



Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club Newsletter



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GTDC Wins the Governor's Trophy in Conformation again!
This is the fourth time since 2002 our club has won this trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Another Reason to Get that Lump Checked Out

Published: Mar. 22, 2010

Source: Alison Book, DVM

Maybe it's just a tiny mass on Fido's chest, or a new bump on Fluffy's neck. It may look harmless, but mast cell tumors can look like anything. Even a lipoma, a benign fatty tumor many older dogs get, can easily be misdiagnosed without further testing.

Dr. Alison Book is an oncology resident at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana. She says, "mast cell tumors can have a wide range of behavior and prognoses in the dog." They also have varying appearances and can mimic other tumors. Similar to lipomas, they may feel soft and moveable; alternatively they can be firm, red or inflamed lesions. In short, you can't judge a tumor by its cover.

It is for this reason that Dr. Book recommends that your veterinarian aspirate any bump found on your dog that looks suspicious. An aspirate is simple to perform and not very stressful to the patient either. A veterinarian gently sticks a small gauge needle into the mass and fenestrates (small movements) or aspirates (pulls back on the syringe) to pull out cells within the mass. With this aspirate, experts can review the cells under a microscope.

In the case of mast cell tumors, under microscopy you will see, like the name implies, increased numbers of mast cells. These cells normally inhabit certain tissues in the body and are associated with inflammation such as allergic reactions. Release of substances contained within mast cells, such as histamine, are responsible for the red and itchy tissue response. For example, the over-the-counter medication Benadryl is an antihistamine, which helps to counteract the histamine released from mast cells when a stimulus sets them off.

However, the growth of a mast cell tumor is not a normal, natural process in the body. "These tumors occur when the growth and development of a population of mast cells is no longer appropriately regulated by the body," says Dr. Book, "the mass occurs as the result of too many cells accumulating in one location, and in some cases, behaving badly."

The prognosis for a mast cell tumor can vary drastically depending on several factors but correlates most strongly with what the pathologist, a veterinarian specializing in diagnosing disease from body samples, finds. With a biopsy, a small part of the tumor is removed--something which is easily accomplished in many cases with a shot of local anesthetic to numb the area, and then a biopsy punch tool that quickly removes a small portion.

This tissue sample is then sent to an expert who will confirm the patient has a mast cell tumor and assign it a grade from 1-3. "Grade 1 mast cell tumors may be surgically cured with complete removal," notes Dr. Book. And hearing the word "cure" from an oncologist is something to get excited about, considering the worst grade, a 3, is not likely to be cured by the time it is diagnosed. With grade 3 tumors, it can be much more difficult to control both local disease and dissemination to other parts of the body. Treatment for grade 3 mast cell tumors is very dependent on each individual situation, but in some cases you are simply trying to provide a remission and/or palliative care and prolong the animal's life, as well as improve their quality of life.

In the end, what is important to remember is that a mass that looks benign really may not be. If you are lucky enough to catch the tumor sooner rather than later, there is a much better chance your veterinary oncologist will mention the word "cure" in their treatment plan, rather than the much dreaded words, "average survival time," in the prognosis.

If your four-legged friend has a bump, or you have questions regarding tumors in your pet, contact your local veterinarian.

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Specialty Trophy Donations Membership Renewals



Dear Members and Friends:

The Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club held its first Specialty in 1990, and is anticipating its 20th Annual Specialty on August 27, 2010, as part of the St. Croix Valley Combined Specialties. The tradition of competition and the recognition of excellent examples of the breed make the Specialty a great place to see Dalmatians at their finest.

Please consider making a donation to the trophy fund to help the Club continue to make the Specialty an event to remember. I am proud to recognize the outstanding generosity of our Club members in supporting the trophy fund.

In order to make it easy on everyone by writing one check, I have also been asked to remind you that memberships renew on 6/1. Individuals are \$15 and Families are \$25.

Thank you for your consideration.

Becky Loader
mrloader915@yahoo.com

2010 GTCDC Specialty Trophy Fund

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Kennel Name _____
Amount _____

Membership Renewal

Individual _____ (\$15)
Family _____ (\$25)
Total _____

Please make checks payable to GTCDC and mail this form and check to:
Mr. Tom Demma, 7430 Jeffery Lane S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016





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SHE'S THE LEADER OF THE PACK!

PENNY

PAISLEY'S PHOTO FINISH (L)

Lovely liver Penny came to Wisconsin the end of February for a little training and to hit some Specialties. We think it was a success!

Chicagoland Dalmatian Club

Best In Sweepstakes - Dr. Chris Walkowicz
Reserve Winners Bitch - Mr. Desmond Murphy

Dal Club of Greater St. Louis #1

Best Jr. In Sweeps - Mrs. Vicki Mooney
1st in 9-12 - Mr. William Cunningham

Dal Club of Greater St. Louis #2

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners &
Best of Opposite Sex - to her father.
- Ms. Linda Lewin

Dalmatian Club of America

Best In Futurity - Ms. Margaret Callea
Best Jr. In Sweeps - Mrs. Barbara Lyons
3rd In 9-12 - Mrs. Cheryl Steinmetz

Heartland Dalmatian Club of Kansas City

Best In Sweepstakes - Mr. Terry Wissinger
2nd in 9-12 - Mrs. Elaine Lindhorst

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EX PAISLEY SHUTTERBUG (L)

Penny is heading back to Virginia for the summer to attend horse shows, chase cats and drive her mother Nikon crazy. She will be back for the late summer specialties and to finish her championship.

Special congratulations to Nena and Stephanie Zambrano on placing in all of their classes during DCA week. Not bad for their first National.

Congratulations to the Canadian boy, Porter and breeder-owner-handler Diane Fast on their Sweepstakes win and for the Group wins and placings in Canada.

Kudos to Echo and Carol Wells. Echo was the ONLY dog to pass at the DCA Tracking test (open to all-breeds), finished her Rally title, got a leg towards her CD, won her Futurity class and was 4th in her 12-18 regular class. WOW!!

And not to be outdone by his kids, Argus had a fantastic Specialty week! Argus was first in Stud Dog for the second year in a row with the youngest kids (Penny & Nena) and was First Award of Merit at DCA and Heartland!

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club on winning the Governor's Trophy for Conformation. This goes to the most successful Regional club during DCA. This is the 4th time in 11 years (more than any other Regional club), that we have won it! Way to go team!

Penny is owned by:
Laurie Pitts & Jessica MacMillan

spotted101@hotmail.com

Penny was bred by:
Laurie Pitts & Sue MacMillan

Braggs

Rosie Branaman

"Hottie", Choco Chip She's A Hottie

2nd Open Liver DCA

"Jeep", Choco Chip and Bay Colony's Off the Beaten Path (Haley/Branaman)

2nd 8-10 Sweeps DCA

4th 6-9 Sweeps Heartland

2nd 6-9 dog Heartland

"Reebok", Choco Chip Ready to Run

Winner's Bitch DCA

2nd Bred By Heartland

"Aruba", Ch Choco Chip TCJ Bon Voyage RN

Best Veteran in Sweeps Heartland

Best Veteran Heartland

"Toby", Ch Choco Chip Mystic Moon

1st Open Fast 24"

1st Ex JWW 24"

Diane Fast

SpecialD The Best of Broadway "Porter"

1st in Class 16 DCA

18 months Puppy Sweeps DCA

SpecialD First Class Mail "Rolex"

3rd in Class Open Black DCA

Meg I Hennessey

Snowood Spirited Double IPA

Bred by Meg Hennessey & Sue MacMillan.

Owned by John Wilson and Meg Hennessey

First Futurity

12-14 month

First Bred by Exhibitor Dog

Snowood Paisley Duncan Disorderly

Sire: Ch Glenoaks Firekeepers gamblers Luck

Dam: Am/Can CH Snowood Paisley Synergy

Owners/breeders Meg Hennessey & Sue MacMillan

First Sweepstakes 12-15

First 12-18 month

Ronna Hill

Dooley - CH Whirlwind's Walk This Way RN CD CC RD

Ch. Whirlwind's Walk this Way CD by Ch. Satin's
Clown'n Around CDX x Ch. Signature Simply
Irresistable

Owner: Ronna Hill and Traci Seltz

Ronna was the rider

DCA Road Trial and HIT

Karen Moore

Pixie – South Streets S'cuse My Dust

Friday 3/5

Dalmatian Club of Greater St Louis Specialty #1-
RWB to 5 pt major

Dalmatian Club of Greater St Louis Specialty #2-
RWB to 5 pt major

Saturday 3/6

Bellevue KC – WB for 4 pt major

Sunday 3/7

Bellevue KC – WB for 4 pt major

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

Agility at International KC show in Chicago

Friday 2/26

Excellent Standard – Q and 4th place

Saturday 2/27

Excellent Jumpers – Q and 4th place

Excellent Standard – Q and 3rd place (double Q # 8)

Sunday 2/28

Excellent Standard – Q and 3rd place

Jess MacMillan

Penny – Paisley's Photo Finish

Chicagoland Dalmatian Club

Best In Sweeps

Reserve Winners Bitch

Dal Club of Greater St. Louis #1

Best Jr. In Sweeps

Dal Club of Greater St. Louis #2

WB/BOW/BOS over Specials

DCA

Best In Futurity

Best Jr. In Sweepstakes

3rd in 9-12

Braggs cont.

Penny – Paisley’s Photo Finish cont.

Heartland
Best In Sweepstakes
2nd in 9-12

Sue MacMillan

Argus –

Best Of Breed at Dalmatian Club Of Indianapolis (Paula Hartinger) and Group One (Liz Muthard).
Best Of Breed at Dalmatian Club of St. Louis (Linda Lewin) and again the following day (Everett Dean).
1st Award Of Merit at DCA, as well as winning the Stud Dog Class for the second year in a row.
Award Of Merit at Heartland.

Argus was #1 Dal in breed points through 03/31/10.



St. Baldrick’s

The event was March 13, 2010 at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois



Laura Lightholder –

I have been volunteering at the Gaelic Park St. Baldrick's event for the last couple of years and as some of you may have heard (and yes, you heard it right) - this year I am going all the way and shaving my head in solidarity with children who have cancer and typically lose their hair during treatment, while raising critical funds for childhood cancer research!

In the US, more children die of childhood cancer than any other disease, every 3.5 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and one in five will not survive. The St. Baldrick's Foundation funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. In 2009, 74.5% of the funds raised by the St. Baldrick's Foundation went directly towards childhood cancer research.

<http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/367613>



Laura Lightholder –

After the St. Baldrick event Laura had the honor of judging the Top 20 event at National as this year's breeder judge.



The Road Trial

By Ronna Hill

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*Editor's Note: Ronna and Dooley - (Ch Whirlwind's Walk This Way RN CD CC RD) go **High in Road Trial & Best Conditioned Dog at DCA** in their first attempt at the title.*

About the road trial. :) Rosie talked me into the coaching thing last year and it was fun.

My friend Trisha, who has a littermate to Marney has two horses and she was ALL inspired to do the road trial after Dooley and I did the coaching. So, we started training with her last fall until all the snow came.

I decided that if I wanted to do this with Dooley, I better continue since he's almost 8 and it was so close. I've had a blast taking lessons. The gal I've been going to is a lot of fun and the horse I learned on is great--wish I could of had her for the road trial. :)

So we did it. I'm so glad it all worked out. I actually am continuing my riding lessons--who knows, maybe I'll do another dog. I really enjoy riding a horse--kind of therapeutic.

Congratulations to a great looking team!



THANKS TO ARGUS, NIKON & PENNY!

THEIR COMBINED EFFORTS, PLUS A BIT OF HELP FROM JESS, LAURIE AND ME RESULTED IN THIS LOVELY TROPHY COMING TO MINNESOTA.



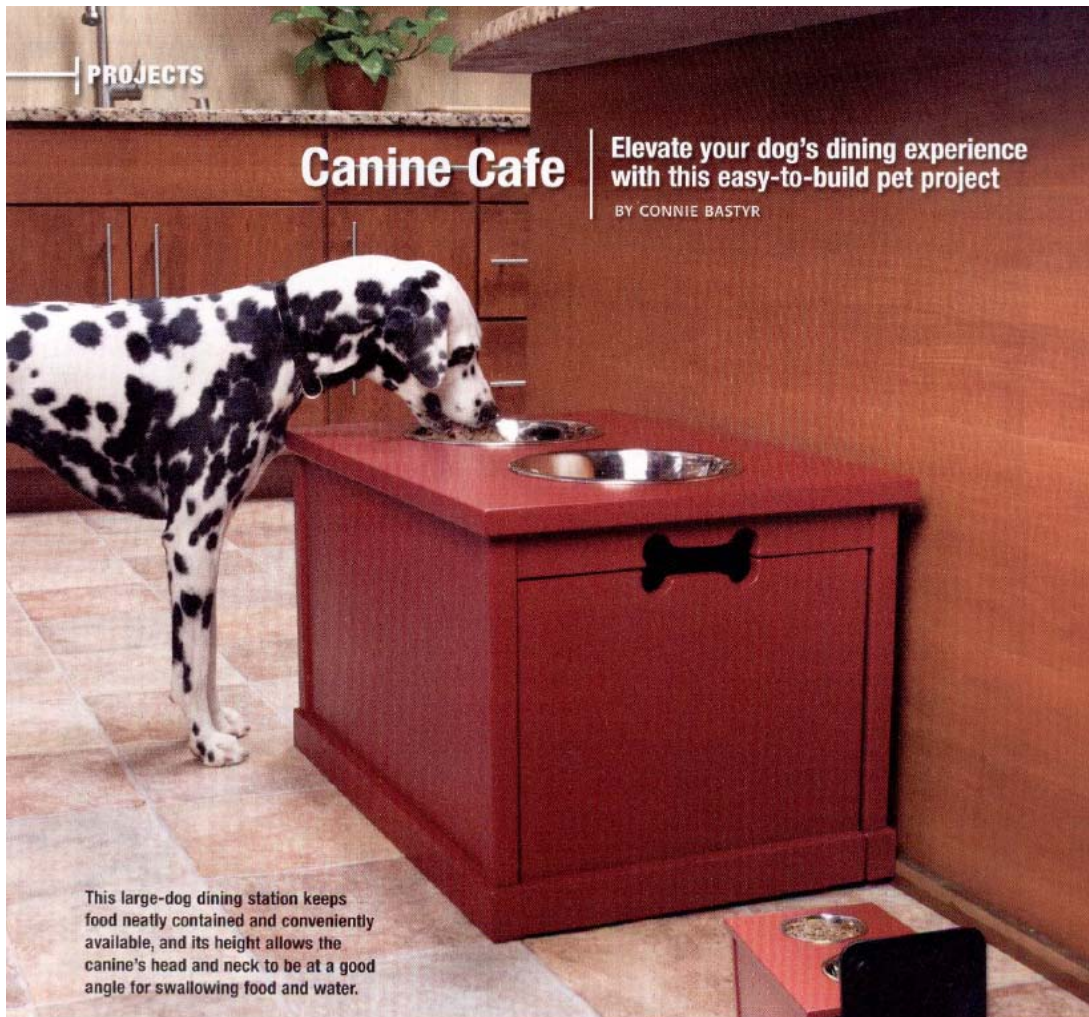
PENNY WON THIS WONDERFUL BRONZE FOR GOING BEST IN FUTURITY AT THE NATIONAL THIS YEAR.

THE TROPHY IS DONATED EACH YEAR BY PRO PLAN DOG FOODS BECAUSE THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF AMERICA BELONGS TO THE PRO PLAN FUTURITY ALLIANCE. IT IS AWARDED (WITH PERMANENT POSSESSION) TO THE BREEDER(S) OF THE BEST IN FUTURITY WINNER. WE'VE WON THE FUTURITY SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, BUT NOT SINCE THIS TROPHY WAS AWARDED.

WHAT A THRILL!

NOW, I NEED A NEW PIECE OF FURNITURE FOR DISPLAYING IT PROPERLY

PAISLEY DALMATIANS



PROJECTS

Canine Cafe

Elevate your dog's dining experience with this easy-to-build pet project

BY CONNIE BASTYR

This large-dog dining station keeps food neatly contained and conveniently available, and its height allows the canine's head and neck to be at a good angle for swallowing food and water.

HANDY is not all about pet pampering, but we do recognize animal lovers' desire to keep their four-legged companions comfortable while maintaining order in their homes. So in the interest of practicality, we created this attractive, easy-to-build doggy diner. Besides making feeding time tidy, it aids in digestion because the dog's head remains in an elevated position. Although this design is made for a large dog, you can downsize it so the bowls are at a comfortable height for your pet.

Food is stored in a sealed plastic storage bin (typically used for file folders; see SOURCES ONLINE) that maintains freshness and keeps out would-be invaders (pets, tots or rodents). The lid is hinged for convenient access.

Designed for simplicity, the project consists of one open-end box and a drawer. It requires just one 4x8 sheet

of lumber-core plywood (chosen for its light weight and ease of handling) and a couple of 8-ft. pieces of trim. The bone-shape cutouts are decorative and functional, serving as the drawer pull at one end and as handholds so the box is easy to pick up.

Cut the parts

The box and drawer dimensions shown in the cutting list (p. 66) assume that the plywood is truly 3/4 in. thick. Check your stock before cutting the parts, and adjust sizes if needed. The top trim pieces (M and N) and the

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ILLUSTRATION BY STEPHEN HUTCHINGS

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Lights! Camera! Eat!

Pink does her best to demonstrate the beauty and function of an elevated feeding station in a photo shoot for Handy magazine. Close to a million readers will get to see what she and other Dalmatians do best: Eat.

Pink is owned by Colleen Christianson and Jim Tarbox.



In Loving Memory
BISS CH. South St's Fire N Ice CD RE, ROMX
"Ashley"
January 6, 1996 - March 19, 2010

Karen Moore
South Street Dalmatians

Happy Birthday!



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Happy Golden Birthday Chip! He turned 13 on April 13th. To keep in shape he likes to run through the agility tunnels (he has been "retired" for two years), chase the neighbor's cat, and chase any birds from the pool deck and fence. After all that activity, he enjoys warming the old bones with a nap in the sun.



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Ch. Paisley Snowood Family Ties CGC (L) "Coral" - April 12 was Coral's 12th Birthday! Time has been kind to Coral who still has all her faculties - well, she's always been "very blond" but that has not changed. Her vision & hearing seem to be just fine, and she has no arthritis. Coral has slowed down a bit and leaves the wrestling to son Watson, granddaughter Josie, and "nephew" Argus. She spends more time on her cushion, just watching the action, but she still takes first possession of all new toys and any pans that need to be licked clean.



Western Reserve Dalmatian Club
Back-to-Back Specialty Shows
Friday, August 13, 2010 and
Saturday, August 14, 2010
Lorain County Kennel Club Park – Oberlin, Ohio

Friday, August 13, 2010

Breed: Mr. Tim Catterson (Indiana)
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes
Mr. Sam Hart (Canada)

Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi
6668 Manchester Road
Clinton, Ohio 44216-9464

Entries Close on July 28, 2010

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Breed: Mr. Timothy Robbins (Texas)
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:
Mr. Dave Galloway (Ohio)

Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi
6668 Manchester Road
Clinton, Ohio 44216-9464

Entries Close on July 28, 2010

Western Reserve Dalmatian Club – Greg Brown, Show Chair on both days
486 Wolcott Avenue
Kent, Ohio 44240-2356 330-673-0356

RV Camping * Security * Food Vendors * WRDC provides lunch both days

Sunday, August 15, 2010 * Lorain County Kennel Club (All Breed) * (MB-F Super)
Judge(s) To Be Announced

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New from the AKC Government Relations Toolbox:
Show Your Neighbors How to Be Their Dog's Best Friend!

Canine legislation is often proposed as a response to some well-publicized deed or action by an irresponsible dog owner. As responsible fanciers and breeders, you are the gold standard regarding proper dog care and ownership. You have a wealth of information and expertise to help your neighbors be good dog owners. When you share your expertise, others come to recognize you as an expert and an asset to your community.

Be your dog's best friend and a good neighbor! is the newest tool in the AKC Government Relations toolbox to help you educate your community about responsible dog ownership. This colorful one-page handout provides 12 easy steps to help dog owners take excellent care of their animals and be respected members of the community. Distributing this handout provides a wonderful public service and demonstrates your commitment to responsible dog ownership and care!

This is a great handout to distribute to clients purchasing puppies and dog show spectators. It is also useful for Responsible Dog Ownership Days and club booths at community events. You may also wish to co-brand it and distribute it in conjunction with your local animal shelter, rescue, veterinary offices, or library.

For more information on how you can co-brand and distribute this handout in your community, contact the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.



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Penny likes to watch herself in the mirror while Jess gets ready for work.



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Inside smoking ban...
Sam takes it outside

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