



COACHING Lines

March 2017

President's Letter

Dear Members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England,

Our Annual meeting was once again evidence of an active and growing Dalmatian Club. That is due to the contributions of members and guests who show up and/or support. Thanks to Dawn-Eliot Johnson, and Melissa MacWilliams for the super raffle, and to Sue Basius for the uplifting Slide show. Then prior to the meeting, thank you to Pauline Caton for accepting awards applications, creating a list of award recipients and ordering the Plaques. Also, thank you, Kathy Bremer, for creating the Breeder Certificates. Finally, thanks to all who attended, some driving for hours to attend, all for the love of our Dalmatians!

We had our third annual performance seminar with our experienced member and judge, Nanci Hayes. This year we learned about Novice Obedience levels. Nanci has a not so secret pleasure of seeing many conformation folks moving out of their comfort level and beginning to train in obedience skills. Some of these people already have performance titles. Thank you, Nanci, for your support and continued contributions to the Club.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Ladies Dog Club in Wrentham, MA. An announcement about the meeting will be sent later. The judge will be the Dalmatian breeder, Tim Robbins. I hope to see many of you there. Also, we will support the entry of Penobscot Valley KC in Cumberland, ME on Saturday, June 24, 2017. I hope to see you there, too.

Yours truly,
Richard Baker
Dalmatian Club of Southern New England, President

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Meet the Breed

By Barbara Garceau

WOW, words cannot describe how the Meet the Breeds at the CT Pet Expo went on Sunday, October 30, 2016. Sara and Thriller, Carol and Missy, Christine and Baker, Sandy and Nova, and Barbara and Abby did a fabulous job wowing the crowd throughout the day. We had a perfect representation of our breed, 1 liver male, 1 liver female, 2 black females, and 1 black male. Tons of licks and touching occurred for both humans and dogs. The Dalmatian Club of Southern New England had a great location to share our spotted buddies with all. Opportunities to wander thru the crowd and visit the vendors was a great hit for the dogs who received many treats from the vendors. Thriller, Baker and Nova represented our breed in the group ring and did an outstanding job. Our group had the opportunity to watch some of the International Dog Show. The CT Pet Expo had demonstrations of the East Hartford Canine Unit, wild animals, pony rides, obedience and disc throwing throughout the day. Most of our dogs did not realize there was a pig in attendance. In addition, the opportunity to visit the Home Show was available to all of the exhibitors. The host clubs were very gracious, provided a great lunch and validated our parking for the day. I can say for Abby, she was dog tired when she got home. Thanks to everyone who participated, it was greatly appreciated and made for a great day. Special thanks to Sara and Thriller who drove 2 1/2 hours each way and took wonderful photos.



Rally Trial October 23, 2016 by Christine Ramalho

The Dalmatian Club of Southern New England was well represented at the Lakes Region Kennel Club Rally Trials on October 22nd in Meredith, NH. Sara Eastman and Thriller earned 4 more qualifying legs towards their RAE2 title, with 2 of the legs awarded a perfect score of 100! Those two perfect scores led to the high combined award for that show. Dawn Eliot Johnson put a Rally Advanced title on Lollipop and Zen earned 2 legs towards his Rally Novice title. Melissa MacWilliams put a Rally Advanced title on Monson and Christine Ramalho's Baker earned 2 legs towards his Rally Novice title. A huge thank you to judge Nanci Hayes for outstanding support and for mentoring newcomers to the sport of Rally Obedience!

Pictured from left to right, Christine Ramalho, Baker, Judge Nanci Hayes, Dawn Eliot Johnson, Zen, Lollipop, Melissa Mac Williams, Monson & Sara Eastman, Thriller.



Reflections of Rally Trial, October 23, 2016 by Nanci Hayes, Rally Judge

The Lakes Region of New Hampshire held 2 Rally trials in one day with 46 dogs entered in the morning and 41 dogs in the afternoon trial. I was smiling from ear-to-ear, from start to finish, mainly because the spots were out in full force. The only breed outnumbering the 6 Dalmatians were the Australian Shepherds with 9 entered in the morning trial and 7 in the afternoon trial. That means there were more Dalmatians than Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and Border Collies, which NEVER happens in an all-breed trial. Each of the Dalmatians were GREAT ambassadors for the breed showing how well Dalmatians can compete. The icing on the cake was that I was having flashbacks holding Melissa MacWilliams' Monson and Sara Eastman's Thriller as young puppies before they went to their forever homes. I had tears in my eyes thinking about how far these puppies had come. Christine Ramalho was in Rally Novice with Baker and had a stellar performance. Dawn's Lollipop and Zen have a bond that many an experienced handler would die for. I was ecstatic. We have a phenomenal breed and these dogs and handlers deserve huge congratulations for a job well done. I have never been as emotional judging as well as more proud of the exhibitors than at this trial. The DCSNE should be very proud of these teams.

Barbara & Ed Barrett, Planett Dalmatians

How quickly 35 years goes by! Some may not realize that we began our involvement with Dalmatians while we were living in New England. While Ed was in grad school at the University of Maine, Barbara got the idea of showing a dog to keep occupied. She pitched different breeds to Ed who kept saying “no”. One day she brought up Dalmatians, and before he could catch himself, he said “OK,” but added; “Just don’t ever expect me to show them”. We purchased our foundation bitch, CH Erin’s Amazing Grace (Gracie) and that was the beginning of what would soon be Planett Dalmatians. Planett was formed by the last four letters of Barbara’s maiden name (Kaplan) and the last three of Ed’s last name (Barrett) – it is not a misspelling.

After returning to New Jersey, we bred our first litter in 1985, which produced CH Planett’s Morningstar of Erin (Esther). Barbara finished Esther by going BOW at the DCGNY Specialty over 64 dogs and bitches, back in the day when entries were large. We bred infrequently through the 90’s (our focus was on our daughter, Allison), producing 8 champions, including Esther’s daughters, Ch. Planett’s Lucy in the Sky (Lucy) and Ch. Planett’s Star Kissed, (Maizy). When Barbara hurt her knee, Ed begrudgingly took Lucy into the show ring to try to get her second major. After multiple lackluster performances, Ed went BOB with Lucy over specials to finish her. He was hooked. Nonetheless, we showed mostly regionally through the 90’s. Lucy’s daughter, Ch. Planett’s Northern Star (Nora) brought us into the new millennium. Our brood bitches tend to be very pre-potent. And with only one exception, our lines have been continued through only one bitch per generation, to what is now Planett Dalmatians’ 8th generation.

In 2002, we expanded our horizons by breeding Lucy to CH Tuckaway Augusta producing CH Planett’s Northern Star (Nora). Nora then produced Savannah (CH Planett’s Tupelo Honey) who has been the embodiment of Planett breed type. (as of this writing, Savannah is 10 days short of her 15th birthday). This breeding also produced Winnie (CH Planett’s Winter Solstice) and began the first of three spousal competitions between Barbara and Ed, to finish littermates. From this point, we began to truly hit our stride.



Barbara Barrett with Ch Planett's Morningstar of Erin (Esther)



Ed Barrett with Ch. Planett's Tupelo Honey (Savannah)

Savannah produced five champion get, including the star of our next generation, MBISS GCH Planett's Third Rock from the Sun (Roxy). Roxy finished her championship by going BOB from the classes at the 2007 DCSNE specialty, over 14 specials, and then going on to a Group 3. She then went BOB at another specialty when shown as a special very limitedly. Roxy brought us even further, and pretty much into the present by producing 7 champions when bred to GCH Monarch N Canalside's Monarch (Garth). These champion get include MBISS GCHG Planett's Star Reporter (Brinkley), BIS BISS GCHS. Planett's N Shamrock's Don't Think Twice (Jake) and GCHS. Planett's Ancient Mariner (Bosun). All three have qualified for the Top 20 for 2017.



Barbara Barrett at DCSNE Specialty with MBISS GCh Planett's Third Rock from The Sun (Roxy)

Brinkley brought us to the pinnacle by winning BOB at the 2014 DCA National. He also won 10 additional Regional specialty BOB's, multiple Group 1's, three Westminster AOM's, and finished his championship. Our breeding program has been focused and deliberate. Breed type, health, and movement are paramount. Our temperaments have been superb. We are firm believers in attaining health clearances towards improving the breed. One of the biggest compliments we have ever received is that our dogs are always identifiable because our type is so true. These 35 years have been remarkable. We have made so many show friends along the way who have enriched our lives. We have also made many families happy with our pups, some who have gone on to get obedience, rally and other titles. We have witnessed such a stretch of Dalmatian history (including having Barbara Partridge briefly show one of our first dogs). And then there are the dogs. Times have been thrilling as well as heartbreaking. The biggest heartbreak has been losing Brinkley at the age of 5 to an acute immune mediated disease that is not hereditary. Being "in dogs" has been a true labor of love. And as we prepare to bring out Willa and Sally, the first representatives of our 8th generation, we are still every bit as excited and grateful to be in the dog world. We are also grateful to those who have dogs that we have bred and have shown them, are showing them or are specializing them. It's a breeders' dream. At this point we have 23 home bred champions. Thank you, DCSNE, for the honor of printing our story.



Brinkley 2014 BISS handled by Kristen Lyons



Brinkley standing freely

2017 DCSNE Annual Meeting
By Prue Stuhr
Photos by Richard Baker, Karen McNamara, and Prue Stuhr

It was a crisp winter day on Sunday January 15, 2017 for our Annual meeting without a threat of snow. Twenty-four members and two guests were present, at least one from every New England State. Our Club's meeting, lunch, Annual Awards and raffle flowed through the afternoon. Dawn Eliot-Johnson and Melissa MacWilliams organized and smoothly ran the raffle which held many attractive items, some being home-made. Thanks to all who offered something for the raffle. Throughout the afternoon slides of our year's events cycled through. During the awards ceremony, photos of each Dalmatian were shown as President Richard Baker presented the award to the member. Hearty thanks to Sue Basius who created the slide show for all to view. Awards were distributed to those who had Dalmatians who achieved American Kennel Club or Dalmatian Club of America Titles. Eighteen awards were presented, either a wall plaque or crate plate. Also, two breeder certificates were given to members who bred a Dalmatian that achieved a 2016 title. Many thanks to Pauline Caton who accepted the award applications, typed the list, and ordered the plaques. Also, thank you to Richard Baker for ordering the crate plates. Finally, a thank you to Kathy Bremer for creating the Breeder's Certificates. Two applications for membership were submitted. The afternoon gave members a chance to catch up on news and enjoy the company of other Dalmatian owners.



DCSNE Annual Awards Earned in 2016

MACH3 Riverside's N Onsengeltje Athena MXG, MJC, XF, T2B3, CA, CGCA
Owned by: Tod Hebert & Richard Baker
(new titles: MACH3= Master Agility Champion – replaces MACH2)

GCHG CH Canal-Side's Imperator
Owned by: Pauline & Helen Masaschi, Thomas Masaschi, Dana Battistoni
(new title: GCHG = Gold Grand Champion – replaces Silver Grand Champion)

Lucas Legend N Patch Mt's Sweet Relief RA
Owned by: Dawn Eliot Johnson
(new title: RA = Rally Advanced)

CH Blackthorn & Patch Mt's Zen At Lucas Legend RN
Owned by: Dawn Eliot Johnson
(new titles: CH = Champion and RN = Rally Novice)

Yankee Sebago & Patch Mtn's Time For A Miracle CD, BN, RE
Owned by: Nanci Hayes
(new titles: CD = Companion Dog, BN = Beginner Novice, RE = Rally Excellent)

Mapleleaf Patch Mt Dreams Come True CD, BN, RAE, CGCA
Owned by: Sara Eastman
(new titles: RAE = Rally Advanced Excellent – replaces RE
CGCA = Canine Good Citizen Advanced – replaces CGC)

CH Heege 'N Erin's McGee Of Tiffany
Owned by: Geri Rosen, Sharon Lyons, & Sean McCaughley
(new title: CH = Champion)

GCh CH Snowhill's Timeless Monarch
Owner: Pauline & Helene Masaschi & Heather Carroll
Owner: New Title: Grand Champion

Matchless N Brookside's Rising Star of Upton CGC, CA
Owned by: Sandra Lajoie, Virginia Simpson, Karen McNamara
(new titles: CGC = Canine Good Citizen and CA = Coursing Ability)

GCH Southern Exposure Abby of Bedlam CDX, RE, NF, CA, RD, OA, OFP, AXJ, PCDX
Owned by: Barbara & David Garceau & Jacquelyn Quinn
(new title: PCDX = Preferred Companion Dog Excellent)

GCH S.Xposur N Dynastys Chasin Neon Rainbows CDX, CC, PCDX, RAE
Owned by: Barbara & David Garceau & Jacquelyn Quinn
(new title: RAE = Rally Advanced Excellent – replaces RE = Rally Excellent)

CH Yankee Sebago & Patch Mt Miles To Go Monson RA
Owned by: Melissa MacWilliams & Matt Dion
(new title: RA = Rally Advanced – replaces RN = Rally Novice)

CH Brooksidess Minit Man CAA
Owned by: Virginia Simpson/Sandra Lajoie/Karen McNamara
(new title: CAA = Coursing Ability Advanced)

CH Dynamic and Uptons Huck Finn CGC, CA
Owned by: Karen McNamara, Sandra Lajoie
(new titles: CH = Champion, CGC = Canine Good Citizen, CA = Coursing Ability)

GCH Blackthorn & Patch Mt Thru The Looking Glass AX, AXJ
Owned by: Pamela Devlin
(new titles: AX = Agility Excellent – replaces OA = Open Agility
AXJ = Excellent Agility Jumper – replaces OAJ = Open Agility Jumper)

CH Dapper-Dan's Dancer Of Blackthorn CD, RAE, MX, MXS, MXJ, MJB, T2B, MXPB, CGC
Owned by: Bronwyn & Hugh Schoelzel
(new titles: MXPB = Master Excellent Agility Preferred B, CGC = Canine Good Citizen)

Riverside's Modern Millie of Dapper-Dan TD, BN, RA, CGC
Owned by: Bronwyn Schoelzel
(new titles: BN = Beginner Novice, CGC = Canine Good Citizen)

GCHB CH Riverside N Onsengeltje Baker's Secret CA, CGCA
Owned by: Christine Ramalho
(new title: GCHB = Grand Champion Bronze – replaces GCH = Grand Champion)

GCH CH Riverside's Steady Betty CGC
Owned by: Donna MacCallum
(new titles: GCH = Grand Champion – replaces CH = Champion, CGC = Canine Good Citizen)

Breeder's certificates were presented to:

Yankee Sebago & Patch Mtn's Time For A Miracle CD, BN, RE
Owned by: Nanci Hayes

GCHG CH Canal-Side's Imperator
Owned by: Pauline & Helen Masaschi, Thomas Masaschi, Dana Battistoni

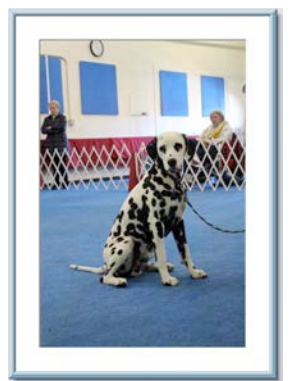
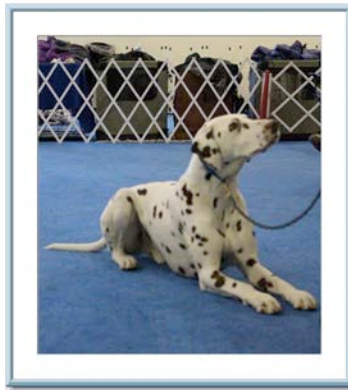
DCSNE Obedience Clinic March 5, 2017
By Prue Stuhr with Nanci Hayes

On March 5, 2017 DCSNE member, and AKC Novice and Provisional Open Obedience & Rally Judge, Nanci Hayes, led her third March performance clinic for the Club. This year she focused on Beginner and Novice Obedience skills. Nanci shared tools, tips and games to help us become successful in obedience. She has the skill to take the handler and dog where they are and move them forward. Some of the activities were: three stages of meeting and greeting, heeling, exercises, attention work, figure eights around seated handlers, judge's exam, and recalls. The clinic was again held at DogStar Activity Center in Acton, MA. from 10:00 to 12:30 PM. Nine Dalmatians, an English Cocker Spaniel and Cardigan Corgi participated. We had Dals with a GCHB, GCH, CH and other Dals with performance titles. Several were just beginning training. The dogs

ranged in age from 1 ½ years to 12 years.

They were:

Barbara Garceau/TT, Betty MacWilliams/Archer, Christine Ramalho/Baker, Donna/Eli- English Cocker, Gail Byrnes/Sam, Karen McNamara/Huck, Matt/Rico- Cardigan Corgi, Melissa MacWilliams/Monson, Nanci Hayes/Arabella, Sandy Lajoie/Nova and Sara Eastman/Thriller. Nanci managed all no matter what experience level or age the dogs were. We then had a pizza lunch, and club meeting at which we elected two new members. It was a productive day in so many ways.



Barbara Partridge, DCSNE Charter Member

March 9, 1928-December 2, 2016

Barbara owned Cricket Corner, bred Dalmatians under that name, and handled a multitude of Dalmatians as well as many breeds to their Championships. Following are some photo memories through the years of Barbara handling Dalmatians for DCSNE members.



Photo after Dalmatian Club of Quebec specialty, prior to 1975 of the first Canadian Specialty
Far left: Bertha Young (Little) with Ch Range Trail Beachcomer's (Babe) her foundation Bitch
Fourth fr left: Barbara Partridge with the Masaschi's Am. Cn. Bda. Ch Pacific's Boston Bandit
Next to Barbara: Helene Masaschi with Am/Cn Coachmaster's Ringmaster (Ringo)
Next to Helene: Pauline Masaschi with Ch Coachman's Chocolate Soldier (Dawg)
Dawg was BOB of second Canadian Specialty
Judge: the late Irving Diamond



Am. Can. Bda. Ch Pacific's Boston Bandit (L)
"Bandit"
Sire: Ch Merithew Grand Slam (Eng Import)
Dam: Heidi of Edmonton
Owners: Helene and Pauline Masaschi
Pictured winning the 1975 First Canadian Dalmatian Specialty
Quebec Dalmatian Club, Montreal, Canada



Ch Erin's Canal-side Bellissima
Handler: Barbara Partridge
Judge: Dr. David Doane
Owner: Christine Pitcher



Donna Russo's Spotacular Party Dress "April"
 Ch Tuckaway Augusta X Gallopade's Special Edition
 Handler: Barbara Partridge
 Judge: Isabel Robson (Abelarm)
 DCSNE President and presenter: Anne Rojas



Am. & Can. Ch. Godin's To be or not to Be
 "Samantha"
 1988 States Kennel Club show (Group Placing)
 (Minuteman)
 Nantucket, MA
 Handler: Barbara Partridge Owner: Pauline and
 Helene Masaschi



Ch Brookside's Four By Four, Ch
 Brookside's Melodyhill, Ch Brookside's
 both Sides Now handled by Barbara.
 May 1993 DCSNE Specialty
 Judge Bob Sharp



Riverside's On Fire Elvira "Elvira"
 Owner: Richard Baker, Peter Johnson
 Barbara Partridge handling. Elvira won BOB this
 day from the classes beating 5 specials.
 Barbara was very proud of this win.

Wins and Achievements



Riversides' Modern Millie of Dapper-Dan, BN, RA, TD, GCG finished her Rally Advanced title Dec. 10, 2016 under judge Denise Lacroix.

"Dahlia" winning WB and BOW (major) at South Windsor K.C. Nov. 26, 2016 with Rick Krieger handling.

Dahlia also completed her Starter Novice-B title in the Companion Dog Sports Program on December 4, 2016. Dahlia is owned by Bronwyn Schoelzel of Litchfield, CT



GCHB CH RIVERSIDE N ONSENGELTJE BAKER'S SECRET RN CA CGCA "BAKER" EARNED HIS RALLY NOVICE TITLE AT THE EASTERN DOG CLUB SHOW RALLY TRIAL IN W. SPRINGFIELD, MA ON DECEMBER 10, 2016. OWNED BY CHRISTINE RAMALHO.

Monson getting his first Beg Nov A Obd leg , second place at Collie Club under Judge Tibby Chase.

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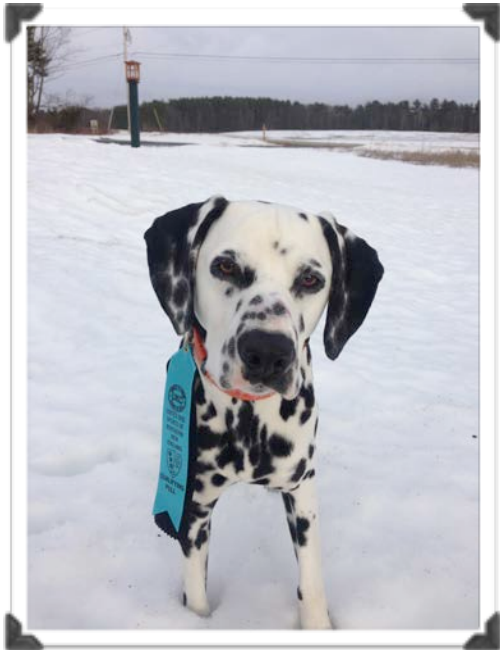
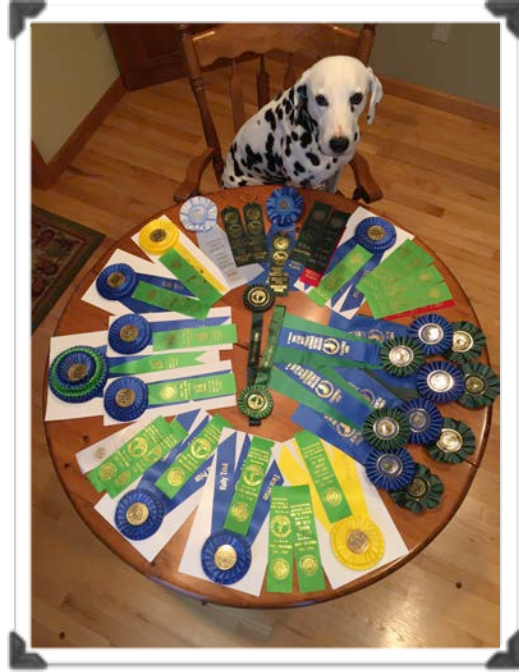
What a year 2016 was for the Garceau's spotted dogs!!!

Braggs for Abby: GCH Southern Exposure Abby of Bedlam CDX, CA, RD, NF, OA, OFP, AXJ, RE, PCDX

Abby earned her PCDX this past year and was one of two Dalmatians to acquire this new title. She is pending approval for the DCA Versatility Excellent Award.

Braggs for AJ: GCH S.Xposur N
Dynastys Chasin Neon Rainbows CDX,
RAE, CC, PCDX

AJ earned his PCDX, RAE and CC this year. He was one of two Dalmatians to earn his PCDX and earned a DCA Top Spot for his Coaching Certificate. This past year he acquired the following stats; 4 high combined in Rally, 3 qualifying obedience legs, 2 new titles, 1 coaching certificate. He had 12 1st places, 2 2nd places, 2 3rd places and 1 4th place. 11 advanced and 11 excellent rally qualifying legs. He is pending approval for the DCA Versatility Award. Wow, it was a busy year.



Monson received his first qualifying weight pull on snow pulling 200 lbs on March 2 . This is a UKC event .



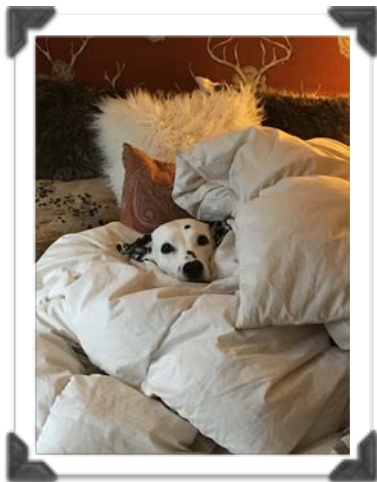
Huck finished 2016 with his CA title and began 2017 with a group one.



Just because.....

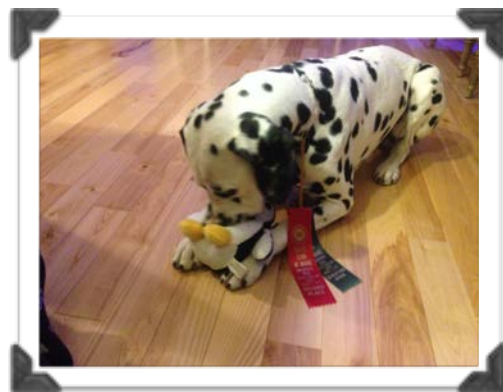
Non-show photo of your Dalmatian?

We are looking for a non-show photo of your Dalmatian illustrating what a great companion, clown, athlete, loved dog, he or she is. Please send one memorable photo to Prue Stuhr pgstuhr@comcast.net. We hope to publish in one of the next issues.



Tipper waiting for Spring

The Garceaus keeping warm



Monson, more interested in his toy than his Q ribbons.

Calendar

• 2017

Board Meetings	General Meetings
May 30,2017	Sunday June 4, 2017 Ladies Dog Club
July 11,2017	Sunday July16, 2017 Borderland State park
August 2017 TBA	Friday September 15, 2017 Fairgrounds
September 4, 2017	Sunday November 2017 BST TBA
November 20, 2017	

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