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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, November 17**  
**Board Meeting @ 6pm**  
**Regular Meeting @7pm**

**We will have a speaker,**  
**please be prompt as a**  
**courtesy.**

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

**Awards & Holiday Party**  
**December 4, see inside**  
**No December meeting**

# Spotted Copy

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## California Takes Us One Step Closer To Eradicating Puppy Mills

By Nancy Kay, DVM

Approximately one week ago, California Governor Jerry Brown signed off on Assembly Bill 485. This new law stipulates that, beginning in 2019, all dogs, cats and rabbits sold in pet stores within the state of California must be obtained from shelters, rescue organizations or animal control agencies. The law also demands greater transparency from pet store proprietors who will be required to keep clear records on how each animal was obtained and post this information on each animal's cage. While several cities and jurisdictions have already passed such legislation, California is the first state to do so.

### Puppy mills and pet stores

As it stands now, puppy mills supply the vast majority (as in 99%) of puppies sold in pet stores. Every puppy sold puts cash in the pockets of a "puppy miller" perpetuating the heinous practice of breeding dogs and raising puppies under horrifically inhumane conditions. In helping to write AB 485, Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell is hoping to suppress the puppy mill industry as well as decrease the number of animals in California shelters.

He stated, "This is a big win for our four-legged friends, of course. But also for California taxpayers who spend more than \$250 million annually to house and euthanize animals in our shelters."



### For and against

The usual parties are voicing their opinions for and against this newly passed California legislation. The ASPCA and Humane Society of the United States believe the new law will help break the supply chain of animals coming into pet stores from puppy mills and irresponsible breeders. According to Matt Bershadker, president and CEO of the ASPCA, "By prohibiting the sale of commercially bred dogs and cats in pet stores, California will cut off the supply of inhumanely bred puppies into communities across the state, and prevent

consumers from unwittingly supporting this cruel industry." Predictably, on the other side of aisle is the American Kennel Club. Sheila Goffe, AKC Vice President of Government Relations, stated that the new legislation "blocks all of California's pet lovers from having access to professional, licensed and ethical commercial breeders." Why oh why does the AKC continue to insist that puppies sold in pet stores come from ethical breeders? I'm hard pressed to come up with a reason other than the obvious direct correlation between numbers of puppy mill dogs and the revenue stream that flows into the AKC when they become registered.

How do I feel about California AB 485? The only way I could be more pleased is if other states jump on this bandwagon. Yes, I think it's possible that a small percentage of ethical breeders could be negatively impacted by this new legislation. I also believe this is a small but necessary price to pay on the road to eradicating puppy mills. Way to go California! Now, let's hope other states follow your lead.



## Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



**The nose of the Bulldog has been slanted backwards so that he can breathe without letting go.**

Winston Churchill

**When thieves come, I bark; when gallants, I am still - So perform both my master's and mistress's will.**

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

**Dogs will die, and men will weep over them as long as there are men and there are dogs.**

Unknown

**It's a puppy... it's kind of like Prozac.**

Dr. Fun Archive

**Folks will know how large your soul is by the way you treat a dog!**

Charles F. Dornan

## 2018 Committees

### Awards

Cindy Chaytor

### Awards & Holiday Banquet

### Historian

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Monthly Member Rotation

### Membership

Nancy Abbott

### Programs/Public Education

Tammy Edmundson

### 2018 Puppy Match

Open

### Referral Service

Pam Weisman  
Cindy Riggans  
Rick Sinwald

### Specialty Show

Cindy Riggans

### Spotted Copy

Don Gotsch, Editor  
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### Sunshine

Nancy Abbott

### Ways & Means

Open

### Performance

Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor,  
and Debbie Gotsch



## Should You Share A Bed With Your Pets?

Pets provide companionship for thousands of people around the world, so it is understandable that pet owners want to be around their companion animals as much as possible – with many even welcoming them into their beds.

According to PedMD, an online animal healthcare resource, around 80 percent of pet owners allow pets to share beds with human family members.

Data from the American Pet Products Association has found at least half of all pet owners allow pets to sleep with them every night.

Whether this is safe, healthy or wise is a matter of debate.

There are pros and cons to sharing a bed with pets.

Understanding those pros and cons can help pet owners make more informed decisions.

**Pro-** Get into a relaxed state Companion animals can help relieve stress, which may translate into better sleep for their owners. Some people find that the rhythmic breathing of dogs or cats can help lull them to sleep

**Con-** Possible transmission of illness or zoonotic agents Snuggling so close to a pet may put people at risk of acquiring illnesses that are transmitted from animal to human. In the past, MRSA skin infections and H1N1 influenza have been transferred from pets to people.

**Pro-** Pets are warm If the goal is to get cozy under the covers, animals can provide a little extra warmth, as their body temperatures run a few degrees warmer than their owners.

**Con-** An extra body in bed can disturb sleep

Just as individuals may have trouble with a spouse or child being in the bed next to them, pets can bring about the same disturbances. In a study from the Mayo Clinic Sleep Disorders Center, 53 percent of those pet owners surveyed said their pets disturbed their sleep in some way each night. Dogs that snore and cats that chase 'prey' around the room can disturb their owners sleep.



**Pro-** A deeper connection between pet and owner Many pets like to be around their owners because it gives them reassurance and comfort that they are loved. Animals that were rescued or are anxiety prone may be especially comforted by snuggling in bed with their owners. Happy pets often make for happy owners.

**Con-** It may cause behavioral problems

Dogs in particular may mistake sleeping in their owners' beds as a sign of dominance. Some vets suggest puppies that are more prone to issues with aggression may fully develop these behaviors if allowed to sleep with humans. At the very least, it is advisable to wait until dogs are trained and exhibiting good behavior for extended periods of time before allowing them to sleep in their owners' beds.

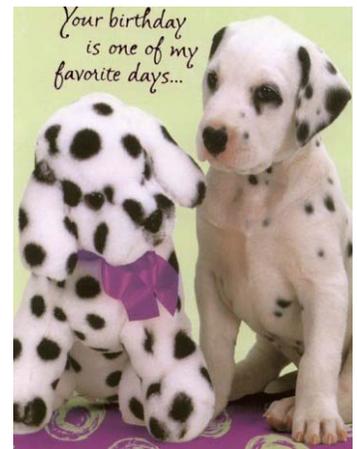
**Pro-** It's a sign of trust According to Victoria Stilwell, an internationally renowned dog

trainer, dogs only sleep with the people or dogs they trust. Therefore, dogs who like sleeping with their owners are exhibiting trust and recognizing the same from their owners.

The decision is yours. Whether or not to allow dogs or cats to share personal spaces like beds is a decision pet owners have to make. It should be based on safety, comfort and mutual agreement with any other bed partners.

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## Birthday Wishes



## November

Zdar's Kiss Me Kate at Windy Acres

11/22/2014 – Nancy Abbott

Zdar n Siobahn Unfinished Business

11/22/2014 – Cindy Riggins

### NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Don & Debbie Gotsch – November 20, 1972

Send your birthday/anniversary information to the editor



### 2017 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd  
1:00 p.m.

The Grand Pacific Junction Historic Shopping District will be decorated beautifully for the holidays and many of the more than 30 shops will be open. Plan to do a bit of Christmas shopping before and after our event.

Matteo's Casual Italian  
8072 Columbia Rd.,  
Olmsted Falls 44138



#### Lemon Chicken

Chicken breast lightly coated in egg and sautéed in a lemon butter sauce (a house specialty).

#### Five Layer Lasagna

Sheets of fresh pasta layered with Matteo's meat sauce, mini meatballs, house red sauce, and provolone cheese, then baked to a golden brown.

#### Veal Parmigiana

Breaded veal topped with thin sliced roma tomato, red sauce, and provolone cheese, then baked until melted.

#### Shrimp Matteo

Shrimp sautéed with garlic, tomatoes and capers in a white wine and lemon butter sauce, served over linguini.

\* Meal choices are \$15-18. Unlimited coffee, tea, or soft drinks (\$2).

Get your reservations in to Lesley or Richard Sinwald by November 18 . Only need a head count for those attending, menu items can be selected at Mateo's.

Mateo's is ADA accessible, no steps.

As has been our tradition, a \$15 gift exchange will take place with Santa. Bring a gift, get a gift.

Grand Junction shops and Mateo's is just north of Columbia and Bagley road intersection.

### 'HOME IS WHERE THE DOG IS' VIDEO SERIES

AKC's Home Is Where The Dog Is, is a new video series designed to show how the helpful tips and information that we provide fits into everyday life for the general dog owner. Created by AKC Staff, the series covers topics like puppy proofing your home, dangerous chemicals, food and plants that are harmful to dogs, tricks, activities, treats and more. The 12-episode series is now available on AKC's YouTube channel.

These videos are geared towards providing AKC-approved information to dog owners and lovers that help them be responsible owners and have fun with their dogs to enhance the human canine-bond. We look forward to your feedback on this new project!



### November Speaker

Monica Callahan will present a short exhibition and talk about the new AKC Scent titles. Monica is now teaching classes on the program.

### Presidents Message

Fall has arrived! Windy and cold this week and the leaves are really coming down. I enjoyed our speaker at the last meeting, Dr. Kristine Sonstrom was very knowledgeable on BAER testing and audiology with our Dalmatians. Next month we will have Monica Callahan presenting a discussion on scent training. Scent training and events are new to AKC, but C-WAGS has had scent trials for over 5 years. In May 2018, AKC will begin scent trials. Geeza should earn her C-WAGS scent title by month's end.

At the November meeting, we will begin to plan our WRDC calendar for 2018 including meetings, puppy match, and specialty shows.

If any members have ideas on other events, activities, or speakers, please bring them up at the next meeting.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please get them in to Nancy Abbott.

Award request forms are also due, please send them to Cindy Chaytor. It is up to each member to submit a form for their achievements.

Enjoy our fall because winter is on it's way. See you at the November 21 meeting.

Debbie



### Benefit for Stein Hospice

Richard & Lesley Sinwald, Pam Weisman, and Don & Debbie Gotsch attended the Paws Up benefit for Stein Hospice at Huron County Fairgrounds in Sandusky, Ohio on October 15.



It was a fun afternoon with rescue groups, vendors, animal shelters all working together to benefit the animal therapy programs at Stein Hospice Center. Many of the guests were very happy to see and meet our Dalmatians.



Oscar makes a new friend at Paws Up in Sandusky.

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## Oh To Live With A Dalmatian

O to live with a Dalmatian, how much fun,  
O to watch him run and run and run,  
O to see him playing in the sun,  
O the trouble he gets in..... and then some!

O the chewed corners in every room,  
O I remember when new teeth loomed,  
O nothing was safe – old or new,  
O when he wanted, he would chew.....and chew!

O he is older now and still a clown,  
O nothing seems to get him down,  
O he's always smiling, never a frown,  
O he's just great fun to be around.

O look at his coat and how striking he is,  
O his lovely dark spots that no one could miss,  
O for a whiter coat, he could not wish,  
O such melting eyes, full of promise.

O and whilst I write about all these 'O's,  
I must stress the spelling, I suppose,  
Dals are crammed with character, but I must mention,  
There are 'A's but no 'O's in a DalmatiAn....

Author unknown, but reprinted courtesy of Mary Bennett from Dalmatian Club of San Diego County

## Not Just Another Pretty Face

This is another great article showcasing our Breed and especially the achievements of WRDC's own Cindy Chaytor and Blue. Well done! The Editor is always looking for articles and items of interest for the newsletter, Thank you Cindy for this superb commentary.



We've grown weary of those who say that today's purebred dog can no longer do the job for which its breed was created. In fact, we think it's rubbish to suggest that a sound, well bred dog bred by a heritage breeder mindful of the breed's purpose can be nothing more than a companion. Well bred dogs are so much more, and to prove it, we've been doing a series called, ["Not Just Another Pretty Face."](#)

Meet "Blue," a Dalmatian. Her full name should give you a clue about her versatility: Champion Zdar's Let's Give Them Something to Talk About - AX, AXJ, RA, BN, CD, CGC, VA, RD, VXA. She recently received her Versatility Certificate and Versatility Excellent Certificate

from the Dalmatian Club of America, but more to the point, she's added a new title to her name: Road Dog (RD) Road trials are held at the Dalmatian Club of America's National Specialty.

The Dalmatian, as we all know, is the world's only coach breed, dogs that have a natural affinity for horses. In order to earn a Road Dog certificate, "Blue" had to perform basic obedience commands while her owner was mounted on a horse, but she also had to keep pace with the horse whether it was in a gallop, trot, or walk, as well as stay with the horse past a distraction dog while off lead.

Once "Blue" achieved a passing score, she and her owner went for a twelve mile ride in three hours (there was a thirty minute rest break at the 6.5 mile mark), during which time "Blue" had to be off lead and with her rider and horse for the duration of the ride.



"Blue" has six titles in Agility, and is currently competing in the Master's level for standard and jumpers. She already has two rally titles, as well as two obedience titles. She also earned her conformation championship title with 4 majors. For good measure, throw in her Canine Good Citizenship title.

The Dalmatian Club of America awards a Versatility Certificate to Dalmatians who have earned points in three different disciplines, and also awards a Versatility Excellent Certificate for earning points in four different categories. "Blue" has earned both of these while demonstrating that she is an excellent example of her breed. She is not just another pretty face.

If you have a dog who has demonstrated that he or she isn't "just another pretty face" and can do the job for which s/he was bred, send us pictures and your dog's story to [nationalpurebreddogday@nationalpurebreddogday.com](mailto:nationalpurebreddogday@nationalpurebreddogday.com) Photos shared by Blue's owner, Cindy Chaytor

[October 24, 2017  
https://nationalpurebreddogday.com/](https://nationalpurebreddogday.com/)

## ***The Embarrassing Results of a Halloween prank***



## **WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2017**

Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 8:45 p.m., following an informative presentation by Kristine Sonstrom, Audiology Ph.D., about BAER testing.

Roll call was read, with 17 members attending. Debbie Gotsch reported on Stein Hospice Pet Expo. She stated that it was a good time.

AWARDS- Please get information to Cindy Chaytor immediately.

Holiday Banquet. Matteo's in Olmstead Falls. RSVP by November 18.

Programs. We will try to have Monica Callahan to demonstrate Scent Work.

Specialty 2018. In the works. Debbie Gotsch stated that we need a Puppy Match Chairman. National 2019. There was some discussion about the Silent Auction, chairman, Welcome Party. There were questions about having other things like Fast Cats, Lure Coursing, Scent, Barn Hunt.

Also discussed ribbons, and prizes WRDC will do in 2019. Still have work to do.

Nominating Committee: After securing the consent of each person nominated, we list the following candidates for 2017.  
President- Debbie Gotsch  
Vice President- Lesley Sinwald  
Treasurer- Nancy Abbott  
Secretary- Martha Brown  
Board Members  
Cindy Riggans 3yr. 2018  
Pam Weisman 2yr. 2019  
Tammy Edmondson 2 yr. 2019  
Barbara Brandon 1 yr. 2018

There were no nominations from the floor. Greg Brown made a motion that nominations be closed, and we accept the slate as read. Richard Sinwald seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Lombardi asked about Veteran Dogs and Bitches being shown in Sweepstakes and Conformation after being neutered. Something was said that they shouldn't be able to go on for BIS if altered. Don Gotsch made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Chaytor seconded. Carried. Meeting ended at 9:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Martha Brown, Secretary

BRAGS: Lesley Sinwald bragged on Richard becoming a Board member of Lorain County Kennel Club.

Linda Lombardi bragged about Felix becoming a Star Puppy. He also took a Group One and Reserve Best Puppy at the Medina Kennel Club Puppy Match.

Ann Swope bragged on Coal, at his last shows he took 2 majors so now has 9 points. He's not even 10 months old.

Cindy Chaytor bragged on Blue. She qualified in agility jumpers.

Debbie Gotsch bragged on Geeza, she has two legs in CWags Scent.

Cindy Riggans has two litters on the way. As of now there is one here!!!!

## The American Kennel Club Announces Scent Work As New Sport



The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of its newest sport, AKC Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working Detection Dogs – such as narcotics dogs or explosives dogs – to find a specific scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. It is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and the dog.

In AKC Scent Work the dog is searching in a pre-defined search area for the hidden odor, which is either an essential oil or handler scent depending on the class. Searches take place in a variety of environments, including an area with Containers, Interior, Exterior, and Buried. There are four difficulty levels for each element—Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master—and factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will

also be eligible for The Detective Class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments.

All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) can participate provided they are AKC-registered, enrolled with AKC Canine Partners, listed in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program or recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program.

“We have already received significant interest from clubs, participants, and potential judges,” said Stephanie Kennerley, Sports and Events Project Coordinator in charge of Scent Work. “Scent Work provides a stimulating activity for dogs. Owners will enjoy watching their dogs use their nose to solve these unique puzzles. We are excited to make this activity a new AKC sport.”

Because of the tremendous interest, the sport will be ramped up in phases. The AKC is currently accepting applications from existing and new clubs seeking to become licensed to hold Scent Work trials.

Approved clubs are being notified and Scent Work will be added to their club profiles beginning May 1. Applications are also being accepted for Scent Work judges. A judge’s education class is under development and is tentatively scheduled to be available by May 1. A list of approved judges will be available on the AKC website after June 1. Processing of event applications will begin on August 1. Scent Work trials can be held on or after October 1, 2017.

“AKC Scent Work is a modern day performance event in which bred-for traits like working drive, concentration and response to distractions are redeployed into

roles relevant for the twenty-first century,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. “While the sport of Scent Work will not prepare your dog to be a working detection dog, it serves to demonstrate to the public the value that these purpose-bred dogs can provide to the security of our nation.” To learn more about AKC Scent Work or to find the appropriate applications, please visit [www.akc.org/events/scent-work/](http://www.akc.org/events/scent-work/).



## Judging

“Let’s suppose for a moment, that the JUDGE is a DOG. And the CLASS he is judging are MEN.

Can’t you just hear him, in a sarcastic way....

I may have seen worse, but don’t know when, Splay feet, Roman nose, cow hock, pigeon toes, Crooked teeth or none at all, oversize, much too small, Chest too narrow, elbows out, paunchy belly, prick ears- no doubt,

He has every fault in the book and then more to boot, Be he Saint or Sinner, I don’t give a hoot.

I love him regardless, tho I know he can’t win

He’s a wonderful guy for the shape he’s in

Courtesy of Coaching Lines, DCSNE, March 1974