



# COACHING Lines

June 2017

## President's Letter

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Richard Baker  
Dalmatian Club of Southern New England, President

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## Review of the 2017 Dalmatian Club of America National Specialty By Barbara Garceau

We had wonderful participation from 19 Club members who attended the 2017 National in Gray Summit, MO. They were: Carola Adams, Richard Baker, Barbara Kaplan Barrett, Ed Barrett, Karen Blanchfield, Patrice Corriveau, Kerry Fogarty, Jody Fraser, Barbara Garceau, Dave Garceau, Francois-Pier Garran, Nanci Hayes, Tod Hebert, Helene Masaschi, Pauline Masaschi, Linda McSherry, Mary Ann Murphy, Sara Pruyne, Jackie Quinn, Christine Ramalho, and Ronnie Schoelzel. Thank you to Barbara Garceau for the list of attendees and for writing the following report of the National.

The 2017 Dalmatian Club of America National was held at the beautiful Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. The weather was perfect, the grounds meticulously landscaped and the Dalmatians ready for action. No lack of action occurred for Dalmatians or humans at the Road Trial, including the coaching certificate, to Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Conformation and of course the entertainment of Team Obedience. There was no lack of places to do Dalmatian Trailblazing nor opportunities to socialize with old friends and new. The Welcome Party, the RV party, the Top Twenty, and the Banquet were all perfectly executed to have fun and to meet with people. The Garvin Education seminar was fantastic and informative. The presentations at the general meeting recognized all of the versatility of many of our Dals.

Members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England became participants of the action, from qualifying legs, receiving new titles, acquiring first places in classes, Best Junior in Sweepstakes and Best Senior in Futurity, to judging the Sweepstakes, to High in Trial, to Winners Bitch and Reserve Winners Bitch, Versatility, Versatility Excellent and Triathlete awards. A huge Congratulations to all!



# Jody & Ed Holmes

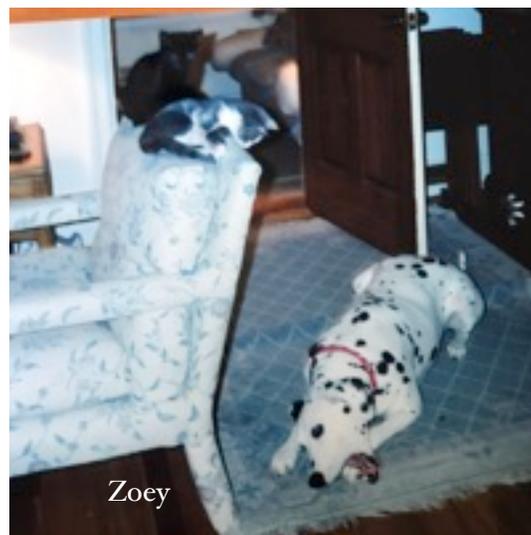
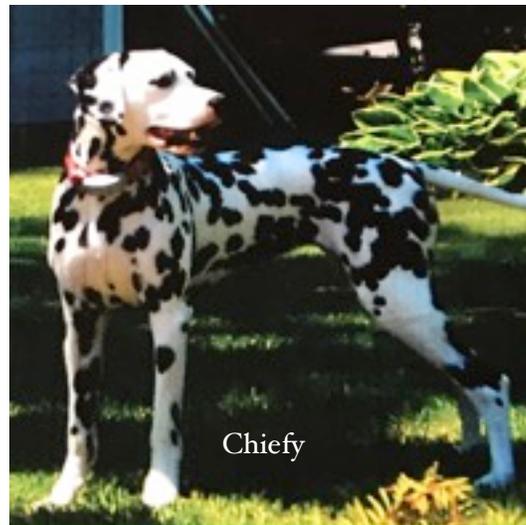
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Over 25 years ago my son, Matt, was on the soccer field with his Dad (Ed). I am not sure if it was the end of a game or what. My son was about 7 and I was at work. From across the field he spotted the most exciting site: a beautiful Dalmatian by the name of Charlotte who was carrying her red leash in her mouth with her owner trailing behind. Of course my son ran up to her and asked if he could meet her. He did and found out that she was going to have pups. Well, that's all it took!! That's when Dalmatians became a part of my families lives!

The pups name was Zoey. She was beautiful and very loving! At first, she was my son's best friend. Then we found out that she needed more attention than a 7-year-old could give and also that he had become allergic to her. She became my dog, and she came at the best time in my life. She loved to go to soccer games, and loved it when family visited. She became the excitement at my son's birthday party when she decided to be Houdini and pull the tablecloth off the table and all the orange soda went flying -- well the kids thought was the best!

After she was gone, I missed horribly the click clack of those nails on my hardwood floor - so I reached out to a breeder! Instead of one I came home with 2 dals: one male we named Max and another female named Bonnie! Max did not stay with us for long. But Bonnie went on trips to Maine with us. One time she flew off the pier and went under. I screamed to Matt and Ed to save her and just as I did she popped up and ran in the cabin. She never liked the water after that. I felt she became lonely so we got another dal.

His name was Chiefy. He was a love and a handful! Chief would go to Maine with us and thought it was ok to go visiting and just walk into other people's cabins to say hi! The only problem was that my neighbor was extremely afraid of any type of dog - so Chief had to be held back when they were around. He loved to swim. He would stay in the pond in Maine all day if I let him. We had a boy's camp next door and he would get loose and run over there to see all the kids. He would proceed to bring home all their socks. He had a thing for socks! I would have to throw them all back over the fence and run! We actually tried to show Chief ourselves. As novices we would go to classes. Ed did the leg work and then we went to couple of shows! Chief did win two ribbons but with lack of knowledge of showing that is as far as we went. He was a handsome Dal! When Chief passed - I received a card with at least 50 names from the Vet's office with their deepest memories and sympathy! He was truly a loved and great Dal!



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At about 6 months to a year before Chiefy passed, I reached out to a Breeder in New Hampshire (Richard Baker). At the time, he had a pup a few weeks old and a 6-month-old. I had never got an older pup of 6 months, but I saw how my old boy looked at the older one and ignored the pup. The 6-month-old was comically cute and she was called Maybelline, I was told we could change her name but for some reason it just fit her. I wanted to have a dog that could be shown and Maybelline did go in the ring a couple of times but she really did not like it. It wasn't her thing. My Maybelline is a love and she gets along great with my granddaughter and she has infectious Dal smile that makes you love her more.

Then about a year later Alta B' came along - she too was 6 months and a show dog! She had already won a few ribbons when we got her and with the help of Richard and a lot of work from June Krukenkamp she went on to become a Champion. You could tell from the beginning that Alta loved the excitement of the show and we loved to watch her in the ring! Both Maybelline and Alta have received their Canine Good Citizen titles.

Finally, through recent training, a much closer bond has been developed with Alta. What a love she has become for Ed and me. We have started a bit of agility which has given her new skills to learn.

In reflecting about my life with all my Dals I would have missed out on a lot in life if they were not in my family. I remember my father 'pretend boxing' in the kitchen with oven mitts on and Zoey standing on her hind legs like a kangaroo! I recall Alta putting her head on my mother's lap and Maybelline being the patient with my granddaughter Allie. Finally, I think about Bonnie being dressed up for Halloween and going trick or treating....lots of good memories!



Maybelline



Zoey & son Matt



Alta



**GCHB CH RIVERSIDE N ONSENGELTJE BAKER'S SECRET RN CA CGCA "BAKER".  
2017 DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY.  
BAKER PLACED 2ND IN RALLY ADVANCED A. THANK YOU NANCI HAYES FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO TEACHING RALLY OBEDIENCE.**



**RBIS Am Ch/Can GCh Element Standing Ovation  
Owned/Bred by François-Pier Garant, Patrice Corriveau & Carrie Jordan  
DCA 2017 - Reserve Winners Bitch (New Champion)  
1st 15-19 bitches Sweepstakes  
2nd 15-19 bitches Futurity**



Willa is BISS CH Planett's Fly Me To The Moon. (MBIS MBISS CH Tuckaway Winged Foot, CHIC 22042 X GCH Planett's Come Fly With Me, CHIC 101501)  
St. Louis Regional Specialty WB and BOW. DCA Winner's Bitch, Best Sr in Futurity. Willa also just won BOB at the Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club. Owned by Barbara & Ed Barrett



Carola and Rahn DCA pic At DCA 2017:

1st in 9-12 sweeps class plus Best Junior In Sweeps, 1s in 9-12 Futurity.

1st in 9-12 Bitch Class

At Lewiston-Auburn KC on 6/ 22/17- WB for a 3 Pt Major

At Penobscot Valley KC on 6/24/17 DCSNE supported entry

WB/BOS for a 5 pt major

At the Penobscot Valley KC on June 25/17 –WB/BOS for a 4 pt major.

Jody Fraser and Nicky  
High in Obedience  
Trial  
DCA 2017



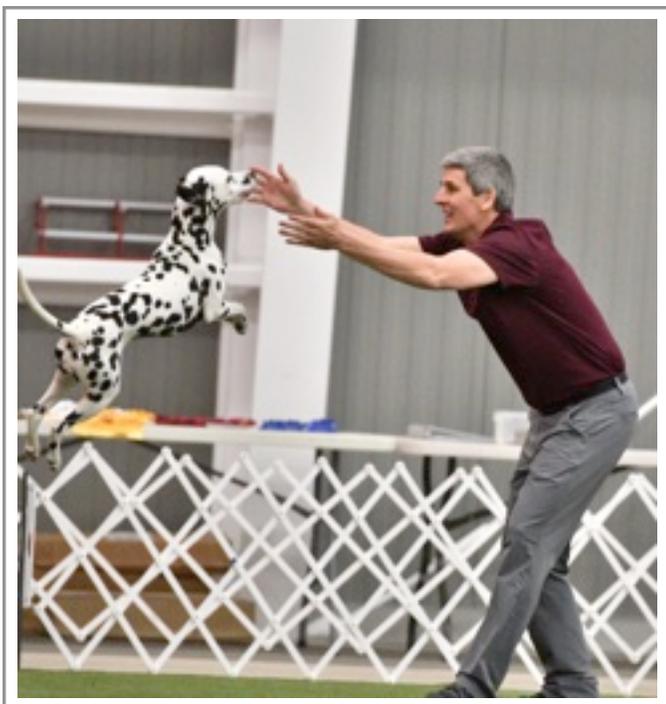


## DCA Team obedience by Jody Fraser

Our East Coast TEAM in obedience took 1st place!! Nanci Hayes, Stephanie Pojeko, Barbara Garceau and Jody Fraser were the teammates. We didn't have one minute to PRACTICE!! LOL!! We wanted to, but everyone was too busy with multiple entries, so we went into Team cold, and still won!!

## Tod Hebert and Atty at 2017 DCA National in Agility Riverside's N Onsengeltje Athena MXB2 MJG2 XF T2B4 CA CGCA AKC #1 Agility Dalmatian 2015 & 2016

Atty got first in **Time to Beat** (T2B). This class focuses on speed and is open to all levels, novice, open, excellent and Masters. Only first place is awarded. Second place gets nothing. The course is a standard agility course without the pause table. Also, Atty got first in **Premier Standard**. The Premier Standard course focuses on International Level handling skills. The courses are much more difficult than the standard AKC courses. They include all the obstacles in a Regular AKC Standard Class, but require very advanced skills for the dog and the handler. Finally, Atty got first in **Premier Jumpers with Weaves** (JWW). Same as above, but based on the AKC Regular JWW class.



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# Veterinary Medicine, Incorporated

by Nancy Kay, DVM

Two giant corporate players have been making veterinary headlines as of late. [Mars, Incorporated](#), the candy maker (M&M's, Snickers, Twix, etc.), pet food manufacturer (Royal Canin, Pedigree, Iams, Whiskas, etc.), and owner of [Banfield Pet Hospital](#) with its more than 900 locations has plans to acquire [VCA Antech](#) and its almost 800 [veterinary hospitals](#). The purchase price is said to be \$9.1 billion. Pending approval of federal regulators, this mega-deal is set to close before the end of 2017. Corporatization of veterinary medicine is nothing new. It's been going on for decades. The more recent trend is the consolidation of veterinary corporations. To date, the Mars-VCA deal is the largest such transaction on record.

Another relatively new trend is the consolidation of independent veterinary practices. The first large-scale merger happened in 2010 when 17 facilities joined together to create [Companion Animal Practices, North America](#). This company grew to 56 locations before being acquired by VCA Antech. [Mixed Animal Veterinary Associates North America \(MAVANA\)](#) has been another successful merger in which 21 mixed animal and equine veterinary practices spread across 10 states joined forces. Dr. Scott Spaulding, founder of MAVANA stated,

It seemed to me there was an opportunity to put together some practices to develop a corporate structure to pull a lot of the business administration part out of the practice at the local level and put it at the corporate level. By pooling our resources, we can hire experts in those fields, and that's what we're in the process of doing right now with MAVANA.

## The good

While it's tempting to view large veterinary conglomerations and corporations as a Darth Vader character in a James Herriot story, they do have a bright side. Reinvestment of profits gleaned from improved business practices and economies of scale (a proportionate savings in costs created by an increased level of production) can provide bigger and better state of the art veterinary facilities and technology. This translates into improved diagnostic and treatment options. Additionally, large veterinary corporations have the ability to gather data from their literally millions of patients and turn this information into meaningful research that can benefit animals wherever they receive veterinary care. Lastly, without corporate buyout options, most veterinarians who own really large veterinary hospitals would not be able to come up with a financially feasible exit strategy for themselves. Few veterinarians have the capital required to make a multi-million dollar purchase.

## The bad

Although an estimated 85-90 percent of veterinary clinics and hospitals within the United States remain independently owned, in some regions of the country, corporations own a disproportionately high percentage of veterinary facilities. For example, the San Francisco bay area supports a large number of veterinary specialty practices. VCA Antech (soon to be Mars) owns all but a couple of them. Such monopolies take choice out of the hands of the consumer.

VCA is a publicly traded company, meaning its business metrics and acquisition activities have been public knowledge. Such information can be useful in terms of the business of running a veterinary hospital. For example, private veterinary practice owners might derive reassurance that their financial "slow season" seems to match up with VCA's "slow season." All such public information will go underground once VCA's approximately 800 hospitals are acquired by Mars.

## The ugly

Having nonveterinarians call the shots can be worrisome in terms of the best interest of the patients. Banfield Pet Hospital and VCA have both been criticized for tying the hands of their veterinarians, requiring that they follow strict medical protocols rather than making decisions based on the needs of individual patients and clients. In fact, a recent [Bloomberg Businessweek article](#) featured a veterinarian accusing Banfield of pushing its employees to prioritize profit over the health and safety of the animals they are treating.

## Reactions within the profession

Reactions to the Mars-VCA merger from those involved in the veterinary profession have been mixed. Dr. Eileen Jefferson is the owner of [Ethical Veterinary](#), a mobile practice in Stone Ridge, New York. She is concerned that, veterinary medicine stands to be reduced to the financial interest of shareholders in a candy company, and at the expense of veterinarian-owned hospitals.

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Using a fast-paced, cookie-cutter retail model has the potential to undermine the science and ethics central to traditional veterinary practice. More than ever, animals are regarded as family members. As a veterinary practice owner, I see that clients are increasingly interested in time spent with the veterinarian, thoughtful education, continuity of care, and patient-tailored medical decisions. The trend toward corporate veterinary practice doesn't seem to match what clients are actively seeking for their animals.

**MAVANA** founder, Dr. Scott Spaulding, views the VCA-Mars merger as potentially positive for the veterinary profession. Based on his experience as a practice management consultant and member of the AVMA Veterinary Economics Strategy Committee, he recognizes that one of the largest financial hurdles most practices deal with is the lack of capital. Pertaining to the acquisition of VCA, Dr. Spaulding stated that it's a capital-intensive business. We have to have facilities and a large enough staff. We also invest heavily in surgical facilities and the latest diagnostic technologies. With \$9.1 billion coming into the veterinary industry, I think that is definitely needed by veterinary medicine and that it will have a tremendous long-term impact.

In response to the VCA-Mars transaction, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) issued forth the following uber-politically correct statement: We support every veterinarian engaged in veterinary medicine, no matter where they practice. In addition, regardless of practice ownership, the interests of the patient, client, and public require that all decisions that affect diagnosis and treatment of patients are made by veterinarians in the context of a veterinarian-client-patient-relationship, and veterinarians must have the authority to exercise professional judgment in making clinical decisions.

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## Just because.....

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](mailto:pgstuhr@comcast.net). We hope to publish in one of the next issues.

Jody Fraser's new family member

We are so happy to add Mikey to our family! His owner and our dear friend, Kris Carlsson from Chicago, passed away and he has come to live with us. Mikey is very sweet, 2 years old, and he and Nicky like each other! I am very excited to continue the training that was started by Kris.



### Can Ch He-Ge's Hellion

(earlier spelling of Hee-Gee)

Owners: Geri and Helen Rosen

BOB Saw Mill Kennel Club March 1979. Handler: Barbara Partridge

Judge: can anyone ID the judge?

Bill starts off driving with Arabella co-pilot



Traffic and signs everywhere that Arabella



Finally the pro Blizzard has to take over and give Bi



First we have Agility with Arabella on Monday. The first run was a total train wreck flying through the course. (For those of you not in agility, the teeter has to hit the floor in order to qualify.)

Arabella did qualify in FAST by being so masterfully handled by Tod Hebert, who is about the only one that can keep up with Arabella in agility



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## OFF AND RUNNING TO DCA BY NANCI HAYES

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In rally Arabella qualified in Rally Excellent



Then onto Preferred Novice Obedience with a 4<sup>th</sup> place with a run off and qualified in Beginner Novice



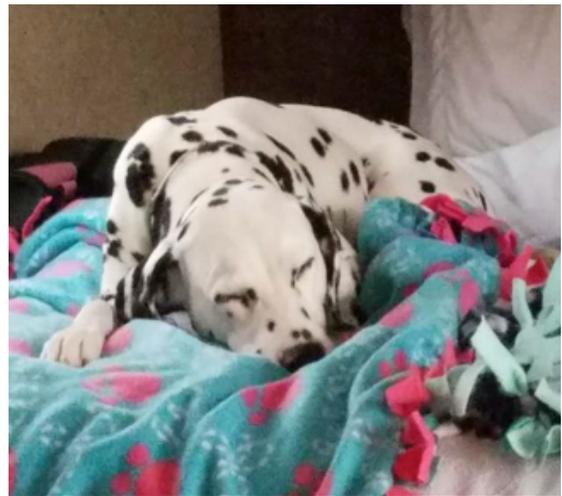
First time for dog brace- Arabella with her father Blizzard – placed 2nd



Blizzard who has been retired for several years decided it was time for a nap during the downs



Blizzard did compete in Veteran's obedience just before this. Nanci shocked as Blizzard says see Mom I can still do this



When all said and done Yankee Sebago & Patch Mt Time For A Miracle CD, BN, RE, CGC "Arabella" received the DCA 2017 Triathlete Award for qualifying in rally, obedience and agility.

# Wins and Achievements



Friday June 23, 2017 at the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club in Cumberland, Maine Yankee Sebago & Patch Mt Time for a Miracle CD, RE, CGC "Arabella" winning Winner's Bitch for a 4 point major shown by Rick Krieger

CH Shamrock N S.Xposur AnnEMae CD RE CA RATI RATN, "TT" earned her Coaching Certificate, "CC" and a qualifying score in RE at DCA 2017. She also received a Versatility Award.

BISS GCH S.Xposur N Dynastys Chasin Neon Rainbows CDX PCDX RAE CC, "AJ" earned 3rd place in Rally Exc B and Adv B, his Rat Instinct and his Rat Novice title with a 1st place. AJ also received a Versatility Award.

GCH Southern Exposure Abby of Bedlam CDX PCDX RE CA NF OFP RD OA AXJ, "Abby" earned a qualifying score in Preferred open obedience and 4th in Veterans over 10 at the Dalmatian Club of Greater St Louis specialty. Abby was awarded a Versatility Excellent Award.

and . . . . . we got to take home the best dogs there are!!!



CH. Novus You Can't Handle the Truth! Kevin finished his CH. Owned by Katie Norris Smith

Seven, owned by Karen Blanchfield won BISS in Wrightstown Pa on 6/3 at the Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club Show. He won BISS for Dalmatian Club of Greater NY on 6/11 at the Long Shore Show in Ct. He also got BOB and a Group 2 placement at the Greenwich KC show on 6/10. As of April 30, he is #10 All breed .

Lucas Legend N Patch mt's Sweet Relief RA ,ACT1, TKN, NAJ  
Lollipop got 3 titles in 2 weekends  
ACT 1 in agility at poetic gold agility, TKN trick dog novice, and jumpers with weaves novice in agility at the Collie Club of Maine show at Wassamski springs.Owned by Dawn Eliot Johnson



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Planett's Shoot The Moon (Sally)  
 (MBIS MBISS CH Tuckaway Winged Foot, X  
 GCH Planett's Come Fly With Me)  
 WB for 4 points at the Delaware Valley  
 DC and the Greater Pittsburgh DC  
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The Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club  
 Specialties  
 Specialty #1  
 Best of Opposite Sex  
 Breeder/judge: Ms. Jean Meader  
 Specialty #2  
 Award of Merit  
 Judge: Ms. Deborah Anthony

The Dalmatian Club of Greater New York  
 Specialty  
 Best of Opposite Sex  
 Best of Breed Owner Handler  
 Judge Mr. Daniel J. Smyth



Ch Brooksidess MinitMan pictured earning his CAX,  
 owned by Jina Simpson & Sandy Lajoie

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GCH CH Riversides Steady Betty CGC had a great weekend in Maine. BOS under Michael Woods for 4 GCH points, BOS under Rolland Pelland for 5 GCH points, Select under Jon Cloe for 4 GCH points and Select under Dana Cline for 4 more GCH Points. Shown by her owner Donna Mac Callum.



At Ladies Dog Club GCH CH Dynamic and Upton's Huck Finn won the Breed and Group 2 under Breeder Tim Robbins, he also earned a Group 3 under Doug Johnson.



Maine was very good to Huck, back to back Group Ones, a Group 2 and a Group 3.

## Calendar

**Sunday, July 16, 2017** CGC/CGCA tests, Picnic, Meeting Borderland State park.  
11:30-3:00 PM

**Friday, September 15, 2017** Specialty Show, #1, South Shore KC, Dedicated to Barbara Partridge; Lunch and Meeting after judging at Cape Cod Fairgrounds, E. Falmouth, MA

**Saturday, September 16, 2017** Specialty Show #2, South Shore KC; After judging our rousing Raffle at Cape Cod Fairgrounds, E. Falmouth, MA

**Sunday, September 17, 2017** Supported Entry, Cape Cod Kennel Club, Cape Cod Fairgrounds, E Falmouth, MA

**Saturday/Sunday November 11 & 12-2017** Pet Expos: new month & new location: XL center, Hartford, CT

**Sunday November 2017** meeting to be announced.