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A Letter from the President

Dear Members:

It is now three weeks before our Specialty shows take place, and I hope everyone has had a great summer.

Just a little reminder to all of you that our basket raffle of last year brought in the most revenue, so please, the more baskets that are donated, the bigger the profit. Please bring your baskets to Oksana Stark, as she is our Raffle Chairperson and doing a fantastic job.

Lunch will also be provided on Friday and Saturday for \$10.00 per person each day. Please let Joe Muller know if you plan on buying our lunch for one day or both days.

I would also like to thank Karen McNamara for undertaking the position of Editor for our Coaching Lines. We all have faith in you, Karen, and know you will do a fine job.

Thank you one and all and looking forward to seeing many of you at our Specialties in September.

Sincerely,
Normand Caton
President

A Letter from the New Editor

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell the members of the DCSNE a little bit about myself.

I acquired my first Dalmatian in 1982 and never looked back. Her name was Roadcoach Pip of Parade and she was a Colonel Joe granddaughter. I became a member of the DCSNE back in the 1980's but over the years a senior position with Macy's kept me from attending meetings and so I resigned my membership. I have recently re applied for admission and hope that I will soon be voted in as a new member.

Over the years I have bred and or finished 8 champions with 2 more close to finishing. I currently own and co own Brook-

side's the Price is Right who at 12 months old just needs his majors to finish and Upton's Highland Hurrah who needs 1 major to finish. I also own Upton's Finnegan Beginagin who is my full time companion. I have been a contributing writer for e magazines since last fall and recently started a dog day care and training business which affords me the time to work on the DCSNE newsletter. Currently we are hoping to have the newsletter published as an internet PDF file 4 times a year. If there is enough interest with people contributing we could always add more issues.

It would be nice to have the newsletter include current wins and achievements as well as informative articles , updates from the AKC, the DCA and we will try to do a biography of every member and publish 1 or 2 in each edition.

So if you're feeling the least bit literary please feel free to email me articles, achievements, wins, a biography of yourself and please include some photos or anything else you might like to see in the newsletter. If you are not confident with your writing still send the info on and I will be happy to edit it for you. My email address is coach-dog101@comcast.net

Thank You
Karen McNamara



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Reiki and Dalmatians

By Carol Facey HHP RMT

Soothing, calming, rejuvenating, and healing, reiki is wonderful for us, and our spotted family. Universal life force, or Divinely guided life force energy, are just 2 ways reiki is defined. The "ki", (pronounced chi in Chinese) relates to the life force energy that is found everywhere, in all things, including people, animals, and plants. Flowing within us, (it is in all cells) and around us, it sustains all life. "Re", is the universal



aspect of this energy, which is limitless, and ever abundant.

Founded by Dr. Mikao Usui in the early 20th century, reiki is a system based on symbols, techniques, hand positions, and philosophies, that rebalances, restores, and renews, the dalmatian on all levels, emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. Of course, our dals don't care about any of this, they just know it feels great, and will seek it out once they know it is available to them.

Stress, for whatever reason including injuries or illness, causes imbalances and blocks in the systems of our dals. This can and does lead to

complications.

Reiki is renowned in its ability to bring stress relief. Everyone knows that touch heals. Reiki, increases, and deepens the healing that comes naturally with touch.

A gentle, non-invasive, yet powerful method, it promotes deep relaxation, which supports the body's own natural mechanism for balance, and wellness. It provides a safe, and supportive environment that facilitates the healing process, and speeds recovery of conditions such as surgery, injury, trauma, acute, and chronic conditions, illnesses, and diseases. There is a mountain of scientific studies, and research to back up this statement, and reiki is in many major hospitals clinics, hospices, ECT, nation wide. It is well known especially in cancer hospitals, and many medical professionals in both human, and animal medicine are now learning it for patient care. This complementary method is highly versatile, and can be easily combined with any conventional, and/or alternative therapy program.

We do a lot of hands on with our dalmatians, and reiki supports all stages of their lives. From the very beginning, it provides a nurturing environment, which supports the Dam and whelps through the gestation period.

Babes are greeted with loving warmth, which assists them in the first few weeks, helping them to thrive. Any issue such as mastitis, is eased quickly with reiki. The hearing tests, vaccinations, etc. go more



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smoothly, as pups are generally more relaxed, and are easily handled.

For puppies, and adults in good health, Reiki enhances our relationship with our dogs, while maintaining energetic balance of digestion, immune response, and hormones. Grooming, training, and showing in any event, is more enjoyable for both handler, and dal, as they are less anxious, and more focused.

It's hard to watch our seniors go through the aches, and pains of old age, but reiki can help longevity, and quality of life. As their digestive needs change, it aids this process, easing any upset. It strengthens, and balances the immune system, and nerve connection along the spinal column. In Dalmatians with arthritic issues, it reduces inflammation of bones, and joints, while easing the pain, and stiffness that often accompany this condition.

Our life with our beloved companions are all too short, and for dals who are in the last stages of life, reiki offers loving,

gentle support for this process. Any pains, and/or anxiety are lessened, as they let go in quiet dignity, and peace. We are given the gift of a gentler experience that comforts our loss, and allows greater acceptance.

Throughout their lives, our dals give us so much. Reiki allows us to give back. It enhances the mutual exchange of unconditional love with our best friends.



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Introducing *Oksana Stark*

Here in her own words:
"I didn't meet a Dalmatian until I began dating my husband in 1986.

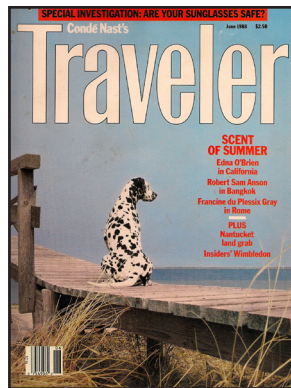
Sam convinced Marjorie Doane, after a year or so of constant telephone calls, that he, a bachelor, living on Nantucket, would be a perfect candidate for one of her puppies. She relented and sent him Green Starr's Tweed.



Tweed produced a few litters of incredibly wonderful pups, and when my husband and I married in 1990 on the lawn of our house, we had Tweed's last litter milling around our feet.

Last August our family of 3 humans and 6 animals moved to Dennisport from Asheville, NC. We now own 2 Dals, Velvet-Green Starr's A Velvet Girl NAJ, OA, and Ann-Green Starr's Anticipation, who had her debut in the conformation ring at last September's Specialties here on Cape Cod. I have no clothing which does not have Dalmatian hairs embedded in them. I am fol-

lowed from room to room by one or both Dals every time I move. My white comforter is covered in muddy footprints, but I would not have it any other way!"



TWEED

Introducing *Dominic & Annmarie Vozzella*

Dominic and Annmarie have resided in Marshfield for the past 13 years and were both born in Boston. Dominic grew up in West Roxbury, and Annmarie was raised in Weymouth.

Dominic's first Dalmatian was Lord Paulman. He was not a show dog; ironically, his nickname was "Champ". Champ had many talents, including but not limited to babysitting and answering the telephone. Champ died at the age of 7 from complications after suffering from bladder stones. The whole neighborhood cried.

Annmarie's first Dalmatian is CH Kastle Maverick Air boss of the MT, CGC. We call him

"Maverick". He is our first family dog. We are not sure he realizes that he is a dog. Maverick wakes us up every morning around 4:30 a.m. as that is when he would like to eat. He does this by yawning and sighing very loudly. This is a step up from when he used to nudge Annmarie right out of bed. By 5:15 a.m. Maverick has eaten, explored the yard, and disappeared back into the bed. His humble servants, Dominic and Annmarie, who are now awake and ready to start their day, shake their heads in disbelief as Maverick looks at them as if to say, "Keep the noise down, I'm trying to sleep!"

Maverick also loves to go to the b-e-a-c-h. We have to spell the word because if we are not ready to go right away, and he



hears the word, he cries and won't let up until we get in the car. We may have to come up with a code word, as we think he is actually learning how to spell "beach." Dominic and Annmarie haven't taught him to answer the telephone yet, but he does ring a bell when he wants to go out.



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We do not own a kennel. Maverick became a champion and achieved his Canine Good Citizen certificate in 2010. If Dominic and Annmarie hit the lottery or otherwise become independently wealthy, they plan to open a Dalmatian rescue. Let's all wish really hard! by Pauline Caton



Ann Mastroianni, long time active member of DCSNE passed away on August 24, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. She served as our loyal trophy chairperson and ring steward for many years. Ann also was our sunshine chairperson, faithfully remembering people and Dalmatians for sympathy or celebration cards. She also gave service to the Dalmatian Club of America as the North East regional Breeder Referral representative. Prior to coming to Massachusetts she was a vital member of Western Reserve Dalmatian Club having judged their Sweeps Classes after she had moved to Massachusetts. We have lost a great member. She may have had Briards currently, but her heart was still

with the Dalmatian breed. She will be sorely missed, especially for her cheerfulness to everyone she met.

Wins and Achievements

Wins, Achievements and other good News: May to August 10, 2011

Linda McSherry, Patch Mountain Dalmatians

Patch Mt's Legend in Time TD, "Lucy" earned her Tracking Dog Excellent title on May 8th at the Dog Tracking Club of Maine's tracking test. Lucy was the only dog that day of the 6 entered to earn that title. A real accomplishment for my wonderful girl and on Mother's Day!

Patch Mt's Legend in Time TDX "Lucy" earned her Rally Novice on June 25th at the Penobscot Valley Kennel Club Show. She earned her title in 3 shows.

CT CH Patch Mt's About Time CD, RE, OA, NAJ, CGC, VCD1, Can CH, Can CD earned her Variable Surface Tracking Title at the Dog Tracking Club of Maine's VST test on July 31st on her first attempt. Because she also had her Tracking Dog title, her Tracking Dog Excellent title by passing the test she earned the Champion Tracking Title.

Carol Langford: Breeder-Owner-Handler, CC'S Gemini Dream-(Missy); Hockamock Kennel Club: WB-BOW-1pt; Kennilworth Kennel Club;WB-BOW-2pts

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Prue and Ed Stuhr: Riverside's Ticket to Ride (Ticket); Wampanoag Kennel Club 6-30-11. Ray Filburn, judge . BOW 1 point. Showed by Rick Baker, breeder and co-owner.

Riverside's Ticket to Ride: Hockamock Kennel Club: 7-2-11. BOW 1 point. Showed by Rick Baker.

Sandy Lajoie, Karen McNamara and Virginia Simpson's Brookside's The Price is Right (Alex); BOB from the puppy class, Wampanoag Kennel Club 7-3-2011 Dr. Robert Indeglia judge. Shown by Rick Krieger, bred by Virginia Simpson Breeder of Merit.

Barbara and Dave Garceau, co-owned by Jackie Quinn Ch Southern Exposure Abby of Bedlam CDX RE attained new titles RD (road dog) and NF (novice fast agility)

GCH S.Xposur n Dynastys Chasin Neon Rainbows CD RA attained new title of RE (rally excellent) Ch Shamrock N S.Xposur AnnEMae CD RA attained the title RE (rally excellent)





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New England takes the National by Storm

As some of you may have read on show-dals most of the world thinks of Kentucky as being on the east coast. Well let me tell you from the Boston area it is a 17 hour drive and not something typically done safely in 1 day.

Never the less the group persevered and arrived in Ft Mitchell.

The group led by the Matriarch of Dalmatian's in



the northeast Barbara Partridge. The New England contingent included Sarah Pryne, who was also the Road trial judge, Linda Mc Sherry, Dawn Elliot, Jeff and Annette Langevin, Joan Eversole, Richard Baker, Peter Johnson, Prue and Ed Stuhr, Paula Suters, Sandy Lajoie, Barbara and Dave Garceau, Karen McNamara, Ronnie Schoelzel and transplant Jina Simpson. Handlers Rick and Jenny Krieger and Bob and Judy Rivard also attended the National this year. Bob turned out to be one of the judges for the top 20. Wendall Sam-

mett arrived just in the nick of time to watch his new



special compete.

The group did some nice winning and it was nice to see everyone so complimentary and excited for each other as we all collected some ribbons.

Somehow we missed the "Whine Party" on Sunday night even though we brought wine along to contribute.

The welcome party was fun and I was looking forward to all the face book friends I had made over the past year but had no idea who they were because we all use a dog picture as our profile! Some name tags would have been helpful.

Barbara Garceau braved the mud and some pretty shaggy horses to compete and win her



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Road Trial title. Linda Mc-Sherry won at rally. Richard Baker placed 3rd with Dolly in 6-9. Prue's bitch Ticket placed 4th in 6-9, Sandy, Jina and Karen's Alex placed second in sweeps and the 8-10 puppy class. Wendell and Richard's special received an AOM. Jeff, Joan and Bertha's bitch Daisy won BOS and the Top Twenty! And Jina's little bitch Winni



was the youngest special there and made the cut. Now I know a lot of hard work goes into making a national and I want to thank everyone who contributed time and effort to make the 2011 a success. This being

said I think we could take some lessons from other breed clubs and add some evening fun with our dogs at the

next national.



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Specialty News

Good Morning Fellow Club Members,

This is a gentle reminder to all of you who may be out of the loop, like me, that it's time to shop (retail or your garage), and put a basket together for the September Specialty in Falmouth, Ma.

Last year the raffle baskets brought in over \$500.00, and this year I hope to make it more visible to those outside the Dalmatian Specialty.

Here is a list of themes already in play: Dog Books of Yore, S'more Basket, Dog News, Functional Dal Items, Hamilton Dalmatian Plates, Garden, Home Décor, Dal Towels.

I will also have a "Buck Basket", for dog related items which we will sell as individual items, for a \$1.00.

If anyone has any new, or gently used, unwanted dog/dal items we will throw it in the Buck Basket...Currently we have Dal Pens, squeaky toys, Dal book marks, Xmas pet stockings, etc

Also-since I live on the Cape, I will be available for Basket pick up when you all arrive for the weekend!

I can pick up your donations, on Friday, and wrap them and/or hold them till Saturday. I have many actual baskets on hand, so if you want to hand me a bag of goodies, I will do my best to make them look respectable and worthy!

Oksana Stark (sellabi1@gmail.com) (828) 713-1046 (c)

DCSNE Judges for 2011 and 2012

September 16, 2011

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

E. Falmouth, MA

Sweeps: James Nash, Los Altos, CA

Conformation: Joanne Nash, Los Altos, CA

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Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

E. Falmouth, MA

Sweeps: Barbara Kaplan Barrett

Conformation Jeannette

Nieder, Greenfield, NH

September 14, 2012

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

E. Falmouth, MA

Conformation: John F. Cramer Jr. Baldwin City, KS

September 15, 2011

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

E. Falmouth, MA

Conformation: Carrie Jordan, Garden Grove, CA

News from the AKC

Event Service Fee

Staff presented a plan to offset a portion of the operating losses in the Events areas.

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This was undertaken due to the fact that in 2010 AKC's events incurred an operating loss of more than \$11 million. Since registrations generated an operating profit of only \$7.5 million in 2010, there was a first time shortfall of more than \$3.5 million in the annual events subsidy from registration revenue. It was proposed that the Event Service Fee be raised to \$5.00 for all AKC Events and that the AKC concurrently cease collecting the \$.50 Recording Fee.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Ashby, its was VOTED (unanimously) to table this proposal.

The Registration of Low Uric Acid Dalmatians

The Board reviewed the results of a vote by the membership of the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA). By a 55-45% margin, the membership voted in favor of registering these dogs. Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Dr. Smith it was VOTED (unanimously) to authorize AKC Staff to develop procedures for the registration of these dogs. The procedures will be developed in consultation with the Board of the DCA. To ensure that the introduction of the Low Uric Acid dogs into the registry is an informed, voluntary decision, the registration numbers for the Low Uric Acid Dalmatians and their descendents will have a letter indicator as part of the registration number.