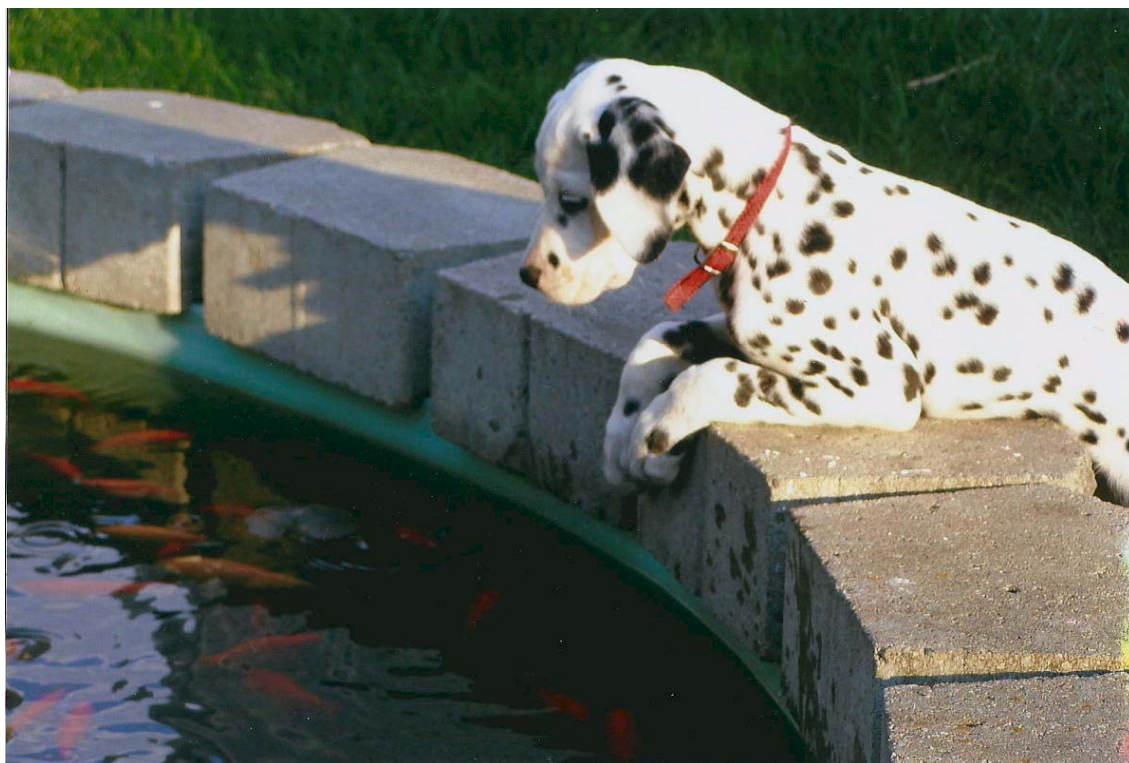




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## Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club Newsletter

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Cookie watching the fish. Cookie is from the Laci x Tate litter this spring.

### Don't forget....

- Specialty show Friday, 8/21/2009
- Specialty dinner and raffle after the show on Friday, time to be announced after judging
- Blood Draw on Saturday, 8/22/2009, at the show site. Please bring all your Dalmatian owning friends, your puppy buyers and their dogs to the draw. Details and forms are available on the DCA website at: <http://www.thedca.org/CHICDNA.html>
- If possible, complete your forms before you come to the blood draw as you need registration numbers of donor, sire and dam and tattoo\microchip information

# The Disappearing Art of Communication - My Life in 140 Characters or Less

## By Scot Northern

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As a self-proclaimed, Generation-X, "computer geek," I am genetically predisposed to love all things techy. From my uber smart-phone (Palm Centro) and the 1500+ text messages I send a month, to the 4 different email addresses I have, to my website, my Twitter account, my MySpace page...basically, if it's techy and computer related...I have to love it, of that I have no control. Or do I?

To understand the present, I need to explain some of the past. My early childhood was spent playing Pong on our TV that had rabbit-ears and a tuning dial (Yes, you had to get up to change the channel). In the early-mid 80's Atari changed my life. By the mid-late 80's a game called Zelda consumed most of my time and I got my first computer (Which may have led to my 'husky' years in high school). When I enrolled in college in 1992, I lived in a "Dorm Of The Future" which was called that because each room had a computer in it (Where's Rosie, from the Jetsons?). But, best of all, it had this crazy new thing called EMAIL!

Shortly after logging in for the first time, I received my first email forward (We are the knights who say NEE!), experienced my first "reply-to-all" faux pas (oops, I meant P-H-A-T not F-A-T), and became addicted to the speed-of-thought ability to send emails to anyone (I think we should just be friends). Life changed at that moment, not just for me, but for society. We had turned the page; the days of mailing letters and talking on the phone were soon to be a distant memory, only to be replaced with the information super highway. Little did I know there are very few off ramps on this road.

17 years later, as I read all the musings and rumblings about the lack of mentors in the dog show world, the decrease in the number of new folks coming into the sport, and the increase in bitterness heard ringside, I can't help but wonder if the joys of technology have created a nasty little side effect...actual human to human communication is nearly extinct. Could this be? Could the same technology that I saw evolve as I grew up have become a hindrance? My conclusion, most of us have become faceless, nothing more than an email signature, anonymous blog comment, or Facebook status.

During the Kalamazoo, MI cluster at the end of May I sat at a Red Robin with Barb Wayne. We both enjoyed our burgers and spoke about judges (all good, of course), upcoming shows for our specials, and the recent Whippet National. When dinner was over, I pulled out my phone and asked Barb for her email address so we could stay in touch. To my shock, she replied she didn't have one (no@way.com). So I asked for her web address...once again, I was floored as she did not have one of those, either (www.areyouserious.com?). I settled for her phone number, but was amazed that she didn't text (AYKM!). As I sat there wondering how on earth I would communicate with Barb, a wave of disbelief overwhelmed me. I was actually going to have to 'call' her if I wanted to communicate with her. Don't get me wrong, Barb is one of the nicest folks you could ever meet, but I could count on one hand the number of people I actually speak to on the phone. It was then I realized how sad that was. As I thought about my friends, and my email address book, I came to the conclusion that of the 200+ names in my contact list, I only actually spoke to maybe 4 of them on a regular basis. That number doesn't include my wife, but even that relationship was based on text messages and emails for months. Most of the rest were e-friends. Friends, with whom I share emails and photos, but never actually talk to.

We've all seen new faces ringside, people that we know are new to the sport. They have that look; it's a cross between deer in the headlights and sheer terror. You can just look at them and see that they really want and need someone to introduce them self to them. Much like the new kid, perhaps a bit 'husky', in high school looking for a table to sit at during lunch, these newbies need some support, a friend, a mentor. But, rather than take that step and extend that hand, we often end up grabbing a catalog, finding out who they are, and then "Googling" them when we get back to a computer, emailing around to find what their story is, seeing who they are friends with on Facebook – borderline cyber-stalking. All that time and energy wasted when a simple, "Hi, how are you?" would have accomplished the same thing.

On the flip-side, if that same person were to email one of the numerous email lists we are all on, you can be assured they would have gotten dozens of replies. Why is that? Is it because email is safer? Is it because we have more

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control over the situation in an email? With email, it's really easy to end a conversation...you just don't reply, or you delete it. If you're called to the carpet for doing so, one can always use the excuse that the "reply must have gotten lost in cyberspace" (as a computer guy, that one always cracks me up). Of course, those replies to the list will touch off some kind of flame war between the e-list police about proper list etiquette or the spelling/grammar used in the previous post. Online, being a bit nasty is acceptable because there are few consequences for our e-actions.

When meaningful relationships with mentors/mentees get started, they can easily fizzle out. Email allows us to avoid the hard questions and ignore the tough conversations. But, it's those deep questions and conversations that form a mentor-mentee relationship of mutual respect. Sure, a little of that bond can be formed over email, but for the most part, email doesn't have that personal touch that is needed. Anyone who is starting any new venture, from showing dogs to joining a gym, needs that personal attention that is not only helpful, but establishes that both of you are investing in their future.

Some of the most fascinating conversations I have ever been a part of at a dog show have been over hamburger at Red Robin, or a beer at the hotel bar. I've spent hours talking Rotties with Holley Eldred, but also know her well enough to ask about her mother. Scott Kipp and I will talk endlessly about football. I remember sitting in his truck in Nebraska one Sunday listening to NFL football on his satellite radio all while discussing why Terriers spar (to a hound guy sparring blows my mind). My good friend and mentor Shelley Kruger and I began that mentor relationship over email, but for the last several years rarely email anything of importance because email can't express the finer points of a true conversation. Those are all conversations that could have been done over email, but weren't because the experience of that conversation was needed. Simply put, email is too monotone.

It is that same monotone delivery in our Orwellian paradise, which strains relationships as well. How many countless emails or texts have been sent in order to resolve a misread message? I was once told that when we send an email, we are at the mercy of the recipient. If the person receiving it is in a bad mood, guess what? Your message is going to be the end-all-be-all of hate mail once its read in that person head. What could have been an innocent statement is played over and over with all the warmth of a Vincent Price monologue (Think the intro to Michael Jackson's Thriller).

At a time when our dog community needs to be closer than ever, I fear that we are becoming nothing more than a "friend request" on MySpace. When we look around ringside, and stop seeing new faces, will it be because those folks didn't ask the list moderator to join the group?

If we are serious about getting new people involved in the dog world, if we truly want to establish those mentor/mentee relationships, it will take more than funny email forward, or 140-character Twitter updates. A blog post or Facebook comment about how great it was to meet them is not going to be enough. Those are wonderful in certain situations, and definitely help break the ice. However, in order to attract and maintain a new generation of dog enthusiasts, we all must make that personal investment in their future. That investment is easy to make, it starts with "Hi, how are you?".

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Scott with a winning smile.



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A rainy day nap.



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## Bad Pauli Finishes In Style



**AKC/UKC Ch. Paisley Choco Chip Brownie Delite (L)**

**"Argus" ex "Aruba"**

**Bred By - Rosie Branaman (Choco Chip)**

**Owned By - Sue MacMillan (Paisley)**

**Beautifully Handled By - Jess MacMillan**

**Pauli finished at 17 months with Five Majors**

**\*Three Specialty Majors (4,4,5)\***

**\*Three Specialty Reserves\***

**\*Two Bests In Sweepstakes\***

**(Her UKC Ch. With Three Group Ones)**

Pauli congratulates her half-sister Rita on finishing HER Championship in July, and for sharing the Junior Handling limelight with Rachel Weninger.



*All Dalmatian Owners are Cordially  
Invited to become Research Assistants and  
contribute to Canine Health*

The CHIC DNA Repository and The Dalmatian Club of America are pleased to announce that they will be holding DNA Collection Clinics at regional Dalmatian specialties through out the country.

DNA samples will be collected via blood samples and will be stored at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Approximately 5-10 ccs of whole blood will be collected per dog. The sample process is quick and should not affect the dog's ability to compete at the show. All collection and storage costs for samples collected during these events will be underwritten by The Dalmatian Club of America Foundation and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

Pre-Registration is not required, although it is recommended and requested that owners complete the required paperwork ahead of time. Forms can be downloaded from the DCA web site [www.thedca.org](http://www.thedca.org). Forms will also be available the day of the show.



*The CHIC DNA Repository, jointly sponsored by the OFA and the AKC CHF, collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and phenotypic health information to facilitate canine health research.*



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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

# Q&A

# The CHIC DNA Repository Program

## ***What is the purpose of the CHIC DNA Repository?***

The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF), collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding pedigree and health history information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs.

The program objectives are:

- Facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process.
- Provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research.
- Allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available.
- Foster a team environment between breeders/owners and the research community improving the likelihood of genetic discovery.

## ***What is the cost?***

\$20.00 per dog for blood based samples. The fees cover the costs of data management, sample processing, and sample storage. Owners are encouraged to view the fees as supporting canine health research. HOWEVER, if your sample is collected at a DCA/DCAF sponsored blood draw in connection with a regional specialty, the cost is covered by DCAF.

## ***How are samples stored?***

Blood samples are processed upon receipt. The extracted DNA is then frozen and also stored indefinitely. The Small Animal Molecular Genetics Lab at the University of Missouri-Columbia is the laboratory partner for blood based samples.

## ***Who has access to the samples?***

Any legitimate research project focusing on canine health is eligible to receive samples. However, since the samples are finite, each project must be approved prior to sample distribution. An application form must be completed for all sample requests. The approval process is streamlined for research funded by either the AKC CHF or the Morris Animal Foundation since the project would have already passed a scientific review board during the funding process. For all other projects, the OFA and the AKC CHF will jointly assemble an appropriate review committee to evaluate the merits of the research and the request.

## ***Can owners/parent clubs direct sample use?***

Sample use is directed solely by the bank's administrators: the OFA and the AKC CHF. Owners and parent clubs are welcome to contact the bank about potential research opportunities and should encourage researchers with whom they have direct relationships to apply for sample use. However, the final decision rests with the bank.

There is one exception. If a DNA-based disease test becomes available in the future, owners may request that any remaining samples of their dogs be forwarded to the appropriate licensed lab for testing. The owner remains responsible for any lab costs associated with the test itself, as well as shipping.

## ***If I donate a sample to the CHIC DNA Repository, can the same sample be used for the AKC's DNA program?***

No. There is a clear distinction between samples provided to the AKC which are used for parentage verification and overall stud book integrity versus samples provided to the bank for research purposes. Samples may be collected at the same time however, and sent independently.

## ***What if the status of my dog's health changes after I've already completed the health survey?***

Since many diseases are late onset, the bank recognizes that periodic updates to the health records of each dog are important. Owners will be contacted approximately every two years to determine if there are any health updates. However, owners are encouraged to proactively contact the CHIC DNA Bank to update the health status of their dog(s) whenever there are significant changes.



# B-Naturals Newsletter – March 2009

## Dogs and Protein

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/2009/03/>

### Lew Olson, PhD Natural Health

While I have already written on this topic in the past, I am revisiting the subject due to numerous questions on protein I have received in the last month. There seems to be a lot of misinformation on protein in the diet, so I will try and give an overview on protein in this newsletter to help answer some of your questions and concerns.

#### Protein Sources

Protein is found in most foods, including carbohydrates. But dogs are carnivores and the best source of protein for them is found in animal products. This would include meat (pork, beef, poultry, lamb, rabbit, fish, dairy and eggs, just to mention a few). Animal based proteins contain a complete amino acid profile needed by carnivores. Plant based proteins are missing important amino acids, including taurine and carnitine. Both of these are important for heart and organ health. Heat also affects the integrity of these amino acids, so they can also be lacking in a processed diet (commercial dog food) or heavily cooked home diets. Do remember to not overcook the meats in homemade diets and do try to add fresh animal protein to dry dog food diets.

#### Too Much Protein?

The anatomy and digestive process of dogs are designed to most easily digest animal fat and protein. Dogs perform best on animal based products. Studies have shown you cannot feed a dog too much protein. (For more information about this, you can review the past newsletter on protein at <http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/protein/>.) I have had questions from people with concerns that protein can cause kidney problems. Some of this confusion results from the idea that dogs with renal issues need a low protein diet. This is not correct. Dogs in chronic renal failure will have some comfort with less \*phosphorus\* in the diet. It is possible to feed a low phosphorus diet, but still have a good amount of high quality protein. Protein is necessary for healthy kidneys. But feeding a high protein diet will not cause renal problems. For more information on this, refer to:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/kidney-diet/>

<http://www.dogaware.com/kidney.html>

Also remember, senior dogs need \*more\* protein than adults. As our dogs age, proteins help with organ function, coat, skin, and immunity. Puppies also require high protein for good growth and maturity. Protein does not cause panosteitis or other growth problems. Read more:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/feeding-puppies-seniors/>

#### Which Proteins are Good to Feed?

Most animal based proteins are good for dogs. This would include beef, pork, poultry, fish, dairy and eggs. It also includes a small percentage of organ meat, such as kidney and liver. I have seen recipes that included soy products such as tofu, but I would not recommend this. Soy products block the uptake of calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc and iodine. And soy is plant based, so it does not contain the full complement of amino acids needed for good health for dogs.

If you are feeding a dry dog food, it is easy to add quality protein to kibble. You can add up to 50% in animal based proteins and fats. For recipe suggestions:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/mixing-fresh-food-with-kibble/>

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Home cooking is also an option. In this manner, you can control the ingredients of your dog's diet, which can be helpful in cases of allergies, illness or managing weight. For instructions and recipes:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/cooked-diet/>

Feeding a raw diet is also an option and raw meat diets can be simpler to make as you don't have to deal with the hassle of cooking. Here are some guidelines and recipe suggestions:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/raw-diet/>

As you can see, there is no one way to feed your dog. There are many options available, and an important element is to insure your dog is getting high quality, easily digested animal based proteins. This can be done with a commercial diet, home cooked diet or feeding a raw diet. These methods can be combined to fit your time frame and lifestyle, and the improvement in your dog's diet will be seen quickly through your dog's energy level, coat and skin, cleaner teeth and their joy and anticipation of eating foods that are tasty and nutritious.

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# New Litter

## **Ch Signature's Told You So X Ch Choco Chip TCJ Bon Voyage RN**

Aruba and Tommy, 6 pups July 29th. black girl, liver girl, 2 black boys (1 patch), 2 liver boys .



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# Club News

One of the purposes will be to encourage new people, and foster mentoring.

**The Board Meeting** of Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club was called to order by President Rick Miller at 8:03 on 7/22/09. The meeting was held via a conference call and all Board Members were present.

- The AKC's registration challenge was discussed. Because GTCDC is a licensed club rather than a member club we are not involved at this time. As a member club, DCA will be discussing the challenge at their next board meeting. If they vote to support the challenge, then the regional clubs can participate. The challenge asks that all members pledge to register all registerable puppies. Many owners do not send in the paperwork for their pet puppies, but the breeders should see that all pups are registered.
- Treasurer Tom Demma reported a balance of \$2,916.00, which includes \$815.00 in trophy donations, with donations still coming in. Most memberships have been renewed.
- The meeting dealt primarily with show plans, including ring stewards, raffle, dinner arrangements and hospitality. It was decided to add an additional menu item to the picnic. Dinner will be scheduled for 5:30. Picnic will be held at the beer garden as usual, and it will require some volunteers for clean up. Hot items will be cooked on site. Raffle will be held following the dinner. Table cloths needed for dinner & raffle tables. Cheryl Bryant is handling reservations.
- Sue has the hospitality supplies and will give them to Lorry Falk on Tuesday at Animal Inn. Table cloths needed for 4 ringside tables including the judges table. Stephanie Zambrano will help with hospitality.
- The DCA Board will meet the Saturday following the show and some board members will attend our show and dinner. Sue will coordinate arrangement to get them to the fairgrounds, and Stephanie's mother will drive. Vonda Peper may also help with transportation.
- The CHIC DNA blood draw will be held Saturday afternoon. Flyers have been sent out to possible participants. Tom will take pictures. Grab bags of Dal items will be available to participants.
- Jess MacMillan spoke on the 2009 AKC Responsible Dog Owners event to be held on 9/19/2009. Our club will participate. A meeting will be held during the show weekend.

You might work in a short announcement or a flash that the location will be posted at the dal ring and ask Sue what time she thinks we could start. I think Piedmont said roughly 45 min after dal judging was completed, but they held a club meeting first. Since the club isn't meeting, I'd say 15 min after dal judging is complete--but check with Sue for certain.



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Chip at the Golden Valley, MN neighborhood fire station during their annual open house in June

**The General Membership Meeting** of Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club was called to order by President Rick Miller at 8:05 on 8/5/2009. Those present included all board members, plus about a dozen other members.

- President Rick Miller stressed the importance of all club members being involved in putting on a successful specialty. He requested everyone consider volunteering to help.
- Vice President Dawn West had nothing to report.

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- Treasurer Tom Demma reported a balance of \$2,916.00 and that he had mailed the down payment for the dinner. Trophy donations were still filtering in.
- Secretary Sue MacMillan reported that she had received nothing relating to the club and requested that any club records be transferred from the previous Secretary to her. Rick noted that we need to file a list of new officers with AKC.
- Cheryl Bryant explained the Registration Challenge (see Board notes).
- Show Chair Tom Demma reported a few show related glitches, most beyond our control, and none serious. The premium list shows our prizes for LAST year, but we can use the ones we had planned on. We had planned to offer the new Amateur Owner Handler class, and it will be available next year. Grooming tent area has been reserved at ringside
- Trophy Chair Becky Loader has everything ready to go and Michael Ritchie will bring the trophies to the show site. Lorry Falk will pick up the obedience trophies & deliver them to Tom who can take them over early.
- Cheryl Bryant reported almost 50 people signed up for the dinner.
- Hospitality supplies were discussed, and Sue will deliver them to Chair Lorry Falk. Lorry will get table cloths and table clips.
- Sue reported that 5 DCA Board Members who would require transportation to the show and/or dinner.
- The Blood Draw was discussed and everyone was encouraged to participate, particularly those who had older dogs & those with health issues.
- It was noted that there was a detour near the fairgrounds.
- Jess MacMillan discussed the AKC Experience/Dog Owners Day to be held on 9/19/09 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. She will provide a flyer for the newsletter. This is a public education event and participating clubs earn merit points from AKC. Participating clubs will be given booth space, and a fun match will be held.
- Jess also noted that a fun match will be held again in December at Animal Inn..
- Becky Loader announced that the club had been invited by the Fridley Fire Department to again participate in their Fire Prevention week Open House the first Saturday in October.
- It was noted that club member Ronna Hill had supplied free of charge all the towels that are being used as prizes this year. Thanks Ronna!

- DCA Health Committee Chair Ginger Iwaoka explained an upcoming health research project addressing urate stones, and that a number of individuals had pledged money to support the project. One of the reasons for the blood draw is to provide the DNA from stone former/non-stone former sibling pairs for this project. A motion was made that the club pledge \$250.00 to help with this project. Seconded & passed.



## *Special thanks to the following for donating to our 2009 Specialty trophy fund:*

Rosie Branaman

Cheryl Bryant & Steve Whittlesey

Colleen Christianson & James Tarbox

Tom Demma & Dawn West

George & Sandy Dennis

Lorry Falk

Diane & Greg Fast

Meg & Mike Hennessey

Mark & Ginger Iwaoka

Virgil & Mary Johnson

Tim & Sandra Kopet

Becky Loader & Michael Ritchie

Jessica MacMillan

Sue MacMillan

Rick & Ruth Miller

Kathy & Dick Sererno

Vicki Swensen

Catherine Vesley

Stephanie Zambrano

Gretchen Zell





# **MEMBERS! WE NEED YOU!**

The Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club has two excellent opportunities to promote Dalmatians and the sport of Purebred Dogs in the up coming months. We need volunteers to help with both of these projects!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY 1**

**SATURDAY, SEPT 19TH, 2009 WASHINGTON CTY FAIRGROUNDS  
LAKE ELMO, MINNESOTA**

### **• 2009 Responsible Dog Ownership Day and AKC Canine Experience**

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, along with AKC Member and Licensed Clubs will be holding the first Annual event for the betterment of dogs in the State of Minnesota. This joint effort will provide clubs the opportunity to showcase their breed and their organization. This is a public education event and will provide a wide range of events at no charge to the public. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce newcomers to the sport, educate the public, attract and hopefully recruit new club members and there will also be a fun match in the afternoon. If you are interested in helping out or for more information e-mail Jessica MacMillan at: [spotted101@hotmail.com](mailto:spotted101@hotmail.com) or 651.233.4417.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY 2**

**SATURDAY, OCT 3RD, 2009 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM  
FRIDLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE  
6431 UNIVERSITY AVE. NE, FRIDLEY**

**Because the dogs were so popular and well behaved, the GTCDC** has been invited back for another year. A perfect hands-on opportunity for the public to be up close and personal with well trained, well tempered Dalmatians. The participants from last year can tell you that it was a great time had by all! To volunteer or for more information, e-mail Becky Loader at: [mrloader915@yahoo.com](mailto:mrloader915@yahoo.com)

**GET YOUR DOGS OUT AND SEEN AND HELP EDUCATE THE PUBLIC  
ABOUT DALMATIANS!**

# Braggs

**Karen Moore**

**South Street Bayside Mai Kiki**

WB/BOB - Nebraska Kennel Club, July 11

WB/BOS - Nebraska Kennel Club, July 12

**Ch. South St's Hope N Inspiration RN MX MXJ OF**

Completed her 10th Master Agility Excellent leg  
earning her MX title in St Paul on August 1st.



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Hope and Karen in Ames.



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## Vicki Swensen

Honorable Mention in the Duet Quilt at the  
40th Annual National Quilt Association Show



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The competition in June was the 40th Annual National Quilt Association Show held in Columbus, Ohio this year. The ribbon the quilt got was Honorable Mention in the Duet Quilt, bed size (my friend Jeri Mace pieced the top and I quilted it). There were 40 quilts in this category with ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention. This being my first national ribbon, it'll always be a special one for me.

The hours I spent designing the quilting was really innumerable as I thought about it for months before I finally put it on the frame and quilted it. I would estimate about 80 hours of quilting over a period of several weeks. The design incorporates several techniques and tools I've gathered over the years. The feathers are all freehand, the arcs and half circles were created with a "Hartley fence" and the straight lines were aided by the use of a "ruler". If I didn't use these aids, none of the lines would have been straight and the arcs and half circles, well....I can only imagine the mess. These are tools that are commonly used by longarm quilters.

There's a lot of "open" spaces in this quilt (something I love as a quilter) and my thoughts were on creating smaller, more manageable spaces within those areas and then try to repeat those same ideas with a few minor alterations here and there to bring the pieces into a whole that is pleasing. It was really fun and satisfying to see this quilt come together and even more fun to finish it!!!



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Pebbles is a full sister to Cookie from last year's Laci x Tate litter.

# Membership Application

## Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name and AKC number (if registered) of at least one Dalmatian Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of any other dog clubs? **Yes / No**. If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to work as a member of the club for advancement of the Dalmatian, for sportsmanship and for the interest of the club? **Yes / No**.

I the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club. I certify that I am the required age of 18 or older and am currently in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I hereby agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club and by the rules and regulations of the club and of the American Kennel Club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member      2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member

Fee for membership is \$15.00 per year. Membership includes the newsletter, which gives notice of club activities.

**Send applications to Ruth Miller, Secretary. 1440 Woodland Dr. SW. Rochester, MN 55902-1040**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Voted on \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

GTDCDC Membership Application 7/05

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