



COACHING LINES

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

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President's Letter

Dear Members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England,

The last six months have been difficult ones for many people. Although the South Shore Specialty shows and our fall Specialties have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Corona Virus, other Club activities have continued. Our Board has continued to work on behalf of the members. The Board and General Club meetings have been held at the assigned times. Reports showing activity have been given for Breeder Referral, Coaching Lines, the DCSNE Facebook page, Sunshine and Communication, the Regional Club Forum Facebook page and the DCSNE Website. We have secured our judges for the 2021 fall Specialties.

Sally McDonnel and Crissy Rojas volunteered to review our bylaws so that we could include the use of electronic means for General Club meetings. We value having face-to-face meetings but when it is once again safe. However, it is useful to have electronic meetings as a possibility listed in our bylaws.

Our Nominating committee has been established for 2021. Crissy Rojas is the Chair, Kathy Pendergast, and Donna Russo are members. Alternates to the committee are Melissa MacWilliams and Geri Rosen.

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

DCSNE Member Spotlight: Geri Rosen



Member Spotlight on Geri Rosen
by Sara E. Bourque

It was a pleasure to conduct this interview with breeder Geri Rosen who is celebrating 50 years of experience with Dalmatians. Over a series of weekends during this summer using FaceTime, we talked about Geri's ups and downs with her dogs over the past decades. I have not known Geri for a long time, but I know to be true; she is dedicated, giving, kindhearted, and my friend.

Geri grew up in Norwalk, CT, about a 45-minute drive from her home in Danbury, where she has lived for many years. I asked Geri her earliest memory of a dog she owned, and she responded that when she was very young, her family had a little terrier mix named Lucky. "He was a great companion." Her first Dalmatian came in 1967, a female she bought in a pet shop. She says, "I was unaware of the difference of an AKC purebred dog, and a pet shop was the only place I knew where you got dogs."

Geri was 29 years old when she got her first Dalmatian, and she wanted to breed her and have puppies. She asked around and was introduced to June Price, who lived in West Haven CT, a Dal Breeder with show dogs, with the kennel name Zodiac. In 1969 Geri's first Dalmatian "Domino" was bred. She mentioned, "Domino was not a good mother; in fact, she tried to harm the puppies. I had to find another solution; at three days old, the puppies went to a handler that had a client with a Saint Bernard who had weaned her pups." A litter of seven was warmly welcomed by the Saint Bernard bitch. Geri said it was a great relief to find this solution, but it came at a significant financial cost. Time passed, and Domino developed hydro encephalitis. Domino attacked Geri's mother and sister. "It was a "bad time, and I was heartbroken over the deteriorating health of Domino and the difficult decision that I needed to make."

Another opportunity with June Price in 1970, Geri purchased her fist show dog Zodiac's Midernoch Shady Lady 'Joy'. "June Price was really my mentor; she took me to the shows and showed me the ropes." It turned out that Joy did not like the show ring and never finished her championship." Joy was a tightly linebred bitch and granddaughter of Am/Can Ber Ch Roadcoach Roadster. In 1970 Geri and her Sister Helen Rosen, founded Heege Dalmatians (originally named He-Ge).

DCSNE Member Spotlight: Geri Rosen Continued

Some would say it was a rocky start to Geri's breeding career, but we know she has a strong finish.

Fast forward, a few years of success with numerous champion show dogs and healthy litters. In 1993 Geri was contacted by a talent agent who was organizing to have as many Dalmatians as possible appear on the David Letterman Show. On a chilly day in early January, Geri and Heege's Head of the Class 'Star' met 50 plus Dalmatians in Central Park; She remembers they walked from Central Park to Rockefeller Center, a journey of 26 blocks. As she laughs, "can you imagine that all these Dalmatians walking the streets of New York City!" Geri said she remembers getting to the theater. "We were all gathered in a small room behind the stage; it was chaotic. Next, I remember hearing David Letterman saying It's Dalmatian Time, let them loose, and a stagehand opened the door. The dogs just were everywhere up on the stage, running around backstage, in the audience, it was crazy! Something I will never forget. It was a cool experience."

Geri has owned many dogs, all of which are very loved, but a few standouts have a special place in her heart; one in particular girl was Ch. Heege's Classic Reflection CGC "Jenny." Geri says, "Jenny was exceptional; she had a terrific temperament, a great ambassador of our breed. When my mother was sick, Jenny was emotionally there for me." Jenny was the mother of three champions and a grandmother of five champions.

Another special girl for Geri was Ch Heege's Autumn Splendor(L) "Autumn" "Autumn was a lovely dog. She had a soft temperament and disposition; everyone who met her loved her; she was so easy."

Geri said through her dogs, "I have met so many wonderful friends and have had meaningful relationships. Some relationships include co-breeding. Geri met Sharon Lyons at the shows; in the early '70s, they began co-breeding in the early '90s. Over a twenty-five-year relationship produced more Heege's Champions and Heege's first Grand Champion GCH Oliver of Marshwind "Oliver" (6/28/2015).

I asked Geri what she thought was most important when breeding Dals; she responded, "A nice topline, I like a deep brisket, and most importantly, temperament."

Curious about the old days of showing, I asked Geri, what the shows were like when she first started? She responded, "First of all, the entry fee was \$7.00, much more affordable than today. Majors were 13 dogs and 11 bitches that was pretty typical. The entries were much bigger than today, at least two times as many as today's shows."

I asked Geri what excites her about today's showing. She responded "back in the day, there was conformation and obedience now with agility, rally, performance, road trials, and trick titles, there are so many kinds of opportunities for competition. I love it, great ways to keep engaged on many levels."

"It has been 50 years for me as a DCA member and 50 Years with the DCSNE. I have 22 Champions and 1 Grand Champion, and I could not be more proud of all my dogs and legacy".

DCSNE Member Spotlight: Geri Rosen Continued



Click on photo to watch an excerpt video of the January 8, 1993, episode of The David Letterman Show on YouTube.



Above: Ch Heege's Autumn Splendor (L) "Autumn"



Above: Geri with Ch Heege's Classic Reflection CGC "Jenny"



Above: Geri with Heege's Head Of The Class "Star"
Image was published in local newspaper after appearing on David Letterman Show.



Above: Geri with GCH Oliver of Marshwind "Oliver" and Sara Bourque

In Memoriam Hope Noyes Smith: By Prue Stuhr



Above: 1953 Hope with 2 Dalmatians

Hope Noyes Smith

July 2, 1925 - March 23, 2020

Hope Noyes Smith was a vibrant, kind, and generous woman who bred Dalmatians for 75 years. She had homes in MA, Turks and Caicos. She was a constant support to the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England. Hopie, as she was known, and her husband Walter A. Smith raised 5 children at "Sunswick" in Hamilton, MA. as well as Dalmatians, horses, donkeys, llamas, pigs, and buffalo.

Tioga Coach Kennels

Hope established Tioga Coach Kennels by 1945 with her breeding stock coming from Road Coach kennels. Her Road Coach Tioga Too (Phaeton) was shown in 1949 to Miss Flora Bonney at the Chicago International Show and was BOS at Westminster in 1953 and later a BIS show Dal bitch. Her Ch Road Coach Post Parade was also a BIS Dal. As of 1957 she based her breeding on Ch Lord Jim as closely as possible. She outcrossed to Ch Green Starr's Colonel Joe which produced quality, but smaller stationed Dalmatians. Later she bred Dalmatians with Wendell Sammet.

KC with other Tioga Champions

In 1993 Hope sponsored Ch Deltalyn KisinCuzn (Am/Can Ch Alfredrich Handsome Tall N Dark-Deltalyn Leading Legacy) who was bred by Robert and Judith Rivard, co-owned by Barbara DiMino, living with her. Barbara put the first BIS on KC, which was her call name, and was BOS at the 1991 DCA National Specialty. KC, with Wendell Sammet handling, won 23 BIS which was the highest BIS bitch at that time. As of 2019 all-time top Show Dalmatian stats by Robert VonMayr, KC is #2 for all time BIS bitches. with Penny as #1. KC is # 5 all-time BIS for both sexes with Penny, Spotty, Cass, and Boomer ahead of her. Other well-known Tioga Coach Champions were: Black Magic, Queen Anne's Lace, Tin Lizzie, Jackpot, Dutchman's Britches, and Blue Jeans of Dalmatia. In addition, she showed English Setters and was an apprentice judge for that breed.

In Memoriam Hope Noyes Smith: By Prue Stuhr

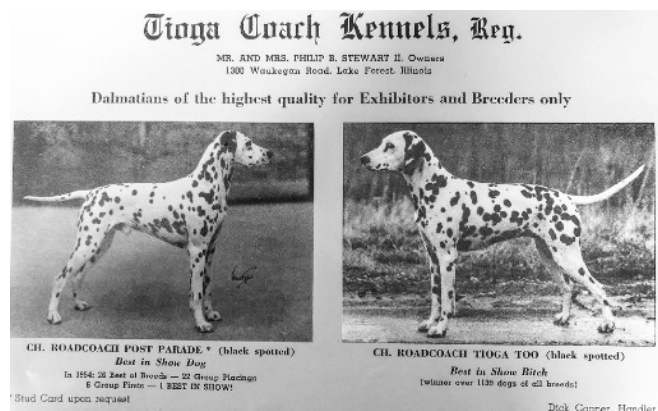
Remembering Hopie

“She was a great lady, and a great breeder,” said PHA Handler Richard Krieger. “She was always ready to go,” Wendell Sammet enthusiastically commented. Wendell also recounted while on Turks and Caicos with Hopie that, as a lark, they trained Hopie’s Pot Belly ig named Prudence in obedience. They leash trained it, and she would come, sit, and stay. It must have been quite a sight to behold. Judie Rivard recalled: “I remember after a BIS win Hopie and I going over to the Hunting Horn Jeweler and purchasing BIS rosette necklaces with rubies, diamonds and sapphires for the ribbons. Judie treasures that day and the necklace. Judie also remembered that Hopie chartered a boat and having a big catered celebration of KC’s wins as they cruised down the Charles River in Boston. The Dalmatian Club of Southern New England members appreciated her support of the Club. Hope Smith was an outstanding Dalmatian fancier. She was the longest dues paying member of the DCA and will be missed by many who loved her.

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1953 Westminster BOS Ch Roadcoach Tioga Too (Phaeton) with Wendell Sammet and BOB Bootblack of Dalmatia (Bootblack).



ICH Roadcoach Post Parade: Best in Show Dog with Ch Roadcoach Tioga Too: Best in Show Bitch.

In Memoriam Hope Noyes Smith: By Prue Stuhr



Tioga Black Magic BISweeps DCSNE 1993, handler: Richard. Krieger, Judge P. Jay Fetner, DCSNE President, Prue Stuhr.



Tioga Blue Jeans of Dalmatia WB DCSNE 1993 handler: Wendell Sammet, judge: David Doane, DCSNE President, Prue Stuhr.



Ch Deltaln N Penwiper KisNCuzn: Best in Show with Wendell Sammet; judge: Dr. Robert Indeglia, Harriet Silverman from NSKC



Hope Smith, Barbara Partridge, & Anne Rojas DCSNE Specialty in 2009; All three women are gone, but not forgotten.

Dogs Shows & COVID 19: By Crissy Rojas

Dog Shows and COVID 19

Have you been to a dog show lately? Chances are good you have not. In these crazy times of Covid-19 so many things have changed or are changing. Back in May, the AKC sent out some information regarding how things may or will change for Dog Shows. While some of this may be temporary, other parts may become the “new normal”. Here are some of the suggestions provided by the AKC.

- **AKC suggests using Photoshop to add the judge into the win photos, instead of standing together.**
- **Consider not providing lunch at all, or at least nothing communal (salt, pepper, water cooler, condiments etc.)**
- **Judge to hand sanitize after going over each dog.**
- **Exhibitor to show bite, not the judge.**
- **Have rings that are separate, not adjoining.**
- **Have an enter and exit for each ring.**
- **Social distance in the ring and outside. No chairs where people will congregate.**
- **Make space for people to wait to enter the ring, where they can keep distance.**
- **No touching of the catalog at ringside. Steward looks up numbers if you don't know.**

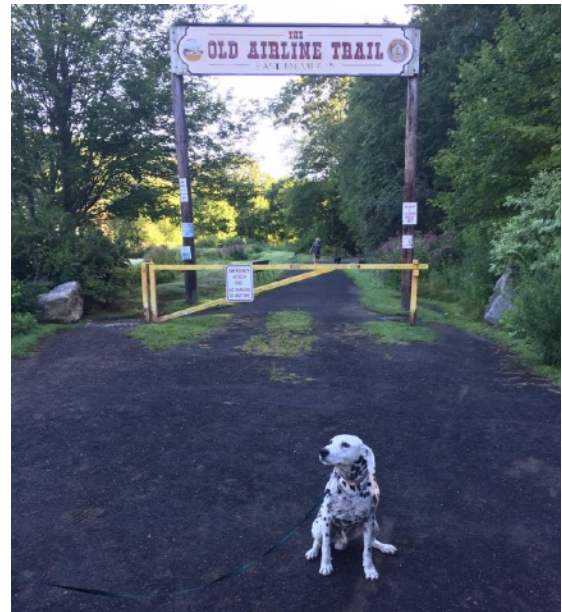
There are other suggestions, too. But these are the big ones. In thinking about our own specialties in September, many of these things would affect us. For example, how much extra time would it take for the judge to sanitize between each dog? How much space, fencing and time is needed to set up separate rings? We often have a ringside full of spectators. How do we space them out? What about those lunches we provide?

It is not clear what will be standard and what will be temporary while we are experiencing the pandemic. What is clear, is that there is a New Normal and we are not in it alone.

DCSNE Members and their Dal's: During the Pandemic



Above: Tod Hebert's "**Atty**" in Greenwich NY June 14th and 15th. Finished 5th June 14 and 5th on June 15th. It was our first trial in 3 months. We'll get faster.



Above: Barbara & Dave's "**AJ**" Garceau is 12 1/2+ years young and he usually walks about 3.5 miles.



Above: Donna MacCallum's Riverside's Betty Believe at Eagle's Landing "**Ellbee**" and her Dam GCH Riverside's Steady Betty CGC "**Betty**" staying in shape this off season.



Above: Karen Blanchfield's MBIS MRBIS GCHG Erin's I'm Your Man "**Colin**" relaxing and is a fine companion.

DCSNE Members and their Dal's: During the Pandemic



Above: Crissy Rojas' "**Cassie**" (Green Starr's Moment in Time) lounging by the pool. It's the only excitement we've had in months!



Above: "**Desmond**" has been Tiana DiNola's hiking partner, climbing mountains with her, and walking many miles. With the arrival of Chris and Tiana's son Anthony DiNola, the walks are little different, but they still are out and about.



Above: Beloved King Ozymandias, (owned by Katie Fritsch)"**Ozzy**"



Above: Madeira N Riverside's Beloved Tesseract "**Tessa**" (K Fritsch, R. Baker)

Riverside N Madeira's Dearly Beloved "**Tina**" (S. McDonnel, R Baker, & C. Ramalho.

DCSNE Members and their Dal's: During the Pandemic



Above: Melissa MacWilliams and "**Monson**" were at Moongate Farms, Buxton, ME where Melissa has been taking riding lessons. This was Mel and Monson's third time practicing Road Trial exercises. Monson had his first and second lessons at Dawn Eliot-Johnson's house in Bryant Pond, Maine. Melissa is extremely grateful for Dawn's coaching.



Above: Sara Bourque + David Jaquith with "**Oliver**" heading to Black Lives Matter Peace Rally in Rowley, MA.



Above: Donna Russo and Spotted Gem's Garnet of Grace "**Gracie**".



Above: Sara Eastman's "**Thriller**" is a great climbing partner as they have hiked many NH Mountains. Here they are on at the top of Mt Cube.

Wins + Achievements + Announcements

Road Trial

by Dawn Eliot-Johnson
Lucas Legend Dalmatians

On June 20 and 21 2020 The Dalmatian Club of America held a sanctioned Road Trial at Joker's Wild Equestrian Center in Port Crane NY. I was a competitor on the first day with my dog "ZEN" Ch Blackthorn N Patchmt ZEN at Lucas Legend RN CC RD ACT2. He earned his first leg toward his Championship for Road Dog title with a score of 498 out of 500. Zen has his Road Dog and coaching title already. We had 3 other competitors with Zen being the sire of 2 of them, "Sarah" – CHRDX Lucas Legend & Redrocks Irish Princess CGC THD CC RD RDX owned by Lorie McCrone earning the first in the world Road Dog Excellent Championship, and "Monty"-CHRD Lucas Legend N Redrock's Montana Snow CC RD RDX owned by Peggy Ann Strupp earning his Road Dog Championship. Also competing was "Carly" Soulryde's You're So Vain CC CGCA TKN RD owned by Cheryl Sickler. Carly is the youngest bitch to be awarded Road Dog title.

The second day of the Trial I was the Judge which was my first Judging assignment. I was honored to have been asked to judge and truly enjoyed seeing the team's front and center. What an AMAZING breed we have, so lovely to watch do what they are bred to do. It's so natural for them. Every time I ride my horse with my Dalmatian running along side I feel so lucky to be alive and all the worries of life fade for that moment in time. Happy trails to you all.



Above Photo: Dawn and **Zen**

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Above photo is from Road Trials.



Above: is Dapper-Dan's Double Exposure CGCU (**Delphi**) at the Newtown KC puppy match on August 22. He won the Non-Sporting Group. He also passed his CGC and CGCU.

Dapper-Dan's Double Dip CGCU (**Daphne**) passed her CGC and CGCU also.
 Ch Riverside's Modern MillieVCDI BN RE AX AXJ CGCTKN (**Dahlia**) passed her Novice Trick title, and she also passed her Intermediate Trick test, paperwork pending.



Above: The newest member of the DiNola pack, **Anthony Edgar DiNola** made his grand debut on 8-29-20 at 4:23PM weighing 9 lbs 1 oz 21 inches long. Tiana, husband Chris, and Anthony are happy, healthy and home.

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Below: The Versatility Award is a certificate given by the DCA to Dalmatians who have achieved titles in three different AKC or DCA



Photo #1 **Mikey**

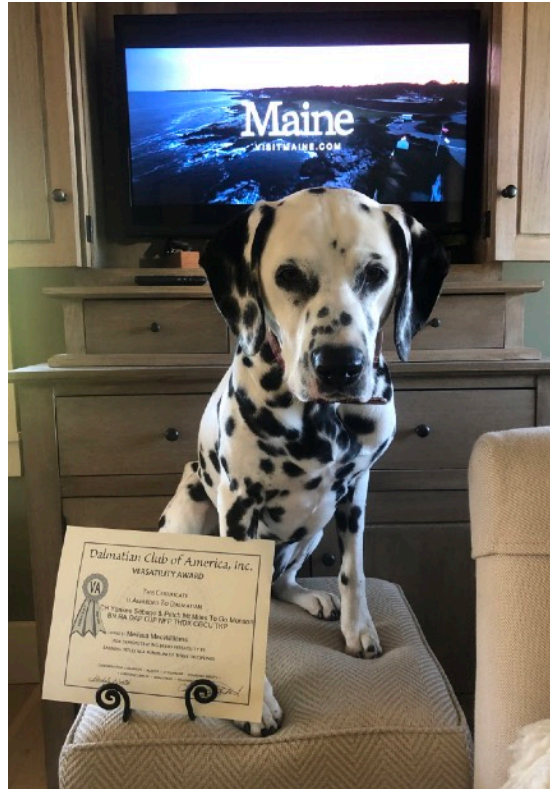


Photo #2 **Monson**



Above Photo #1 CH Lotzadots Raven's Keep Double Play, "**Mikey**" Mikey earned the DCA Versatility Excellent Award for Conformation, Lure Coursing, Tracking, Scent Work, Obedience, Barn Hunt, CGC. He also earned #10 at the 2019

Above: Photo #2 Melissa MacWilliams' CH Yankee Sebago & PatchMT Miles To Go Monson THDX, NAP, NJP, OJP, OAP TKN, TKI, TKA (**Monson**) Monson's three titles were in : Champion, Agility, Obedience/Rally, Canine Good Citizen

Opposite: Sara Eastman's Mapleaf Patch MT Dreams Come True CD BN RAE NA NAJ NF BCAT CGCA TKP **Thriller** received a Versatility Certificate for titles in agility, Obedience/Rally, Fast CAT, Canine Good Citizen.



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Upcoming Meetings:

- **Sunday November 15, 2020** Meeting by [FreeConferenceCall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com) Time: 7:30PM
- **Sunday January 10, 2021** • Annual meeting by [FreeConferenceCall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com) Time: 7:30PM. In Case of need to postpone, alternate date will be Sunday January 17, 2021.

Please note: If anyone achieved titles in 2020, the awards for titles will be postponed until the 2021 Annual meeting.



Although we have been meeting by phone call, we have kept to the meeting dates scheduled for this year. Plans for 2021 are to do the same. When it is deemed to be safe, we will have meetings in person. Stay Safe and keep in touch!

Keep your face always toward the sunshine- and shadows will fall behind you. - Walt Whitman



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