



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,

Our annual September Specialties took place on sunny and breezy days at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds. We are grateful to the members who gave outstanding service to make the shows a fine success.

Thanks to Christine Ramalho who was an integral support for our Club from Thursday by labelling trophies through Sunday. Thanks, Christine, for the notes and gift bags for the judges and for submitting the lunch orders. We also especially thank Donna Russo, Sandy Lajoie, Tod Hebert, Crissy Rojas who set up, organized, and helped the judge present the trophies. Crissy also served as a Saturday Steward with former SSKC Show Chair, Linda Flynn. Lunch set-up and support was given by Kathy Pendergast, Donna MacCallum, Sara Bourque, Tiana DiNola and Tod Hebert who helped wherever he was needed. Our super specialty raffle was ably overseen by the MacWilliams' family: Melissa, Betty, and Jennifer Ettinger. The time you spent organizing and creating an attractive raffle table is greatly appreciated. Carol Langford, as always, was helpful by retrieving remaining trophies from the obedience/rally building.

Thanks to Rick and Jenny Krieger for offering to lead Thursday's Handling Clinic. The individual attention with suggestions was wonderful. Next year we will hold it on a later day in the weekend to allow for more participants.

Thanks to Jody Fraser for recording the obedience/rally results, and to Donna MacCallum and Prue Stuhr for recording the conformation results. Conformation photography was covered by Prue Stuhr, Melissa MacWilliams, and myself.

We celebrated the passing of former President and long-time member, Anne Rojas' at our Friday show with a banner, cake and show dedication. We were happy to have her daughter, Crissy, present to make it a special day.

The specialties were an outstanding success because of members who contributed time to our biggest yearly Club event as well as those who entered or came to observe.

Yours truly,

Richard Baker
Dalmatian Club of Southern New England, President

2019 DCSNE Member Bio: Sara Eastman

Sara Eastman and Thriller

By Sara Eastman, Owner

Mapleaf Patch MT Dreams Come True CD BN RAE NA NAJ NF BCAT CGCA TKP
(agility titles in CPE & ASCA, rally titles in World Cynosport Rally, BIS & RBIS in UKC)

I wish I could start this by chronicling my life-long journey with Dalmatians, but Thriller is my first and only (so far)! I've been a fan of the breed since childhood. I love their looks and athleticism. And, no, I've never seen Disney's 101 Dalmatians!!

Finally, in 2012, it was time for me to start searching for a Dalmatian of my own. I did hours of research on-line, from bloodlines to health concerns. The DCA website was my best friend! Through them I found Linda McSherry. She had a Violet x Taylor litter coming, and added me to the bottom of the list. She took a chance on me, a first-time dal owner, living in an apartment, wildly exuberant about owning a spotty of my own. She's been an invaluable resource in my Dalmatian journey, and I consider her a friend.

I've learned so much from Thriller and had so much fun! I wanted a versatile, athletic, fun dog and that's what I have. We've done obedience, rally, and agility, which I'd done before with my Labrador, and tried new things like lure coursing and tricks, and our newest adventure-mountain climbing. He was awesome in rally-winning lots of blues and several high combined ribbons on the way to his RAE title. He tolerates agility, which is my favorite dog sport, but the love of his life is his job on the farm. He keeps the geese out of the hay field and tries to keep the woodchuck population to a minimum. He's a super greeter and loves to do chores with Henry, often racing the 4-wheeler at top speed (and winning).

The most important thing Thriller has given me, besides love and companionship, is a new group of friends. We met Prue at a dog show, where both Thriller and I were newbies to the conformation ring. She eagerly took us under her wing, introduced us to several people, and made us feel welcome. Shortly thereafter, we joined DCSNE. I'm shy by nature, and joining the club was a step out of my comfort zone. I'm glad I did as I've met so many wonderful people!

I never imagined I'd gain so much by bringing home a little liver spotted puppy. What a ride it's been!!

2019 DCSNE Member Bio: Sara Eastman

Thriller



2019 DCSNE Specialty Dedication to: Anne J.A. Rojas

Celebrating Anne J. A. Rojas

By Prue Stuhr

On the first day of our Cape Cod show Specialties we celebrated a wonderful woman who was Anne Rojas. She had passed away in August 2018 after a long illness. Our Club took a two-page ad in the SSKC/CCKC Catalog. We are reprinting these pages in *Coaching Lines*. Sara Bourque helped us create a Club banner in her honor. Then we had a cake with the banner superimposed on it. Crissy Rojas followed in her mother's footsteps by stewarding and pitching in wherever needed. Crissy was in show photos that day. Finally, at the Club meeting we spoke a bit about Anne and her contributions to the Club. Crissy spoke about her mother's wishes which were that she wanted to be remembered at a show. How lovely that was one of Anne's wishes. We hope Anne would have been pleased with our celebration about her.

**The Dalmatian Club of Southern New England
Friday, September 13, 2019 Specialty Show
In memory of Anne J. A. Rojas (9/22/38 – 8/12/18)**



- Anne- junior handler in 1951; Dal owner for 67 years
- Dal Breeder at her Spotworks Kennel, exhibitor, show chair & president of the D.C.S.N.E
- Board member and Vice President of Dalmatian Club of America
- Last two Dals were Ch Green Starr's Bold Forbes (George) from the Doanes And Green Starr's A Moment in Time (Cassie) From Ada Luttrell
- Previous Dals from Dottidale
- Bred and showed Pembroke Corgis

Anne is remembered for:



- Deep loyalty and love for friends and extended family
- Humorous and positive outlook on life; overcoming losses with dignity
- Competitive singles and doubles tennis player
- Competitive beetle cat sailor as a teen in Swansea, MA, and in a Sunfish on Seneca Lake, NY winning many trophies
- Excellent cook, with friends and families raiding the fridge for leftovers
- Tremendous generosity for Club events, and devoted to Dals till the end

She is a huge loss to the DCSNE. Rest in Peace, Anne. We miss you.

2019 DCSNE Specialty Dedication to: Anne J.A. Rojas



Above: New banner in honor of Anne J.A. Rojas, Designed by member Sara E. Bourque.



Above: Cake with banner displayed in the frosting.

2019 DCSNE Specialty Judges



Cindy Bowman, Sweepstakes Judge, Friday, September 13, 2019

I want to thank the DCSNE for choosing me to judge sweepstakes at your specialty. It was an honor to be selected. I loved the show site and seeing the dogs outside and running on the grass. I enjoyed watching them move on the uneven terrain and imagining them doing their job as coach dogs. All of the dogs demonstrated efficient movement on their go arounds.

Upon approaching the dogs, I really noticed that they were a tail wagging bunch. All had marvelous temperaments, wanted to be touched, and none were shy. The fronts and shoulders were good. Spotting patterns varied but all within the acceptable standard. All had correct bites. My winners though really were nice examples of the breed. Both had a lot of heart and I'm sure could coach for many miles moving easily and effortlessly. They had beautiful heads, nice tail carriages, and pleasant markings.

I enjoyed staying and watching the specialty and seeing so many lovely specials move around the ring.



Susan Carr, Conformation Judge, Friday, September 13, 2019

A Thank you to the Dalmatians Club of Southern New England for inviting me to judge your entry at the South Shore Kennel Club All Breed Show. The weather was lovely and the ring was a suitable size. The Dalmatians in the entry were representative of what your breed standard called for.

In general appearance the Dalmatian I selected for Best of Breed was distinctively spotted. He was poised and alert. I was impressed with his conditioning and he was strong and muscular. The dogs and bitches in the finals were all of stable temperament and outgoing. No one was shy or difficult when examined. I saw, on the whole, very good feet, level top lines, and efficient action when moving.

2019 DCSNE Specialty Judges



Connie Brown, Sweepstakes Judge, Saturday, September 14, 2019

Connie Brown, Spothaven Dalmatians
September 14, 2019, Sweepstakes Judge

My sincere thanks to the DCSNE membership for inviting me to judge at your Specialty! And thank you to those that allowed me to judge your beautiful Dalmatians.

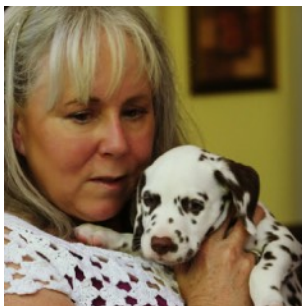
In Puppy Sweepstakes, all three exhibits were beautifully trained and presented. Temperaments were good and I was greeted with waggy tails. All three were structurally sound with nice eye color and spot distribution. Junior puppies change so rapidly as they grow. My Best Junior puppy was more "together" on the day of the Specialty with cleaner front and rear movement.

The Senior Puppy is a balanced dog with nice type. I loved his head piece and he is well-conditioned. His side gait flowed around the ring with efficient reach and drive, and correct foot fall. These attributes led to my choice of Best In Sweepstakes.

I absolutely loved both Veteran exhibits. The decision could have gone either way on any given day. Both were beautifully structured with gorgeous spotting, beautiful head pieces, and dark eye color. Both were presented well and were enjoying themselves in the ring. My Best Veteran moved with a clean, flowing side gait, nice head placement and foot fall.

Thank you again, to the exhibitors who showed their beautiful Dalmatians to me. I hope you had fun and that I provided a good experience for you and your dal! Cheers!

2019 DCSNE Specialty Judges



Carrie Jordan, Conformation Judge, Saturday, September 14, 2018

First of all, I would like to thank the club for asking me to judge the Saturday Specialty. The club Hospitality, exhibitors, and all breed club provided me a big warm New England welcome that made this experience one to treasure and remember. The ring was a nice size to see the dogs move out as necessary with plenty of space between exhibits and the dogs really got to move out. The weather was absolutely beautiful. Thank you to all the exhibitors who showed to me I truly enjoyed seeing every dog.

The liver bitch I gave BOB to was typey, so showy, sound and honest. She was feminine but held her ground with her lovely side gait and extended movement. She was gaited at the right speed to show that off. When free baiting she never put a foot down wrong. She has lovely markings and a beautiful, liver color. She also showed her beautiful neck and head piece while free stacking. She is very engaging and asked for the win.

My BOS black dog (after checking the catalog is a young 15 months old) In my opinion he is a young dog who will have a promising future. He is moderate in size, typey and beautifully presented. His spotting is pleasing to the eye. He has a lovely head with a nice, rich brown eye and a handsome expression. He is sound on the up and back and smooth on the go around. It will be fun to watch this boy as he matures in the ring.

The Select Dog. He is animated and shown to a T (beautifully presented and you can see how much he loves being in the ring and responds to his handler). He has beautiful boning and a nice length of back. Pretty head piece. For me ...the BOS dog has a darker eye and spotting is more uniform on the show side.

The Select Bitch. I told the owner after she showed to me that on her first go around she was not very engaged but as she worked longer in the ring the bitch became more interactive and animated. She is beautiful, typey and sound. Easy on the go around and very pretty markings and so pleasing to watch. She is honest and sound.

The AOM winner has a lovely dark eye and a pretty head. She looked like she loved to show and again is presented beautifully. She is a little longer backed and has pleasing markings. On this particular day I would have liked to see a cleaner coming back to me on the up and back.

My WB/BOW a liver bitch with a beautiful body and boning (not whippetty) is feminine and typey. She has lovely topline on the move that holds true as she goes around with lovely reach and drive. Although she has heavier markings her structure and build outweigh the spots. She has a lovely expression and ear set.

The WD is young and showed nicely. He was sidwinding a bit on the up and back but I am sure with more ring experience he will get everything figured out. The owner will have fun with him.

Although I was told the entry was small so many of the other specials were beautiful and the ring was packed with quality and wish I could have awarded more ribbons.

2019 DCSNE Specialty Judges



Kristopher Kelso, Conformation Judge, Sunday, September 15, 2019

First and foremost it is both humbling and a thrill to be asked to judge our breed whether it be at a Specialty, Supported entry or All Breed show. Thank you to the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England for asking me to judge and the breeders, owners and handlers for choosing to show to me. I appreciate all of you very much!

The bitch classes were a pleasure to judge. I was fortunate enough to have three sweet bitches presented to me on the day. The liver puppy bitch was winners on the day. She has great head and expression. Her ears frame her head and she has a nice dark eye! Her body is very typey. She has a nice neck, level top line and her tail is a natural extension to her top line carried nicely, like a sickle sword. My reserve winners bitch was a mature black bitch. She has a very pretty head, neck set top line and tail set.

As the Best of Breed class walks into the ring I find myself very proud to be a Dalmatian breeder and judge. It is a thrill to welcome the specials into my ring. All of the specials were presented well and in good condition. I especially liked the fact that they were all in hard working condition. After all, our breed is one built for endurance! On the day, my Best of Breed choice was a liver bitch who has lots of breed type. As I approached her from the front I noticed her lovely head and expression as well as her dark eye. She is a well-balanced bitch with a neck that flows gracefully into her shoulders and a level top line both standing and on the go around. Her tail is a natural extension of her topline and she carries it correctly. Her gait is smooth and effortless. The Best of Opposite sex dog is very equally nice as well. As I approached from the front I noticed a very nice head and a look at me attitude, which I really appreciate. He is a balanced black dog with a nice top line both standing on the move and a nice tail set. His tail set and carriage are very correct for our breed. He moves very nicely with great pride and stamina. I chose to move the liver bitch (BOB), the black dog (BOS) and the liver puppy bitch (WB) and have them stack in the center of the ring so that those folks spectating could see the quality of the exhibits. I chose to move all of the entries around and showcase them in the center of the ring to recognize their merits as well. My select dog and select bitch are very nice examples of the breed as well and were certainly very competitive!

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize our very special veteran bitch. Her temperament is superb and she is certainly a "mommy pleaser." As I approached her I noticed her pretty head and expression. She is a balanced bitch with a nice top line and tail set. Although, a veteran I asked her to move around before the exam, she did the up and back and moved around once again before going to the 1st place marker a true testament to her stamina and ability to go all day! She is a special girl.

All the temperaments were superb.

Thank you again for asking me to judge your supported entry. It was truly my pleasure and an honor. My commitment as a judge to all who enter my ring is to judge with honor and integrity!

Respectfully yours, your friend and fellow Dalmatian fancier, Kristofer Kelso.

2019 DCSNE Handling Clinic

Handling Clinic
Professional Handler, Richard Krieger, PHA
Sponsored by the DCSNE and SSKC/CCKC
Recorded by Prue Stuhr

Rick and Jenny Krieger offered to lead the Handling Clinic for anyone who wanted practice in the ring with a puppy or dog. The downpours and chilly temperatures may have been a deterrent to some. Four intrepid people and dogs received individualized attention from Professional Handler, Richard Krieger in order to improve future ring time. Thanks to Richard Krieger and to Jenny Krieger standing by in case she was needed.



2019 DCSNE Specialty Moments



Nuke



Kodak



Lavender



Willa



Jade



Geordie

2019 DCSNE Specialty Moments



Huck



Prada



Sorcha



Barnsby



Webster



Dinah



Adele

2019 DCSNE Specialty Moments



Betty



Desmond



Baker

2019 DCSNE Specialty Results by: Prue Stuhr

September 13, 2019

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

East Falmouth, MA

With Call names

Sweepstakes Judge- Ms. Cindy Brown

BJS/BSW- Dal's Alley N Summit's Prada In The Boro (Andrews, Moreschini) (Prada)

BSS- Shamrock N Highlander Rumor Has It (Quinn, Kingan) (Adele)

BVS- GCH Riverside N Onsegtje Baker's Secret RA CA CGCA (Ramalho) (Baker)

Conformation Judge- Mrs. Susan M. Carr

BOB- CH Brooksid's Minit Man CAX3 BCAT CGC (Simpson, Lajoie) (Nuke)

BOS – GCH Merry Go Round Lavender (Baker, Ramalho) (Lavender)

SD- GCH A Place In The Sun For Bellwether & PatchMt (Devlin) (Geordie)

SB – GCHB Planett's Fly Me To The Moon (Kaplan-Barrett, Barrett) (Willa)

Best Veteran - GCH Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst (Marceau) (Sorcha)

AOM GCHG Canal-Sides Imperator (Masaschi/Masaschi/Masaschi/Battistoni) (Barnsby)

AOM – GCHB Riverside N Novus Greenfire (Blanchfield, Baker, Leyton, Bourque) (Jade)

WD- none

RWD – none

WB- Shamrock N Highlander Rumor Has It (Quinn, Kingan) (Adele)

RWB- Spotwdr N Element Princes Heir (Amos, Garant, Courriveau, Jordan) (Nike)

Best Puppy- Dal's Alley N Summit's Prada In The Boro (Andrews, Moreschini) (Prada)

High Scoring Dalmatian in Regular Classes/ HIT UB 196-PatchMT & Blackthorn Echo of My Dreams (Stephens) (Echo)

September 14, 2019

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

East Falmouth, MA

Sweepstakes Judge- Mrs. Connie Brown

BJS- Dal's Alley N Summit's Prada In The Boro (Andrews, Moreschini) (Prada)

BSS/BSW-Prestige's Kodak Moment (Forbes, Johnson) (Kodak)

BVS- GCH Blackthorn & PatchMt Thru The Looking Glass MXB MJB (Devlin, Devlin) (Dinah)

Conformation Judge- Ms. Carrie L. Jordan

BOB G3- GCHB Planett's Fly Me To The Moon (Kaplan-Barrett, Barrett) (Willa)

BOS/BOH – Prestige's Kodak Moment (Forbes, Johnson) (Kodak)

SD – GCHG Dynamic and Upton's Huck Finn CGC CA BCAT (McNamara, Lajoie)(Huck)

SB – GCH Merry Go Round Lavender (Baker, Ramalho) (Lavender)

Best Veteran - GCH Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst (Marceau) (Sorcha)

AOM – GCHB Riverside N Novus Greenfire (Blanchfield, Baker, Leyton, Bourque) (Jade)

BOBOH: Prestige's Kodak Moment (Forbes, Johnson) (Kodak)

WD- Harrison Trail & Lin-Dal Beginnings (Ettinger) (Webster)

RWD–none

WB/BOW – Shamrock N Highlander Rumor Has It (Quinn, Kingan) (Adele)

RWB- Dal's Alley N Summit's In The Boro (Andrews, Moreschini) (Prada)

High Scoring Dalmatian in Regular Classes- Novice B 190. Ch Lotzadots Raven's Keep Double Play TD TDU CAA SIN CGC (Fraser, Wageman, Plaza) (Mikey)

2019 DCSNE Specialty Obedience/ Rally



Above: Obedience entrants were Barbara Garceau & **AJ**; Jody Fraser & **Mikey**; Nanci Hayes, Judge; Amy Stephens & **Echo** & Dianne Daley representative of SSKC.



Opposite: Rally Participants:

Barbara Garceau, & **AJ**; Nanci Hayes, Judge; Kelly Amos & **Nike** .

2019 DCSNE Specialty Moments



Specialty Photos Courtesy of Richard Baker, Prue Stuhr, Betty MacWilliams and Christine Ramalho.

2019 DCSNE Meet the Breed

DCSNE-Meet The Breed, September 8, 2019

By Melissa MacWilliams

Meet the Breeds was held at Tractor Supply Company in Scarborough, ME. It was organized by Elizabeth MacWilliams, Melissa MacWilliams and Jennifer Ettinger. We had Tiana with Desmond, Elizabeth with Archer and Lyra, Jennifer with Webster and Melissa with Monson. It was a beautiful day although foot traffic was light, but everyone loved our Spotties!



Above: Sisters Jennifer Ettinger and Melissa MacWilliams.



Above: Tiana DiNola with **Desmond**.

Meet the Breed Photos Courtesy of Betty MacWilliams

2019 DCSNE Wins + Achievements

Desmond



New Champion

CH Lucas Legend Desmond's Constant at Seapoint Finished 9/1/2019 at the Mid Coast Kennel Club show in Union, Maine under Judge Dorothy Taylor. Owned by: Tiana DiNola and with Dawn Elliot-Johnson, Breeder.

Lavender



GCH Merry Go Round Lavender OH Best in Show shown by Christine Ramalho Providence County Kennel Club July 28, 2019. Kingston, RI Breeders: Rod and Patti Stand & Paulo Filho Owners: Richard Baker & Christine Ramalho.

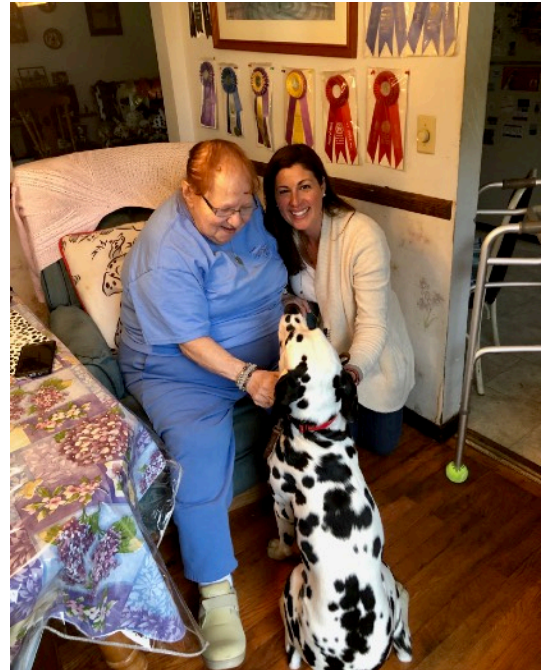
News Flash: Lavender has been awarded #1 Owner Handled Dalmatian 2019. Way to go Christine + Lavender.

2019 DCSNE Wins + Achievements

Oliver *New Grand Champion*



CH. Oliver of Marshwind; Finishes at the Dalmatian Club Of The Finger Lakes supported entry in Bainbridge NY. Oliver won Breed under Judge Kristopher Kelso and a Group 3 placement under Judge Angela Porpora. Sunday, June 30, 2019. Breeder Geri Rosen; Owner Sara Bourque.



Above: Breeder Geri Rosen giving her first Grand Champion a little love.

Roxy



Above: Kathy Pendergast's Roxy
Photo by Ann Altobolli.

Ticket



Happy 9th Birthday Ticket!

2019 DCSNE Wins + Achievements

Nike



Kelly Amos' Nike received four awards at the Cape Cod Shows in three venues: Senior Novice Advanced dive title; Qualified for Eukanuba Dock Diving finals in Florida; Rally Novice title; RWB Saturday's Specialty.

Atty



Tod Hebert and Atty at the Top Level of Agility
MACH 8 Riverside's N Onsengeltje Athena MXB3
PAD MJG3 PJD MXF T2B6 CA CGCA
Owners: Tod Hebert & Richard Baker

To understand Tod Hebert's huge ongoing agility achievement, we asked him to describe his 2019 Eukanuba Invitation. We hope it will be live-streamed so that many of us can watch on December 14-15, 2019 as it was in 2018.

Tod writes: "To my knowledge, no Dal has ever won the invitational. Atty has never made finals but over the years several Dalmatians have. We hope to make finals this year. AKC selects the top ten dogs in every height class, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24-inch. Atty competes in the 20-inch class. This is the most competitive class. It has the highest yards per second (dogs have to be really fast). To make finals you need 4 clean runs (perfect run, no mistakes) over a two-day period and to be within the top ten fastest dogs. So, the first 3 fastest dogs go to finals, regardless of breed. Then the fastest dog in every breed make up the next seven spots (no pun intended). The AKC courses are designed for a 75% failure rate. The courses are always new to the dog (the dog doesn't get to see or practice the course) and the handlers have 8 minutes to memorize a 20-obstacle course. Every course is different every run. Wish us luck!"

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
is pleased to invite

#1 Dalmatian (Regular)
MACH8 Riverside's N Onsengeltje Athena MXB3 PAD MJG3 PJD MXF T2B6 CA CGCA

To participate in the fourteenth
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Your dog is among the select few being honored with this invitation to compete at this prestigious event. You may enter the event online at <https://www.akc.org/AG>

Alternatively, you may obtain an emailed PDF entry form by contacting Steve Herwig, Trial Secretary at smh@akc.org. Please be aware that your entry must be received by the deadline: **Monday, August 26, 2019 @ 8:00 p.m. EST (778)**



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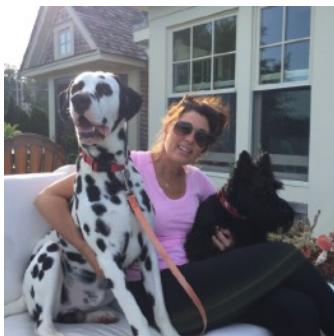


Prue + Ticket

Prue Stuhr: Author,
Editor and Curator for
Coaching Lines.

Upcoming Events:

- November 17, 2019 12pm Club Meeting at the Bolton Street Tavern. Located at 587 Bolton Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.
- January 11, 2020 12pm Annual Club Meeting at the Bolton Street Tavern. Located at 587 Bolton Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. **Snow Date:** January 25th 2020 at 12pm.



Sara, Oliver + Fergus

Sara Bourque: Graphics +
Layout.

Happy Fall

*Nature always wears the colors of the spirit.-
Ralph Waldo Emerson.*



