



COACHING LINES

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

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March 2020

President's Letter

Dear DCSNE Members,

At our Annual meeting on January 11, 2020 we had lively lunch conversations and a meeting. Then, awards were distributed to 16 Dalmatians this year. Every title is important and it was good to see what activities members are doing with their Dals. Some special goals were reached which you can read about in another part of this issue. Thank you, Pauline Caton, for your excellent work accepting and printing the awards, and procuring the plaques. Thanks also to Kathy Bremer for creating the Breeder Certificates. We had a birthday cake and sang to celebrate Christine Ramalho's mother's 100th birthday. Melissa, and Betty MacWilliams and Jennifer Ettinger organized a great and raffle for us.

Our next meeting will be at Ladies Dog Club, on Saturday May 30th sitting up on the hill overlooking the showgrounds. It has always been a relaxing time. On Saturday June 20th we will have a meeting at our Supported Entry Penobscot Valley, KC show in Cumberland Maine. We hope you will be able to join us to see the Dalmatians being judged and for the meetings for these two events. Thanks to members, Sara Bourque, Nanci Hayes, and Tiana Holt for your work for the PVKC Supported Entry.

Our September 10 and 11, 2020 specialties will be a fine showcase of Dalmatians. We look forward to seeing you at the Cape.

Yours truly,

Richard Baker
Dalmatian Club of Southern New England, President

DCSNE Member Bio: Jody Fraser



Above Photo: Jody with Nicky + Jack (Skiing)

Jody Fraser- Dalmatian Biography

I love dogs! Big dogs, small dogs, fluffy dogs, and smooth dogs, but especially spotted dogs! I grew up in Litchfield, NH, married my high school sweetheart, traveled with him for 28 years in the Army, retired in Litchfield on family land, and I'm never moving again!

Tracking has always been my favorite sport. I became a provisional AKC Tracking Judge in 2018, and am working through the requirements to obtain full status. We own 15 acres of hay fields, and I can train and teach AKC tracking out my back door.

My happiest "dog" accomplishment was Nicky's AKC Champion Tracker title in 2014, followed closely by her VCD4. VCD4 means Versatile Companion Dog, Level 4

These titles were goals I set for myself, and they were difficult to achieve, and it still feels great to have earned them.

I have been doing AKC events since 1984 and have participated in most of the performance events. Currently, we have one dal "Mikey", 6-1/2 years old, and we are very active in obedience, nosework, and tracking.

I enjoy the social aspect of dog events. I look forward to spending time with my dog, our friends and their dogs!

Best Regards,
Jody and dals

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DCSNE Member Bio: Jody Fraser Continued



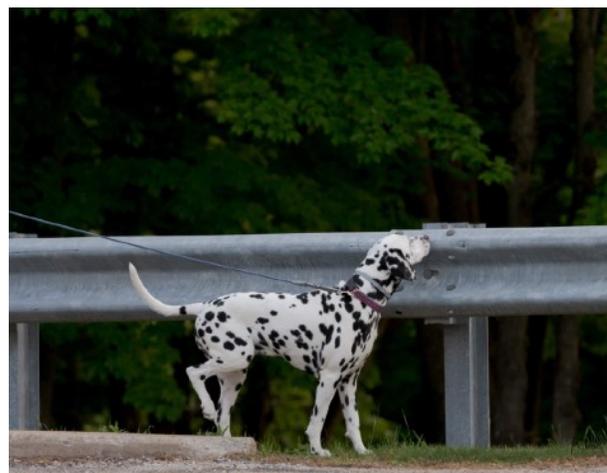
Above Photo: Team Obedience 2018

DCA Team Obedience First Place in 2018 with New England Patriots logo
Nanci Hayes w Dancer, Jody Fraser w Nicky, Dianne Daley with Kahlan, Barbara Garceau with Abby

That was the year of the Patriot's deflated football scandal and Nanci asked the obedience judges to "please check our ball to make sure it complies with regulation"



Above Photo: Jody with Jack



Above Photo: Nicky (Scent Work)

2019 Annual Awards: By Prue Stuhr

Our Annual meeting awards on January 11, 2020 at the Bolton Street Tavern in Marlborough, MA gave 25 of us an opportunity to acknowledge special achievements during 2019. We are grateful to the members for their perseverance to reach lofty goals. One Dalmatian is #1 Dalmatian in agility for the 5th year in the row and highest scoring agility Dalmatian of all time (**ATTY**/Hebert/ Baker). One Dalmatian is #1 National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) (**LAVENDER**/ Baker/Ramalho). One Dalmatian is #2 Dalmatian Bitch in conformation (**JADE**/ Blanchfield/Baker/Leyton/ Bourque). Another Dalmatian was shown to her championship by her Junior handler Kathryn Markey: (Kelsos/Markey/Campana): **Yuki**. Three Dalmatians achieved multiple titles: 8 for **MONSON**/M. MacWilliams, 7 for **MIKEY**/Fraser including an advanced tracking title:TDU; 5 for **AJ**/ Garceaus/Quinn. Congratulations to all the members who achieved titles. Thanks to Pauline Caton for the results below.

Plaques

CH Lucas Legend Desmond's Constant at Seapoint (**Desmond**)

Owned by:Tiana DiNola

(new title: CH = Champion)

GCH Oliver of Marshwind (**Oliver**)

Owned by: Sara Bourque

(new title: GCH = Grand Champion)

MACH9 Riverside's N Onsengeltje Athena MXB3, PAD, MJC3, PJD, MXF,

T2B6, CA, CGCA (**Atty**)

Owned by: Tod Hebert

(new title: MACH9 = Master Agility Champion replaces MACH8)

Bellwether PatchMT & Blackthorn Archer's Tapestry TKN (**Archer**)

Owned by: Elizabeth MacWilliams

(new title:TKN = Novice Trick Dog)

CH Yankee Sebago & PatchMT Miles To Go Monson THDX, NAP, NJP, OJP, OAP

TKN,TKI,TKA (**Monson**)

Owned by: Melissa MacWilliams

(new titles:THDX = Therapy Dog Excellent replaces Therapy Dog Advanced; NJP = Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves Preferred; NAP = Novice Agility Preferred; OJP = Open Jumpers w/Weaves Preferred; OAP = Open Agility Preferred;TKN = Novice Trick Dog;

TKI = Intermediate Trick Dog;TKA = Advanced Trick Dog)

2019 Annual Awards: By Prue Stuhr

Crate Plates

GCH Oliver of Marshwind (**Oliver**)

Owned by: Sara Bourque

(new title: GCH = Grand Champion)

CH Limestone Zdar RK's Snowstorm At Twilight (**Yuki**)

Owned by: Kristopher Kelso, Kathryn Markey, Kinsley Kelso, Ann Campana,
Ryan Markey

(new title: CH = Champion)

GCHBA Place In The Sun For Bellwether & PatchMT (**Geordy**)

Owned by: Pamela Devlin

(new title: GCHB = Grand Champion Bronze)

GCH Blackthorn & PatchMT Thru The Looking Glass

MXB, MJB (**Dinah**)

Owned by: Pamela Devlin

(new titles: MXB = Master Bronze Agility; MJB = Master Bronze Jumpers w/Weaves)

CH Bellwether PatchMT Worth The Wait (**Felicity**)

BN, RI, NA, NAJ, NJP, SIN, SCN, SBN, TKN

Owned by: Pamela Devlin

(new title: CH = Champion)

Matchless N Brookside's Rising Star of Upton CGC, BCAT, NA, CA, RN, SWN (**Nova**)

Owned by: Sandra Lajoie & Virginia Simpson

(new titles: RN = Rally Novice ; SWN = Scent Work Novice)

CT PACH Nicky VCD4, UDX, TDX2, VER, RE, VA, PAX, MXPB, MJPB, OFF, SCN, SIN, SHDN (**Nicky**)

Owned by: Jody Fraser

(new titles: SCN = Novice Containers; SIN = Novice Interiors; SHDN = Novice Handler Discrimination)

CH Mikey TD, TDU, CAA, CGC, CD, BN, RATS, SWN, SHDN, SBN

Owned by: Jody Fraser (**Mikey**)

(new titles: TDU = Tracking Dog Urban; CD = Companion Dog; BN = Beginner Novice Obedience; RATS = Barn Hunt Senior; SWN = AKC Scent Work Novice; SHDN = Scent Work Handler Discrimination Novice; SBN = Scent Work Buried Novice)

GCH CH Merry Go Round Lavender (**Lavender**)

Owned by: Richard Baker & Christine Ramalho

(new title: GCH = Grand Champion)

GCB Riverside N Novus Greenfire owned by: Karen Blanchfield, Richard Baker, Jose Leyton, & Sara Bourque (**Jade**)

(New Title: Bronze)

2019 Annual Awards: By Prue Stuhr

BISS GCH S.Xposur N Dynastys Chasin Neon Rainbows CDX, PCDX, CA, BCAT, CC, RATO, DN TKN, RAE2, GN, SCN, SIN, SEN (**AJ**)

Owned by: Barbara & David Garceau & Jacquelyn Quinn

(new titles: RAE2 = Rally Advanced Excellent, replaces RAE; GN = Graduate Novice;

SCN = Scentwork Containers Novice; SIN = Scentwork Interiors Novice;

SEN = Scentwork Exterior Novice)

Breeder Certificates

Reviewed by Prue Stuhr

Gerri Rosen	GCH Oliver of Marshwind	GCH
Pam Devlin Bellwether	CH Bellwether PatchMt Worth the Wait BN RI NA NAJ NAP SIN SCN SBN TKN	CH BN RI NA NAJ NAP SIN SCN SBN TKN
Pam Devlin Bellwether	GCHB A Place in the Sun for Bellwether & PatchMt	GCHB
Pam Devlin Bellwether	MACH 3 Bellwether PatchMt Spring Rose RN MXC MJB2 OF CA TKN	MACH 3
Pam Devlin Bellwether	GCH Blackthorn & PatchMT Thru the Looking Glass MXB MJB	MXB MJB

2019 Annual Awards: By Prue Stuhr



Opposite:
Special Birthday Celebration for
Mary Ramalho Mother of Christine
Ramalho, Mary turned 100 years old!

Photos by: Richard Baker

Scent Work Trials: By Sara Pruyne



Great Barrington KC Scent Work Trial

DCSNE Facebook post 2- 1 2020

Team DCSNE Spotted at the Great Barrington KC Scent Work Trial In a somewhat chaotic venue our Dals were well behaved, unfazed and got to work finding the scents. Way to show 'em how it's done! Qs earned by all, new Exterior Excellent title for LuuLuu, Fergus in the ribbons (2nd and 3rd out of 16!) Congrats to all!

Here are the complete results from last weekend's Scent Work Trial put on by the Great Barrington Kennel Club. Dalmatians were the largest breed entry and we rocked the classes. This particular trial was held in the same building as the all breed show and the noise level was LOUD! This sport is rapidly growing and fun for all ages.

AJ + Barbara Garceau	
Advanced Container Qualified 00:40:28	
Advanced Interior Qualified 01:35:03	
Exterior Advanced Qualified 02:05:31	

WINNI + Virginia Simpson	
Advanced Container Qualified 01:13:55	
Advanced Interior Qualified 01:15:31	
Advanced Container Qualified 01:19:31	
Advanced Interior Qualified 01:53:84	

MIKEY + Jody Fraser	
Advanced Buried Qualified 01:00:87	
Advanced Handler Discrimination Qualified 2nd place 00:10:12	
Advanced Buried Qualified 01:09:62	
Interior Excellent Qualified 03:01:25 New Title	

FERGUS + Linda McShery	
Novice A Container Qualified 4th place 00:08:78	
Novice A Interior Qualified 1st place 00:09:00 New	
Novice A Interior Qualified 3rd place 00:16:00	
Novice A Exterior Qualified 4th place 00:24:87	
Novice A Exterior Qualified 01:00:00 New Title	

LUULUU + Sara Pruyne	
Advanced Buried Qualified 00:59:12	
Exterior Advanced Qualified 01:36:00 New Title	
Exterior Excellent Qualified 01:48:34	
Interior Excellent Qualified 01:11:55	

NOVA + Sandy Lajoie	
Advanced Interior Qualified 01:01:31	
Excellent Exterior Qualified 02:07:40	

Article of Interest

How Long is Too Long to Leave A Dog Home Alone?

By Nancy Tucker, CPDT-KA

How much isolation a dog can and should endure are two different things. How much time does your dog spend home alone?

We know it's okay to be apart from our dogs and to leave them home alone, but for how long, exactly? A lot of dogs might spend most of their waking hours home alone and seem to do just fine, but is it okay?

Being Alone All Day is Stressful for Many Dogs

Let's start with the most basic of truths: Most dogs will spend time home alone on a daily basis. How long depends on the owners' lifestyle and schedule. Someone who works an eight-hour day and has a commute, followed by errands and evening activities, could conceivably leave their dog home alone for 10 to 12 hours in a single day and on a regular basis.

Few people today would admit to leaving their dogs home alone for 24 or 48 hours or more, but leaving the dog home for 10 to 12 hours is not at all uncommon

Here's the thing, 10 to 12 hours is too long for a dog to be alone in a single stretch.

It's a very broad statement and there is always the argument

that, "We've always done it this way and our dogs have always been fine!" What this means, though, is that the dogs who appear to be fine have simply learned to cope with something that is entirely out of their control. Being left alone for long stretches of time is not a likely choice that they would make if it was up to them. They've adapted to our routines, but it's far from ideal for them.

We count on our dogs to be there for us when we're ready to interact with them, but in between those moments, we expect them to do nothing and wait.

People whose dogs have difficulty adapting are the ones who come to us trainers, asking for help with behavior problems such as barking and destructive chewing, or emotional issues such as fear, anxiety, aggression or over-excitement, to name a few.

In fact, many of us trainers and behavior consultants are kept very busy as a result of the lifestyle to which many dogs are subjected!

Separation Anxiety in Dogs

So How Long Can You Leave A Dog Alone?

Trainers are often asked,

"What's the maximum amount of time a dog can be left alone in a single stretch?" There's no simple answer to this. We know that in most cases, a dog will manage if he has no choice, but we shouldn't push the envelope just because we can.

While not all dogs are alike, most adult dogs should be able to go outside to relieve themselves about three to five times a day and shouldn't be forced to "hold it" for more than four to six hours at a time, on average. We know most adult dogs can hold their bladders for more than six hours, but they really shouldn't have to.

Granted, this is relative. Some dogs, if given the opportunity, will go outside to eliminate every couple of hours, while others – even with the freedom to do so – might still only eliminate three times a day.

You know your dog best and are in a unique position to figure out what his individual needs are. Puppies need to eliminate way more often than adults, and although we can set up their "home alone"

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environment to include a space where they can eliminate indoors, there is still the question of how long they should be left alone without human company.

Yes, Dogs Get Lonely

Dogs are social animals and should have the opportunity to interact with people at least several times a day, and with other dogs on occasion, if this is something they enjoy.

It's even more important to not leave puppies home alone all day. Puppies younger than 14 weeks of age are in a sensitive socialization period and benefit from lots of social interaction. They should be in the company of their family for significantly more time than an adult dog.

Leaving a puppy home alone all day is a waste of valuable – crucial – socialization time that can confer lifelong benefits.

Crating A Dog While At Work

I have a number of clients who, prior to consulting with me, had resorted to using crates in an effort to prevent their dogs from doing further damage to their homes through destructive chewing or soiling, or to barking at the windows. The irony is that the behavior issues were actually created by too-long stretches of isolation. Crating the dogs only made bad situations worse by increasing the dogs' level of stress and further limiting their ability to interact with their surroundings.

There's often a comparison drawn between crates and "dens" – that somehow a small enclosed space should instinctively make a dog feel relaxed and safe because it resembles a den. However, dogs are not "den animals" at all. And even if they were, they would be able to leave their dens whenever they please, which isn't the case with crates.

And if your dog actually seeks out his crate to nap? Does that mean he loves it so much that he'd be okay in it for an entire day? Well, I have a favorite chair in the living room where I sometimes like to curl up and take a nap. My choosing to spend time relaxed in a space without budging for sometimes an entire hour is a far cry from being physically confined to that chair, unable to leave it to stretch, eat, drink, relieve myself, or just plain do something else. It's time we rethink the use of crates and our dependence on them.

If the principal reason for using a crate to confine a dog during our absence is to avoid destructive or nuisance behavior, a better approach would be to address those behaviors through training, or through management that involves meeting the dog's physical, emotional, and intellectual needs.

How to Minimize Your Dog's Time Alone

Following are a few ways you can avoid leaving your dog alone for too long. It can be hard to make this work, but if you dig deep and get creative, you'll find there are actually more solutions available than you might have thought:

Doggie Daycare

Even if your dog is enrolled for just one day a week, that leaves you with only four more to go to cover an average work week! Of course, not every dog is a good fit for daycare, but for dogs who enjoy other dogs' company, even just one day a week is a good step toward meeting his social and physical needs.

Keep in mind that not all doggie daycare operations are alike. Look for clean, well-designed locations with qualified staff who will manage interactions between the dogs and provide necessary rest periods.

Also note that doggie daycare is not the right environment for young puppies.

Come Home for Lunch

If not every day, then as often as you can during the work week. If there are several family members in the household, consider taking turns coming home in the middle of the day to let the dog out to relieve himself and enjoy a short visit.

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Hire A Dog-Walking Service

Dog walkers have been around for ages, but in the last decade this industry has seen a surge in numbers, possibly because more people who work outside the home are recognizing the importance of addressing their dog's needs.

The types of services offered by professional dog-walkers can range from a quick home visit to a neighborhood walk, or even day training.

Arrange for Someone to Visit Your House and Let Your Dog Out

Ask a neighbor, or your co-worker's teenage niece who loves dogs, or that kid down the street who does odd jobs. Not everyone is comfortable with the possible liabilities a scenario like this can present, but you may already have someone you trust to handle this type of task.

Naturally, your dog needs to be comfortable with someone walking into his home while you're out, and in the best of cases, he'll be thrilled to receive a midday visit!

While some of these solutions involve an additional expense, consider it a normal part of owning a dog. When calculating a budget for expenses related to caring for a dog, owners may figure in the expenses for food, toys, maybe some grooming, and the occasional vet visit. All too often, though, money for training and other services like daycare, boarding, or dog walking tend to fall erroneously into the "luxury" category. In reality, these are essential services that contribute to meeting a dog's needs more completely.

Maybe we've been asking the wrong question all along. Rather than trying to figure out how to best stretch the amount of time we can leave our dogs alone, we should be trying to help our dogs get more out of every day. This idea might take some getting used to, especially since it suggests that our dogs aren't happy. Sometimes, though, it's good to question the status quo and ask ourselves if we can do better.

Special Thank You to Don Gotsch of Western Reserve Dalmatian Club for sharing this article from their March 2020 Spotted Copy newsletter.

DCSNE March Meeting

Preservation of the Breed

By Prue Stuhr

During the President's report on March 8, 2020 meeting, Richard Baker mentioned "that part of Breed Preservation is attending club meetings." Breaking down Breed preservation to activities with our clubs and the importance of attending events was a good phrase to remember.

Later on the new Facebook page called the DCA regional Club Forum (with two representatives from each regional club) Richard commented "that without clubs we have no shows. Without shows we have no avenue to promote or validate breeding stock. The giving of our time to preserve our clubs is a "necessary" gift to breed preservation



In attendance: Prue Stuhr, Christine Ramalho, David Jaquith, Sara Bourque, Whitney Perry Leyton, Pepe Leyton, Sue Basius, Karen Blanchfield, Tod Hebert, Tiana DiNola, Kathy Pendergast, Donna MacCallum and Richard Baker.

Wins + Achievements



Opposite:
 Non-Sporting Group I for GCH CH Merry Go Round Lavender at the Worcester County Kennel Club show in W. Springfield , MA, On November 30, 2019.

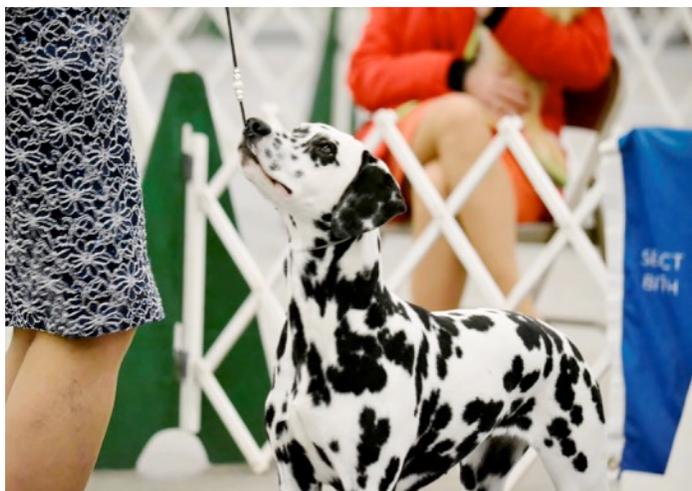


Above: Ch Riverside's Modern Millie of Dapper-Dan (Dahlia) VCDI BN RE AX AXJ CGC finished her Excellent Standard agility title on January 18 in Hamden, CT. Judge: Victoria MacVicar, at the Nutmeg Border Collie Club. Owner: Bronwyn Schoelzel.



Above: Image is from Sara Bourque GCH Oliver of Marshwind earned a Trick Dog Novice title on February 22, 2020 at All About My Dog, Natick, MA, with Teacher Lisa Rockland. Photo by Jordan Rockland.

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Opposite:
 Donna MacCallum & Steady Betty
 Betty and Donna attended Greater Lowell Kennel Clubs show on Saturday, January 18th. Betty went Best of Opposite, Best of Breed Owner Handled under Judge Claudia Seaberg and Owner Handled Non- Sporting Group 1 under Judge Bradley Odagiri.
 Photo By: *Jordan Isoam Photography*

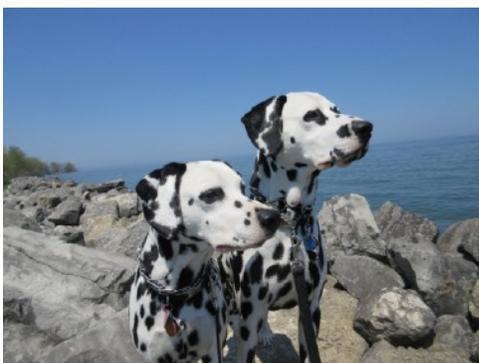


Opposite:
 GCG Dynamic and Upton's Huck Finn CGC, "Huck", has been making Karen McNamara and Sandy Lajoie very proud. This year through February 2020 Huck is ranked #3 all-breed Dalmatian. In 15 shows he has won 14 breeds, 2 Group Ones, 4 Group Two's, A Group 3 and Group 4. He also has been an ambassador for our breed participating at the Museum Of Science's live exhibit, "Dog's a Science Tail".

Wins + Achievements

The Dalmatian Distance Log Program Information collected by Prue Stuhr

The Dalmatian Distance Log Program (DDLP) allows DCA members to record and report the miles that they complete with one or more Dalmatians. Mileage can be accrued in many ways. Walking, hiking, running, biking and horseback riding are the most common. Annual achievement awards are given, as well as a unique t-shirt each year for the participants. The description above was written by Rosie Branaman, who is the founder of the program. Below is the link to the DDLP on the DalmatianClubofAmerica.org site which will share how to join and answer other questions. <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/dalmatian-distance-log-program/>



Above Image is from Christine Ramalho with Baker, Rose and Lavender
Christine logged 315.8 miles in 2019. Our total miles in the program since we began in 2014, and have logged 3228 miles for Platinum II title.



Above Image is from Kathy Pendergast of Tiffany and Roxy along with Lizzie they have earned the gold level certificate for walking 504 miles in 2019 in Dalmatian Distance Log

Wins + Achievements: DDLP Continued



Above Image is from Barbara and Dave Garceau
Dalmatian Distance Log Program
They did 100 miles in 2019. Overall we have
1137 and are at Platinum level.
L t R in photo: AJ, TT and Abby.



Above Image:
CH Lucas Legend Desmond's Constant
at Seapoint CGC. Desmond and Tiana
DiNola did 575 miles for 2019 in DDLP.
Photo from the top of Mt Moosilauke.



Above Image is from Sara Eastman
Sara and Thriller achieved the silver level
their first year participating in the
Dalmatian Distance Log Program, 337 miles.
Photo from the top of Cardigan Mountain.



Above Image is from Sara Pruyne
Sara Pruyne's Clair did 160 miles
2019 for DDLP.

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Celebrating DCSNE Number #1 Dal's in 2019



So much hard work and dedication here! Very proud of your outstanding achievements in 2019!

Above photo:

Pepe Leyton with **JADE**, Number #1 Dalmatian Bitch this Fall (Sept 20 - Nov 20, 2019)
Jade was # 2 Bitch at the end of 2019 after being #1 until November.

Christine Ramalho with **LAVENDER** #1 National Owner Handlers Series. (Lavender is not pictured in photo above she was taking care of her week old pups.)

Tod Hebert with **ATTY** #1 Dalmatian Agility.



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Sara Bourque: Graphics + Layout.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **May 30, 2020** Saturday / Club Meeting at Ladies Dog Club. Wrentham, MA Time: TBA.
- **June 20, 2020** Saturday/ Meeting at Penobscot Valley KC, Cumberland ME Time: TBA
Supported Entry for Dalmatians by the DCSNE.
- **August, 2020** Specialities Show Organization via Conference Call Date TBA
- **September 11, 2020** South Shore KC, Meeting at Cape Cod Fairgrounds East Falmouth MA .

In these unprecedented times ahead The DCSNE board wishes you to **Be Careful, Be Well and Stay Positive.** We appreciate each and every one of you!

Keep us posted on how you and your Dal's are doing. Send us an email or something to post to Facebook.

*"You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one"
John Lennon + Paul McCartney*



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