of the Dalmatian Club of Canada

Catherine Blinko.

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Are you, the handler, losing unnecessary points in the obedience ring? Are you causing your dog to lag the moment the judge says "forward" by taking too large a "first" step? Is your dog working to your pace or are you working to his?

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El Camino Real makes a sharp right into La Orilla (before it separates to north).
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ESCONDIDO:
Del Dios Highway West onto Rancho Santa Fe
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Right on La Orilla
Left into driveway near end of street

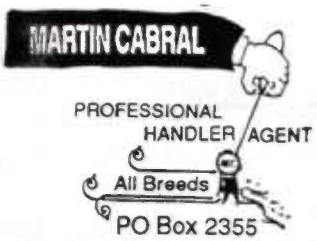


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