

The Regional Club Liaison Committee

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Featuring The Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta

By Sally Brock, Secretary

The Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta has a long history of championing our beloved breed. The club was first licensed to hold conformation and obedience events on May 1, 1978. This year, the club celebrates its forty-fifth anniversary, as it prepares to be one of the host clubs for the 2024 DCA National Specialty in Perry, Georgia.

In its early days, the club had the good fortune to have a strong foundation of breeder owners including Mavis Barr of Chelsea Dalmatians and Emily Hoover of Atlantis Dalmatians. The club has benefited throughout the years from the continued guidance and mentorship of these founding members. Both of these ladies were extremely generous with their knowledge and time as they mentored those new to the breed.

Today, the club's members include a wide range of those who love the breed, from pet owners to breeders, and competitors in conformation and a wide variety of performance sports. The club strives to educate the public about the characteristics of the breed and the joys and challenges of Dalmatian ownership. Club members enjoy mentoring those new to the breed and introducing them to the fun of conformation and performance competition. The club also strives to promote dog sports for young enthusiasts. At recent Specialties, the club made an effort to connect Dalmatians with several



Mavis Barr w AM/CN CH Merry Go Round Cholo O Chelsea (Cholo)



Emily Hoover, founding member

junior handlers who wanted experience with the breed.

Although the club is small, with seventeen members, it is robust and growing. Current members include several experienced breeders with a wealth of knowledge, judges in barn hunt, canine good citizen, and trick dog as well as professional trainers in obedience and rally. Members compete in all those sports and in a wide variety of other dog sports from road trial to canine dance

and Fast CAT. The club is fortunate that members are ready and eager to share their expertise with the group, which has made the club a wonderful resource for those interested in exploring new ways to stay active with their Dals.

The club has been known over the years for entertaining specialties that have included everything from banquets to pajama costume contests where both owners and Dals wore their pjs. One of the club's most popular events has been participation in Christmas parades where members and their dogs dress to show their holiday spirit while meeting and greeting the crowd. Children especially enjoy seeing "real live Dalmatians."

As the club looks to the future, it has recently become licensed to hold Fast CAT and CAT trials and is in the process of planning its first Fast CAT event. The club also hosts two annual Specialties in conjunction with the Peach Blossom Cluster in April in Perry, Georgia. The Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta invites you all to its April Specialties for some Southern hospitality and a preview of the 2024 DCA National Specialty location!



Kennesaw Christmas Parade w Robert Brock and Ch Starwood's National Treasure CD BN (Riley)