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January Meeting

Saturday January 19, 2007
Dogtown Training Academy
2846 Rob Shepard Dr.,
Burlington, NC 27215
336-570-1144 or 336-266-
2914
www.dogtowntrainingacademy.com

DCA Nationals

April 24-30, 2008

Host Hotel
The Drawbridge inn
2477 royal Dr
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017
(859) 341-2800
Room Rates: \$79/night +tax
Pet Deposit \$50/room
\$25 refundable at check-out

Presidents Desk

Welcome to a new year with the Central Carolina Dalmatian Club.

It looks like we will have a busy year ahead of us. CCDC has once again proven that we are a very diverse club. The conformation ring is not the only ring that we are shinning in. The obedience and Rally ring has been mastered by several of us.

The AKC report is in and we are now waiting for a letter telling us we are on our way to the next step. With the help of Cindy Stansell, we asked for the fast track. Hoping that AKC will see value in the amount of talent that this club has.

Gayle C. Riggins

Joint Supplements

Reported by Carroll Weiss carroll.weiss@att.net

" All of the supplements seem to have Vitamin C added. Isn't this bad for Dalmatians?" Here is a March 1995 national bulletin from the then DCA Study Group on Urinary Stones:

BULLETIN FOR DCA REGIONAL CLUBS

From: Study Group on Urinary Stones Health & Research Committee,
Dalmatian Club of America

For Immediate Release

Owners of Stone-Forming Dals: Be Aware of Vitamin C

Vitamin C is being recommended as a urinary deodorant but this chemical may aggravate certain health problems in some stone-forming Dalmatians, unpleasant as their urine may smell. The odor of all Dalmatians' urine appears to be particularly pungent because it shows a breed-specific high ammonium content. (High ammonium content is also one of several factors reported as significantly contributing to urinary stone-forming in

Dalmatians.)

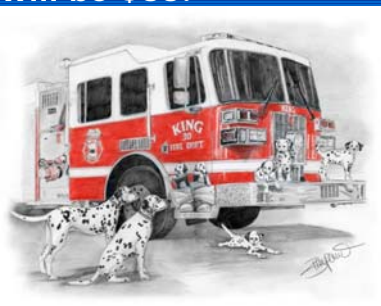
Ammonium acid urate has been reported by veterinarians to be the most frequently assayed mineral in stone-forming Dalmatians and - after urates -



DCA 2008 Website:

<http://www.dcanational.com>

DCA National Performance Fund
Each year a limited edition print is offered. This year the print was done in colored graphite. The prints will be \$55 and both the print and t-shirt will be \$65.



Visit the DCA web site and place your order today. All the proceeds benefit all five performance events expenses.

calcium oxalate is the next most frequently identified mineral in their urinary stones. Why is this important?

VITAMIN C IS A CHEMICAL PRECURSOR OF CALCIUM OXALATE !

Accordingly, vitamin C should not be given indiscriminately to Dalmatians, especially not if your Dal has a history of forming calcium oxalate stones and/or urinary crystals.

Another recent factor is that many manufacturers are adding vitamin C to their dry dog foods as an anti-oxidant to retard rancidity, replacing ethoxyquin (previously added for the same purpose) perhaps as a result of alleged adverse reports about ethoxyquin. The amount of vitamin C required for and being added as an anti-oxidant is unreported. If, again, your Dal has a history of forming calcium oxalate stones, check for the presence of vitamin C as a preservative among the ingredients of the dry dog food being fed. If it is listed, consult with your veterinarian concerning the continued use of that dog food. - (End, Bulletin of March 1995 Bulletin)

On the other hand, vitamin C is reported to "boost" the immune system in human and other species. It seems to me, except for Dalmatians with known histories of calcium oxalate abnormalities, why indiscriminately deny your dogs the vitamin's benefits? Of course the decision is one for you and YOUR VET to make.

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"If you breed, Rescue,
If you don't breed,
RESCUE ANYWAY!!"





Braggs, Brags and More Brags

Conformation Brags

New Champions!



“Willow”

CH Starwood's Mack
O'Million X CH Starwood
Hope Floats
Owned & Loved by Peggy
Copeland



“Johnny”

CH Starwood's Proud Irish
Rebel X Starwood's Sweet
Siobahn
Owned & Loved by Tina Gay
Watch for him in the Rally
Ring!

Peggy Copeland

STARWOOD'S WILLOW BY THE SEA, CGC “Willow” By
Starwood's Mack O'Million - Ch Starwood's Hope Floats.
Finished her CHAMPIONSHIP!

Tina Gay

STARWOOD'S REBELATION MAN, CGC “Johnny” By Ch
Starwood's Proud Irish Rebel - Starwood Sweet Siobahn.
Finished his CHAMPIONSHIP!

Tina Gay/Peggy Copeland

STARWOOD'S TWIST AND SHOUT, CGC “Oliver” By
Ch Laurel's What The Dr Ordered RN - Starwood's I Did It My Way
WD/BW/BOB Furniture City 11/11

Wayne & Jean Crown & Meg Hennessey

Timeless Crown Lady of Snowood “Guin” by CH
Snowood Honeylane Flash Fire x CH Timeless Tailwind to Snowood
WB Furniture City 11/10

Gayle Riggins

PHD's Pay It Forward, CGC “Jesse” by CH Quicksilver's
Rhythm And Blue – CH Kalon's Rumours Fly At PHD
RWB (4 pt Major) Greater Monroe 11/17
WB/BOS Greater Hickory Kennel Club 11/7

Angie Taverna

ERIN'N'GIBSON'S BELLE AT SPOTHILL “Belle” by Ch
Erin N White Magics The Sorcerer - Ch Erin's Lady Of The Night
RWB Forsyth Kennel Club 11/9



DCA 2008 Performance T-Shirt

This year the T-shirt is \$35. This T-shirt has several of our own club members featured. Thanks Cathy Raver for Road Trial and Julia Stillman for Obedience photos. "Slick" is featured on the wall, wondering which event he would like to do.

Visit the DCA web site to order your t-shirt today. The money raised will help pay for expenses for all five performance events.



Performance Brags

Gayle Riggins

PHD's Pay It Forward,CGC "Jesse" by CH Quicksilver's Rhythm And Blue – CH Kalon's Rumours Fly At PHD
New Rally Title in only three qualifying scores

Tina Gay

STARWOOD'S REBELATION MAN,CGC "Johnny" By Ch Starwood's Proud Irish Rebel - Starwood Sweet Siobahn.
First RN leg 11/17 Concord shows with a 93

Cathy Raver

CH ERIN'S WLDWD CRYSTAL LIMERICK CD "Chris"
By Ch Erin's Poetic License - Ch Erin's Wildwood Cleopattera
Second RN leg 11/18 Concord Show
ERIN'S WLDWD HARLEY ROADKING "Harley" By
Ch Erin's Wildwood Perfect Game - Ch Erin's Wildwood Magnolia.
First Leg Novice Class B 11/18 Concord Shows

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

-Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

Dalmatian Owners

Richard Chamberlin	Actor
Michael J. fox	Actor
Henry Haye	Ambassador
Stephen Herrick	Disney Co. Executive
Henry Horner	Governor of Ill (deceased)
Marcella Howard	Owner of Racehorse "Seabiscuit"
Rock Hudson	Movie Star (deceased)



New Title!

PHD's Pay It Forward, CGC "Jesse" finished her last leg for her RN title at the Winston-Salem shows 11/8 & 11/9/07. Jesse was the tender age of 12 months and 3 weeks old. Way to go Jesse. Just a quick run from the breed ring to Rally and it was all over but the picture taking. Look for Jesse to continue her performance work on the next level.

BANGALORE: "A man runs fastest when chased by a dog!" This was the response from an athlete who clocked his best timing in the Bangalore International Marathon on Sunday.

Dog Seminars

Are you tired of finding out about a seminar at the last minute or -- even worse -- finding out that you just missed it? Would you like to find out where your favorite speakers are speaking?

Then please visit www.DogSeminarsDirectory.com where the goal is to list all the Dog Seminars throughout the world. The information is cross-referenced. You may access the seminars, conventions, conferences, telecourses, camps, or cruises in four ways: 1. Subject. 2. Location, 3. Speaker, 4. Date

Dalmatian Rescue Today Beth White Melody Kennels Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, Inc.

It has been about 10 years since the first Disney 101 Dalmatian movie came out. After the *thousands* of Dalmatians abandoned after the movie, all across the nation, one would hope that Dalmatian Rescue would be less active today. The public knows more about the breed, the people who bought on a whim have gone on to other breeds, few puppy mills now crank out Dalmatians to pet stores too. It would be hoped that fewer Dalmatians are homeless, but sadly, Dalmatian Rescue is still busy and in need of help. The difference today is that the dogs in need are more often mature and senior dogs. We don't see as many puppies as we did in the past. The most amazing thing is that the temperaments of 99% of the Dalmatians in shelters has been utterly fantastic! Most breeds lose their good qualities when they become popular, but not our breed.

Rescue means one person helping one dog. I've always been amazed that the rescues that have developed over the last ten years have been people who simply loved the breed and decided to save the Dalmatian in their local shelter. They became connected through the internet with others wanting to make a difference, and they continued to make things happen. The rescue groups have built networks, built connections with shelters, and they've sacrificed for "our" breed. So, why not the breeders?? It is a shame how few breeders are involved in rescue, and who knows the breed better than us? Who better to help our lovely Dalmatians? The DCA has approximately 1200 members, so just think what a difference 1200 people can make, if we would each just save **one** dog? How can you help save a life?

Contact your local rescues by searching Google for your state and Dalmatian Rescue. (i.e., Virginia Dalmatian Rescue). Contact your local or nearest rescue and offer to foster if you can. Foster homes save lives by giving that dog a chance to be found by that person looking for a dog like him. It gives them time that they don't have in shelters! We've seen that every dog will find his forever home if he has the time. Sitting in shelters we know little about the dogs, but once they move into a home we get to know them and can then recommend them for the

**AKC ENHANCES AND
RENAMES ILP PROGRAM
AS
"PUREBRED
ALTERNATIVE LISTING"**

*-- New Features Offer
Additional Benefits and
Incentives --*

New York, NY The American Kennel Club has announced the enhancement and renaming of its Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) program. The new name -- Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program will officially take effect February 1, 2008.

The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the program: allowing dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC registrable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

The ILP/PAL program is designed to address the various reasons a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration: the dog may be from an unregistered litter or have unregistered parents; papers may have been withheld or lost by its owner; or the dog may have been surrendered, lost or abandoned, then adopted by a new owner.

PAL enrollees will receive a copy of *Family Dog*

appropriate forever home

If you cannot foster, offer to evaluate shelter dogs, or transport them to a safe place. Ask your rescue contact what you can do for them and for the dogs. You can sponsor financially specific dogs or just send a monthly donation, no matter how small. Since rescues are non-profit, your donation is tax deductible! Offer web services, or offer to keep the website updated on petfinder.com. You can also check www.petfinder.com for local Dalmatians in need. Not all are in rescue and many are in great danger of euthanizing. Many die in gas chambers a slow, horrible death.

You can also pay for advertising in the paper whenever a Dalmatian is in your local shelter. Evaluate the dog and advertise, screen like you would for your own pups/dogs and send good people to the shelter. Go to the shelter and exercise the dog and maybe teach it some manners if needed so that he can be adopted. Advise shelter that you're there as a resource when an adopter appears. You can tell them about the breed, how to feed for health, and how or where to train. Share your knowledge of the breed so that the homeless one can find a home. You also might prevent a dog from going to the wrong home and then being abandoned yet again. Watch your newspapers or Craig's list for dogs being offered to the public. Offer to help screen for a new home or possibly help solve a problem that will allow the Dalmatian to remain in the home. Help to find help if you can't provide it. Not everyone has access to the internet even today.

There are many reasons that Dalmatians end up in rescue. Most have nothing to do with the dog itself. I'd say 90% of the dogs are from shelters, and probably 85% of those are strays. Funny how they are found by everyone but the owners. Dogs can become homeless due to death of owner, loss of job or home, moving, allergies, divorce, new spouse hates dogs, war, etc. The dog usually is guilty of nothing, but finds himself in the worst place in the world, the dog pound. There he's terrified, sleeps on dirty concrete, often never outside to potty even once a day, and then is deemed unadoptable because he either is shaking in fear or has developed a way to stay sane by being aggressive on the fence. He gives himself something to do! Most dogs removed from the pens are just fine, but most viewers write that poor dog off without even meeting him. This is when Rescue steps in to put the dog into a foster home and save him. All rescues need more help because the numbers are still very high.

We all know that a mature Dalmatian is easier to live with so the mature rescue dog finds a home when we promote them, when we get to know them, work with them, love them, and place them. I have won many awards in the dog show game, but nothing is more rewarding than making a family happy with a homeless Dalmatian. It is the greatest high in the world! Give it a try!

Magazine, a subscription to AKC's e-newsletter "Your AKC," a flyer from the breed's Parent Club and an attractive certificate denoting their dog's place in the PAL program. Also included will be information on AKC Pet Healthcare and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment.

"We currently enroll over 3,000 dogs per year in the ILP/PAL program. It is our hope that we can expand this number and the overall appeal of the program by offering added benefits and renaming the program with this more creative and friendly acronym," said Assistant Vice President of Customer Service, Mari Beth O'Neill. "Welcoming more ILP/PAL dogs to the world of AKC events and privileges can only benefit both dogs and owners by providing educational resources and also exposing them to the joys of competing with your dog."

Dogs which currently have ILP numbers will retain their original numbers and continue to enter events under that number. PAL numbers will be issued beginning February 1, 2008.

Visit <http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm> for more information about ILP/PAL.

Tripping with Woman's Best Friend

By: [Susan MacCallum-Whitcomb](#)

Dog travel is a bone-a-fide trend. One industry poll shows that almost 80 percent of vacationing animals are canines, with cats coming in a distant second at 15 percent. Here's what I've learned about traveling with my slobbering best friend ...



Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

Sniffing out lodgings that welcome canine guests is easy. These days, hotel chains ranging from Holiday Inn to upscale Fairmont accept animals, and countless Web sites are dedicated solely to pet-friendly accommodations. (One of my [top picks](#), lists some 25,000 of them both here and abroad). Even standard booking sites, such as [Orbitz](#), now have "pets allowed" search capabilities. Nevertheless, it's wise to plan ahead.

Like airlines, hotels often restrict the number of spaces open to animals and may only accept ones that meet specific age or size requirements, which means advance reservations are necessary. Since policies can change quickly, reconfirm your booking a few days prior to departure and double-check related charges (including cleaning costs and damage fees). If a deposit is required, remember to inspect your room at check-in time; then notify management about any pre-existing problems.

Obviously mistresses must make sure their own beloved pup doesn't run amok in rented digs. Common sense dictates that you don't bring a flea-infested varmint with raptor-like, upholstery-shredding nails into a hotel room. Common courtesy demands more. So pack paper towels to wipe off muddy paws (I've found baby wipes work even better with small breeds); plus a lint brush to pick up hair; and, for pooches prone to bed-hopping, an old sheet to serve as a slipcover. A stain remover is also handy in case Spot leaves spots.

Who Let The Dawgs Out?

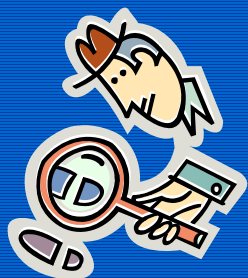
Well, hopefully you ... Hotels frown on unattended dogs as they can startle maids, disrupt guests, and generally wreck havoc. And while day boarding may be convenient, relying on it for extended periods defeats the purpose. After all, the point of vacationing with your furry friend is to enjoy time together. With that said, you should try to lie relatively low in public. Animals make many folks anxious and even fellow pet-lovers may not find Fido's sloppy kisses or—Flopsy's signature yodel—particularly appealing.

Needless to say, dogs should always follow basic commands when they are out and we humans should be equally obedient, adhering to all leash laws and faithfully cleaning up doggy doo whether pooper-scooper laws are in place or not. If you're suddenly thinking "Geesh that sounds like a lot of work," you're right. It is. So for some owners, traveling with a pet won't be worth the effort. But if you genuinely crave a dog's companionship and are still ready to take the plunge, just try taking a cue from your favorite tail-wagger. Be enthusiastic when appropriate, only growl when necessary, and *always* revel in small pleasures.

Breeder Referral

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New litters are listed in the Spotted Journal. Send all information to the Breeder Referral Chairman. Please keep the Chairman updated on your litters.



All mistakes in this publikshun are their for the benefit of those whom look for them!

Think you Editor: Gayle Riggins

What Has Teresa Vila Been Up To? Agility



After too many years to admit in Conformation, Teresa Vila has found a love in Agility. She has been practicing and taking classes for over two years. Teresa Said, "I wish I had known about this years ago, this is FUN". How exciting! With each show, she is getting closer and closer to qualifying. Hang on to your hat when that day comes. Several of us have found a new love in performance. Once you get the bug, there is no stopping us. There are several of our club members that juggle the Conformation and Performance Rings in the same show.

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Board Meeting

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will hold a Board meeting at the
January Meeting to discuss the AKC
recommended Constitution and By
Law Changes.