



**Here it is
Fiona's Kennel
Club Registration!**
As you can see there are three stars against her name, her offspring will have two, their offspring one, the third generation will be free of identification by stars!

I found the " Imp Usa" to be a little sloppy on the KC's part - USA

On February 19 Fiona was exhibited at the Joint Dalmatian Clubs Championship show. As the title indicates this show is run by all four clubs, British Dalmatian Club, Dalmatian Club of Scotland, Northern Ireland Dalmatian Club and North of England Dalmatian Club.

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Fiona Update!

THE KENNEL CLUB
Making a difference for dogs

OWNER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Current Registered Owner
Mr P B & Mrs J Evans
Hendre Mynach Hall
Llanaber Road
Barmouth
Gwynedd
LL42 1YH

Registered Name: FIACRE'S FIRST AND FOREMOST (IMP USA) *** (AM1)
Previously Registered as: _____
Titles: _____
Breed: Dalmatian
Date of Birth: 24/09/2007
Colour: White With Liver Spots
Sex: Bitch
Date of Registration: 12/01/2011
Imported from: Usa

Breeder: Mrs C Chase

Registration No. AM0900231
Stud Book No. _____
DNA Profile
Microchip No. 099558116
Tattoo No. _____
Customer No. 00084001

Endorsements
X - Not Eligible For issue of Export Pedigree.

Health Screening
KC/BVA Schemes

DNA Tests

SIRE
Registered Name: _____
Titles: _____
Registration No. _____
Stud Book No. _____

Health Screening
KC/BVA Schemes

DNA Tests

DAM
Registered Name: _____
Titles: _____
Registration No. _____
Stud Book No. _____

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DNA Tests

Signed by: *Caroline Kisko*
Caroline Kisko
Secretary

The issue of this certificate does not guarantee its accuracy as it is based on details supplied to the Kennel Club by the applicant

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The judge for bitches was none other than Shelagh Stevenson, secretary of the British Dalmatian Club and one of the assessors for Fiona's acceptance for registration by the Kennel Club.

Fiona was placed 6th in Limit Bitch out of 16 entries, This is just as I predicted, I assumed she would give her a token place! Fiona looked amazing.



We were of course amongst many anti's being as this was committee's

from all four clubs. I found it both amazing and amusing that the very people who have so much to say in print about LUA Dalmatians did not have the face to come over to either see Fiona or even mention the situation of Fiona's appearance in the UK showing or even show the slightest interest in something that is so fundamentally going to change the future health of Dalmatians, or in their view bring in "problems".

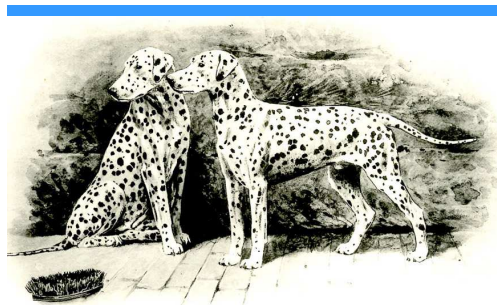
These are people I have known for as long as they have been involved with the breed. they say hello and make general conversation yet totally avoided mention of Fiona. Amazing!

Well, next stop is Cruft's! Fiona is in top physical condition, well muscled and VERY fit (she has a new bike)!!

We are looking forward to seeing many overseas friends, not least of course Loretta Swanson coming all the way from the US to cheer on Fiona! The most important thing

Fiona will achieve at Cruft's is more support for LUA Dalmatians! a place in her class will be icing on the cake. So until then.....

Julie and princess Fiona



"We are all capable of believing things which we know to be untrue, and then, when we are finally proved wrong, impudently twisting the facts so as to show that we were right. Intellectually, it is possible to carry on this process for an indefinite time; the only check on it is that sooner or later a false belief bumps up against solid reality, usually on a battlefield."

George Orwell

Club News

DNA's annual election coincides with our annual meeting and specialty which will be held this year on June 16th in Kalamazoo, Michigan in conjunction with the UKC Premier.

Thank you to the nominating committee, consisting of Chair Lorie McCrone, members P. Karen McDonnell and Cindy Taylor, and alternate Liz Arbaugh, for putting together a default slate of candidates for this year's vacancies:

Director: Amy Marrich
amy@demarco.com
Corresponding Secretary: Marion Mitchell dalcrazy@cybermesa.com
Vice President: Loretta Swanson
lmswanson@comcast.net

Since we are a small club., our bylaws call for the nominating committee to provide just one candidate for each vacant position. Nominations from the floor are encouraged.

If you would like to run or know someone you think would serve the club well, nominations from the floor can be made by submitting a petition signed by 10% of the members to the corresponding secretary Marion Mitchell (dalcrazy@cybermesa.com).

The deadline for floor nominations is 60 days before the annual meeting - April 16th, 2011.

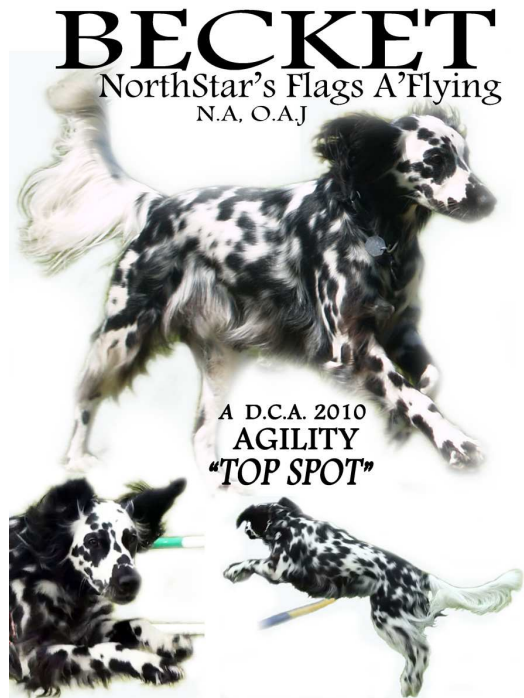
Judy Dugan and Spirit in Rally



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Whelping Box, Puppies and Brags

From Impounded Stray To Titled Agility Dog
In One Year . . .



Clay & Jeri Jennings Long-Coat Dalmatian,

BECKET

NorthStar's Flags A'Flying, N.A., O.A.J.

Is Rated For 2010 as a "Top Spot" by
The Dalmatian Club of America,
Finishing The Year

9th in Novice JWW & 3rd in Open JWW
Among Dalmatians Competing In AKC Agility

Special Thanks to The Waco, Texas, Humane Society,
Tena Price, and Jenny Brock of
Second Chances Dalmatian Rescue

AKC Ch. Melody My Way "Carley" puppies are due any day now. The sire of the litter is UKC Ch. Robinwood Rain Storm at Sea "Bubba" Contact Beth White for more information about the litter

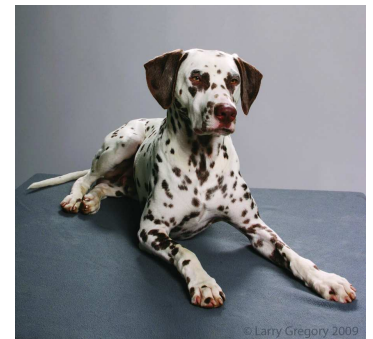


melodee101@gmail.com or find pictures of the parents and pedigree for pups at www.melodykennels.net/litters.html

UKC CH
Aberdeen and
Dotter's Ataraxis
"Layla" is expect-
ing puppies at the
end of April. The
sire of the litter is
AKC Ch Dotter's
Cutting Edge
"Dagger" Contact
Lesley Beals ossieboo2@aol.com for more information
about the litter.



UKC Ch Aberdeen's Bob
Hartley now has a CHIC
number. He hopes that,
along with his good looks
and charm will entice the
girls to come calling...
Loretta Swanson



On January 16, U-CH U-CD U-RO2 Woodwynd Quest
For The Holy Grail CD RE RD was lost to Kidney Fail-
ure after an 8 month fight. He will always be missed.

Amy Marrich



LUA Dalmatian Makes Breed History at Crufts

A Low Uric Acid Dalmatian Going to Crufts

By Marion Mitchell
Secretary of the Dalmatians of North America
The UKC Club for Dalmatians

A Dalmatian puppy born September 9th 2007 was destined to change forever the concept of a genetic problem in her breed. As breeder Carol Chase snuggled the warm newborn, breathing in “puppy breath” she could never have dreamed how famous Fiacre’s First and Foremost would become.

Fiona, as she was nicknamed, was destined to become First and Foremost in several ways important to the Dalmatian breed. She was the result of a breeding program commenced in 1973 with the original outcross of an AKC registered Champion Pointer sire bred to an AKC registered Dalmatian dam. Dr. Robert Schaible (a geneticist & hobby breeder) conducted the breeding in an effort to address the fixed genetic defect in Dalmatians that affects uric acid metabolism and that may lead to increased urinary uric acid, urate crystals, urinary bladder aggregate formation, stones, urinary tract obstruction and even death.

The LUA Dalmatian puppy grew up robust and healthy however she and many other low uric acid Dalmatians cannot currently be registered with AKC. The AKC club (Dalmatian Club Of America) is opposing registration on the grounds that the Low Uric acid Dalmatians aren’t pure enough. Yet these are 15th generation and are 99.98 % pure, the same as all Dalmatians.

In 2007, Dr. Danika Bannasch at the University of California (Davis) under



a grant primarily funded by the National Institutes of Health, identified the gene mutation that causes high uric acid. Dr. Bannasch developed a genetic test to determine if a puppy has the normal form of the gene or the mutation. A dog with one normal copy of this gene will have low uric acid, but can produce both low and high uric acid progeny. A dog with two normal copies of this gene has low uric acid and will only produce puppies with low uric acid.

Notably, Fiona finished her UKC Championship in 4 shows with 3 Reserve Best in Shows and 1 Best in Multi-Breed Show - at just 6 months of age. Carrying the banner for the Low Uric Acid outcross gene, this lovely Dalmatian proved herself by becoming UKC's #1 Dalmatian for 2008 and 2009 even winning the group at UKC's Premier - first time ever for a Dalmatian. At the UKC Premier show in 2010 she became a UKC “Total” dog which means she

won her conformation competition and had a qualifying score in a performance event on the same day.

But Fiona wasn’t done with being First and Foremost. In August Of 2010 she went to England to live with Julie Evans, a Dalmatian breeder who had convinced the UK Kennel Club to register the LUA dogs even if the Dalmatian Club Of America and the American Kennel Club had refused to do so for over for 35 years.

Two judges assessed Fiona before she was able to be registered by the UK Kennel Club. Both judges gave her an excellent report and deemed that she was indeed a Dalmatian! Thus Fiona achieved another “first” and became eligible to be shown in the UK and to prove to the world that Low Uric Acid Dalmatians are capable of taking on the so-called “real Dalmatians”.

The show scene is VERY different in the UK. The highest award is the Challenge Certificate (CC) ONLY awarded at Championship shows to the best bitch and best dog in the breed. To gain a champion title the dog must win 3 CC's under 3 different judges! Entries are VERY large at these shows, usually around 150 Dalmatians. It is widely accepted that the UK champion title is the world’s most difficult to win. The strongest class with the most entries and highest quality is usually Limit bitch. This class is for CC winners and other top-winning bitches. Fiona, at her very first championship show (in December) was 3rd in Limit



improve genetic urinary health for the Dalmatian breed, visit the reference links below.

<http://www.thedca.org/LUA/DalmatianExecSummary.pdf>
<http://www.luadalmatians.com/>
<http://www.dalmatianheritage.com/>
<http://nuadalseurope.co.uk/>
<http://www.spotsdna.org/>
 web site for the new UKC Dalmatians of North America



Marion Mitchell and her 2 year old LUA Dalmatian Lyra Taken on Lyra's birthday

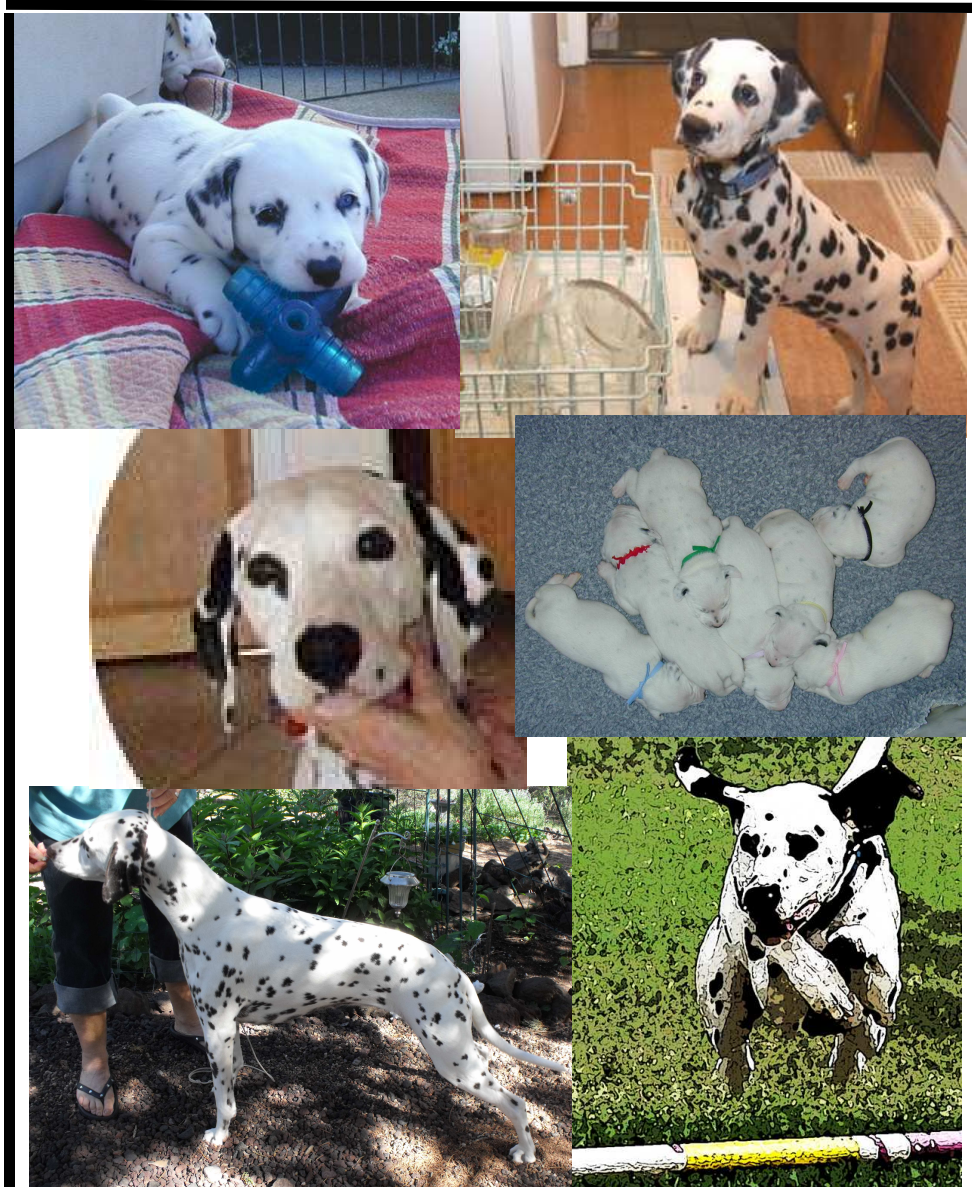
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bitch with 13 in her class which qualified her for the world-famous Crufts Dog Show! At Open shows (no CC's) she has won Best of Breed twice and a Group 1st. Unless you have a CC or Studbook Number, you must qualify every year for Crufts so on January 9th Fiona placed 2nd in Limit, which also qualifies her for Crufts in 2012.

We must all be truly grateful to her breeder Carol Chase. Julie Evans, her British owner, says of Fiona, "I don't believe any other dog could have achieved what Fiona has done in the UK. She is well up to size for the British show ring. I think fate plays a part in many things, Fiona was only coming here to produce a litter, however the moment I laid eyes on her I knew she was going to do so much more than that. She is an LUA ambassador for the rest of the world. With the Crufts Dog Show coming up, Fiona is more famous than the Queen!!!!"

Win or lose, Dalmatian breeders around the world will know Fiona is special, a gift to the Dalmatian world. Carol Chase is also to be commended as she has given her heart to Fiona and this project to promote urinary health in all Dalmatians.

To learn more about the importance of low uric acid (LUA) and the project to



DNA

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

www.luadalmatians.com

[www.spotsdna.org]

www.dalmatianheritage.com

www.ukcdogs.com

<http://normaldals.blogspot.com/>

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An ancient breed with much to offer;
in obedience, agility, conformation
and as a family companion

Dedicated to the recognition
of the NUA Dalmatian as a
Pure Bred Dalmatian

Check us out on YouTube! <http://www.youtube.com/user/UKCDalmatians>

A Little Humor, or not

You Know You Have Too Many Dogs...

Author unknown

When you have more grass in your driveway than in your backyard.

When your neighbors find ANY dog running loose and automatically bring it to your house.

When you want to watch TV and you have to sit on the floor because all of the furniture is "occupied".

When it takes you longer to wash your dogs' dishes than your own.

When you have to use a wash tub for a water dish.

When you have to run an obstacle course to get to the phone.

When you see one of your dogs doing something bad (like chewing

something up or leaving a "dog deposit" on the rug) and you have to run through the entire list of dogs in order to yell at the right one and by then it is too late.

When the hazmat team comes to your house on trash day to handle the "deposits" that you have placed in your trash can.

When you have all of your dogs in the back seat of your car and it automatically changes lanes when they move to the other side of the car.

When you NEVER go anywhere for a vacation because it costs more to kennel your dogs than to go to Hawaii.

When you have an extension on your king-sized bed so you all fit.

When Eukanuba makes home deliveries.

When you move your bedroom into the garage and put a king and queen sized bed together so all of your Dalmatians, I mean dogs can sleep with you.

When you can't remember all of your dogs' names and just call them all 'brown dog'.

When you take your dogs for a run in the park and people think it is a dog show.

