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MEETING DATE NOTICE

No Meeting

**See you at the
Christmas Part**

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2003

On November 8, 2003 the monthly membership meeting of the Chicagoland Dalmatian Club was called to order by Joan Lester at the Hampton Inn in Elk Grove Village, IL at 8:05 P.M

The meeting began with a program presented by Mike Deer on legal issues with dogs. After the program the meeting continued.

A motion was made by Marie Kaiser, seconded by Gail Meyers to accept the September minutes as printed in the Spot News. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Irene Jinks read the report and it will be filed for audit.

Committees:

Correspondence- Meg Hennessey read a report from Laura Kiedaisch. We received a thank you from Dave Galloway specialty sweeps judge. A letter from Mary Braxton stating that her membership date has been wrong for a long time and she sent copies of cancelled checks dating back to 1973. Also a letter from A.K.C. and Margie Doane on behalf of DCA with the list of our board of directors. A letter from A.K.C. stating that all paperwork is in and correct from the October specialty.

Membership- Susan Olsen reported we have two new membership applications from Laurel and Brad Allen sponsored by Kris Benoit and Susan Olsen and Christine Harris sponsored by Judy Resner and Susan Olsen. They will be printed in the Spot News.

Spot News- Tom Kaiser reported that the printer for the Spot News either needs major repairs costing \$650 - \$ 700 or we need to purchase a new printer. Discussion followed on new printers that would print color or printers that print just black and white. A motion was made by Lisa Wageman, seconded by John Reininger to purchase a color printer. Followed by discussion. Lisa Wageman amended the motion seconded, by John Reininger to purchase the Lexmark C750DN color printer. Motion Carried 9-6 in favor.

Program- Thank you to Mike Deer for tonight's program.

2004 Pedigree Book- Tom Kaiser reported that it is at the printers.

Christmas Party- Gail Meyers reported that she is still taking reservations for the party on Friday December 5. Please contact Gail and do not forget to bring your grab bag.

Show Chair- Joan Lester thanked everyone that helped with the specialty.

Show Secretary- Kris Carlsson reported everything has been sent in to A.K.C. and see you next year.

Specialty Raffle- Susan Olsen reported then raffle raised \$ 1,000 and the bake sale by Donna raised \$ 50.00.

Show Hospitality- Meg Hennessey reported that the box lunches went well.

Old Business-

Nominations:

President- Tom Kaiser

Vice President- Gail Meyers

Treasurer- Mike Hennessey

Recording Secretary- Karen Naess

Correspondence Secretary- Laura Kiedaisch

A motion was made by Meg Hennessey, seconded by Bea Carlsson to accept the nominated slate to be the elected slate. Motion Carried.

Board Members:

Kris Carlsson 2 years

Irene Jinks 2 years

Yvonne McPherson 2 years

Lisa Wageman 2 years

Meg Hennessey 1 year

Susan Olsen – Removed herself

The above are voted in.

New Business-

Sue Olsen reported that Cook County wants all dogs and cats to be microchipped. A.K.C. is against this.

Hostess- Thank you to Susan Olsen for this month. January- Kris Carlsson

A motion was made by Gail Meyers seconded, by Kris Carlsson to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Naess

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Laurel and Brad Allen
sponsored by Kris Benoit and Susan Olsen
Christine Harris
sponsored by Judy Resner and Susan Olsen



Happy Holidays!

The CDC Christmas Party is December 5, 2003

**If you forgot to make reservations, please contact
Gail Meyers immediately.**

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Notes 'N' News from Gail Meyers

I am sorry about the absence of my column last month, but my mind was occupied with my yearly October vacation not my column, and I apologize.

The good news is, however, that to my knowledge, everyone is on track, doing well, and no one lost a loved one. If you did, and I wasn't notified of it, please accept our condolences, and let me know so I can acknowledge it next month.

I would like to say that I know Diana Skibinski is well on her road to recovery. She is undergoing radiation treatments now, and we all hope that soon she will be rid of that problem and we will see a happy and healthy Diana in our midst again.

I would like to let everyone know that Doris Hoganson and her boy Hogan have finally achieved the title of CD! She was at Car-dun-al and Fox Valley's trials in November, and at the Car-dun-al trial came up high Dalmatian in trial! And earned a fourth leg at Fox Valley the next day. There are quite a lot of us who know just how hard that team worked to get to this point, and a hearty "well done" goes out to them both.

Just a reminder that the weather is changing for the worse, with winter and cold weather all most upon us. Please remember that although our Dals have fur coats, they are not as thick and warm as we might think, so try not to let them outside too long in the cold. Also, when the ice comes, so does the salt, which is not a pleasant thing for our friends to have on their feet. They appreciate a foot bath just as much as we do.

Until next time, stay well and stay happy.
Gail Meyers



The Canine Health Information Center - Post Pilot Update

E. Dziuk, *Orthopedic Foundation for Animals*

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

Conceived in 1999, the pilot program became operational in 2001 with 8 breeds enrolled. Today, there are 26 breeds participating through their parent clubs, and over 13,000 dogs have been issued CHIC numbers.

CHIC Mission Statement

To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

CHIC Goals

- To work with parent clubs in the identification of health issues for which a central information system should be established.
- To establish and maintain a central health information system in a manner that will support research into canine disease and provide health information to owners and breeders.
- To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the acceptance of information into the database.
- To base the availability of information on individually identified dogs at the consent of the owner.

CHIC Overview

The CHIC database is a tool that collects health information on individual animals from multiple sources. This centralized pool of data is maintained to assist breeders in making more informed breeding decisions and for scientists in conducting research. In order for data to be included in CHIC, test results must be based on scientifically valid diagnostic criteria.

Core to the CHIC philosophy is the realization that each breed has different health concerns. Not all diseases have known modes of inheritance, nor do all diseases have screening tests. Some screening tests are based on phenotypic evaluation, others on genetic testing. With all these variables, a key element of CHIC is to customize or tailor the CHIC requirements to the needs of each breed. These unique requirements are established through input from the parent club prior to the breed's entry into the CHIC program. Breed specific requirements typically consist of the inherited diseases that are of the greatest concern and for which some screening test is available. Regardless of breed, each dog must be permanently identified in order to have test results included in CHIC. Permanent identification may be in the form of microchip, or tattoo.

A CHIC number and CHIC report are issued when test results are entered into the database satisfying each breed specific requirement, and when the owner of the dog has opted to release the results into the public domain. The CHIC number by itself does not imply normal test results, rather, it indicates that all the required breed specific tests were performed and the results made publicly available. The CHIC report is a consolidated listing of the tests performed, the age of the dog at the time of the test, and the corresponding test results. As new results are recorded, updated CHIC reports reflecting the additional information are generated.

Once included in the CHIC program, the breed specific requirements are dynamic. As health priorities within a breed change, or as new screening tests become available, the breed



CH Dakota's Catch R Nokona Belle CGC TDIA

Dakota's Political Secrets ex CH Dakota Madurhason Incognito CGC



Belle is our first SHOW DOG. She and Karen have learned a lot together. Belle, shown exclusively by Karen, acquired her championship, finishing with a Specialty Best of Winners. Selectively speacialed, Belle has gone on to win 7 Best of Breeds and a Group Placement. We are most pleased with winning an Award of Merit at the Chicagoland Dalmatian Club Independent Specialty for the past two years. She is working as a Certified Therapy Dog, visiting 20 or more people at the nursing home each week. We are thankful that Belle came to live with us. She is the sunshine in our day.

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specific requirements can be modified to reflect the current environment. If the breed specific requirements are modified, existing CHIC numbers are not revoked. The CHIC number is issued to a dog completing all required tests at a given point in time.

CHIC provides each participating parent club quarterly reports consisting of both aggregate numbers and specific dogs that have been issued CHIC numbers.

CHIC Website

The CHIC website is located at www.caninehealthinfo.org. The website contains basic information on CHIC such as its mission and goals, and maintains a listing of the participating breeds and specific breed requirements. The CHIC website also provides a search engine to identify dogs that have been issued CHIC numbers. The CHIC website also provides direct hotlinks to the OFA website so users can take advantage of the expanded health screening information available on the dog's sire, dam, offspring, and siblings.

Participating Breeds/Test Requirements (as of Aug 2003)

Akita - Hips, Eyes, Thyroid	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog - Hips, Eyes, Elbows
American Water Spaniel - Hips, Eyes, Cardiac	Havanese - Hips, Eyes, Patellas, Deafness
Basenji - Hips, Eyes, Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency	Irish Setter - Hips, PRA, Thyroid
Bearded Collie - Hips, Eyes, Thyroid	Italian Greyhound - Hips, Eyes, Thyroid, Patellas
Belgian Sheepdog - Hips, Eyes, Elbows	Japanese Chin - Eyes, Patellas, Cardiac
Belgian Tervuren - Hips, Eyes, Elbows, Thyroid	Labrador Retriever - Hips, Eyes, Elbows
Borzoi - Eyes, Thyroid, Cardiac	Mastiff - Hips, Eyes, Elbows, Cardiac
Boston Terrier - Eyes, Patellas, Deafness	Newfoundland - Hips, Elbows, Cardiac, Cystinuria
Bull Terrier - Cardiac, Patellas, Kidney Function, Deafness	Papillon - Eyes, Cardiac, Patellas
Cumber Spaniel - Hips, Eyes; Elbows	Rhodesian Ridgeback - Hips, Eyes, Elbows, Thyroid
Golden Retriever - Hips, Eyes, Elbows, Cardiac	Rottweiler - Hips, Eyes, Elbows, Cardiac
Great Dane - Hips, Eyes, Thyroid, Cardiac	Tibetan Terrier - Hips, Eyes, Deafness
	Welsh Springer Spaniel - Hips, Eyes, Thyroid

Biographical Sketch

Eddie Dziuk earned a BS degree in Economics from Mount Saint Mary's College. He spent the next 16 years with the Fortune 100 IT firm, Electronic Data Systems (EDS). In August of 2001, Eddie left EDS to become the Chief Operating Officer of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). In this position, he has a unique opportunity to combine his years of business and management experience with his love of animals and concern over canine health issues. Eddie has been an active participant in the sport of purebred dogs for over twenty five years. As a breeder and exhibitor of beagles, he finished his first champion at the age of thirteen, and has owner-handled four different beagles to all breed best in show wins, including the breed's record holder for BIS and National Specialty wins.

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CH Oakdal's Miss Independence



Group 1st
Egyptian Kennel Club, Inc.
Judge: Pete Dawkins

Group 2nd
Greater Dekalb Kennel Club
Judge: Alvin Krause (Pictured)

Group 2nd
West Texas Kennel Club
Judge: Cynthia Sommers

Group 4th
Belle-City Kennel Club
Judge: C.P. Herendeen

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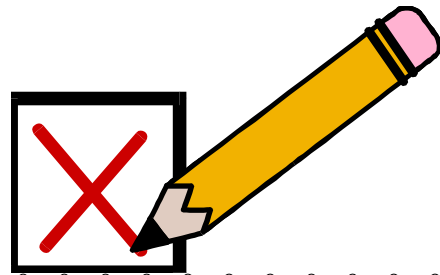
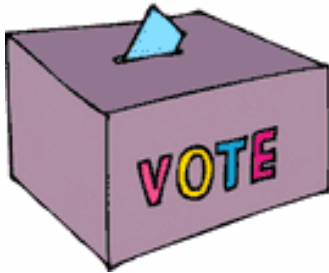


VOTE

It's Election Time again!
Here's your chance to let your voice be heard.
Enclosed in the December Spot News is a
ballot for the election of Judges for our
2005 Specialty.

Please mark your ballot for Sweepstakes and
Conformation judges and return it by
December 20 to:

Tom Kaiser
391 S. Berkley
Elmhurst, Il 60126.



Happy Holidays

At this time of celebrations
and parties,

Take time to appreciate
Your Family
Your Friends

And especially those
who love you
Unconditionally

Your Dads



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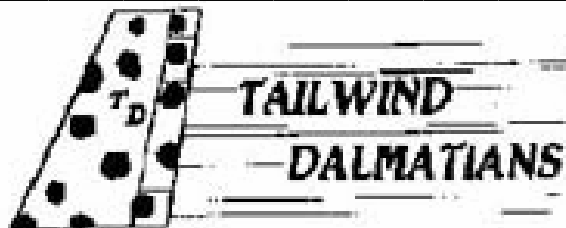
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