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## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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Come and Enjoy the Fun Match  
and  
Pot Luck

**NEXT MEETING**

September 8, 2012  
General Membership 7:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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Melrose Park, IL

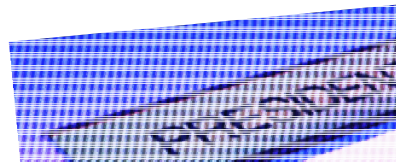
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MEETING**

send to: **SPOT NEWS C/O Irene Jinks**

## From the President's Portfolio



Dear CDC members,

Where did the summer go? It seems that each year the lazy days of summer that we wait for all year come and go faster and faster. I hope all have had a chance to enjoy the somewhat slower pace of summer and have had some time to spend with family (two- and four-legged) and friends.

At our last meeting we discussed our June Specialties, and have decided to again book with the Wheaton Kennel Club at the DuPage County Fair Grounds for our June 2013 Specialties on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, 2013. We felt the site and location are good choices, and that partnering with Wheaton provides us with an added draw for our show. We also decided to keep the Pot-Luck on Friday and we will have our 50/50 raffle along with a new raffle of a Chicago themed basket filled with local Chicago favorites (Eli's cheesecake, Garret's popcorn, Chicago style pizza (gift certificates of course for perishable items), Bears shirt, etc.). If you have an idea for items to include in our basket, let me know at [president@chicagodals.org](mailto:president@chicagodals.org). We also discussed judges for our shows and it was voted that the Board be given the power to decide on judges since we needed to act quickly before our next meeting in September. An email was sent out at the end of July to all members asking for names of potential judges, and many thanks to all those who responded. The Board will be discussing these names and once the selections are made, the judges will be contacted and (depending upon availability) will be booked for our show. More details will be coming in future editions of the SpotNews.

At our July meeting we also discussed our All Breed Obedience Trial. We held our First All Breed Obedience Trial in January of this year, and despite the only big snowstorm of the winter, we did a good job and learned a lot about what it takes to hold an All Breed Obedience Trial. We are planning to hold our Second/Third All Breed Obedience Trials on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping for better weather next year, and to put what we learned this year into practice next year. Once again, more details will be coming in future SpotNews'.

Coming up in September will be our annual Fun Match, being held at For Your Canine, on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Fun Match is a great way to get your puppies acclimated to the sights and sounds of a show ring and great practice for a young dog and the owner/handler who is planning on bringing them to a show. See the Fun Match ad in this edition of the SpotNews or visit our website [www.chicagodals.org](http://www.chicagodals.org) for full details.

The July meeting featured our annual Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to all who brought treats and toppings to share for our ice cream. It was a lot of fun and a good way to cool off after the heat the previous week during the heat wave that was hitting us around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Our next meeting will be on Sat, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> after our Fun Match. Hope to see you there.

Regards,

Tom Kaiser

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# FUN MATCH

September 8, 2012: 5:00 PM  
at For your Canine

Sweepstakes Judge: Kris Carlsson

Puppy Classes: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18.

Best Junior Puppy, Best Senior Puppy  
and Best in Sweepstakes

Veteran Sweepstakes: 7-10 and 10 & over

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes

Conformation Judge: Gail Meyers:

Puppy classes: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 Best Puppy in Match

Adult Classes: 12-18 month, Bred by Exhibitor, Open

Best Adult in Match

Veteran: 7-10 and 10 & over

Best Veteran in Match

Cost: \$5.00 per class.

Match Chairman: [Laura Kiedaisch](#)

POT LUCK – Bring a dish to share

Regular Meeting to Follow

## CHICAGOLAND DALMATIAN CLUB

July 14, 2012

The regular meeting of the club was opened at 7:03 p.m. by the vice-president, Meg Hennessey. There were fifteen members present. A quorum was present. President Tom Kaiser joined the meeting in progress.

Minutes of the March 10, 2012 meeting were approved as printed in SpotNews.

The treasurer, Mike Hennessey, gave the report indicating that income and expenses of the June specialty are not yet complete. The report of the treasurer will be filed for audit.

### **Reports of Committees:**

Fun Match: Kris Carlsson reported on plans for the match, to be held on Saturday, September 8, which is our regular meeting date. Gail Meyers will judge conformation, Kris Carlsson will do sweeps. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck and sandwiches, as was done last year.

Gail Meyers moved, and it was seconded, that CDC provide Subway sandwiches for the event. The motion carried.

There was some discussion as to whether there could be a clinic of some kind at this match. However, since there is not much time before then, it was decided to postpone consideration for a later event.

Specialty: The June specialty went well. We received notes from Karen Ashe, a judge on Friday, and Sara Ledgerwood, an out-of-state exhibitor, who both congratulated the club on how well the specialty had been run and commented on the friendly atmosphere. Several other judges and participants had made verbal comments of congratulation.

The club received a note of thanks and appreciation from Norma Baley and her family for the dedication of the specialty to Ray Baley, longtime CDC member who had been an active participant in club activities before his health declined.

Tom Kaiser, show chair, expressed thanks to all of the club members who helped with the event. He especially thanked Marie Kaiser who provided transportation for judges to and from the site.

Equipment: Mike Hennessey said that our equipment had been rented by the Border Terrier club for their show and a \$50.00 fee was received for the rental.

Ways and Means: The annual ice cream social is being held tonight. It was announced that for the November meeting there would be a fall dessert contest.

### **Unfinished Business:**

2013 Specialty: The event will be held in conjunction with the Wheaton Kennel Club, June 7-8, 2013. The same format as was used this year would be followed, with a potluck on Friday evening but no food on Saturday. Kathy Aycock has been contracted to judge sweeps on Saturday; suggestions for other judges should be sent to the president, Tom Kaiser, as soon as possible. Meg Hennessey and Tom Kaiser will contact the general membership, either by email or via postal service, asking for suggestions.

Marie Kaiser moved, and it was seconded, that the Board of Directors be empowered to select judges for the 2013 specialty. The motion carried.

Lisa Wageman volunteered to be Trophy Chair for next year's show. It was decided by consensus that gas cards would be given for major prizes on both days; pictures would be given for Best of Winners and Best of Breed. The cost of slip leads for other awards will be investigated.

There will be a 50/50 raffle on each day and a raffle of a basket of Chicago and other Illinois products donated by CDC.

Pedigree Book: Marie Kaiser announced that the electronic vote by the board was positive for the purchase of software needed for this year's pedigree book. However, she indicated that there was other software needed.

Marie Kaiser moved, and it was seconded, that CDC allocate funds, not to exceed \$700.00, to cover the software purchased and additional software as needed.

The motion carried.

Marie said that she had received a request from a Russian dog club for pedigree books. Some discussion followed.

Gail Meyers moved, and it was seconded, that we notify the club that they would need to purchase the current book, but that the club would donate prior books if that club is willing to pay for shipping.

The motion carried.

**New Business:**

DCA: Meg Hennessey announced that the Trophy Chair should contact her regarding DCA medallions.

Obedience Trial: Meg Hennessey announced that the CDC Obedience Trial would be held the third Saturday in January, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. It will be for Dalmatians and all other breeds.

Spot News: Information is needed for the next issue of Spot News regarding the September Fun Match, elections and membership awards. It was suggested that we give criteria for the awards and possibly list past recipients.

There were a number of "brags." Lisa Wageman spoke of the new category of "nosework" where dogs look for hidden scents. Karen Dean had the first Dalmatian to finish and Lisa had the second. Meg Hennessey announced that three of her dogs finished at the specialty.

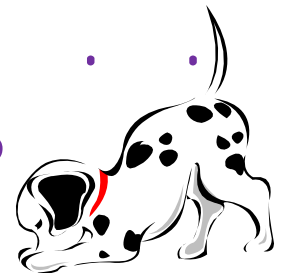
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. after which members enjoyed ice cream!

Irene Jinks

Secretary



Take me to the  
Fun Match . . .  
Pleeeeze?



## CDC Awards Application

Plaques are awarded to club members whose Dalmatian(s) earn AKC titles or DCA Road titles during the year. Please fill out the form below:

Circle ONE: Individual plaque

Plate for kennel plaque

**Deadline DECEMBER 1, 2012**

Dog's Registered Name with all AKC or DCA titles:

Dog's AKC #:

Dog's Call Name:

Please list AKC or DCA title(s) earned this year:

Owner:

Co-Owner:

Address:

City, State, Zip

Phone, E-Mail:

If you would like a Kennel Plaque (for multiple dogs or multiple years)

Please contact Meg for additional information.

Additional plaques for non-member co-owners are \$35.00.

Please include \$6.00 for S&H any plaque that will not be picked up at the CDC Winter Party in December. You may designate someone to pick up your plaque.

Send or email the above information to

Meg Hennessey

PO Box 257

Marengo, IL 60152-0257

Questions?

Call 815-597-4601 or Email: [Meg@snowood.net](mailto:Meg@snowood.net)

**Deadline DECEMBER 1, 2012**

Here is an article that might be of interest in the light of the recent report of the young man who beat his dog to death because he became angry about the dog making a mess. Thanks to Meg Hennessey for contributing the article.

**Don't Take Your Anxieties and Stress Out on Your Pets** By: Stanley Popovich

Everybody deals with stress and anxiety; however some people sometimes take it out on their pets. Instead of taking your problems and frustrations out on your pets or other animals, here is a list of techniques that a person can use to help manage their stress, anxieties, and fears.

When facing a current or upcoming task that overwhelms you with anxiety, the first thing you can do is to break the task into a series of smaller steps. For example, changing careers can be a stressful situation. In order to help manage this task, try to divide this goal into a series of smaller steps and do each of these tasks one at a time. Completing these smaller tasks one at a time will make the stress more manageable and increases your chances of success. This is a lot more effective than taking your frustrations out on your pet.

Sometimes, we get stressed when everything happens all at once. Instead of taking it out on your dog or cat, you should take a deep breath and try to find something to do for a few minutes to get your mind off of the problem. You could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper or do an activity that will give you a fresh perspective on things. This mental timeout can help you refocus on your current situation.

Learn to take it one day at a time. Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your problems. You never know when the answers you are looking for will come to your doorstep. We may be ninety-nine percent correct in predicting the future, but all it takes is for that one percent to make a world of difference.

Take advantage of the help that is available around you. If possible, talk to a professional who can help you manage your depression and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current problem. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with their problems in the future. Remember that it never hurts to ask for help.

It is not easy to deal with our stressful problems, however taking frustrations out on your pets or other people will not make the problem go away. When things are not going right, try to remember to treat your pet in the way you would want to be treated.

**BIOGRAPHY:**

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear Using Psychology, Christianity and Non Resistant Methods" - an easy to read book that presents a general overview of techniques that are effective in managing persistent fears and anxieties. For additional information go to: <http://www.managingfear.com/>



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