



UKC Improving Ring Procedure

On the UKC's web site Wayne Cavanaugh has a article on UKC's push to improve ring procedure.

"One area where we would like to see improvement is in ring procedure. While we teach this at every seminar, we still see some habits that need breaking. Proper ring procedure is easier on the dogs, the exhibitors and the spectators. It is also better for the sport", writes Mr. Cavanaugh.

Among other points he makes Mr. Cavanaugh writes about the time it

should take an experienced judge to judge a dog, "It is universally accepted around the world, and in most all registries, that 2 min-

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utes a dog is more than enough time to asses a dog properly if you have a solid working

knowledge of the breed and the breed standard. In fact, in many places, experienced judges are even scheduled at one and half minutes per dog. Because of the more casual pace and character of UKC events, we are doubling that time and suggesting this maximum time of 3 minutes per dog."

For more of this article go to:
<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/Articles/WaynesWords08252008>

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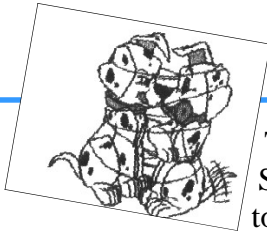
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Whelping Box, Puppies, Studs and Brags

The Cornwell's are bragging! Sherry and Bill celebrated 51 years together.....Legally..... on August 10th! In this day and age, those kind of statistics are considered very rare!

Couple of weeks ago we were in Yellowstone Nation Park the only place you can take a dog is the parking lot BUT Old Faithful is basically a huge parking lot and they do allow dogs. As we walked towards the geyser many children both large and small wanted to pet him . Sometimes there were many at the same time. He was rock steady, nothing phased him, he said hello to numerous member of the public . It was a fabulous way to make sure his social skills were as solid as we thought. He also met horses. He had never seen a horse before a, he barked once and the rest of the time he played with the two DALs!! the riders had with them.

Marion Mitchell brag's; I am so proud of Encatado's Where there's a Will AKA Will. He is now almost 15 months old and has been reasonably socialized on the hiking trails in the mountains behind Los Alamos.



Meet the Board: Board Member Denise Powell

I got my first Dalmatian, Zoe, early in 1989. She was such a delight that my husband at the time and I soon decided to get a second Dalmatian. That second dog changed my life forever. His registered name was Madurhason's Aberdeen and we called him Zeke. Zeke lead me into the world of AKC dog shows and dog breeding.

Zeke and his daughter Juliet are the Dalmatians by which I measure all other Dalmatians. They were wonderful to live with and outstanding ambassadors of the breed. They each lived long,

healthy lives and inspired me to be an advocate for breeding practices that offer the best hope of producing health, happy Dalmatians.

From 1990 until 2005 I raised and showed many AKC registered Dalmatians. I served on the Dalmatian Club of America's Health and Research Committee for twelve of those years.

In 2005 I got my first UKC Dalmatian from Bob Schaible and I made a radical change in my breeding program. At that

time Bob Schaible was the only person producing Dalmatians that are free of a major genetic defect that leads to urate stone disease in the

breed. Dalmatians from the line Bob's created are known as Low Uric Acid (LUA) Dalmatians.

I named the LUA puppy bitch I got from Bob, Aberdeen's Seeing The Forrest as a way of reminding myself to look at the big picture. The Forrest part of her name is in honor of Holly Nelson, DVM whose kennel name was Forrest. Holly was a tireless champion for Dalmatian health until her untimely death in the early 1990s.

Aberdeen's Seeing The Forrest, known as Holly to her friends, became my new foundation bitch. Just like Zeke lead me into the world of AKC shows. Holly lead me to the UKC and the UKC philosophy that values dogs more than dog shows.



Denise and Zeke

Health Issues in the Dal by Corinne James

Cold Tail

Cold Tail is also known as Limber Tail, Cold Water Tail, Limp Tail, Broken Wag or Rudder Tail. It is most common in hunting breeds, but has been reported to occur in Dalmatians. We've had a dog with cold tail in the past and it comes up now and then on showdals-1.

The most prominent symptom of Cold Tail is a dead tail, which either hangs limply from its base or extends an inch or few horizontally from the base and then hangs limply. An affected dog may also seem to be in pain.

Most of the research on Cold Tail has involved Pointers or other hunting breeds, but it's reasonable to think the

conclusions would apply to Dalmatians suffering from Cold tail.

Laboratory analyses from Pointers with Cold Tail have shown elevated serum levels of creatinine kinase, which indicates muscle damage has occurred. MRI and other studies reveal abnormalities in the coccygeal muscles, which lie along the 3rd coccygeal vertebra, near the base of the tail. Additionally, the tail, as the name Cold Tail implies, may be 5 degrees F cooler than the rest of the dog's body. The temperature difference is thought to be the result of impaired blood flow to the tail because of severe swelling near the base.

In hunting dogs, predisposing factors are prolonged cage or crate transport,

under-conditioning or overexertion, changes in climate, especially to cold and/or wet weather and exposure to water (swimming or bathing). Since the symptoms are believed to be the result of an injury to the coccygeal muscles, which are involved in lateral movement of the tail (including wagging), any activity with lots of tail action may result in Cold Tail.

Cold Tail symptoms may occur during or immediately following activity, or may not be evident until the next day. In hunting dogs, the symptoms often become apparent when the dog is removed from its crate following transport from the hunt site.

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DeeDee

In 2007 Holly had her first litter and one pup in that litter caught my eye from the moment she was born. Over the years I have bred many litters and I know

better than to imagine I see great things in any newborn pup. But as the weeks passed it became clear to me that I was going to keep that pup in spite of the fact that I had no room in my home for another dog. She became DeeDee (Aberdeen's Deal Or No Deal)

I am not bragging when I say that DeeDee is one of the prettiest, if not the prettiest, of the descendants of Bob Schaible's line. But the clincher for me is that she reminds me of my much loved and much missed Juliet.

I am excited about what the future holds not just for DeeDee but for all Dalmatians. I am proud to be a part of the group of people who are working to make the UKC Dalmatian parent club a reality

From your Editor

I want to Thank Corinne James and Denise Powell for all the articles they have written for the newsletter and also the others who have submitted articles. With this issue all the Board members have been profiled. To keep the newsletter going I need articles, either written by you or an article on a subject you might find interesting. If you would consider writing an article or if you have ideas for a subject you would like to see covered please let me know. Also any brags, cries, puppies or whelping box - all ideas welcome and needed! It would be a shame for the newsletter to fail for lack of participation.

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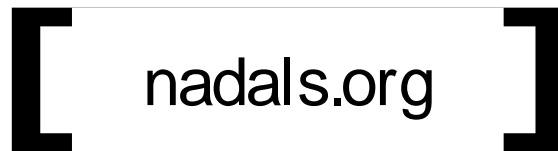
**The National will be held October
18th at the Davis Senior Center,
646 A. St, Davis CA 95616. The
judge is Tom Tracy.**

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

www.luadalmatians.com

www.dalmatianheritage.com

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Symptoms of Cold Tail generally re-
solve within a few days or weeks.

Dogs with Cold Tail should be rested.
Treatment with anti-inflammatory drugs
may help shorten the recovery time and
will make the dog more comfortable.

Dogs who have had Cold Tail once may
experience a recurrence and, in some
dogs, there may eventually be perma-
nent loss of movement in the tail.

For hunting dogs, proper conditioning
may aid in prevention. It is also sug-
gested that Cold Tail may be less likely
to occur if dogs who are crated follow-
ing heavy exercise are taken out fre-
quently.

A Little Humor, or not

POEM FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

Don't smell crotches, don't eat
plants.
Don't steal food or underpants.
Don't eat my socks, don't grab my
hair...
**DON'T RIP THE STUFFING
FROM THAT CHAIR!**
Don't eat those peas, don't touch
that bush,
Don't chew my shoes, what IS this
mush?!?
Eat your cookies, drink your
drink,
Outta the toilet! Outta the sink!
**AWAY FROM THE LITTER
BOX, IT'S FOR THE CAT!**
(and must you kiss me after
that?!?)
Raising a puppy is not for the
lazy,
Those rugrats are funny but also
quite crazy.

Don't despair through the toil and
the strife,
'Cause after three years you'll get
back your life!
So let's go for walkies, so you can
do your "thing",
And maybe I'll get back my good
diamond ring!

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