

# 2008 National Update



NORTH AMERICAN DALMATIAN ASSOCIATION

## Spot On Official Publication of NADA

The National is only a couple of months away. But it is not too soon to get your entry forms filled out and sent in. UKC clubs do not mail out premium lists the way AKC clubs do. Shows are listed in the UKC magazine *Bloodlines* and on their website; [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com). Entry forms can be downloaded from the website.

Our National will be held on October 18th at Davis Senior Center  
646 A Street  
Davis CA 95616.

Judging will begin at 10AM. Day of Show entries will be accepted from 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Fees are: \$20 for entries for regular classes

received by October 11th. \$25 for Day of Show or entries received after 10/11. \$10 for non-licensed classes (Novice Puppy, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Veteran, Altered, Brace, Special Exhibition (Low Uric Acid Dalmatians) There will be no charge for dogs entered in Junior Showmanship.

Mail fees and entry forms to  
**Event Secretary:**  
Karen Soule  
4411 Garratt Circle  
Sparks NV 89436  
(775) 313-3294

Water and soft drinks will be available throughout the day. A buffet lunch will be served after judging has been completed. More information

about the lunch will be given in next month's newsletter.

After lunch, Dr. Irv Krukenkamp will give a presentation on Low Uric Acid Dalmatians. At the conclusion of Dr. Krukenkamp's talk the General Membership meeting will begin. It is going to be a full day of fun.

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# Dalmatian Breed Parent Clubs by Denise Powell

A breed parent club is an association of breeders, owners and admirers of a particular breed. Parent clubs are often referred to as guardians of a breed. In broad terms their purpose is to preserve, protect and promote a breed.

I am not sure why Cathy Murphy decided to form a UKC Dalmatian parent club in the first place. She and most other serious Dalmatian breeders in the United States register their Dals with the AKC first and later apply for UKC papers on a few individuals in order to compete in UKC events. But the reason NADA is still in existence



**Carol Chase with Bob Schaible and “Hannah”**

today is because the AKC Dalmatian parent club (DCA) cannot decide where it stands on a growing group of Dalmatians that are registered with the UKC from birth. These Dals are descendants of a breeding program that was begun 35 years ago by Bob Schaible. The purpose of Bob’s project was to find a solution for the Dalmatian breed’s predisposition to form urinary tract stones.

For many years Bob’s breeding program was referred to as the Backcross Project because it began with the outcrossing of a Dalmatian to a Pointer followed by breeding subsequent generations of offspring back to purebred Dalmatians. Various animal

registries have different requirements for how many generations of backcrossing are needed before offspring can be registered as purebred. In this

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case, the AKC registered two of Bob’s dogs from the 4th generation backcross. Shortly after the AKC issued registration papers for those two dogs, DCA stepped in and blocked AKC registration of any more Dals from Bob’s breeding program. So, Bob began registering his Dals with the UKC.

Today people often call these dogs LUA (Low Uric Acid) Dalmatians. But that term is not accurate since approximately half of descendants of the Backcross Project have high levels of uric acid in their urine. In this article I will refer to descendants of the Backcross Project as Stocklore Dalmatians. Stocklore is Bob Schaible’s kennel name and the Stocklore ancestors in the pedigrees of these dogs are what sets them apart from other Dalmatians and keeps them from being eligible for AKC registration.

Late last year, a group of folks who have Stocklore Dalmatians heard that NADA was scheduled to be dissolved. The club’s original members had lost interest in keeping the club going after the death of founder, Cathy Murphy. So early in 2008, the few remaining members of NADA turned over the club to the current board.

I think it is fair to say that NADA would not exist today if DCA had not continued to go out of its way to treat Stocklore Dalmatians as second class citizens. Although Stocklore Dalmatians still offer the only solution to a

major health problem in the breed, here we are 25 years after the AKC was satisfied that Bob’s dogs were purebred Dalmatians and DCA is still unwilling to accept them or even admit that they are Dalmatians. On the DCA website these dogs are referred to as descendants to make the point that DCA does not consider them to be Dalmatians.

DCA spent the last three years reviewing all available information about the Backcross Project and today’s Stocklore Dals and making that information available to DCA members. After all that, the DCA board has just now reached a decision to poll their members to see if it is time to begin discussion about allowing Stocklore Dalmatians to be registered with the AKC. At this rate, DCA will still be discussing what to do 20 years from now.

In some ways, DCA’s continued inability to come to terms with the



**A beautiful young Dal bitch that is also LUA**

issues surrounding the Stocklore Dalmatians has created the opportunity for NADA to thrive. Owners of Stocklore Dalmatians are not the only members of the Dal fancy who are dissatisfied with how DCA does things. While DCA continues to dither, NADA is poised to become the parent club of choice for Dalmatian owners in the US.

*The views expressed in this article are those of the author and may not be shared by other NADA members*

## CLUB NEWS: Applications for membership

All applications for membership are to be posted in the newsletter and all members have 30 days to send their comments to the Board.

### *Membership applications*

Karen Soule  
Nevada

*Sponsors:*  
Carol Chase  
Marion Mitchell

Barbara Greenspan  
California

*Sponsors:*  
Carol Chase  
Marion Mitchell

Jim Selzter  
Pennsylvania  
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Denise Powell  
Marion Mitchell

Joanne Nash  
California

*Sponsors:*  
Eva Berg  
Carol Chase

### **“Spot On” new name for Newsletter**

Thank you to the member who suggested the name - Great name.

### **Another name change?**

The members of the North American Dalmatian Association will be voting on changing our name at the next Annual General Membership meeting in October at our Specialty. We are hoping to change our name to Dalmatians of North America. DNA is more positive acronym than NADA which in Spanish means nothing :-)

Marion Mitchell  
Corresponding Sec.  
Membership Chair



## Meet the Board: Treasurer Dana Carey

In 2004 my husband and I purchased a house in Woodland California. After 5 years in an apartment that didn't allow dogs I was determined to find a breed that we could both agree on. This proved to be a huge challenge since my husband is not an “animal person” and I can love any animal on the planet! We also had another barrier to come up with; allergies. Having terriers all through my childhood I already knew that basically any



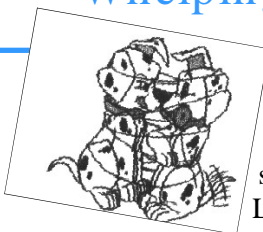
dog I had would be just for looking at since I wouldn't really be able to hold them or play with them. I had heard a rumor that people who are allergic to animal dander sometimes don't have issues with Dalmatians?! Great!! We went to a dog show in Dixon to test this theory. I played with them all day, it was wonderful. While there I met Barbara Greenspan from Esquire Dalmatians and she told me about a wonderful boy she had who was just getting ready to retire from show-

ing, Champion Esquire High Stakes Player.

My husband, not keen on the idea, went with me to see him and they became instant companions. We unfortunately lost Chance about two years after we got him due to liver failure (in under 1 week I might add, very sudden L). This sparked my interest in the health aspects of the breed and after some searching I was fortunate enough to be chosen to be a co-owner for one of the Low Uric

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## Whelping Box, Puppies, Studs and Brags



The Hunter's have a new puppy. Aberdeen n Cahun High Hopes or Sadie. Sadie is a 10 week old liver spotted Dalmatian who is also a LUA.

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Dedicated to the promotion of the sound healthy Dalmatian  
An ancient breed with much to offer; in obedience, agility, conformation and as a family companion

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*Here are some great web pages with more info about our ambitious project:*

[www.luadalmatians.com](http://www.luadalmatians.com)

[www.dalmatianheritage.com](http://www.dalmatianheritage.com)

[www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

**[ nadals.org ]**

*Dana Carey (Continued from page 3)*

Acid Males from the heritage project, Rambler Carey's Dara Mac (Gaelic for "Carey's second son"). I had never had a puppy before in my life so naturally I was very excited to "do everything correctly". That is how we ended up trying Rally Obedience, Obedience, Agility, and Tracking. Mac does all of these sports for fun and exercise currently with the overall goal to be a Therapy dog for the two hospitals I work with in Yolo County. He is progressing quite nicely and will make a very good "cheer-er upper" at the hospitals. We continue to train and have fun every day. Hopefully there will be a UKC show that we can afford to go to some time to win something until then we continue working on USDAA & CPE.



## A Little Humor, or not

### How To Photograph A New Puppy

1. Remove film from box and load camera
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash
3. Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle
4. Choose a suitable background for photo
5. Mount camera on tripod and focus
6. Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth
7. Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera
8. Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on knees
9. Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with other hand
10. Get tissue and clean nose print from lens
11. Take flash cube from puppy's mouth and throw in trash
12. Put cat outside and put peroxide on the scratch on puppy's nose
13. Put magazines back on coffee table
14. Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head
15. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage
16. Jump up in time to grab puppy by scruff of neck and say, "No, outside! No, outside!!
17. Call spouse to clean up mess
18. Fix a drink
19. Sit back in Lazy Boy with drink and resolve to teach puppy "sit" and "stay" the first thing in the morning

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***"Outside of a dog, a book  
is probably man's best  
friend, and inside of a dog,  
it's too dark to read."***

*Groucho Marx.*