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Next Meeting

**Next meeting is our
Puppy Match on
Saturday, June 16 at
Columbia Park**

**Meeting will take place
after Match. Please
arrive by 830am to
help out.**

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Service Animals - Only dealing with Dogs

The following are some guidelines on declaring your dog to be a Service Dog, this is a general summary and points may differ with your local, state or federal policies.

There are 2 questions that a business may ask regarding your assertion that your dog is a Service Animal.

1. Is this a Service Animal?
2. What tasks does this Service Animal perform?

Businesses may not:

1. Require special identification for the animal.
2. Ask about the person's disability.
3. Charge additional fees because of the animal.
4. Refuse admittance, isolate, segregate or treat the person less favorably than other patrons.

A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless:

- a) the animal is out of control and the animal's owner does not take effective action to control it,
- b) the animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others. So you can see these Federal ADA rules are opening up doors to many people that just want to take advantage of

airlines to get their animals on board with no extra fees.... Or inside establishments such as restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses.

Some of the States have been struggling with how to stay in the guidelines of the ADA Act and Department of Justice laws, but weeding out the fake from the real animals that have actually been trained to do tasks.

California is now one of the first States in the USA that now issues through the department of Animal Control a special golden tag that that signifies the animal is a true Service Animal.

To find out more regarding this subject, visit the ADA website at www.ada.gov. It is disappointing to see some people take advantage of a situation that otherwise may benefit many people with disabilities and lawfully require the services of a trained and competent service animal.

Courtesy of 'Dot To Dot', and Mary L Bennett of the Dalmatian Club of San Diego County

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

Birthday Wishes



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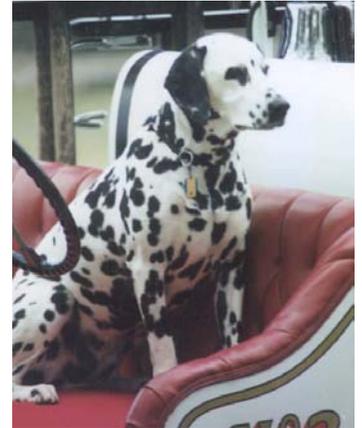
- Siobahn Brandon's Bella
Contessa
6/1/2009 – Barbara Brandon
- Zdar n Guardian Patriot Guard
6/7/2014 – Cindy Riggans
- Guardian n Zdar's Irish Eyes Are
Smiling
6/7/2013 – Scott & Tammy
Edmundson
- Zdar n Bay Colony's Take Me On
6/8/2007 – Martha Brown
- Ch Zdar's Let's Give Them
Something To Talk About
6/12/2010 – Cindy Chaytor
- Guardian n Zdar's Irish Eyes Are
Smiling
6/7/2013 – Scott & Tammy
Edmundson

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

- Nancy Abbott – June 8
- Frank & Kathy Szomoru
June 16, 1973
- Tim & Diane Kompier
June 16, 1978
- Bob & Diana Smith
June 18, 1966

Send your birthday/anniversary
information to the editor

Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



The gift which I am sending
you is called a dog, and is in
fact the most precious and
valuable possession of
mankind.

Theodorus Gaza

Our expressions and our
words never coincide, which
is why the animals don't
understand us.

Chazal

If you think you are a person
of some influence, try
ordering someone else's dog
around.

Anonymous

Ask not for whom the dog
barks, It barks for thee.

Anonymous

There are two means of refuge
from the miseries of life;
music and dogs.

Albert Schwietzer

They say the dog is man's
best friend. I don't believe
that. How many of your
friends have you neutered?

Larry Reeb





A STORY ABOUT THE POSTAL SERVICE NO ONE HEARS ABOUT

Our 14 year old dog, Abbey, died last month. The day after she died, my 4 year old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey.

She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. She dictated and I wrote:

Dear God,
Will you please take special care of our dog, Abbey? She died yesterday and is in heaven. We miss her very much. We are happy that you let us have her as our dog even though she got sick. I hope that you will play with her. She liked to play with balls and swim before she got sick. I am sending some pictures of her so that when you see her in heaven you will know she is our special dog. But I really do miss her.

Love,
Meredith Claire

P S: Mommy wrote the words after Meredith told them to her.

We put that in an envelope with two pictures of Abbey, and addressed it to 'God in Heaven'. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith stuck some stamps on the front (because, as she said, it may take lots of stamps to get a letter all the way to heaven) and that afternoon I let her drop it into the letter box at the post office. For a few days, she would ask if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch. Curious, I went to look at it. It had a gold star card on the front and said, "To Meredith" in an unfamiliar hand.

Meredith took it in and opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers, "When a Pet Dies". Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God, in its opened envelope (which was marked Return to Sender: Insufficient address). On the opposite page, one of the pictures of Abbey was taped under the words "For Meredith" We turned to the back cover, and there was the other picture of Abbey, and this handwritten note on pink paper:

"Dear Meredith,
I know that you will be happy to know that Abbey arrived safely and soundly in Heaven! Having the pictures you sent to me was such a big help. I recognized Abbey right away.
You know, Meredith, she isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me--just like she stays in your heart--young and running and playing. Abbey loved being your dog, you know.
Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets!-- so I can't keep your beautiful letter.

I am sending it to you with the pictures so that you will have this book to keep and remember Abbey.

One of my angels is taking care of this for me. I hope the little book helps. Thank you for the beautiful letter. Thank your mother for sending it. What a wonderful mother you have! I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I am in heaven but wherever there is love, I am there.

Love,

God, and the special angel who wrote this after God told her the words".

As a parent and a pet lover, this is one of the kindest things that I've ever experienced.

I have no way to know who sent it, but there is some very kind soul working in the dead letter office at the Post Office.

I just wanted to share this act of compassion.

What a wonderful thing someone did for this child.

Author Unknown





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

Friday, August 10, 2018 - Morning Show

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

Friday, August 10, 2018 - Afternoon Show

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

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 Riggins, 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.

WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2018

President Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 7:15p.m. Greg Brown made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they had been printed. Linda Lombardi seconded. Carried. Roll Call was read, with 13 members in attendance. Debbie Gotsch mentioned that our Puppy Match is June 16, 2018. The match will be held again at Columbia Township Park. Let Debbie Gotsch or Cindy Chaytor what you are bringing as a side dish.

Debbie Gotsch reported that Diana Smith is under the weather.

Awards: Cindy Chaytor mentioned having Photo Award Plaques. More information will be needed.

Holiday Banquet: Don Gotsch stated that it will be at Amicci's

on West 130th and 82. This will be on December 2, 2018. Associate Members???. The Board made some suggestions regarding associate club members who may not be able to attend regular meetings due to travel and location. They would be a non-voting member, must be nominated by a member in good standing of WRDC. Receive Spotted Copy by email only. \$15.00 per person membership fee. Associate member will be voted on by membership. More discussion and suggestions are needed. A change to the Constitution will have to be made.

New Business: At the National, Linda Lombardi reported that Marcella Austin's Buckeye recipe was much better than commercially bought candies. For the 2019 DCA National in Huron, Ohio, working on Barn Hunt, Fast Cats and Scent work as possible extras. Pam Weisman reported that there were many great dogs and people at the DCA National.

Lots of people we don't normally get to see.

Education: Copper Storage: Pam reported that there is too much copper in our dog food. Don't use warm or hot water to mix food. Let water run for a few as most of us have copper pipes. And then there is heredity as a link also.

Dalmatian club of Northern California won the Governor's Trophy.

Don Gotsch made a motion to adjourn, Greg Brown seconded. Carried. Meeting ended 7:55

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Brown, secretary

BRAGS: Lesley Sinwald stated that she worked with CSU for a Pawsitively Stress Free Finals Week. Dogs were available all week.

Lesley also bragged that she met her first blood related family. Greg Brown announced that we are going to be grandparents again, sometime in December. Pam Weisman bragged that Shelly competed in the CLE Marathon 8K and came in First Place Female. Shelly will also be running in the Half Marathon. Debbie Gotsch, Oscar received C WAGS starter Rally Title Cindy Chaytor Bragged on Blue who received Novice Fast Title and Open Fast Leg. Then bragged on Blaze who received Trick Novice and Achiever Dog Certificate.



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

We have been discussing the possibility of adding 'associate' members to the club. This would be a non-voting member with dues at \$15 per year and would receive the newsletter only in email format. The prospective member would have to be nominated by a current WRDC member in good standing and would be voted on by the membership. They would not be eligible officers or board members of the club and would not be eligible for awards. We will discuss this further at the June meeting.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on this proposal, please bring them up at the next meeting.

We will need some changes to the constitution and bylaws for this to take place and the proposal will need to run in the newsletter 3 times before voting.

Hope to see all of you at the June 16 meeting and Puppy Match.

Debbie



Portrait by Ernie Harkie

"I heard someone say the other day, just look at that bite. Seems petty to me, to condemn that way, one should sympathize – not spite.

What about her gay tail? Who's to say that's so bad. Or cowed hocks, weep and wail.

Or a back that dips a tad.

Don't joke about her long nose, look at de Bergerac. Heaven forbid those widespread toes, and jaws plump and slack.

The rear's loose, what's the use? That's not all that's wrong. Just hear this, more abuse.... She barks like King Kong.

I take exception to deception, be it good or bad.

For you see, it is my conception-to pick is to be a cad.

Anyway, hear what I say,
Don't meddle in my life.
Do what you want, say what you may,
But stop picking on my wife!"

From the Anatomy Department

In the anatomy of every organization there are four kinds of bones:

1. There are wishbones, who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.
2. There are the jaw bones, who do all the talking and little else.
3. There are the knuckle bones, who knock everything that everyone tries to do.
4. There are the backbones who get under the load and do the work.

Anonymous



Presidents Message

I now think Ohio skipped spring and went right into summer. The last week of May felt more like July.

The Puppy Match is coming up in a few weeks. Hoping we have a good weather day to play outside. Everything should be ready and we hope to have a nice turnout. We always enjoy a nice cookout and the great shared dishes by members.

May was National Chip Your Pet Month: Here's How and Why You Should Do It

According to statistics, one in three pets become lost at some point in their lives, and yours could very well be one of them. For us at the AKC, that's more than enough reason to microchip your canine companion. But, how do dog microchips work? In honor of National Chip Your Pet Month, we spell out the details of microchipping and its importance.



What is a microchip?

A microchip is a radio-frequency identification transponder that carries a unique identification number, and is roughly the size of a grain of rice. When the microchip is scanned by a vet or shelter, it transmits the ID number. There's no battery, no power required, and no moving parts. The microchip is injected under the loose skin between your dog's shoulder blades and can be done in your vet's office. It's no more invasive than a vaccination.

So, that's it?

Not quite. The unique identifier in the chip won't do you any good unless you register it with a national pet recovery database. You'll want to use a recovery service that has access to different microchip databases and technology.

A service like AKC Reunite, for example, is a member of the AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association) LookUp, so it can check against hundreds of registries' databases using the AAHA Universal Pet Microchip Lookup Tool.

When you register your dog's microchip, enter all relevant contact information. It's a good idea to include both landline and cell phone numbers for you and anyone else in your household who is responsible for ownership. You don't want to miss a call telling you that your canine companion has been found. Remember to keep your contact information up to date with the registry, too. While microchip technology is pretty mature, different registries offer different services. Some, including AKC Reunite, provide a Lost Pet Alert that broadcasts your dog's information to a network of vets, shelters, and volunteers in your area.

It's not a tracking device.

GPS devices and microchips aren't substitutes for each other; they're complementary, and each is useful to locating a lost dog in different ways. A GPS may tell you where your dog is, but it can't provide your contact information to those nearby that would help return him home. It also requires batteries and can be lost, like a collar or tags. Microchips, because they're inserted into a dog's skin, are permanent. While they can't guide you to your dog's location, they provide a way for you to be contacted, by almost any veterinarian or shelter, if your pup is brought in. According to AKC Reunite, "Pets with microchips are up to 20 times more likely to be reunited with their owners."

It's a simple procedure, it's not expensive, and the risks are minimal. So, take this opportunity to have your dog microchipped, because the thought of losing him forever is too much to bear.

By Jan Reisen, AKC



The Dog

I've never known a dog to wag
His tail in glee, he did not feel,
Nor quit his old-time friend to tag
At some more influential heel.

The ugliest cur I ever knew,
Was to the boy who loved him,
true.
I've never known a dog to show
Half-way devotion to his friend
To seek a kinder man to know,
Or richer, but until the end

The humblest dog I ever knew,
Was to the man that loved him,
true.
I've never known a dog to fake
Affection for a present gain,
A false display of love to make
Some little favor to attain.

I've never known a Prince or
Spot, That seemed to be what
he was not.
And I have known a dog to bear
Starvations pangs from day to
day, With him who had been
glad to share,
His bread and meat along the
way.
No dog, however mean or rude
Is guilty of ingratitude.

Anonymous, via
"Spotted Tails"

**The Fifty Third Annual
Western Reserve Dalmatian Club
Sanctioned B Specialty Match
Saturday, June 16, 2018**
Columbia Township Park
Route #82 and West River Road
Columbia Station, Ohio



Sweepstakes Classes

Divided by sex:

Junior-3-6, 6-9, 9-12 months; Senior-12-15, 15-18 months
First in each class to compete for Best in Sweepstakes

**Breed Conformation
Classes Puppy**

Divided by sex:

Junior- 3-6 months, Senior- 6-9 months, 9-12 months
First in each class to compete for Best Puppy

Adult

Adult: 12-15, 15-18 months, Over 18 months, Bred by Exhibitor
First in each class compete for Best Adult
Best Puppy and Best Adult to compete for Best In Match

Non-Regular Classes

Divided by Sex: Veterans-over 7 years. First in each class compete for Best Veteran, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace

Showmanship Classes

Jr. Showmanship: 8-12 years, 13-17 years
Ladies and Men's Handling (18 years and older)
Parade of Champions & Title Holders *FREE CLASS*

Entry Fee

\$ 7.00 per dog, **\$ 3.00** second entry of same dog

\$ 2.00 Junior Showmanship

\$ 2.00 Ladies and Men's Handling

9:00 - 11:00 am

11:15 am

Registration

1. Sweepstakes
2. Ladies and Men's Handling
3. Regular Classes
4. Non-Regular Classes
5. Junior Showmanship Classes
6. Parade of Champions and Title Holders



Sweepstakes & Handling

Steve Weisman
Solon, Ohio

Conformation

Michelle Jarus
Brookpark, Ohio

Junior Showmanship

Michelle Jarus
Brookpark, Ohio

We reserve the right to change judging assignments if the need arises. Dogs with major points can enter only for "practice". Handlers may show dogs owned by them or may enter only for "practice". The fee for practice only is the regular fee on the day of the show \$ 7.00.

Cindy Chaytor 22871 Nicholas Ave.
Euclid, OH 44123
Cell: 216-832-5806

Match Chairperson

The **Western Reserve Dalmatian Club** cordially invites you to our **2018 Specialty Match** followed by a potluck picnic afterwards. The match will present some of Northeast Ohio's future champions and promises to be a great opportunity to begin or continue your puppies' education and training. Whether your interests to compete are in the Show Ring, Obedience Training, Rally, Road Trials, or Agility, the day will provide lots of fun, and the opportunity to learn more about these events. There will also be information on Therapy Dogs and Canine Good Citizens.

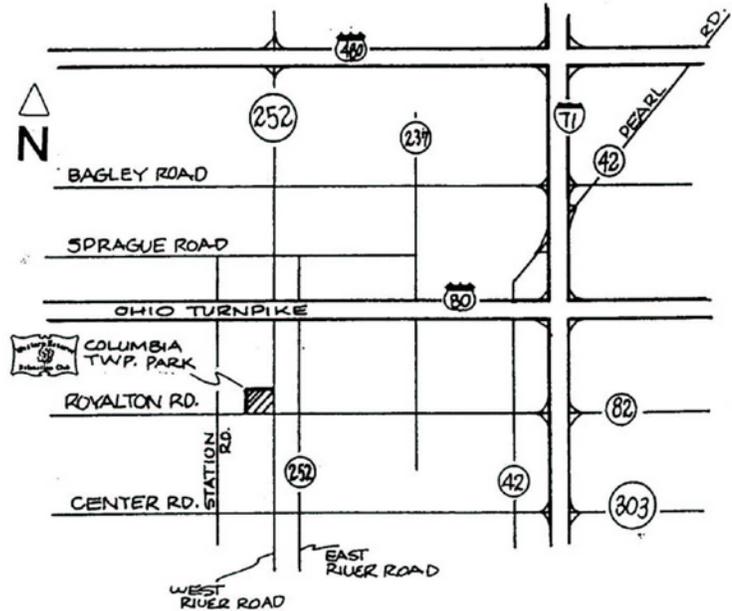
A picnic including hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will immediately follow the judging and the club is inviting you as our guest! Please bring a covered dish to share with others along with serving utensils for your dish.

Directions:

From the West, Take I-480 to Rte. 252, take Rte. 252 South to Rte. 82. Turn right on Rte. 82.

From the East, Take I-90/I-71 to Rte. 82, take Rte. 82 West to West River Road, Match is on the right.

From the South, Take I-77 or I-71 north to Rte. 82 and go west. (left)



**Western Reserve Dalmatian Club
2018 Puppy Match
June 16, 2018
Columbia Township Park, East Pavilion**

Please also join us at our
66th and 67th Annual Western Reserve Dalmatian Club Specialty Shows
at Lorain County Kennel Club Grounds in Oberlin, Ohio on August 10, 2018.
There will be 2 back-to-back shows on August 10.
LCKC will also have shows on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12

