



COACHING Lines

December 2014

President's Letter

Dear Members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England,

We have had a remarkable year thanks to the help of many members. We celebrated 65 years of our regional club's existence, second only in longevity to the Northern California regional Club. Our Club meetings have given us a chance to organize activities like our summer picnic with Canine Good Citizen tests, our fall Meet the Breed Event at the Hartford Convention Center, and our two specialties and supported entry show. Our 5 point majors for dogs and bitches for the three days remains a great memory.

Everywhere I travel with my Dalmatians I have an opportunity to attract people to our lovable and beautiful breed. Dalmatians can be great ambassadors. We may be planting a seed for people to add a Dalmatian to their family. It is great to remember that when we are out and about.

I am looking forward to our Annual Awards Meeting with the new date and time of noon Sunday January 11, 2015 at the Bolton Street Tavern in Marlborough, MA. Come find out who will receive 7 titles on one Dal! I hope many of you will be able to join us to enjoy the presentation of awards, lunch, and catching up on our lives. Please RSVP to Karen McNamara by January 7th.

We have added two new events for 2015. A Supported Entry in Obedience and Rally Trial will be held at MasterPeace Dog Training Center, Franklin, MA on January 4, 2015 under the auspices of Ladies Dog Club, Inc. This is a chance to get acquainted with Obedience and Rally, if you are not familiar, support the Dalmatians entered, or compete with your Dalmatian. On May 30, 2015 we will also support Ladies Dog Club, Inc. Conformation show. We will plan a meeting for that day. It will be a fine day to watch Dalmatians, attend a meeting, and chat with friends.

Respectfully,

Richard Baker
DCSNE President

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Tribute to Carol Langford
By Prue Stuhr

Carol Langford's Dalmatian ownership spans forty years. She rode her leased Pinto, Barron, with her first Dalmatian through fields and trails before the Road Trial Event had been revived. She also competed and won Eventing Trials and Hunter Pace Events with Barron.



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A fire station was in her home neighborhood. A fire fighter would often come to visit Carol's Mother with a Dalmatian. From those interactions Carol got the idea to buy a Dalmatian. She also rescued Dals, but as with so many of us, there is nothing like the first Dal. She was a female called 'Space', named in honor of the Boston Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee, who was called 'the Spaceman.' People told her that Space was not a female name, so in the presence of others she called her Irene. But privately, she still called her original name, Space.

Later she got a Dal and named her Irene.

Although Carol didn't buy her next Dalmatian for conformation showing, Pixel (CC's Chellie's Little Pixel) became her first show dog. She co-owned her with former members Robin and Ted Brodie (Hamilton). Barbara Partridge helped her with handling skills. For her Kennel name Carol created CC, continuing the legacy from the Haviland's Kennel name of



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Chocolate Chip. After that the Havilands shared the Deltalyn prefix with the Rivards. Carol did some obedience, but didn't achieve Pixel's championship.

The next Dal was Hillary (CC's Chip of the Pixel). Carol commented that "She was a little bit darker than Dalmatians at the time, but Hillary would fit right in with today's Dals." Carol chuckled that she had a lot of fun with Hillary.



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She had become friends with former long time members Doug and Sue Haviland, (Chocolate Chip Dals, then Deltalyn Dals) and long time members Bob and Judie Rivard (Deltalyn). She co-owned Freckles (Ch Chocolate Chips Freckled Fred) with the Havilands and Rivards. She finished him at ten months old circa 1990.

She named many of her Dalmatians after Moody Blues' songs. Missy (Ch CC's Gemini CGC CA) is one of them. Missy's Grandfather, Justin, was named CC's Nights in White Satin, after a well-known Moody Blues song. This fall Missy needed just one point to be a champion. She had a spectacular finish on



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Thursday September 11, 2014, the day before our Specialty shows. Richard Krieger handled her for the first time and showed her beautifully to get the 4 point major. There were whoops ringside when Missy finished. People were so happy for Carol.



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Bob and Judie Rivard noted that Carol was always very caring, and ready to help, whether it was showing a dog, or something personal. Judie shared, “She was willing to give you the proverbial shirt off her back.” Also, Judie recalls that the day she finished her Border Terrier Carol bought a BIG Squeaky rat for her. They watched as the Border Terrier totally ripped it apart. They laughed till it hurt. Some gifts are meant to be enjoyed and destroyed. Carol always put her dogs first.



Along with her husband, Eddie, Carol lives with her two Dals Irene (CC’s Candle of Life), Missy (Ch CC’s Gemini Dream CGC CA) and a young Sheltie, Natalie (Blu Vu CC’s Black Swan). At New England shows Carol can be seen at the Sheltie and Dalmatian’s rings watching the judging and chatting with friends.

Carol is an outstanding sportswoman, accepting wins and losses with equanimity and humility. She served as Club Treasurer for 10 years (1998-2001, and 2009-2014). She has excellent mathematic skills as well as a calm demeanor. We plan to see Carol often in 2015, just not in the Treasurer’s role. Thank you, Carol, for your willing support and for being such an active, vital Club member. Lastly, we thank you for being a good friend to all of us in the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England.

Photos: 1) Pinto Barron 2) Space with son Mike 3) Pixel, 4) Hillary 5) Freckles 6) Missy with Rick Krieger 7) Missy and Carol

Meet the Breed

Meet The Breed,
Hartford Convention Center
Text and photos by Barbara Garceau

WOW, what a spectacular event for the dogs!!! The Meet the Breeds even was held Sunday, October 25 and 26th, 2014 in Hartford, Connecticut. Dalmatians participated on Sunday. Together, Ronnie and Hugh Schoelzel, Jane Friedlander and Barbara Garceau met with the public to share their dogs and to talk about the breed. From those with little experience with dogs to those with past experience with Dalmatians, the dogs were touched, petted and talked about. Dahlia, Tango, Tasha and Abby were perfect ambassadors displaying their happiness and joy to be with people. Abby wandered thru the crowd stopping at the booths for various treats, pictures, and just to be touched. The day ended with a group exhibition. Bonnie Gottier with Marcus and Jane Friedlander with Tasha represented Dalmatians.

The display board with pictures of Dals doing everything from dock diving to conformation was a big hit with the people who stopped by. We were able to give our flyer to persons interested in being owned by a Dalmatian. The event was well attended and the host club did a fabulous job making us feel welcomed and fed. Kudos to everyone involved. Please consider being a part of this great event next year. It only is a one day event and it means so much to the public and our Club.



This is the story of **Spotters Sparkled** **Promise.....**



In 2006, Lottie Dot was rescued off a busy highway during a snowstorm in Oklahoma when she was two months old, frozen and starving.

After her vet told me she was deaf, I started using sign language immediately. It was no big deal and seemed natural for both of us. She loved learning and training. With Lottie's eagerness to learn and her free-spirit, I knew she was not going to let her deafness define her. She started out as a Canine Good Citizen and Canine Ambassador. We had so much fun visiting schools and libraries; I knew we had something special to share! Lottie Dot received AKC's Distinguished Therapy Dog a few weeks ago. So far she is the only deaf Dalmatian to have this title. I hope more will be recognized but first they have to be given credibility and worthy of life and love.

We've been a therapy dog team for 8 years, R.E.A.D® educators for 7. Lottie Dot is the foundation for my nonprofit, TN Safety Spotters "Animal Friends Teaching Children". She's a mascot for The Kind-ness Revolution, a nonprofit that teaches kids kindness is cool. Trained as a K9 Public Safety Educator, Lottie has taught thousands of children how to be safe around dogs. She retired last year from fire service after teaching 10, 000+ kids how to stop, drop and roll in schools. She's left lifesaving memories to thousands and has no idea what a great example she sets for any dog with or without a disability.

Lottie's 'watch me' is sharp and understands ASL along with 60+ hand commands. She has a keen sense to a person's moods, watching their body language and facial expressions. She knows who needs her the most. Everywhere we go people look at her and instantly smile. She responds with a happy, wagging tail and an approachable demeanor. When we first became a therapy dog team, my goal was to visit the children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I knew she could make their stay brighter and less frightening. That goal came true; in fact she just retired last year after volunteering 6 years. The staff, parents and kids continue to talk about the way she seemed to understand what they were feeling. She knew when to be still and just accept petting or when to be funny to make them laugh. She made them feel like something magic was happening. I know Lottie misses her St. Jude visits when I see her ears perk up when we drive pass the hospital. After working 7 years at the VA Hospital in Memphis, Lottie Dot was given a retirement party last year.

Sparkled Promise

‘Lottie Dot’

written by Patricia Belt



Her visits helped motivate hundreds of Veterans to regain their mobility with physical therapy. Lottie's 8 years working with high school teens with special needs continues, although not as often. She enjoys reading with them, making the students feel like the best readers in the world! With every visit, Lottie Dot makes miracles happen.

Our first visit to a deaf school, Lottie Dot and I gave a presentation on Dog Safety. It wasn't until 20 minutes into the program that I told the students Lottie was deaf. They were shocked and kept saying "She doesn't look it, are you sure?" The students learned something very important about themselves that day. Lottie Dot raised their self-esteem in a way an adult could not.

Just recently at an elementary school, Lottie taught a child who was severely afraid of dogs that not all dogs are scary. After just a few moments with her, the student was petting and even gave her a hug.

Lottie made a difference in this student's future in just a few minutes.

Lottie and I have been on hundreds of adventures. It only takes her seconds to bond and her natural ability to calm makes her an integral part of the healing process, emotionally or physically. Her work days have lessened but her memories live on.

A children's grief camp, abuse center, or a woman's prison, each had something in common, they needed Lottie Dot's unconditional love, acceptance and understanding with a sense of normalcy, without being labeled or judged.

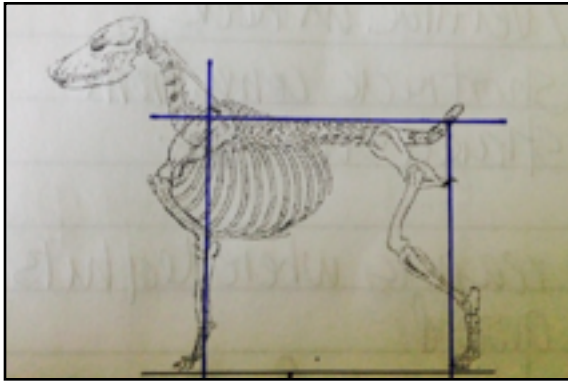
I continue to get requests almost daily to share my "four-legged healer" but it's time for her to rest. Lottie Dot has devoted her entire life to others, sharing her beautiful spirit.

With support from the Deaf Dalmatian community, I continue to rescue, train, and get certifications for therapy work for these very special spotted dogs.

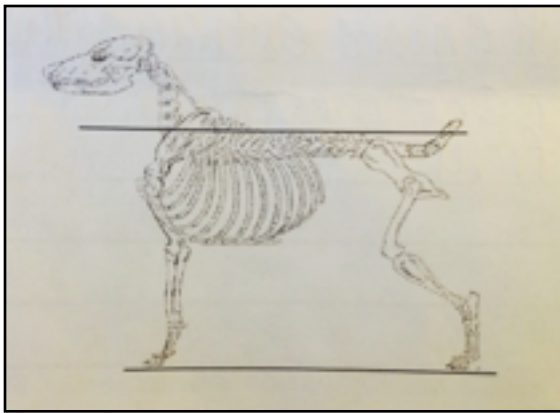
Lottie Dot's legacy as a distinguished therapy dog continues and I hope one day soon, deaf Dalmatians will be known as part of an amazing culture, not a pitiful defect.

Congratulations, Lottie Dot. Job well done!

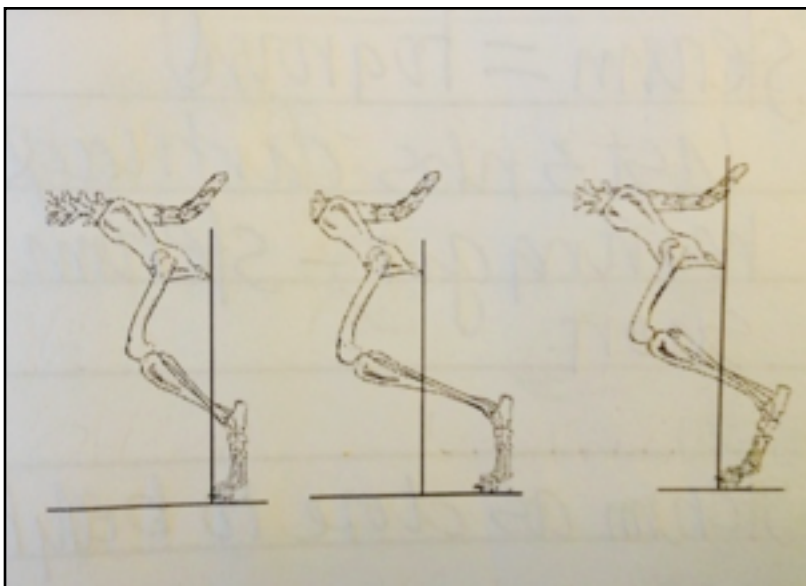
TRY THIS AT HOME



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This is an exercise from Pat Hasting's Seminar Structure in Action to determine if your dog is in proportion.

1. Draw a line across your dogs back.
2. Draw a line through the center of the front leg from foot to shoulder. The head and neck should be in front of those intersecting lines.
3. Draw a line through the tip of the bone beneath the tail to the toes. Toes should not fall in front of or behind that line. If the toes fall behind the line your dog is over angulated.

Obedience/ Rally Trial by Nanci Hayes

The DCSNE is doing a supported entry at the Ladies' Dog Club at the MasterPeace Dog Training Center in Franklin, Mass on January 4, 2015. Barbara Partridge is offering a rosette and Prue and Ed Stuhr are offering a Water Bottle to the highest scoring Dalmatian in a regular class. Nanci Hayes is offering dog biscuits to all Dalmatians receiving a qualifying score in Rally.

Rally can be considered an introduction to the many venues in the dog world; be it obedience, agility, tracking, coaching and road trials, etc. In rally one is allowed to talk to their dogs all you want. There is a course set up with signs that tell you what to do, like circle left with your dog, or down your dog and you walk around your dog, or go a slow or fast pace with your dog for 10 feet or so. Rallies is utilizing the basic commands, sit, down, stand, stay, heel through a course which you can cheer, talk, praise, encourage, etc your dog with a goal to have fun.



Wins & Achievements

Jane Freidlander wrote, I am absolutely thrilled: Last weekend at West Springfield, my girl Heegee's Tasha of the Lake got back-to-back four-point majors to finish. Last month we got CD and RE both -- what a year, with my first show dog.

Thanks to breeder Geri Rosen for bringing this special girl into my life

Tasha was also Select Bitch at the Forsythe Kennel Club show at Winston-Salem, NC, both Saturday December 6 and Sunday December 7. She got three championship points each day (total of six) for a great start to her Grand Champion title.

UKC Ch. Cherry-Valley & CCDal's Lil Sprinkles CA, got closer to her Novice JWW title & her Novice Agility title. She took first place in Novice B agility STD & first place in Novice B JWW (time 27 secs) on Dec. 9th @ the American Bullmastiff Agility Trial.
Renelle Grajales & Sprinkles

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Baker finished his GCH at the South Windsor Kennel Club show in West Springfield, MA on November 22nd with a 5 pt. major under Judge Denny Mounce. Along the way to his GCH, Baker earned three 4 pt. majors and four Best of Breeds.



Calendar

LADIES DOG CLUB

Supported Entry Obedience

Sunday Jan 4 2015

Franklin, MA

Last Board meeting Tues. 1/6/15
(conf. call)

ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING

1/11/2015 Bolton Tavern

Marlborough, Ma

New Board meeting after
Annual meeting 1/11/2015

Ladies Dog Club, Conformation show
5/30/2015

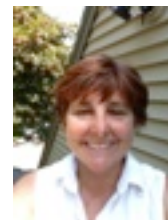
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