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Next Meeting

**Next meeting is
Saturday, July 15**

**Board meets at 6pm
Members meet at 7pm**

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

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Who Gets The Dog?

By Patte Titus

Our family recently experienced the loss of one of our dogs. She was sixteen and fortunately lived a relatively healthy life. Though we have another at 5 years of age, we are left with the question, "Will we outlive another dog if we decide to get a puppy and it has the longevity our dogs to date have experienced?"

Most people don't like to think about the "what if" as it concerns their dogs and their own destiny. This article is to hopefully provide a gentle nudge for those that have been thinking about the "what if", they just want to enjoy their dogs.

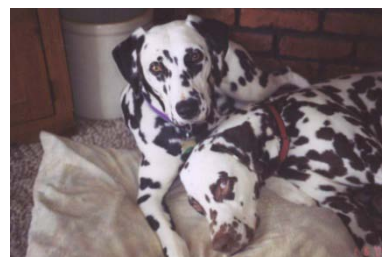
Consider if for no other reason it will help those that may suddenly find themselves in the situation of having to make a decision as to what you may or may not have wanted.

Don't assume those around you know what you want as they may have a totally different perspective based on what has been said and heard over the years.

Talk to your relatives and friends to make sure your wishes are followed, better yet, write down what your wishes are and make sure they are available in your important papers cabinet. For those who have established a

'kennel name' and breeding program, it is important to have your wishes known as it pertains to your dogs and kennel name.

We are required by the AKC to keep registrations and records of our dogs. With microchips, digital records, photos and other electronic means, make sure a responsible person has access to this data. Once dogs go into a legal system, it can be difficult and expensive to get them out. Make sure someone responsible has a current legal document to present if the occasion arises.



Be brutally honest about family members being considered to take the dogs. We love our children, but because of young families, lifestyle modes, distance from home, professions that require frequent travel, they may not be ready or the best choice for your dogs.

As animal rights activists push for more restrictive local legislation, animals in some states may not be considered "property".

Once a dog is no longer considered property, it opens the doors for all types of legal implications.



In 1990, trusts for pets were recognized and other provisions have been added. This is an option for some, but qualified legal advice should be obtained if this is under your consideration. For more info, you can search for "pet trust's" just to get more information, but this should not be considered "legal advice".

We often think that estate planning is for individuals other than ourselves, nothing could be further from the case. If you own anything, you have an estate and your dogs are part of that estate.

If all this is all a bit much to think about, at least you can begin to put together an information packet about your pets that reads, "To Be Opened In Case Of Emergency". If the individuals designated to take care of the animals aren't family members, it is very important for them to know and understand why you've designated someone else to have them and be responsible for their care.

Along with contact information should be a brief summary of what is to be done with each animal. Make sure each one is identified with a picture and permanent means of identification. Copies of vaccinations, health clearances, vet contacts and your wishes should be easily available.

Responsible breeders screen prospective puppy buyers to assure their pups will be in the best homes possible and stand behind the dogs they've produced. They work hard to develop their kennel names and breeding programs. Now all we have to do is think about what lies ahead or waits at the other end. Maybe it's time to "Get er Done and not leave to chance what might happen to our dogs.

Birthday Wishes



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

Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



My husband and I are either going to buy a dog or have a child. We can't decide whether to ruin our carpet or ruin our lives.

Rita Rudner

Any member introducing a dog onto the Society's premises shall be liable to a fine of one pound. Any animal leading a blind person shall be deemed to be a cat.

Rule 46, Oxford Union Society, London

If your dog thinks you're the greatest... don't seek a second opinion.

German Proverb

Well Woody, It's a dog eat dog world and I'm wearing Milkbone underwear.

Norm, from 'Cheers'

Life..... is a series of dogs.

George Carlin

2017 Committees

Awards

Cindy Chaytor

Awards & Holiday Banquet

Richard & Lesley Sinwald

Historian

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Hospitality

Monthly Member Rotation

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Programs/Public Education

Tammy Edmundson

2017 Puppy Match

Cindy Chaytor

Referral Service

Pam Weisman

Cindy Riggans

Rick Sinwald

Specialty Show

Cindy Riggans

Spotted Copy

Don Gotsch, Editor

Debbie Gotsch, Co-Editor

Sunshine

Nancy Abbott

Ways & Means

Open

Performance

Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor,
and Debbie Gotsch

WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2017

President Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. Roll call was read with 19 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Barbara Brandon made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Linda Lombardi seconded.

Debbie Gotsch thanked everyone for all the wonderful food and for showing up for the match.

Secretary's report. Read a card from Marcella Austin.

Treasurer's report. Nancy Abbott stated that all the ribbons are in for both the Puppy Match and Specialty and paid for.

Sunshine. Nancy Abbott reported that Pam and Steve Weisman lost their dog Gidget. She also received a Thank You from Mrs. Diel (Lesley Sinwald's mother) for our donation to Stein Hospice.

Spotted Copy. Don Gotsch stated that everything was due by the end of June. If you have any information that would be good for the club or our dogs, get it to him.

Programs. Cindy Riggans has contacted a vet that does hearing tests to do our program in October.

November's program will be "All the things you can do with your dog."

Specialty. Cindy Riggans said all is set. We are doing a simple lunch. Subs, Potato salad and watermelon. BOB trophy's will be the Dock Dals for both shows donated by Don Gotsch.

Puppy Match. Debbie thanked Cindy Chaytor for chairing the show.

Parades. Brunswick Homecoming Parade is Sunday

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July 2. Steps off at 2:00, line up is between 12:00-1:45. We are #24.

Pet Expo at the Erie Co. Fairgrounds. Benefits Stein Hospice. Saturday October 21 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

September's meeting will be at Tammy Edmundson's, Fuzzy Face. There will be CGC Testing for \$10.00 and Tricks \$10.00.

National 2019. Linda Lombardi needs ideas for a logo and theme for the show. Also needs to fill some chairmanship positions.

Nominating Committee;

Chair- Linda Lombardi

Committee- Don Gotsch

Richard Sinwald

Alternates- Steve Weisman

Greg Brown

Kathy Szomoru stated that there needs to be pictures sent to the Local Spots in the Spotter.

Linda Lombardi made a motion to adjourn, Kathy Szomoru seconded. Carried. Meeting ended at 2:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Brown, Secretary

BRAGS: Linda Lombardi is expecting puppies.

Tammy Edmundson's puppies had their hearing test- 6 Bi-Lateral, 1 Uni.

Cindy Riggans. WRDC Puppy Match. Her puppy Mickey took Best in Match.

Cindy's older boys, Jethro and George Jr. did well at the McKinley and Ravenna Shows.

Cindy Chaytor with Blue—3rd place in Agility Master Standard, 3rd place in Master Jumpers.

Blue also received her Versatility Certificate and Versatility Excellent Certificate.

Sparkles received her Versatility Certificate.



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WRDC's 52nd Annual Puppy Match at Columbia Park on June 17, 2017



Our thanks to Cindy Chaytor for chairing the event, Debbie Gotsch and Kathy Szomoru for judging, Barbara Brandon for stewarding, Greg, Steve and Rich for helping cook and all the delicious side dishes and deserts from our members. The years first sweet corn was a special treat.



It was a pretty warm day, but at least we had a nice breeze and a pavilion with plenty of shade. We also had more puppies this year in comparison to the last two years, so this was a fun get together.



Best Junior and Best in Sweeps – Folklore's Sparkling Diamond – Pam & Steve Weisman

Best Adult – Zdar's Call to Duty – Cindy Riggans

Best Junior and Best in Match – Zdar's Mickey – Cindy Riggans

Best Adult – Zdar's Call to Duty – Cindy Riggans



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.





WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB

Mark Your Calendar For Our
Specialty Shows - Two In One Day!!

Friday, August 11, 2017

Lorain County Kennel Club Park • Oberlin, Ohio

Friday, August 11, 2017 - Morning Show

Breed: Ms. Claudia Seaberg
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:
 Mr. Sam Hart
Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi
 6668 Manchester Rd.
 Clinton, OH 44216-9464
Entries Close: July 26, 2017

Friday, August 11, 2017 - Afternoon Show

Breed: Ms. Rita Walker
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:
 Mrs. Vickie Mooney
Show Secretary: Linda Lombardi
 6668 Manchester Rd.
 Clinton, OH 44216-9464
Entries Close: July 26, 2017

• Limited to first 100 entries per show •
 Judges are pending AKC approval

Saturday & Sunday, August 12 & 13, 2017 • LORAIN COUNTY KENNEL CLUB (All Breed) • Foy Trent, Super. Judge(s) To Be Announced

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.

Things I Have Learned From My Dog

by Ginger Sammonds

1. Sleep is good
2. More sleep is better
3. Play like it was your last day on earth, then take a nap.
4. A really delicious piece of food on someone else's plate will always taste a thousand times better than what's in your own bowl.
5. Itches take priority over everything... except procreation.
6. Jump on people you like and try to knock them over.
7. Everyone enjoy's kisses.
8. Sunny spots are best.

9. Dreams are almost as exciting as really chasing rabbits.
10. Combine eating with as many other activities as possible.
11. Sleeping in groups is better than sleeping alone.
12. Protect your toys.



Land of the Free, Home of the Not-So-Brave Dogs

NO FIREWORKS OR FATTY FOODS FOR FIDO

For Americans, the Fourth of July is a day of celebration, fireworks, and finding ways to incorporate the American flag into food and decorations. For our pets, it's a random hot day full of strangers and lots of good-smelling food, accompanied by inexplicable loud "kabooms." It is important to highlight many other dangers and hazards that pets face every year on this patriotic holiday. Dr. Gary Brummet, a veterinarian offers some advice to help keep pets safe during Fourth of July festivities.

Ingesting fireworks can be potentially toxic for pets. "Many fireworks contain potassium

nitrate or heavy metals that can cause gastrointestinal upset or neurologic problems,” Dr. Brummet warns. Pets that get too close to fireworks are also at risk of getting burned. Remember that dogs don’t know the difference between a firework and a toy. If you light a firework and throw it, your dog might assume it’s a game of fetch, so don’t allow your dog in the area with dangerous explosives.

It’s also important to consider that debris from the festivities does not disappear overnight. Be on the lookout when walking your dog during this season to make sure that none of the used fireworks end up in your dog’s mouth.

He also warns owners against giving pets table food at parties. “Feeding your pet high-fat people food, like hamburgers and hot dogs, will cause gastrointestinal upset and possibly even acute pancreatitis. “Dogs can also get alcohol or marijuana toxicity, with smaller dogs being at a greater risk,”. No matter how you choose to celebrate the holiday, make sure these substances stay far away from your pets.

The most notable part of the Fourth of July is, of course, the fireworks. Whether or not you choose to see the fireworks on the Fourth of July, chances are your family—and pets—will be able to hear these festive explosions from your own home. Although your first instinct might be to bring your dog with you in order to provide some TLC, most dogs are best off staying home on the Fourth of July, and certainly those that are afraid of loud noises or anxious around large crowds should not be taken to a fireworks celebration.

You should contact your vet if you notice that your dog repeatedly reacts to a loud noise in one or more of the following ways:

- Trembling or shaking
- Hiding
- Following you closely/seemingly clingy
- Panting or drooling
- Pacing or appearing restless
- Whining or barking
- Cowering
- Appearing hypervigilant (continuously looking around as if danger is nearby)
- Attempting to escape or chewing on furniture, walls, or crate

Reducing exposure to the noise and lights by closing windows and blinds, turning on the TV or radio, or distracting the dog with bones or puzzle toys may be sufficient to keep your pet calm. However, your vet may also recommend medication to reduce anxiety.

“Trazadone is a commonly used anti-anxiety drug, and Acepromazine is a common tranquilizer,” Dr. Brummet says. “I don’t recommend over-the-counter options because they usually aren’t as effective.”

July 5 is one of the busiest days of the year for animal shelters. This is because dogs both indoor and outdoor, panic during the loud fireworks and run away in distress.

To make sure this doesn’t happen to your pets, keep them at home in a secure location on July 4. If you must bring your dog with you, make sure he is leashed, has an up-to-date microchip, and is wearing a name tag with contact information.

By Danielle Engel



Presidents Message

Thanks to everyone who came and helped at the Puppy Match last month. It’s always fun to watch puppies play in the ring. We all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon outside and great food.

Now that summer is here, I hope we all get outside with our Dal’s to play.

WRDC Specialty is just around the corner, please remember to help out for our shows. Hard to believe it’s already the Fourth of July, summer goes by too fast. We have a new addition at our house.... Oscar, from Tammy and Scott Edmundson’s recent litter is now adjusting to becoming a third wheel as far as dogs go at our house. Oscar is keeping us busy and it’s hard to get much done when you chase a puppy around all day.

If anyone is interested in a Board position, please see a member of the Nominating Committee for October elections.

Best to all,
Debbie

