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Next Meeting

We need all members to attend our August 10 Specialty shows. See Cindy Riggans on how you can help.

**Saturday, July 21
Board Meeting at 6pm
Regular Meeting at 7pm
Strongsville Fire Station**

No meeting in August.

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Why Do Dogs Howl to Music?

You Can Thank Their Ancestors *By Jan Reisen*

Have you ever cranked up the radio during your favorite song or played a piece on the piano, only to have your dog seemingly sing along? It's not uncommon to hear dogs howl along to music. In fact, YouTube is filled with videos of dogs showing off their vocal prowess. But why do they do it?

One reason for howling is the modern dog's connection to his ancestor, the wolf. In the wild, wolves howl to communicate with one another. They do it to let other pack members know where they are or to warn off other animals encroaching on their territory.



They also do it to assemble the pack and assert a group identity. It's similar to the domino effect that happens when one dog in the neighborhood starts to howl, and every other dog joins in.

Your canine companion may not even know why he's howling, but the behavior is deeply buried in his genetic code.

In fact, research suggests that canines actually have a sense of pitch. For example, as more wolves join in, each one changes its tone, and recordings have shown that each wolf is howling a different note. Your dog, too, can differentiate pitch and tone. Dogs also pick up higher frequencies than the human ear, so they may be howling along to something you can't even hear. Your dog may deliberately join in at a completely different pitch or note just to individualize his howl. Some people think dogs howl along to AC/DC or a Bach flute sonata because it hurts their ears, but if your dog was in pain, he'd most likely run away from the sound, hide, or cover his head.

Do dogs prefer certain types of music?

Deborah Wells, a psychologist at Queens University in Belfast, set out to discover if dogs, like humans, have musical preferences.

She exposed dogs at a shelter to different types of music and monitored their responses. Wells used popular music (including Bob Marley and Britney Spears); classical music (including Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," and Grieg's "Morning"); and heavy metal (like Metallica).

The dogs responded very differently to the three types of music. Pop music produced no noticeable effect. Heavy metal, however, created a bit of canine pandemonium. The dogs became very agitated and started barking. Classical music, on the other hand, caused the dogs to stop barking, become calm, and even settle in one place.

"It is well established that music can influence our moods," Wells says. "Classical music, for example, can help to reduce levels of stress, whilst grunge music can promote hostility, sadness, tension, and fatigue. It is now believed that dogs may be as discerning as humans when it comes to musical preference."

If your dog has a favorite type of music, it doesn't hurt to let him join in on the fun. You might find that you're in perfect harmony.



Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months, and years spent preparing for it.

Author Unknown

Thousands of generations of dogs have believed that one day, if they listen hard enough, they will eventually master human speech.

Maya V. Patel

All animals are created equal, but some animals are more equal than others.

George Orwell

Of all the animals, man is the only one that is cruel. He is the only one that inflicts pain for the pleasure of doing it.

Mark Twain

Birthday Wishes



July, 2018

Sparkle Dals n Artista's Perfect Partner

7/2/2012 - Kathy Szomoru

Ch Cassiopeia Major Southern Belle

7/14/2008 - Bob & Diana Smith

Cassiopeia Major Southern Comfort

7/14/2008 - Bob & Diana Smith

Zdar Black Tie Affair at Windy Acres

7/24/2011 - Nancy Abbott

Zdar's Memphis Blue

7/24/2011 - Cindy Chaytor

Bay Colony's So Here I Am

7/26/2011 - Debbie Gotsch

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Scott Edmundson - July 20

Shannon Pratt - July 22

Send your birthday/anniversary information to the editor



WRDC 2018 Schedule

- January** No meeting
- February 17** Board meeting
Regular meeting
Speakers
- March 18** Regular meeting
Pot Luck Dinner
- April 21** Regular meeting
- May 19** Board meeting
Regular meeting
- June 16** Puppy Match
Picnic meeting
- July 21** Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
- August 10** Specialty Show
in Oberlin
- Sept. 15** Regular meeting
- October 20** Regular meeting
WRDC Election
of Officers
- Nov. 17** Board meeting
Regular meeting
- Dec. 2** Awards Banquet
Holiday Party

Presidents Message

The Puppy Match was a lot of fun. We had some great weather and a nice turnout. Thanks again to Steve Weisman and Michelle Jarus for Judging and to Barbara Brandon for Stewarding. It was nice to see some past members with Linda and Lynn Lowery and Julie Szabo. We enjoyed a good cookout after the judging and thanks to Steve, Don, Greg for doing the cooking. Actually, thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with hospitality, set up, take down and clean up. Enjoy the next few weeks of summer and hope to see everyone at the July 21 meeting. There is a Board meeting at 6pm and regular meeting at 7pm. I'll be hoping that we have the same nice weather for the August 10 Specialty shows in Oberlin. Happy Summertime!

Debbie



Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of WRDC

After a few months of discussion back and forth, current members have decided to open up an associate membership to those individuals who may not be able to attend many meetings, or serve as officers

Awards
Cindy Chaytor

Awards & Holiday Banquet
Don & Debbie Gotsch

Historian
Open

Hospitality
Monthly Member Rotation

Membership
Nancy Abbott

Programs/Public Education
Tammy Edmundson

2018 Puppy Match
Cindy Chaytor

Referral Service
Pam Weisman
Cindy Riggans
Rick Sinwald

2018 Specialty Show
Cindy Riggans

Spotted Copy
Don Gotsch, Editor
Debbie Gotsch, Co-Editor

Sunshine
Nancy Abbott

Performance
Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor,
and Debbie Gotsch



WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB

Mark Your Calendar For Our
Specialty Shows - Two In One Day!!
Friday, August 10, 2018
Lorain County Kennel Club Park • Oberlin, Ohio

<p>Friday, August 10, 2018 - Morning Show</p> <p>Breed: Ms. JoAnne Buehler Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes: Ms. Patricia Martin Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi 6668 Manchester Rd. Clinton, OH 44216-9464 Entries Close: July 25, 2018 <i>* Limited to first 100 entries per show *</i></p>	<p>Friday, August 10, 2018 - Afternoon Show</p> <p>Breed: Dr. Charles Garvin Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes: Ms. Sue Kite Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi 6668 Manchester Rd. Clinton, OH 44216-9464 Entries Close: July 25, 2018</p>
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Saturday & Sunday, August 11 & 12, 2017 • LORAIN COUNTY KENNEL CLUB (All Breed) • Foy Trent, Super.
Saturday, August 11, 2018: Mr. Elizardo Valadez • Sunday, August 12, 2018: Mr. Bradley Jenkins

Western Reserve Dalmatian Club • Cindy Riggans, Show Chair (Both Shows)
2746 22nd Street, NE, Canton, OH 44705

RV Camping • Security • Food Vendors • WRDC will provide lunch between the AM & PM Shows.

and board members due to location and or travel. This would hopefully encourage non-members to support our club activities and perhaps someday become a full member. Per our by-laws, this notice will be printed in 3 successive newsletters and voted on at our annual meeting in October.

Associate Membership -

A prospective associate member would be nominated by a current WRDC member in good standing and voted on by membership. Would be a non-voting member and not eligible for annual awards. Would be welcome to attend and support all WRDC activities. Would receive an electronic copy of the newsletters. Would be charged a \$15.00 fee for annual membership.



**WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 16, 2018**

Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 1:55p.m. There were 15 members in attendance. Debbie thanked Michelle Jarus and Steve Weisman for judging. Treasurer's report. Nancy Abbott reported balances, there were no questions. August Specialty. Cindy Riggans stated that the Premium list is in the final stages. Cindy also stated that we may have to pick up a judge. Please bring ice and a gallon of water. The show is being dedicated to Barbara Brandon, Velma Deitrick and Robert and Diana Smith. Cindy Riggans asked if we are having a specialty in August after having two at the National in 2019. The pro to having the show is to secure the date. Have one Sweeps , show, lunch and second show. Lesley Sinwald made a motion to do one sweeps and 2 shows for August 2019. Cindy Chaytor seconded. Carried. Old Business: Debbie Gotsch brought up the Associate membership. Discussion was had. Lesley Sinwald made a motion to create Associate Memberships. That person would pay \$15.00 per year, have no voting privileges, cannot hold office, and receive an e-mail copy of the Spotted Copy. Richard Sinwald seconded. Carried. Debbie also stated that this has to be printed three times in the Spotted Copy and the Constitution will need to be changed. Hospitality. Debbie Gotsch thanked everyone for all the good food.

July will be Cindy Riggans and Linda Lombardi. National 2019. Linda Lombardi stated that all is going well. We will have a tent at the August Specialty for logo items. Still working on if we are doing mugs or glasses. Save all your good Dalmatian items for the Silent auction. We made \$700.00 + last time. Debbie Gotsch announced that the City of Beachwood is celebrating their new Fire Station. This will be on Sunday August 26, 2018. All members and dogs welcome. Linda Lombardi made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Chaytor seconded. Carried. The meeting ended at 2:51p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Martha Brown, secretary

BRAGS

Richard Sinwald bragged that Olivia won Best In Match Debbie Gotsch bragged on Oscar who won Best Senior Puppy Linda Lombardi announced that Lizzy achieved her Farm Dog Title Pam Weisman stated that Mia won Winners Bitch at McKinley KC Greg Brown bragged that Snickers won Best Junior Puppy Cindy Chaytor Bragged about Blue: two qualifying scores in Lure Coursing, One qualifying score in Fast Cats. And Blue also earned her Farm dog Title. Cindy also took Blaze out and earned a Farm dog Title



WRDC's 53rd Annual Puppy Match at Columbia Park on June 16, 2018



Our thanks to Cindy Chaytor for chairing the event, Steve Weisman and Michelle Jarus for judging, Barbara Brandon for stewarding, Greg, Steve and Don for helping cook and all the delicious side dishes and deserts from our members.



It was a nice warm day, and we had a nice breeze and a pavilion with plenty of shade, so this was a fun get together.



Sweeps – Steve Weisman
Best Junior and Best in Sweeps – Scarlet – Cindy Riggins

Best Senior – Vondal's Oscar the Gotsch – Don & Debbie Gotsch

Conformation – Michelle Jarus
Best Puppy - Sparksfly & Zdar's Hocus Pocus – Greg & Martha Brown

Best Adult & Best in Match –
Life O'Riley Zdar's Living the Dream – Richard & Lesley Sinwald

Best Veteran – Blue with Cindy Chaytor

Ladies Handling & Best Handler
Linda Lombardi

Men's Handling
Richard Sinwald



This event was a special success thanks to all the members who helped set up, keep the program going and those who were always willing to lend a hand with visitors and spectators and take down of the rings and clean up. After a long, but beautiful day, it was a very nice match and get together.



Yes, Your Dog Is Trying to Tell You Something and Scientists Have Finally Translated What Their Gestures Mean.

How many times have you looked into your dog's eyes and thought, "If only you could talk"? Well, it turns out the canines have been speaking to us all along, and not just through barking or whining. A new study published in the science journal *Animal Cognition* on April 30 reports that researchers from the University of Salford in Manchester, U.K., have been working on the translation of dog gestures and behaviors for a while now — and they finally have some interesting and educational (and adorable!) findings to share.



The journal states that the Salford researchers "observed 37 pet dogs in their own homes ... owners recorded 242 videos" containing evidence of a number of "referential gestures performed by domestic dogs during everyday communicative bouts with humans," which conform to signals indicative of cross-species communication.

The animal scientists were able to identify at least 47 different potential gestures (roll over, hind leg stand, paw up, etc.) that they believe canines use when trying to communicate with humans. Amazingly, they've also discovered the meanings behind or "translated" 19 of these specific behaviors.



According to the study, most of the gestures mean "pet me" (or "scratch me") as opposed to "feed me", but obviously food-related motions are high on the list too. Other popular gestures mean your pup wants to go outside or play.

And now, a quickie run down (or dictionary, if you will) of dog gestures and their translated meanings.

"I want to be pet"

- Rolling over in front of you.
- Pressing its nose against you or another object.
- Licking you or an object.
- Lifting a paw and placing it on you.
- Gently biting your arm.
- Short shuffles along the ground while rolling over.
- Lifting a back leg while laying on its side.
- Rubbing its head against you while leaning against you..

"I want to be fed"

- Using its snout and head to move your hand on to its body.
- Holding one paw in the air while sitting.
- Turning its head from side-to-side, looking between a human and another object.
- Standing on its hind legs.
- Using its mouth to throw a toy forwards.



"I want you to play with me"

- Briefly touching a person with a single paw.
- Diving headfirst under a person or object.
- Reaching a paw towards an object of interest.
- Wiggling its body underneath a person or object.

"I want you to open the door for me"

- Lifting both paws off the ground and placing them on its owner or a nearby object.
- Jumping up and down, either on to an object or not, while in the same location.



Standard for the Ideal Owner-Handler

General Characteristics: Is a creature with the manners of a Utility Dog, the disposition of a Sporting Dog, the intelligence of a Working Dog, the perseverance of a Hound, the determination of a Terrier, the resilience of a Toy, and the friendliness of a Non-Sporting dog.

Head – Bloody, but unbowed, which encases a IBM computer used for totaling wins and sizing up Judges.

Eyes – Slightly crossed- one to watch the dog while the other watches the Judge.

Mouth – Optional. But it is needed for those who describes wins to novices and losses to sympathetic ears. Excessive use of this orifice is a serious fault.

Arms – Well-muscled, caused by carrying crates, grooming supplies, lunch bags, chairs and umbrellas since the show committee forgot to provide parking near the tents.

Back – Aching for owner-handlers of large breeds due to carrying them to the rings on rainy days.

Knees – One on each leg, pitted by small stones from kneeling at outdoor shows.

Feet – Very important for all handlers. Seven league boots, when available or being 20 years younger is more ideal.

Sex – Any sex is permitted. Although, it is sometimes more advantageous to be a female when showing under a male judge and vice-versa.

