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Beggars Can't Be Choosers: How to Stop Your Dog from Begging at the Table

When you sit down to eat dinner, does your dog try to get in on the action? It's hard to resist sharing your meal with your dog when he looks up at you with those eyes, but begging can quickly become a problem. To help owners teach their dog to kick the bad habit, here are some tips on how to stop begging at the table before it becomes a nuisance.

Be consistent. Do not give in when your dog begs you. You need to ignore the begging all the time, and make sure friends and family members do the same. Consistency is key to changing your dog's behavior.

Feed your dog before yourself. You should feed your dog before you sit down to eat. That way, you'll have a dog who is not hungry and is more apt to settle down.

Teach basic skills. Another way to manage your dog during meal times is to have taught basic skills such as a reliable down-stay. This alternative behavior can be used to deter begging.

Reward good behavior. Don't forget to reward your pooch for a job well done. If your dog has been well-behaved throughout the meal then take one of his favorite treats and put it in his dish. Your dog will learn this routine and might start to wait by his dish for a treat.

Birthday Wishes



May, 2018

GCH Blackthorn & Patch Mtns.
Rondevous
5/2/2013 - Linda Lombardi

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Diane Tucker - May 4

Pam Weisman - May 9

Send your birthday/anniversary information to the editor

Next Meeting

**Next meeting is
Saturday, May 19**

**Board Meeting at 6pm
Regular Meeting @7pm**

**Strongsville Fire Station
11287 Webster Road
Strongsville, Ohio 44136**

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

Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog in the house, so that when you come home, someone is happy to see you.

Nora Ephron

It is inexcusable for scientists to torture animals, let them make their experiments on journalists and politicians.

Henrik Ibsen

Animals have advantages over man: they never hear the clock strike, they die without any idea of death, they have no theologians to instruct them, their last moments are not disturbed by unpleasant ceremonies, their funerals cost them nothing and no one starts lawsuits over their wills.

Voltaire

I am joy in a wooly coat, come to dance into your life, to make you laugh.

Julie Church

Breaking Up a Dog Fight! What to Do and Avoid When Stopping a Dog Fight

Don't become a victim in a dog fight. Keep in mind that aggressive dogs will attack anything in their fight zone during a confrontation. Let's first focus on the wrong ways to stop a dog fight.

Never reach in with your hands to separate two fighting dogs. The intense, violent nature of the fight may cause even your own dog not to recognize your hand or arm as separate from the rival dog. Animals may attack anything in the fight zone and serious bites can result. Also, never grab the dog by the tail and attempt to pull him away from the fight. The dog is maximally stimulated and might quickly wheel around and bite your hand.

So, what can you do? Trainers, veterinarians, dog groomers, and veterinary technicians offer a wide variety of answers. Here's a few:

Step on **the combatant's feet**. This distracts the dog enough for him to stop fighting.

Place a large push broom against the chest of the fighter and **shove him away** from the other dog.

Blow loud, **shrill blasts from a whistle**, such as a police whistle, right above the fight to distract the dogs.

Throw water on them.

There probably isn't one surefire way to break up a dogfight. It does seem there are a lot of unsafe ways that can lead to very serious bites. Exercise some common sense.



Use foresight before placing your dog in stressful situations that may lead to a fight. If your dog is aggressive or a chronic fighter, don't let him off-leash when he's with other dogs. Obedience and socialization classes can help turn a fighter into a better citizen and a more enjoyable companion.

The Great Dog Convention



Well, they were all in attendance, every dog in the world

Straight tailed dogs, bob tailed dogs, dog tails that were curled,

There were Dalmatians and Greyhounds and Great Pyrenees,
And all of them Chinese Pugs, they were barking in Chinese.

Well, the dogs got drunk by midnight and they kept on getting higher,
All the lights were dim by 3 am when someone hollered "FIRE!"

Well the dogs all made it out the door, but they had no time to lose,
So they just grabbed any ass they could, they had no time to choose.

Well, now you know the story, of the Dog World's greatest blaze,
And the night they mixed their asses up and went their separate ways,

Now when two dogs greet, on any street, it is a common sight,
To see them sniff each other's tails, looking for the ass that they lost that night!

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Well, they were all in attendance, every dog in the world.

Straight tailed dogs, bob tailed dogs, dog tails that were curled,

There were Bulldogs and Boxers and Spaniels from Spain,
Some Poodles from France flew in on their own plane.

It was "*The Great Dog Convention*" and every dog on earth was there.

All the lady dogs had lipstick on and ribbons in their hair,

While the younger males were telling tales about how they chased their cars

All the older hounds were buying rounds and smoking big cigars.

Now, when dogs go to conventions, if you never knew before,

They always take their asses off and leave them by the door,

Dogs have their own manners and you know every dog has pride,

And any dog with good taste knows you don't wear your ass inside.

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

**WESTERN RESERVE
DALMATIAN CLUB
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 21, 2018**

President, Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 7:20p.m. Roll call was taken with 16 members in attendance. Greg Brown made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Don Gotsch seconded. Carried.

Report of the Secretary. Received confirmation that our August shows have been approved.

Sunshine. All members are doing ok.

Membership. Looking into offering an associate membership. Need to find out what other clubs have done. Review of the Constitution is needed. Don Gotsch made a motion to investigate associate memberships, Steve Weisman seconded. Carried.

Pamphlet. Members are still working on this. The question was asked if the WRDC has a Mission Statement. Debbie Gotsch thanked Leslie Sinwald and Pam Weisman for the hospitality. May will be Debbie Gotsch and Cindy Riggans.

The Pet Tacular will be May 5. New Business: Debbie Gotsch asked if there were any members wishing to be on the Board. If you do let Cindy Riggans know.

Linda Lombardi brought many of the 2019 DCA National logo items to show. There are T-shirts to sweatshirts. Ponchos, blankets, hats to coasters. Don Gotsch made a motion to adjourn, Greg Brown seconded. Carried. Meeting ended 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Brown, Secretary

BRAGS: Oscar received his CGC under Don Gotsch's direction. Oscar also had good runs in Fast Cats. 8.6 sec. and 7.6 sec.

Linda Lombardi, Lizzie received her CGC, Novice Tricks and Agility ACT1

Lesley Sinwald announced that CSU wants to partner with Riley's Angels for Therapy dogs. Cindy Riggans bragged that KitKat took Group 1 at the Medina Puppy Match.



At the Mall

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Dalmatian pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, 'Now you stay' "Do you hear me?"

"Stay, Stay"

The driver of a nearby car, an old timer, gave me a strange look and said, "Lady, why don't you just put it in PARK".



What's in a Name?



Most of us know our Dalmatian breed originated in southern Europe. But just in case you wonder what to call your Dal as you jet around the world, here is some help.....

Don Gotsch, WRDC

Далматинец	Russian
Dalmatien	French
Dalmata	Spanish
Dalmatyński	Polish
達爾馬提亞	Chinese
Dalmatian	Italian
Hebrew	דַלְמַטִּי
Dalmatisch	Dutch
Dalmatiner	German
Δαλματικά	Greek
Dalmatisk	Danish
Cão dalmata	Portuguese
Dalmatinski	Slovenian
cibarA	الدماسيه
Dalmát	Hungarian
달마시안	Korean
Dalmatinec	Croatian
ダルマチア人	Japanese



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
• Limited to first 100 entries per show •

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
• Limited to first 100 entries per show •

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.

Presidents Message

Hello Sunshine....! I believe we skipped spring and went right into summer. Hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather. Outdoor shows are coming up and some of our members are in show mode already.

I'm looking forward to more CATS and FAST CATS opportunities with Oscar and Geeza. Don is trying Frisbee with Oscar and joined a league this spring. At the last meeting, it was brought up to look into associate memberships for the club. We have tossed the idea around in the past and we all know Dal owners in Ohio that may not be able to make many meetings. If this helps get new members in the club, we need to give it a shot. I will be looking into how other clubs have this option. This will take time to implement as we will be changing the clubs constitution and by-laws. We can try offering a mini meeting at our August Specialty show and see if there is an interest.

Hope to see everyone at the May 19th meeting and don't forget about our Puppy Match on June 16. Please contact Cindy Chaytor on helping out on certain assignments and choose a pot-luck side to go with our burgers, brats and hot dogs.

Debbie

ARGYLE SWEATER



Dalmatian Facts You Should Consider

Originally bred in Dalmatia, modern day Croatia, as guard dogs for the coal mines, their markings made them hard to see on snowy slag heaps.

A Dalmatian replaces it's coat every 24 hours.

It can eat up to 5 times it's own weight per day.

Those soft, spongy pads are to help drag food across countertops.

Some Dalmatians are born deaf, others just pretend to be.

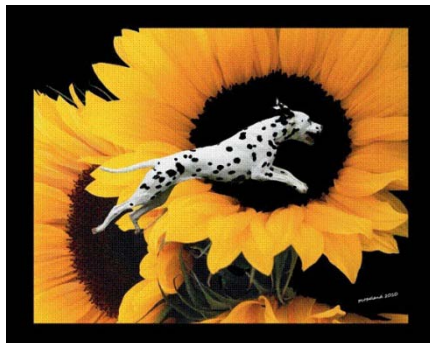
Dalmatians can self teach, a mature example can open biscuit packets, tell the difference between many types of animal feces, can exactly tell when a rotting seagull has reached the perfect level of piquancy, and learn how to help with basic household chores, emptying bins, etc.

American fire crews have them as mascots, this is due to the amount of household accidents they cause.

American brewer Budweiser also have them as a mascot, due to their ability to drive their owners to drink.

They love unconditionally and make wonderful companions, helping owners to make new friends, vets, doctors pet bedding suppliers, and car valets's for example.

(Courtesy of Mary Bennett, Dalmatian Club of San Diego County)



ASK BOSCOE

Dear Boscoe,

I recently met the bitch of my dreams during an overnight kennel stay.

She's smart, beautiful, and can shake with both hands. (And when she rolls over, she's the bark of the park!). One problem though: I recently discovered that she has pups.

Fatherhood is something I want in the long term, but I just don't know if I'm ready. Heck, I'm barely house trained myself, and it takes all the will I can muster to keep off the furniture. My question is, should I bury my feelings in the backyard or jump in with four paws and risk being a bad dad?

--Smitten in St. Clair-Superior.



Dear Smitten,
As a sire, I can tell you that being a parent is more than Frisbee tosses and laps in the lake. Who will provide the toys they need? Who will bring home the puppy chow? Will you be able to save enough to put them through a good obedience school? Important considerations that require more concentration than it takes to simply stay off the sofa.

Why not start of slow? Get to know your pretty Perdita first by taking her out to a dog show. Share a Happy Meal or two. Spend some time sniffing each other out. Make sure she has her papers and lives with a good family. Then, when you're ready, introduce yourself to the pups and reassess the situation.

If you still think she's Lady to your Tramp, the two of you can plan for the future together and help each other face the challenges of parenthood.

(Tip: And thanks to the "dog years" factor, they'll be 3 1/2 and out of the house in no time!)

-- Boscoe

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