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## **NEXT MEETING**

June 9, 2007

1:00 PM

Picnic & Fun Match  
At the Home of  
Fred & Joan Lester  
5220 Douglas Road  
Oswego, IL

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No General membership Meeting on May 12, 2007  
Due to no Quorum

## Collect Purina Weight Circles

The Purina Weight Circle Program officially started on January 1, 2007. Regional Clubs are encouraged to collect weight circles from Purina dog food products. The circles can be collected by members of the club, friends, relatives and any one who wants to help. Each club will automatically receive 25% of the proceeds of their Weight circle collection. The club with the highest weight circle poundage will receive 50% of the proceeds of their collection. The balance of the proceeds will go to DCAF to help support DCAF's activities. Send your weight circles to our corresponding secretary or bring them to a meeting:

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**July Program**  
Postponed from May

**How to Read Dog Food Labels**

**There's more to a dog label than the first ingredient!**

**Bring your dog food labels to the meeting**

From the President's Desk

*Dear Members,*

*I sincerely hope that those of you who attended the National Specialty enjoyed yourselves both in and out of the ring. I congratulate all who showed; those who placed or qualified; and those who won.*

*On a more personal note...allow me to tell you a short story. I have a 4 1/2 year old spayed black bitch. In my opinion, one of the sweetest girls you'll ever find. For at least four years, she has had this problem, and no matter what we ( the vet and I) tried, the problem wouldn't completely go away. The problem you ask...she has a red tummy. Actually, it goes from light pink to blazing red for no apparent reason. She doesn't scratch or bite at it, it isn't dry, moist, have blisters, skin splits, it isn't seasonal. She has a purine problem, and therefore eats only a vegetarian diet, so food allergies were ruled out, I use "Cheer" free, so that kind of additive problem was ruled out. It doesn't change during the seasons, so seasonal allergies were ruled out, and if she's on medication for one thing or the other, it doesn't get better or worse, so medication allergies were ruled out; and because it is just red or pink, with no blisters, cracks, dry flakes, oozing, or anything else topical, topical allergies were ruled out.*

*Last Thursday, Willow was a case study for a veterinary Dermatology seminar held at my veterinary clinic, Dr. Sousa was the skin expert there and took a long hard look at Willow and her history. She agreed with the above diagnosis so far, and suggested that is it doesn't bother Willow, and doesn't bother me, do nothing. And if I really wanted to go a step further, a biopsy might tell us something. I have opted to leave it for now, as Willow's quality of life is not compromised at all, so far. But I'm reaching out to the "Spot News" readership, if they have ever encountered anything like this in their time of being owned by Dalmatians, and if so, please contact me and tell me your story.*

*I thank you,*

*Gail Meyers.  
President*

**The Chicagoland Dalmatian Club**  
Proudly Announces the Arrival of  
**The 2007 Pedigree Book.**



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Since 1970, the CDC has produced a book containing the pedigree, photo and additional information for some of the best Dalmatians in the world. Our book is published every three years and we are now taking and shipping orders for our 2007 edition. Order your copy today!

Highlights

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- Hardcover, 2 volume set, Great reference and helpful for breeding information.

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**Western Reserve Dalmatian Club**  
 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows  
**Friday, August 10, 2007 and Saturday, August 11, 2007**  
**Lorain County Kennel Club Park – Oberlin, Ohio**

Friday, August 10, 2007  
**Breed:** Mrs. Meg Hennessey (Marengo, IL)  
**Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:**  
 Mr. Joseph Vergnetti (Medina, OH)

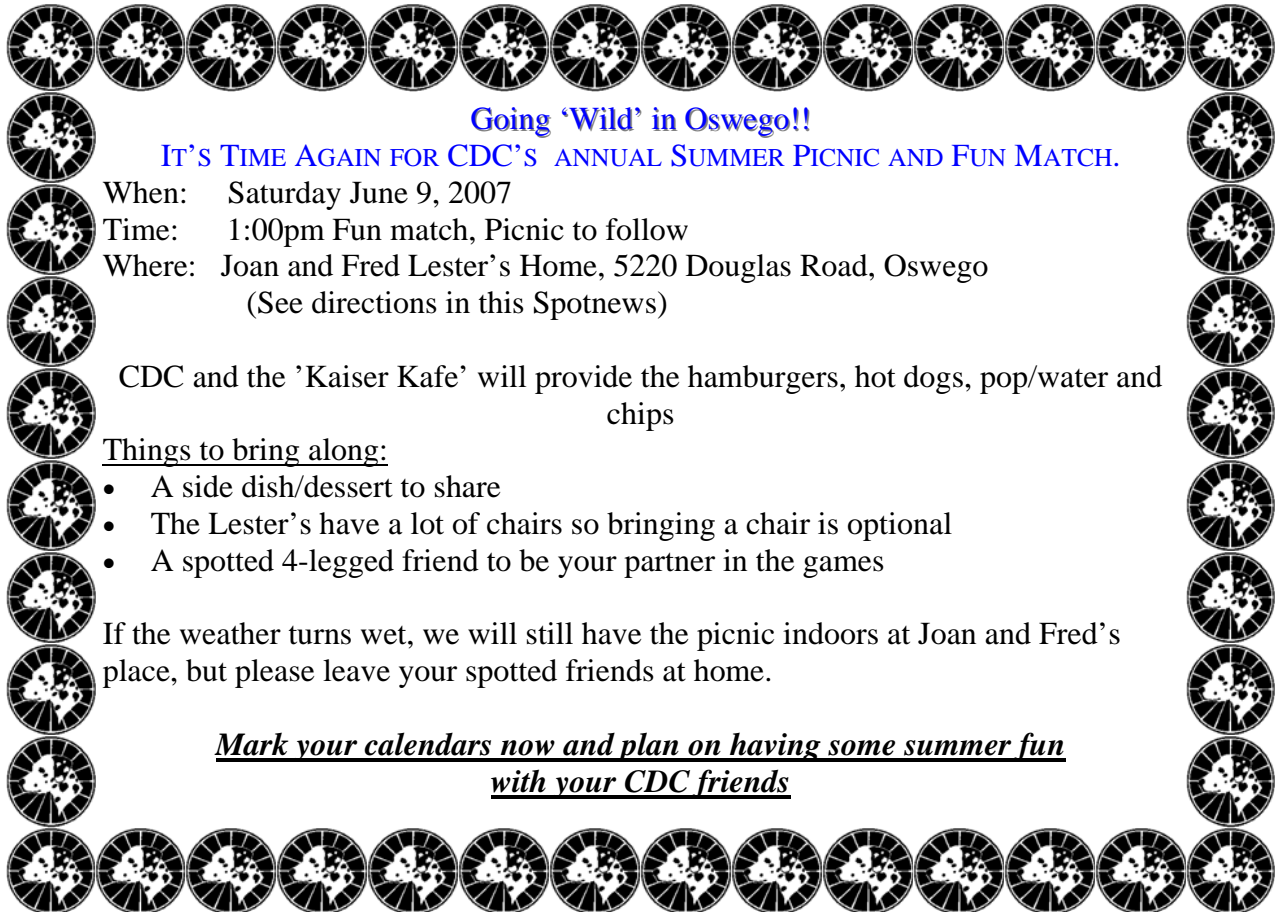
Saturday, August 11, 2007  
**Breed:** Mr. John Cramer (Baldwin City, KS)  
**Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:**  
 Ms. Nancy Smith (Mansfield, OH)

**Show Secretary:** Linda Lombardi  
 6668 Manchester Road  
 Clinton, Ohio 44216-9464  
**Entries Close** on July 26, 2007

**Western Reserve Dalmatian Club –** Barbara Brandon, Show Chair on both days  
 6003 Bradley Ave  
 Parma, Ohio 44129  
 440-842-9044

RV Camping \* Security \* Food Vendors \* WRDC provides lunch both days

**Sunday, August 12, 2007 \* Lorain County Kennel Club (All Breed) \* (MB-F Super)**



**Going 'Wild' in Oswego!!**

**IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR CDC'S ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC AND FUN MATCH.**

**When:** Saturday June 9, 2007  
**Time:** 1:00pm Fun match, Picnic to follow  
**Where:** Joan and Fred Lester's Home, 5220 Douglas Road, Oswego  
 (See directions in this Spotnews)

CDC and the 'Kaiser Kafe' will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, pop/water and chips

Things to bring along:

- A side dish/dessert to share
- The Lester's have a lot of chairs so bringing a chair is optional
- A spotted 4-legged friend to be your partner in the games

If the weather turns wet, we will still have the picnic indoors at Joan and Fred's place, but please leave your spotted friends at home.

**Mark your calendars now and plan on having some summer fun with your CDC friends**

**Fun Match (weather permitting) & Picnic**  
**June 9, 2007 1:00 PM** (judging to start at 1:30PM or shortly there after)

**\*Sweepstakes Judge: Margaret Gigous\***

Sweepstakes Classes divided by sex :

3-6 month, 6-9 month, 9-12 month, 12-15 month, 15-18 month

Best Junior, Best Senior and Best in Sweepstakes

7-10 years and 10 and over: Best JR Veteran, Best SR Veteran and Best Veteran in Sweeps

**\*Conformation Judge: DiAnn Plaza\***

Regular Classes divided by sex:

3-6 month, 6-9 month, 9-12 month, 12-18 month, Bred by and Open

Best Puppy and Best Adult

7-10 years and 10 and over: Best Veteran

Location: Fred & Joan Lester

5220 Douglas Road

Oswego, IL

Via 88 from the East: Exit at Rt. 59; travel south on Rt. 59 to Ogden Avenue (State Route 34); turn right (west) and go to Rt. 30; turn left (south) onto Rt. 30; at 1<sup>st</sup> stop light (Wolf's Crossing) turn right (West); proceed to Douglas Road (**Valley Baptist Church** is on the corner of Douglas and Wolf's Crossing) turn left (south) to 5220 Douglas Road.

Via 88 from the West: Exit Interstate 88 at Orchard Road; travel south on Orchard Road to Ogden Avenue (State Route 34); turn left and proceed east (Ogden Ave turns and will cross the Fox River in Oswego, you will be in the center of the town of Oswego - there will be a stop light at the corner of Washington and Ogden (34). Ogden turns but go straight on Washington. At the corner of Rt. 71 and Washington, Washington changes names and becomes Plainfield Road. Continue east on Plainfield Road to Douglas Road. (**Harvest Baptist Church** is on the corner of Douglas and Plainfield Road) Turn left (north) and go to 5220 Douglas Road.

Via Interstate 80: Exit at Ridge Road a/k/a Minooka exit and travel North to Rt. 126. Turn right (east) and the go a very short distance (1/4 mile??) to Plainfield Road; at Plainfield Road turn left (north) and go to Douglas Road; (**Harvest Baptist Church** is on the corner of Douglas and Plainfield Road) turn right (north) to 5220 Douglas Road

Via 55/Southbound: Exit at Rt. 126 and proceed west through the town of Plainfield to Plainfield Road; turn right (north); go to Douglas Road; turn right (north) to 5220 Douglas Road

Via 55/Northbound: Exit at Rt. 59. Travel North on Rt. 59 to Rt. 126 and turn left (west) to Plainfield Road, turn right (north), to Douglas Road, turn (north) to 5220 Douglas Road

Parking is available in the Lester's driveway, on the side of the road or across the street in the **Harvest Baptist Church's** parking lot/driveway.

**Bring a dish to pass:**

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Soda & water will be provided.**

## Emergency Care Tips For Your Pet

This is not intended as a substitute for expert veterinary care. Ask your own veterinarian clinic if they hold pet first-aid classes for owners. Many are now doing this, sometimes in partnership with other clinics in their area.

**Heat Stroke, Hyperthermia** Pets cannot tolerate high temperatures as well as people can and they rely on rapid breathing to exchange hot air for cool air. Pets' temperatures are higher than ours -- a dog and cat have an average temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit. **Common situations and features that can predispose a pet to overheating:**

1. Being left in a car in warm weather, even if the windows are left slightly open.
2. Having a muzzle on while a pet is being groomed, and/or leaving the muzzle on while a pet is put in a drying cage.
3. Short-nosed breeds such as pugs, bulldogs, boxers and Persian cats.
4. Any pet with an airway disease.
5. Being confined outside without shade or an adequate supply of fresh water.

**Suggested treatment when this condition occurs:**

1. Mild Hyperthermia can sometimes be treated by simply removing a pet from the situation and/or environment where overheating has occurred, and placing it in a cool place in the shade or in an air-conditioned room.
2. If a pet is unsteady on its feet and you have moved it to a cooler location, you can start cooling it by placing cool water on the feet. Rubbing alcohol on the skin of your pet's stomach (with a fan blowing on the pet) can also aid in cooling.
3. While these steps are in progress, have someone call your veterinarian so that they can determine if you should bring your pet in for treatment.

Note: it is very dangerous to cool an overheated pet too quickly. Never put a pet in an ice bath, or use ice cold water, unless under the direct supervision of your veterinarian. Cool water is best.

The most common sign of hyperthermia is restlessness and agitation, with vigorous panting. A pet's saliva may be thick, and the gums and tongue may be bright red. Depending on the severity of the hyperthermia, the gums can also be very pale and a pet may be lying down with its head, neck, and limbs extended and thick saliva coming from the mouth and nose.

Always call your veterinarian, even if the pet appears to have recovered from hyperthermia, after you have administered any of the treatments above. Your veterinarian may not want to see your pet if it has recovered, but it is always best for them to determine whether or not your pet needs to be examined.

### **Choking**

Choking is caused by a foreign object being lodged in the pet's airway and adding pressure to the trachea or windpipe. To avoid a choking incident, always provide your pet with toys that are the appropriate size. Toys that are too small (relative to your pet's size) can be easily swallowed and become wedged in your pet's airway.

It's important to provide supervision when an edible treat is being chewed. Some treats that dogs enjoy, such as rawhide, cow hooves, and pig ears, can break off in pieces and may not be small enough for your pet to swallow completely.

Always remove strings, foil, and feathers from cat toys -- these items can be enjoyable to your cat but may potentially become caught in its throat or intestinal tract.

**Indications of choking:**

1. Noisy and labored breathing sounds – your pet will have difficulty inhaling
2. Pawing at the nose and mouth

3. Gums may be white or blue
4. Excessive drooling
5. Unconsciousness

Determine if your pet's airway is able to be cleared by performing a finger swipe of the mouth -- this is accomplished by placing your finger on the side of the pet's mouth and sliding it down and toward the center of the throat. If no foreign object or substance is removed and your pet is still having breathing difficulties, contact your veterinarian for immediate instructions and care. Do not try and perform CPR or the Heimlich method unless instructed by your veterinarian.

### **Bleeding**

A physical trauma can cause pets to suffer blood loss. Regardless of what caused the trauma to your pet, immediate attention to blood loss is required.

### **Pressure:**

Apply gentle pressure to the bleeding; do not remove a cloth or bandage even if it becomes saturated, simply apply additional layers. The bandage can be held in place by bandage material if you need to free your hands. Elevation can be used to aid in stopping the bleeding, but try to continue applying direct pressure to the wound. Try to keep your pet calm, and contact your veterinarian immediately, or if the situation warrants it, begin transporting your pet to the veterinarian while controlling the bleeding.

### **Tourniquet:**

The use of tourniquets can be dangerous and cause damage to the limb if applied incorrectly. A tourniquet should only be used if the pet is experiencing a life threatening situation, due to the amount of blood loss that is occurring from a limb or tail.

### **How to Move and Transport an Injured Pet**

An injured pet is unpredictable, regardless of its personality. When pets are in pain, they react instinctively and unpredictably and cannot be held responsible for their actions.

Always take precautions to protect yourself, and your pet, from further injury when transporting to the veterinarian. An emergency muzzle' can be made from a neck tie, silk stocking, a section of linen fabric, or other strong material. Using the middle of the material, make a loop and place it around your pet's muzzle. Bring the ends under the chin and tie snugly around the back of the head under the ears.

If your pet is unable to walk, or you have determined that walking may cause further injury or damage, a blanket can be used as a transport device. Gently lift the pet onto the blanket, and grip the edges of the blanket to lift and place the pet in the vehicle. Covering your pet is important to prevent heat loss and can create a calming effect.

Smaller pets can be transported in a carrier or a box (with holes large enough for air to allow for adequate breathing) with a lid. Try to minimize the amount of movement, and make your pet as comfortable as possible. Always try to contact your veterinarian, in advance, to share as many details as possible, and the estimated time that you will arrive at the clinic.

### **Snake Bites**

The first thing you must do if you think your pet has been bitten by a snake is to stay calm. Do not add any additional excitement to the situation. Your pet will need to be examined to determine if and where the snake bite occurred, and there may be more than one location, so examine carefully. A constrictive bandage can be placed on the limb involved, above the bite. A bandage will need to fit firmly on the leg, but not too tightly.

If possible, try to identify the snake – you should attempt to determine the size, color, the shape of

the head, and if there was a rattle at the end of the snake's tail. Do not risk injury to yourself in attempting to get this information.

Carry the pet to the vehicle or, if too large to carry, walk it slowly to your vehicle and go to the nearest veterinary hospital. (This may not be the hospital that you regularly use, but immediate care is required for a snake bite.) In the meantime, keep your pet as calm as possible.

Contact your veterinarian if you think a snake bite may have occurred, but you are unable to find the fang marks. Your veterinarian may want to examine your pet to insure a bite mark was not accidentally overlooked.

### **Spider Bites**

Veterinary treatment is required for any spider bite. Unfortunately, you will probably not know when your pet has received a spider bite. Spider bites can be painless when they occur. What you may see is a patch of skin where the hair has thinned; there may be a single hole visible, with skin discoloration around the hole. The skin may be a dark purple or black in color.

There might be lameness in the limb other than where the bite occurred, as well as fever and chills. Spider bites can be life threatening to you and your pets.

Research the area you live to determine which poisonous spiders are prevalent, and always examine the areas where spiders like to build nests. Contact an exterminator to remove spiders from your home.

**(A handy guide to complete, print and keep in your home and car)**

Primary Information you need in case of emergency:

#### **Veterinarian**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax:

Hours of operation:

Alternate or emergency phone number:

#### **Emergency Veterinarian**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax:

Hours of operation:

**Animal Poison Control: 1-888-426-4435, a charge applies to every call**

**Our thanks to the BARKING BULLETIN for providing this information**



## GOT NEWS???

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"A 3-legged dog walks into an old west saloon, slides up to the bar and announces, "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."



The Club extends their thoughts and prayers to Donna Truitt as she recovers from having a tumor removed from her spine. Rest up and Get Well soon, Donna!

Stay cool and keep your dogs hydrated as Summer approaches. Here's a cool sweet treat to make for your "hot dog!"

### Cool Treat for Canines:

Treat your best friend to a Frosty Paws. Here's the recipe:

1 8oz cup of yogurt (plain)

1 banana

1 or 2 tablespoons of peanut butter

2 cups of cold water

Mix all ingredients in blender, pour the mixture into 2 ice cube trays, then freeze.

Feed your dog 5 or 6 cubes in his or her bowl.

Until next month ... Happy tails to you!

JodyLynn





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