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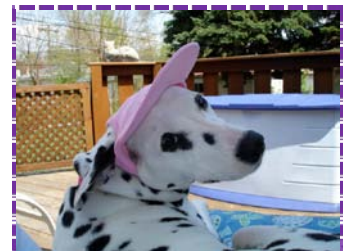
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Dog Days of Summer are upon us.....



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From the President's Portfolio

Dear CDC members,

Our 57th and 58th Annual Specialties are now history, and we had a fine show both days that showcased our Breed and Club very well. We again held our show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Wheaton Kennel Club. On Friday, we had a Pot-luck dinner, where the club provides sandwiches, chips, pop, water and snacks, and members and exhibitors bring their special dishes. Many thanks all the many who brought cakes, salads, cakes, baked goods, and a variety of other treats that filled two tables. Special thanks to Cheryl Byland, who brought her delicious white frosted marshmallow with chocolate chip dots on a stick (and a great Dalmatian box to keep them in), Kris Carlson, Diana Skibinski and Rosie Flowers who brought their special deviled eggs and Vicki Money who brought a great pasta salad. Also, many thanks to all the others who brought items that I didn't see to give credit to.

Many thanks to VP Meg Hennessey for her work on getting us our show site and being our liaison with the Wheaton Kennel Club as well as countless other duties she performed at the show. She was my go-to person and always had an answer for any question. We had Roy Jones for our Show Superintendent, which takes a big load off of our Show committee. Many thanks to Show Secretary Gail Meyers for keeping all the paperwork straight and doing a fine job, Trophy Chair Lisa Wageman for soliciting for our trophy donations and also getting the CDC logo leads we had for class prizes on Saturday, Kris Carlson for getting the CDC logo water bottles we had for class prizes on Friday, Bea Carlson for always being there to lend a hand. Many thanks to Raffle Chair Matt Wineland and wife Karen who did a terrific job of hustling 50/50 tickets and gift basket tickets on both Friday and Saturday. Many thanks also to all who generously donated items and gift cards to our gift basket raffle. Finally, many thanks to Mike Hennessey for keeping track of all the financial matters both days and to all club members and friends of CDC whom I've missed, that helped out in some way and made the show run smoothly.

A big thank you also goes to our Chief Ring Steward for both days, Marlene Kolz. Marlene is not a member of CDC but every year volunteers her time to Steward our shows and does a wonderful job. We always greatly appreciate her taking on this job each year and how she generously gives her times every year to help our club.

Many thanks to our judges, Sweepstakes – Cynthia L Pagurski, Conformation - Norman Patton , Sweepstakes – Kathy Aycok, Conformation – Cheryl Steinmetz. All performed their duties very well and our club is grateful for their time and their expertise. Finally, thank you to all our exhibitors who entered the show, and thanks to all our wonderful Dals who make the show what it is.

There are many months of planning and preparation that go into these two days and it takes a concerted effort by many members of our Club to make it all happen. As Show Chairman, I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication of all those mentioned above, that contributed to making our Specialties, two days to remember and a good experience for all.

Now that our 2013 Specialty is done, we began our planning for our 2014 Specialty on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7 2014 at our July meeting. We decided to again have our show at Wheaton since we felt the site and location are good choices, and that partnering with Wheaton provides us with an added draw for our show. We will also use Roy Jones as our

Show Superintendent and will start contacting judges for our shows. We also decided to have a supported entry at IKC show in February 2014 and to participate in Meet the Breed at the show.

At our July meeting we continued our discussion on our Obedience Trial, which will be held in February 2014 at For Your K9. Obedience Trial Chair Meg Hennessey gave her report on the details of the show so far, and will report back in Sept on judges. More details will be coming in future editions of the Spot News.

Also at our July meeting, I appointed Past President Gail Meyers as Chair of our Nominating Committee. She will present a slate of offices for 2014 at our September meeting. Please note that nominations can also be made at the meeting for any office. Please note that nominations for President must be made in writing and can be submitted to Secretary Irene Jinks prior to or at our September or November meetings. The election of Officers for 2014 will be held at our November meeting. Also, written nominations will be accepted for the following awards – Member of the Year, Good Sportsman and CDC Service to Dogs. Nominations should be submitted to Secretary Irene Jinks, in writing, at our September or November meeting, and voting for the awards will be held at our November meeting.

Our July meeting featured our annual Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to all who brought treats and topping to share for our ice cream, it was a lot of fun and a good way to cool off and enjoy a summertime treat.

In May, longtime member Geri Lightholder passed away. Geri held many offices in our club and was a Past President of CDC. Geri, along with her late husband Joe, had been very active members of our club since they joined in 1973. Most recently, Geri had handled our breeder referral service, taking calls from potential Dal buyers and answering questions about our Breed. The Club extends its sympathy to daughter Laura and the rest of the Lightholder family on her passing. She will be missed by all who knew her. Our 2014 Specialty show will be held in her memory.

Finally, we decided not to hold our Fun Math this year in September due to the small number of puppies in the area, and due to some members that have puppies not being available for the Sept meeting. We will revisit the Fun Match next year.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 14th. Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you in September.

Regards, Tom Kaiser

Did you know?

- **Gail Meyers Social Committee Report:**

Minutes

CHICAGOLAND DALMATIAN CLUB
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July 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the club was opened at 7:35 p.m. by the president, Tom Kaiser, following the club's annual ice cream social. There were fifteen members in attendance. A quorum was present.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 11, 2013 meeting be approved as printed in the Spot News; the motion carried.

The treasurer, Mike Hennessey, presented his report, indicating that during May and June the club's expenses exceeded income. The report will be filed for audit.

Reports of Committees

Spot News: Congratulations were extended to Susan Olsen for the attractive and interesting issues that she has produced. Susan reiterated the need for adherence to deadlines; the next deadline is July 15, 2013.

Fun Match: Marie Kaiser, chair, reported that the match, planned for Saturday, September 14, 2013 had run into a space conflict at For Your Canine and so could not be held there on that date.

It was moved by Gail Meyers and seconded that we hold no fun match this year.
Motion carried.

Pedigree Book: Marie Kaiser reported that entries have been about the same as last time. Work is proceeding

Plaques: Meg Hennessey reported that a form would be published in the Spot News.

Website: Meg Hennessey indicated that the website will be updated.

Holiday Party: Gail Meyers indicated that the facility where we have been having our party has been sold and is no longer a Holiday Inn. However, she said that she has been told that all should be the same for this year.

2013 Specialty: Tom Kaiser, chair, reported that all went well. People appreciated the food on Friday evening and the water that was provided on both days. The gas cards that were given as prizes were well received. Thanks were extended to Matt Wineland for chairing the raffle on both days and to those who donated prizes for the raffle.

The booth space that had been rented was not really needed. It was agreed that next year no space would be rented.

2014 Specialty: It was moved by Gail Meyers, and seconded, that we hold the 2014 Specialty

in conjunction with the Wheaton Kennel Club on Friday and Saturday, June 6-7.
Motion carried.

There were some suggestions for judges for next year. Barbara Lyons and Sandy Hoesel were mentioned for Sweeps. We will again use Roy Jones as superintendent.

One of the shows will be dedicated in memory of Geri Lightholder. Her daughter, Laura, will be contacted as to which day she would prefer.

Social: Gail Meyers indicated that we had received a thank you for our contribution toward a headstone for long-time CDC member Helen Siegel.

Gail said that member Jeff Bulger had recently lost his father.

Unfinished Business

Obedience Trial: Meg Hennessey reported that no judges would be available on the proposed dates in January due to a mandatory judges' meeting being held by AKC. She suggested the possibility of holding the trial the first weekend of February. She will contact judges to determine availability. Three are needed for each day. Costs were discussed. For Your K9 rental is \$750 per day; judges are \$200 per day, plus necessary expenses. It was suggested that fees be set at \$25.00 for the first entry and \$15.00 for others.

New Business

Nominating Committee: Gail Meyers volunteered to chair the committee. Nominations for officers and board members will be presented in September and published in the Spot News. The election will be held at the November meeting. Suggestions of nominees should be given to Gail Meyers.

Awards: Information will be published in the Spot News.

A note received from Marc Ogle thanking CDC for sponsoring High in Trial trophies at DCA was read.

There being no further business to come before the group, and following a few "Brag" from members, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Irene Jinks
Secretary

Save the date!

- September 14th CDC Meeting – Nominations taken for 2014 Officers and Board Members
- November 9th CDC Meeting – Annual Elections will be held for 2014 Officers and Board Members
- December 29th CDC Annual Christmas Party and Awards Presentation
- February CDC will hold 2 All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials at For Your K9 in Melrose Park
- February 22nd Supported Entry and Meet the Breeds at International Kennel Club Show
- June 6th & 7th CDC Specialties at DuPage County Fairgrounds – Wheaton Kennel Club

Summer Safety Tips from AKC

Hot weather can make us all uncomfortable, and it poses special risks for your dog. Keep the following safety concerns in mind as the temperature rises, and follow our tips to keep your dog cool.

Heat Hazards

- Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.
- Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.
- Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.
- Try to avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.

Water Safety

- If you're swimming for the first time with your dog, start in shallow water and coax him in by calling his name. Encourage him with toys or treats. Or, let him follow another experienced dog he is friendly with.
- Never throw your dog into the water.
- If your dog begins to paddle with his front legs, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and keep his back end up.
- Don't let your dog overdo it; swimming is very hard work and he may tire quickly.
- If you have your own pool, make sure your dog knows where the stairs or ladder are located. Be sure that pool covers are firmly in place; dogs have been known to slip in under openings in the covers and drown.
- Never leave your dog unattended in water.

Heatstroke

Heatstroke can be the serious and often fatal result of a dog's prolonged exposure to excessive heat. Below are the signs of heatstroke and the actions you should take if your dog is overcome.

Early Stages:

- Heavy panting.
- Rapid breathing.
- Excessive drooling.
- Bright red gums and tongue.
- Standing 4-square, posting or spreading out in an attempt to maintain balance.

Advanced Stages:

- White or blue gums.
- Lethargy, unwillingness to move.
- Uncontrollable urination or defecation.
- Labored, noisy breathing.
- Shock.

If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should immediately try to cool the dog down:

- Apply rubbing alcohol to the dog's paw pads.
- Apply ice packs to the groin area.
- Hose down with water.
- Allow the dog to lick ice chips or drink a small amount of water.
- Offer Pedialyte to restore electrolytes.

Check your dog's temperature regularly during this process. Once the dog's temperature has stabilized at between 100 to 102 degrees, you can stop the cool-down process. If you cannot get the dog cooled down and you begin to see signs of advanced heatstroke, take the dog to the veterinarian immediately.



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