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Next Meeting

**Next meeting is
Saturday, Nov. 15**

**Board Meeting @ 6pm
Regular Meeting @ 7pm
We will have a Speaker**

**Strongsville Fire Station
11287 Webster Road
Strongsville, Ohio 4413**

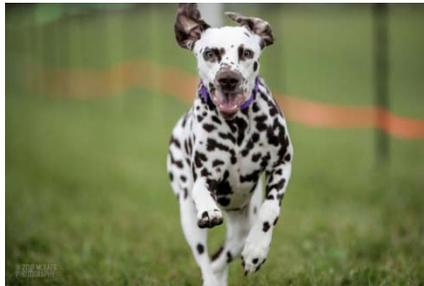
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Brown is the new Black

Jan Warren Linné, Dalmatian Club of America

As our breed has slipped down the ladder of popular breeds in recent years, replaced in many instances by the make believe “designer” breeds, walking your Dalmatian in public is always an exciting event.



Adults and children alike flock to see a real-life version of Mr. Disney’s dogs. There are always finger-pointing and looks of shock and awe, and the best, of course, is seeing the delight on a small child’s face when they realize Pongo and Perdita aren’t just cartoon characters. And although there may have been a bit of a downturn in the overall numbers of Dals registered, there has been a significant upturn in the number of liver Dals you see these days. So, when you take your liver Dalmatian out to mingle with the general public a whole new range of questions is encountered: “Is that a real Dalmatian?”

“Why aren’t the spots black?” “What is your Dalmatian mixed with?” When I started in Dalmatians 30 years ago, most of the dogs seen in public as pets or in the show ring were the standard blacks—just like Disney drew them. Although a perfectly acceptable color in the breed, livers seemed relatively few and far between. The times have certainly changed, and those folks who prefer the “brownies” (AKA Liver Lovers) are reveling in seeing the livers’ rise in numbers and popularity. Many of our top-winning Dals are of the brown persuasion these days, racking up wins that are equal to and/or eclipse those of the top-winning blacks of the past. Even our gene pool is seeing an increase in the brown gene. Years ago, a pure for black factored dog was the norm, with almost all litters being completely black-spotted.



Being a simple recessive, the only way to know for sure your Dal was liver-factored was if it had a liver dog as a parent. Now thanks to genetic testing, we are able to test our dogs to see if they carry the once-elusive liver gene. And in my experience, that liver gene is now running rampant in the gene pool.



All of the dogs in my home are liver-factored, and being pure for black seems to be becoming a rarity. And please don't think I'm inferring that's a bad thing—just an observation on the "Power of Brown." What I think we do need to do is get these brownies out in public so that people can see they are equally as charming and as lovely as the blacks.



Inform people they are not "rare cinnamon Dalmatians" as I've seen them advertised. Another myth I've heard that needs dispelled is that they're not as healthy as a black-spotted Dal. Obviously, not true! They are just as hale and hearty as any other well bred dog of any breed. And their personalities are just as bright and entertaining—and maybe even a bit more so—than their black counterparts.

Longtime liver owners will often joke about the "brown gene" and how it can affect a liver's personality in such fun and quirky ways. It's not a "bad" thing per se, it just seems that these dogs seem to have a little something extra—a bounce in their step, a sparkle in their eyes, and a certain je ne sais quoi attitude in how they approach life. So, Liver Lovers, stand united, and help show the world what a joy it can be to have a brown Dal spicing up your life. Stand aside, UPS; there's a new brown in town. Live Brown and prosper. — AKC Breed Column, Sept, 2018



Upcoming events at Medina Kennel Club

Nov. 10-11 - FAST CATS
 Dec. 1-2 - Obedience Trials
 Dec. 8 - Winter Round Up
 Includes testing for CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog, Farm Dog, ACT 1 and ACT 2. All entry forms can be found on their website at www.medinakennelclub.weebly.com.

Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



The dog that trots about finds a bone.

German Proverb

When the Man waked up he said, "What is Wild Dog doing here?" And the Woman said, "His name is not Wild Dog any more, but First Friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always."

Rudyard Kipling

A righteous man regards the life of his animals.

Proverbs 12:10

I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source.

Doris Day

Our dog is fluent in English, Afghan, Pekinese, Borzoi, Pomeranian, and has a fairly good grasp of bull Shih Tzu.

Anonymous

Birthday Wishes



November, 2018

Zdar's Dancing in the Dark
11/13/2017 - Cindy Riggans

Farmyard & Zdar Should've
Known Better
11/13/2017 - Linda Squires

Zdar's Kiss Me Kate at Windy
Acres
11/22/2014 - Nancy Abbott

Zdar n Siobahn Unfinished
Business
11/22/2014 - Cindy Riggans

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Don & Debbie Gotsch -
November 20, 1972

Send your birthday/anniversary
information to the editor

Dues are Due on October 1.



WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 20, 2018

Barb Allison gave an informative presentation on LUA Dalmatians and how they originated.

President, Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 7:49p.m. Roll call was read, with 15 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Nancy Abbott reported on the treasury.

If you haven't paid your dues send them to Nancy as soon as possible.

Sunshine: Nancy reported that she had reached out to Diana Smith and Betty Kilfoyle with no response.

Kathy Szomoru thanked everyone for the card.

Awards. Cindy Chaytor stated that they are due. Please indicate what title you want on the plaque. All other awards will be a certificate. Please include verification from AKC so the information will be correct.

Cindy also asked that you include a 100 word or less bio on the dog and include a picture for the plaque.

Holiday Party/Awards Dinner. Don Gotsch reported that it will be held at Amici's Restaurant. The cost will be \$25.00 per person which includes gratuity. Reservations and money will be due November 17. Please make a check to Don Gotsch. There will also be a Holiday Gift Exchange, bring a gift get a gift.

Programs. November's program will be Copper Storage presented by Jeff Gillespie.

Membership: Linda Squires was voted into membership. Martha Brown made a motion to accept her application and Kathy Szomoru seconded. Carried. Welcome Linda.

May Specialty shows. Kathy Szomoru stated that we need to have an ad in the next Spotter. Linda Lombardi made a motion to place a full color add in the Spotter. Don Gotsch seconded. Carried. The ad will cost \$100.00. Will also contain information about the August show and judges.

Cindy Riggans stated that Mark Kennedy will be a back-up judge for Ed Bivin and Karen Rockwell will back-up Jeff Gillespie. So far Cindy is thinking about Cari Jordan and Beth White for August.

Discussion was had about using 31 Bags as prizes. Membership decided that it may be too pricy. Linda Lombardi brought up the Premium List for Foy Trent. Will probably need trophy list by late November. Some of the trophy ideas are coasters, license plates, engraved glassed, engraved aluminum tumblers or water bottle. Don Gotsch as making two Dock Dals.

Puppy Match. Cindy Chaytor is chairman. This will be the 3rd Saturday in June.

Hospitality. Debbie thanked Diane Kompier and Martha Brown for the refreshments. November will be; Linda Lombardi and Tammy Edmundson.

Old Business: Election of Officers. The following slate of officers was voted in unanimously.
President- Debbie Gotsch, Vice President- Lesley Sinwald, Treasurer- Nancy Abbott, Secretary- Martha Brown.
Board members- Cindy Riggans- 3 year to 2021, Pam Weisman- 2 year to 2020, Barbara Brandon- 1 year to 2019, and Greg Brown- 2 year to 2020.

National 2019. Linda Lombardi reported that a photographer will be taking candid pictures at the shows. These will be compiled and put into a slide show. Linda asked Lesley Sinwald if she would be willing to do this. Lesley stated that information needs to be included in the Welcome Bags.

Linda also stated that there may be a need for Stewards.

Kathy Szomoru announced that the Spotter will be going out this week. Pictures of the firehouse dedication will be included. Don Gotsch made a motion to adjourn, Greg Brown seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting ended at 8:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Brown, secretary

Braggs.

Linda Lombardi announced Lizzie's new litter, 6 puppies! Cindy Riggans stated that KitKat finished her championship and took a BOB. The next day George took BOB the next day. Pam Weisman announced that Mia received her Lure Coursing Title.

Debbie Gotsch stated that Oscar achieved his Rally Novice, his BCAT Title, and first leg in Rally Intermediate. Geza received her BCAT Title.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Brown, secretary



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Presidents Message

Happy Fall every one, we had our first frost in Strongsville last night, the leaves are really starting to turn colors now. Please plan to attend out Nov. meeting, Jeff Gillespie will be doing a program on copper storage and will bring and show the video from DCA.

We plan our calendar at this meeting, so if you have any suggestions for speakers or activities, please come and share them.

Remember reservations and money is due for the Holiday Party and Awards Banquet, please make your reservations with Don. It should be a fun awards dinner this year with members sharing their wins and activities. There are quite a few awards being presented this year.

Also, if you have not paid your dues yet, provide dues to Nancy.

Debbie

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

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Cindy Riggans
Rick Sinwald

2019 Specialty Shows

Cindy Riggans

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Don Gotsch, Editor
Debbie Gotsch, Co-Editor

Sunshine

Nancy Abbott

Performance

Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor,
and Debbie Gotsch

WRDC Awards Banquet and Holiday Party - 2018

Sunday, Dec 2, 2018 at 2pm

**Amici's Restaurant
13000 Royalton Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133**

**Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter
Unlimited coffee, tea, soft drinks, cash bar
Chicken Parmesan with Penne pasta and
Roast beef au jus with Au Gratin potatoes
Includes 18% gratuity
Sheet cake and cookies for desert**

**Cost is \$25 per person, all reservations and payments needed by November 17 meeting
There will be a Holiday gift exchange, bring a gift – get a gift, \$15 limit.**

**Please send in your reservations and money on time to Don Gotsch, we need a head count.
Amici's is at the corner of Royalton Road (Route 82) and West 130th, near our Fire Station.**



Updated Canine Vaccination Guidelines

By Nancy Kay, DVM

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has released their 2017 Canine Vaccination Guidelines, the first update of this document since the 2011 version. A task force of veterinary experts who prepared the guidelines based their recommendations on vaccine research, immunological principles and clinical experience.

The two core vaccinations (those that every dog should receive barring special circumstances) discussed within the guidelines are:

- Rabies
- DAPP: a combination of Canine Distemper Virus, Adenovirus-2, and Parvovirus +/- Parainfluenza Virus

The roster of noncore vaccinations (those that may be warranted depending on the dog's lifestyle) now includes:

- *Bordetella bronchiseptica* + canine parainfluenza virus (kennel cough)
- *Bordetella bronchiseptica* only (kennel cough)
- Leptospirosis
- *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme disease)
- Canine Influenza Virus– H3N8
- Canine Influenza Virus– H3N2
- *Crotalus atrox* (rattlesnake vaccine)

Antibody testing versus revaccinating

The 2017 Vaccination Guidelines provides in-depth information about antibody testing (also referred to as titer testing, vaccine titers, and vaccine serology). Antibody testing involves analyzing a

small blood sample to determine the level of protective immunity against a particular disease, for example parvovirus or distemper. We know that a distemper/parvovirus vaccination protects for a minimum of three years, but beyond this time period the duration of immunity varies from dog to dog. For some, protection lasts a lifetime. Distemper, canine adenovirus-2, and parvovirus antibody testing have become readily available. Many vets use a tableside test that provides results within minutes. A negative test result supports revaccinating. Conversely, a positive test result indicates that revaccination is likely not warranted at that time. Antibody testing for rabies is also available but is rarely warranted given that state law dictates the frequency of revaccination. Antibody testing is becoming more popular amongst people who prefer to rely on test results

rather than automatically give a distemper, parvovirus, and adenovirus booster every three years. Vaccine serology is also useful for determining if a puppy who has just completed the vaccination series has mounted an adequate immune system response. Additionally, antibody testing can be helpful in situations in which revaccinating might not be a wise choice such as:

- A dog with a chronic illness
- A dog who is very elderly
- A dog who has experienced a prior adverse reaction to a vaccination
- A dog with a history of immune-mediated (autoimmune disease)
- A dog who is receiving drugs that could suppress the immune system's response to a vaccination

How often should vaccinations be given?

The recommended timing and frequency of vaccinations hasn't changed to any significant degree, particularly for the core vaccinations. Rabies and DAPP vaccinations need not be administered to adult dogs more than once every three years. Recommended schedules for the noncore vaccinations vary based on type of vaccine and route of inoculation.

Keep in mind that, just as is true for any other medical procedure, vaccinations carry inherent benefits as well as the potential for adverse side effects. Giving unnecessary vaccinations exposes the dog to all the inherent risks without any possibility of benefit. There's simply no way this makes any sense whatsoever.

Keep in mind, the AAHA Canine Vaccination Guidelines are guidelines only.

The recommendations are not mandatory or enforceable in any way. So, if your vet is one of the holdouts who insists on administering unnecessary vaccinations (those that are unnecessary based on your dog's lifestyle or those given more frequently than recommended), I encourage you to step up to the plate as your dog's medical advocate and find a new veterinarian.



sportsmanship

Must be a sign of our changing times, but it seems more proper to use lower case letters when saying sportsmanship. It used to be that dog shows and dog clubs were composed of people who got together for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and sheer sociable enjoyment with those of a common interest. A dog show was a place to enter your dog in fair, open competition with others of the same breed and assisted by a fair and impartial judge. A match was always just a "fun" match. The idea of winning or losing a puppy match being anything serious would have been laughed at in scorn.

The catch is, being a good sport is more than something you can put on for public occasions. You have to be a good sport in everything you do and say if you are really to be one. You can't snub a novice, malign a judge, tear down the

reputation of fellow breeders or put your own selfish needs before those of your club.



Thank the Judge for that lousy fourth place ribbon just as though it were a five point winner, shake the hand of the owner of the winner before you leave the ring, offer to take on a chair for your club and then do your job to the very best of your ability.

Don't sit back and complain about the way someone else either did or didn't do that same job.

Being a good sport will cost you a little extra work to sport a smile for others, having empathy for others and help out when you can.

But when all is said and done, you'll find that being known as a 'good sport' is one of the nicest things that can ever happen to you.



Veterans Day – Nov. 11

We salute all our human and canine veterans for their service.