



## Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club Newsletter

### President's Message

October 7, 2009

The activity level has been high for the Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club the last few months. It was great to see many of our members volunteering to help out. As we know our Specialty was held last August and was pulled off without a hitch. Tom Demma and his team gave us another great show. Not bad for Tom's first time out as Show Chair. Everyone had a great time at the show as well as the evening BBQ. The judges were very complimentary as well as the DCA Board Members and the exhibitors who attended.

Early this month (Oct.), Becky Loader and a number of our members along with their Dals supported the Fridley, (MN.) Fire Department' open house. This has become almost a yearly event which the firefighters and the general public enjoyed the time spent with our dogs at their firehouse. This was a very good public relations event which is always helpful for our breed. Our members attending the open house included Becky Loader, Cathy Vesley, Stephanie Zambrano, Sue MacMillan, Colleen Christianson. Great job all!!

As we move into the fall season and then into the holidays, enjoy this time with your family and dogs.

Smile,

Rick



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Tate the fire dog at the **Fridley Fire House** event.

We had so many events and photos I could not fit them all in this newsletter. Here are just a couple of shots from the two events that will be featured in the December newsletter.



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**Responsible Dog Ownership** event

# When a Hypothyroid Dog Really Isn't

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<http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/news/stories/news4890.html>

Source: Thomas K. Graves, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM

**R**over, an 8-year-old Labrador retriever, shows up at his veterinarian's office for an annual check-up. After one too many table scraps he is slightly overweight and perhaps, in his older age, not as rambunctious as a few years ago. Because he is a "geriatric" patient, blood work is recommended.

When one of the values on the chemistry panel (a specific type of blood test that looks at organ function) comes back low, the doctor explains that Rover has hypothyroidism. This means that the dog's body is not producing enough of a certain hormone that controls many functions, most notably metabolism, potentially explaining the weight gain and lethargy.

While Rover may in fact be hypothyroid, the disease cannot be accurately diagnosed by a low TT4 (thyroxine), the type of measurement commonly found on a routine chemistry panel for geriatric patients.

Dr. Thomas Graves is a veterinary internal medicine specialist and an endocrinology expert at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana. He says, "obesity is very common in dogs and people tend to think about hypothyroidism as a potential cause." But not every dog that is overweight is hypothyroid. In fact, there are very few dogs that are truly plagued by the disease.

"There are many reasons why a dog's TT4 on a chemistry panel may be low," notes Dr. Graves. For one, almost any type of illness can drop the levels below normal and various commonly used drugs can also have the same effect.

Diagnosing a hypothyroid dog is not straightforward. A clinician must take into account all of the patient's clinical signs and blood work values, including cholesterol levels and specific types of testing that measure Free T4 and Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) levels. In addition, the patient must be showing clinical signs of the disease such as: inactivity, obesity, decreased appetite, skin abnormalities, mental dullness, and intolerance to exercise and cold.

The reason it is a problem that dogs are erroneously diagnosed with hypothyroidism is because the standard treatment, thyroid hormone supplementation, might have negative effects. "We know that anytime you give a hormone it affects several other body systems," explains Dr. Graves. But since no one has studied what exactly happens when you over-supplement with thyroid medication, researchers don't know what harm it is causing.

"To me, the greatest problem with giving a dog thyroid replacement therapy without a proper diagnosis is the fact that you may allow an underlying disease to progress undiagnosed," notes Dr. Graves. Since administering thyroid hormone to dogs often makes them more "peppy," and overall, look healthier, it is possible that you will mask another ongoing disease.

It is interesting to note that in contrast to dogs, hypothyroidism in humans is quite common and easy to diagnose. The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists estimates that approximately 25 million people have the disease, though half of them will never be diagnosed. Until veterinary experts can develop a better way of testing dogs, hypothyroidism will continue to be a frustrating disease to diagnose, requiring special blood tests interpreted by experienced clinicians.

For more information about canine hypothyroidism, contact your local veterinarian.

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## Argus Has Plenty To Smile About . . .



### **"Argus"**

**Am/Can/Int/UKC Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway(L)**

- Five new champion kids - "Rita", "Pauli", "Sam", "Viva" and "Krash"
- Three more Group Ones, for a total of 11 this year -  
SCVKC, Rochester, Mason City
- Another Specialty Best Of Breed - Chicagoland Dal Club
- His UKC Championship with 3 Bests in Show

# Club News

## Holiday Party

This years Holiday party will be at Gulden's 61 Restaurant and Bar on Saturday January 9th, 2010. We have been at this location previously and was enjoyed by all. It is minutes away from the Maplewood Mall area.

<http://www.guldens61.com/index.htm>

I would appreciate input from members on a start time.

[Tkopet@con-tek.com](mailto:Tkopet@con-tek.com)



## Virgil and Mary Ann Johnson

After being "owned" by several black/white dogs, we are now under the "control" of a small blue roan English Cocker Spaniel called "Jack" (Dickens Mr. Honey Thunder, CH). "Jack" is doing his best to fill the void caused by the deaths of our dals "Mark" and "Ginger".



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## Lorry Falk

I would like to introduce our "new" dog, Willow. Willow is a rescue dog. She was picked up as a stray near the river in Des Moines, IA where she was hanging out in a homeless camp and is estimated to be about four years old. She is a sweet girl and loves to snuggle. One of the first things she did when she entered her new home was to hop up on the couch, flop over on her back with her paws in the air, and looked at me as if to say "I'm ready for my tummy rub." And if counter surfing was a competitive sport, she would surely have her "champion" title. She has relocated to Golden Valley, MN and will spend her winters in Phoenix, AZ. No more cold winters for this little girl.

Special thanks to Karen Moore for finding out about her and sending out the info.



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## New Email

**Vicki Swensen**

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# DNA Blood Draw

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS on collecting 44 samples for the AKC/CHIC DNA blood draw at our specialty show weekend.

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# 2009 Specialty Show

Thanks to everyone who supported our Specialty weekend. This year we had entries from as far away as Washington, Texas and North Carolina, and after a wet start the weather was spectacular. Our Specialty Picnic was attended by almost 60 people, and the CHIC DNA Blood Draw drew 44 participants. On Saturday night 20 of us went to Tavern On Grand for walleye.

## 8/21 Sweeps Judge Toni Linstedt 4-5

### Best Junior - Daldorado Dotzink Bond

Ch. NspirD Hollywood Legend x Ch. Dotzink Street Smarts.

Owner Rob Lawson ; Handled by Dave Slattum



### Best Senior/Best In Sweeps - Choco Chip Ready To Run

Ch. Cranbrooke's Special Delivery x Ch. Choco Chip This One For the Girls

Owned & Handled by Rosie Branaman



## 8/21 Regular Classes Judge Dana Cline 11-13-7-6

### WD - Daldorado Dotzink Bond (see Best Junior) to finish with a 4 point major!

Owner Rob Lawson  
Handled by Dave Slattum



### RWD - Paisley Hammet's Hero By Elan

Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway x Ch. Signature's Slippery When Wet

Owner: Demma/West/Weninger  
Handled by Junior Reegan Weninger



**WB/BoW - Timeless Hear It Again**

Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway x Ch. Timeless Tailwind To Snowood.

Owned & Handled by Carol Wells



**Award Of Merit - Ch. TCJ N Satin Star Appeal** Owners Kim Jennings & Todd Jardine.  
Handled by Dave Slattum

**RWB - Mt. Brytons Copa Cabana**

Ch. Cranbrooke Special Delivery x Ch. Absolutely Mt Bryon.

Owners Cheryl & Dave Bartell, handled by Cheryl

**Stud Dog - Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway**

Owner: Sue MacMillan, Ginger & Mark Iwaoka

**Brood Bitch - SpecialD UR My Thrill**

Owner: Diane Fast

**Best Of Breed - Ch. Tramac Just Walkin' On Sunshine**

Owners Jim Smith & Meg Callea, handled by Meg

**Best Junior - Reegan Weninger**

**High In Trial - Ch. Stellar N TBGO Girls Got Rhythm**

Owner: Colleen Christianson



Specialty shots courtesy of Photos by Downey.

**Best Of Opposite - Ch. Mt Bryton's Covert Operative**

Owned & handled by Cheryl Bartell



**Why Dogs do not like Halloween**

## Photos from the Specialty – B. Loader



These beautiful towels were donated by Ronna Hill.



# Braggs

## Stephanie Zambrano

Tate earned his CGC and his TDI during the responsible dog owner's day on 9/19 :)

## Sue MacMillan Ginger & Mark Iwaoka

### Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway

- 08/22/09 Group One – St. Croix Valley Kennel Club
- 09/06/09 Group Four – Des Moines Kennel Club
- 09/12/09 Group One – Rochester MN Kennel Club
- 09/27/09 Group Three – Rockford Freeport Kennel Club
- 10/10/09 Best Of Breed – Chicagoland Dalmatian Club
- 10/11/09 Group One – Mason City Kennel Club

## Karen Moore

### 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. Lawrence, KS Hope got her 6th double Q and another 30 MACH points. Yipeeeeeee.... She's currently ranked #5

Introducing - **South Streets S'cuse My Dust....** aka "Pixie". Photo was taken at her first show, age 6 1/2 months. 2009-10 Lincoln KC WB



## Dawn West and Tom Demma



Rita - Best Of Op 2009 GTCDC specialty weekend shows



Reegan and Sam – New CH below



## Rosie Branaman

9/27 Krash finished his championship, and I ran my first marathon yesterday! Quad Cities Marathon

Hottie's wins from DM, Amana, and Rochester – 1 point each time

# 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 Sue MacMillan, Secretary. 2107 James Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105-1317**

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

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

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tommy X Aruba litter**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Meetings are normally held the third Friday of the month. Meetings and programs are always open to members and guests. Membership dues are \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family and include a newsletter subscription. Membership follows our fiscal year which is July 1 - June 30.

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