



Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club Newsletter



Sam found the corner of the yard where the rain pipe empties...when you dig it up it makes a great mud bath.

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Next Club Meeting...

Our next General Membership Meeting (conference call) is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 22, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. CST. The call-in phone number and pass code will be sent out two days before the meeting.

If you have any topics to be added to the agenda, please send them to Rick Miller by 06/20/09. Contact Rick with any questions you might have.

The Trouble With Dog Limits

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Walt Hutchens
April 18, 2010

Pet limit laws are the most common reason for hiding a breeding program. While they're usually passed with the intent to prevent nuisances, their real effect is probably the reverse and they cause other problems as well.

You can't have a real program with a three or four-pet limit, so when such a law passes or a breeder accidentally moves his ten-dog program to a place that has a limit, his reaction may be "Well, I'll just keep most of them inside most of the time. They won't make any trouble, they don't bark, so who will care?"

Part of hiding, however, is not allowing the general public to visit his home to select a puppy and meet that puppy's parents. Instead the breeder takes one or more puppies to some public area and the purchase is done there. That itself is illegal in an increasing number of places.

Then the breeder doesn't have other breeders in his home. Maybe he meets them out front to go to shows together or maybe it's at the local Wal-Mart parking lot.

Neighbors, of course, are not invited in.

And what's the result? The breeder, especially if he or she lives alone, no longer has feedback on the conditions in his home and kennel area. "I need to clean that up NOW" may become "after lunch," then "when the weather is warmer," and ultimately "one of these days." Hey, it doesn't bother ME and it doesn't hurt the animals, so what's the big deal? A faint odor builds to a stench but the workings of our noses are such that a constant smell is no longer noticed.

THEN -- one more thing happens: A plumber comes to fix a leaking pipe, a puppy buyer gets mad, or the downwind neighbor CAN smell your place, and animal control is called. Our laws were originally written to protect animals but they are now often applied to cases of 'aggravated bad housekeeping.' No animals are in immediate danger but you are not meeting the standard of 'adequate shelter, adequately cleaned,' as interpreted by the young ACO, who 'just loves animals.' The court won't make any distinction: Your animals -- and your entire breeding program -- are gone, along with some multiple of \$10,000 of your money, your reputation, and (often) the legal right to sell an animal, perhaps even to own one, ever again.

Current enforcement of current animal laws rarely allows room for any imperfection. Seriously bad housekeeping (with no animals harmed) that probably should be handled with "I'm going to be back in a few days and if this isn't cleaned up then I'm going to start writing citations" may very well make you a former dog owner and a criminal, and hand you a lifetime punishment.

If you are filing your federal taxes on the basis of your dogs being a business, you are at even greater risk because in many states, that declaration will trickle down to your county or city and you may be required to get a business license. If you have a business license (or it can be proven that you SHOULD have one) you probably have to obey an even stricter set of laws with even less protection for animal ownership.

For example, in Virginia, if animal control doesn't like the way you are keeping your pets and you are a hobby breeder or a pet owner, they can seize only dogs that are in immediate danger -- in such bad shape that they might actually die soon. If you are running a pet-related business, they can seize ALL your dogs whether there's anything wrong with them or not. All they have to do is say that the conditions were unsatisfactory.

That pet-limit law was intended to head off animal nuisances, but the way it interacts with humans and the human situation -- very few of us can afford to move to a remote area during our working lifetimes -- tends to promote not just a nuisance, but a human (and often, animal) tragedy.

While the problem is clear enough, I don't have a complete answer. One partial answer is that hiding from the law is a very slippery slope indeed and if you do it, you need to stay focused on exactly WHAT you are hiding. Once it gets beyond 'too many dogs,' you and your dogs are seriously at risk and in today's environment it's closer to 'when are

you going to get zapped,' than 'will you ...'

Take a look around: What is the WORST anyone could say or think about conditions in your home/kennel right now? That IS what they'll say in front of the judge, and he will believe THEM, not you.

Food for thought ...

Walt Hutchens
Timbreblue Whippets
www.timbreblue.com
Virginia



May 8 was National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

AVMA Disaster Preparedness
<http://www.avma.org/disaster/default.asp>

Materials

The educational materials listed below are provided to assist veterinarians, animal owners, and others interested in the well-being of animals to prepare for animal safety in the event of a disaster.

[Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)

[Saving the Whole Family](#)

American Kennel Club - Disaster Preparedness
http://www.akc.org/news/disaster_preparedness/

- Are you prepared? – Creating an evacuation plan that accounts for your dog
- Keeping a portable pet disaster kit stocked with food, water, vaccination records, AKC Registration papers and medicines
- Permanently identify your pet through microchipping or tattoo and enrolling him in a 24 hr recovery service such as AKC/CAR

Disaster Preparedness

BE PROACTIVE --- PREPARE - http://www.akc.org/news/disaster_preparedness/be_proactive_prepare.cfm

Ready

U.S. Department of Homeland Security's *Ready* brochure, designed to help owners prepare, plan and stay informed.

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/news/ReadyPets-FINAL_optimzd.pdf



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



Braggs

Rosie Branaman & Beth Haley

"Jeep", Choco Chip and Bay Colony's Off the Beaten Path

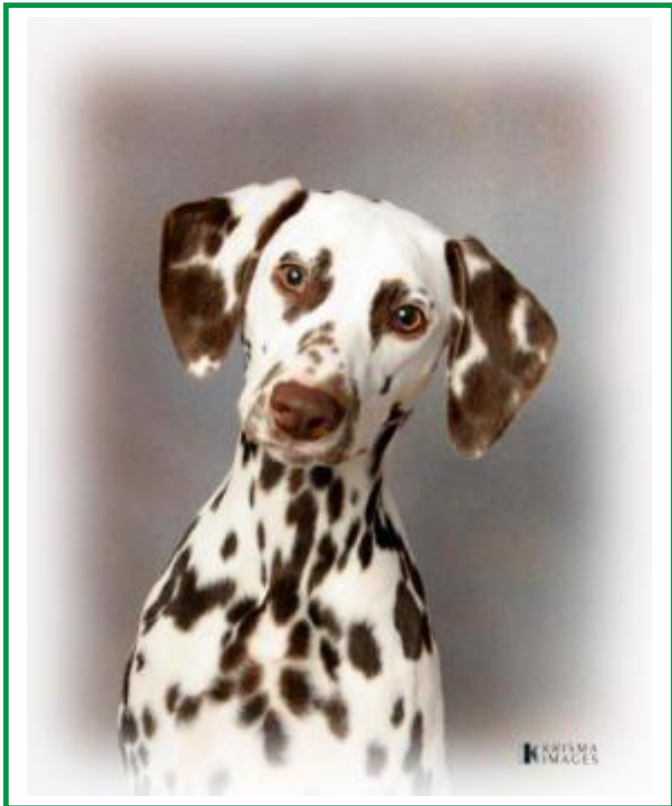
BW at Scott County Kennel Club 5/15/10 for 1 point
BW at Waterloo Kennel Club 4/24/10 for 1 point

Rosie Branaman

"Reebok", Choco Chip Ready To Run
WB for 4 pts at Bloomington, Ill - Major

Karen Moore & Vicki Swensen

"Kiki", Ch. South Street Bayside Mai Kiki
WB for her third major at the Corn Belt Kennel Club,
Bloomington, IL, May 31, 2010 - **New CH!**



Ch. South Street Bayside Mai Kiki

Vicki Swensen

Vicki's quilt won the Teacher's Ribbon at the Machine Quilter's Showcase in Kansas City in May.



A Miracle for Morgan....

Here is the link to Morgan's Caring Bridge site:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/morgantaylor7/journal/>

**Morgan is the granddaughter of
Dave and Sandy Slattum.**



Next . . .

"Charlie Brown"



Paisley Photo Op "Charlie"

Am/Can/Int/UKC Ch. Paisley NspirD By Broadway ex Paisley's Shutterbug

Breeder: Laurie Pitts & Sue MacMillan

Owners: Brook & Michael Brown

Handler: Jessica MacMillan

Charlie is a littermate to Penny, and we anticipate that he will do equally well in the show ring. Thanks to Brook & Michael for letting us borrow this extra-special, very handsome boy. We'll get him to a few summer shows, then get serious about showing both Charlie & Penny this fall.

Congratulations to Penny's co-owner Laurie on finishing Penny's UKC Championship in 3 shows, with a Group win.

Argus & I returned to the ring after a 3-month absence due to my broken ankle. First weekend out together, two large BoBs, a Group Two & a Group Three.

Fall pups anticipated by Ch. "Argus", ex a Ch. "Watson" daughter.

Paisley Dalmatians



I think God will have prepared everything for our perfect happiness. If it takes my dog being there [in Heaven], I believe he'll be there. Rev. Billy Graham



In Loving Memory
Paisley's Brown Stout One Am/Can CD, CGC, TDI
"Guinness"
June 29, 1995 - May 10, 2010
Sandra & Tim Kopet



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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American Kennel Club – Taking Command

From the GR Toolbox - Economic Benefits of Dog Shows

As you talk with legislators and candidates about canine legislation, it is important for them to understand the impact that dog shows and events have on local communities. Not only are shows family-friendly, fun events where you can learn about dogs, they also generate a significant amount of revenue through venue rental, hotels, local shops, and restaurants, just to name a few. Purebred dog owners also spend a significant amount of money each year in local businesses for veterinary care, grooming, food and supplies, and basic dog care.

The [AKC Government Relations Toolbox](#) offers two resources to help you explain this important point to sitting lawmakers as well as candidates for political offices:

- [The Economic Benefits of Dog Shows](#) one-page handout takes all the information from AKC's popular brochure and puts it into a printable, easy-to-read format that explains all the ways a dog show can be an excellent source of community revenue. You can find this handout, as well as a downloadable copy of the brochure, in the "Economic Impact of Dog Shows" section of toolbox.
- The [2009 State Economic Impact Statistics](#) web link provides you with a map of the United States. Simply click on your state to download a one-page handout that includes AKC event statistics for the past three years, as well as an estimated amount of money that is spent by purebred dog owners in your state each year. This information is valuable when fighting specific issues, as well as when you are simply introducing yourself and your club to lawmakers and candidates. It demonstrates the significant, tangible impact that dog owners have on a community and sends the message that it pays to support responsible dog ownership!

The [Government Relations Toolbox](#) provides a wealth of materials designed to help you be a successful advocate for responsible dog breeding and ownership. Be sure to check it regularly for updates.



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 _____ 2nd by _____
Club Member Club Member

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

Send applications to Stephanie Zambrano, Secretary, 12717 Orchard Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Date Received _____ 1st Reading _____

Voted on _____

Remarks _____

Board:

President	Rick Miller	507-252-1107	Avalondalmatian@gmail.com
Vice President	Dawn West	651-459-6900	Dawnmwest@comcast.net
Secretary	Stephanie Zambrano	612-309-1826	Stephanie_L_Zambrano@uhc.com
Treasurer	Tom Demma	651-459-6900	Tommyjd@comcast.net
Board Members:	Cheryl Bryant	319-895-4057	tapestrydals@hughes.net
	Jessica MacMillan	651-233-4417	spotted101@hotmail.com
	Becky Loader	612-824-7276	mrloader915@yahoo.com

Canine Health Registries

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)

CHIC is a centralized canine health database for



animals, jointly sponsored by the AKC CHF and the OFA, that includes a list of health screenings responsible breeders should incorporate into their breeding program and is a DNA repository for future research.

- [Participating Breeds and Approved Breed Specific Test Protocols](#)
- [CHIC DNA Repository](#) (Independent of AKC's DNA Requirements)

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)

OFA collates and funds information concerning



orthopedic and genetic diseases of animals, including advising and establishing control programs to lower the incidence of orthopedic and genetic diseases.

- [Canine Health Research Projects](#)
- [Find a Health Clinic in Your Area](#)

Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF)

CERF maintains the largest registry of dogs examined by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (A.C.V.O.) Diplomats (ACVO members) that are not affected by major heritable eye disease. This data is used to form the CERF data base which is useful in researching trends in eye disease and breed susceptibility.

- [Find a CERF Clinic in Your Area](#)
- [Diagnostic Spotlight](#)



[Find Laboratories that offer Direct DNA Canine Genetic Tests](#)

MEMBERSHIP

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.

SUBSCRIPTION (only)

\$13.00 per year (within the U.S.)
\$15.00 per year (outside the U.S.)

ADVERTISING

Members:

1/2 page - \$5.00
Full page - \$10.00 (blk/wht photo)
- \$15.00 (color photo)

Non-Members:

1/2 page - \$7.50
Full page - \$15.00(blk/wht photo)
- \$20.00 (color photo)

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submit items on or before August 12th for inclusion in the next issue.

