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## JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING & PINIC

We will be meeting at the home of Justin & Holly King on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to bring their dogs. We plan to take the dogs for a hike around the lake that is directly behind the home of the King's. After our hike we will meet once again at the house for a campfire meeting and cooking over the fire. We ask that you bring some way to confine your dogs-- x-pens, crates or tie down as the yard is not fenced yet and that will make it easier for you to cook and eat. You will be able to park right in the yard so if the dogs need to be crated inside your cars or vans they will be close by. You will also need to bring a lawn chair.

To make things easier on everyone, LaDonna King will be purchasing the things needed for the cookout and will just have everyone contribute a few dollars toward the cost. Once we know how many will be attending we will know better what the cost will be, it will probably be less than \$5.00 each.

It should be a night of fun for both the dogs as well as their owners. Please feel free to invite others to join us. To help know how many will be attending it is requested that you email LaDonna at [ladonna.king@kcbenefit.com](mailto:ladonna.king@kcbenefit.com) by July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Directions from the turnpike**---take exit 67 of the turnpike toward Greensburg, merge onto US 30E—go 12.2 miles to Georges Station Rd. make a **left**, go 9/10ths of a mile, turn **right** onto Donahoe Rd.—go 8/10ths of a mile and turn **left** onto Twin Lakes Rd. —go 3/10ths of a mile to 2 story grey house on **left** just past the parking lot of Twin Lakes. Directions can also be found on map quest for 163 Twin Lakes Rd. Latrobe, Pa 15650

## GPDC Specialty Results

The 41<sup>st</sup> Specialty was a success! Look for results on our webpage [www.pittsburghdalclub.com](http://www.pittsburghdalclub.com). For pictures use the link below to a photo album on Snapfish where we can share these photos. You can purchase any printed photos through Snapfish if you wish, or you can simply right click on the photo you want and download it to your computer for free. Please keep in mind that these pictures were taken by my husband Jim. This is his hobby. He is NOT a professional photographer. We receive no money for these photos. Snapfish is just a convenient way to upload the photos and share them with everyone. Thanks for attending the Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club Specialty. Hope to see you again next year! Lisa Bauer, Show Secretary, GPDC

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## Mark your Calendar – for FUN DAY!!!

## Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Settler's Cabin Park

## Details will be in the next Newsletter!

## BRAGS & Announcements



Onyx (Touchstone's The Good Life RA) earned her Rally Advanced Title June 7, 2008. She had a 2nd place finish on Friday and a 4th on Saturday. Onyx is owned and loved by Nancy Cummerick

Starwood's Touched by an Angel, NA, NAJ, CGC, TDI, PJ1, CL-1, CL-2: "Tess" finished her Level 2 Strategy Games title in CPE agility on May 17, completing all titles in Level 2 and earning the CL-2 designation. Tess also had qualifying runs in Level 3 Wildcard, Jackpot, and Fullhouse. Tess is owned and loved by Jim and Lisa Bauer.

Kingdom's Twist of Fate CGC,TDI "Gage" was Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed at the WPKA shows on March 29<sup>th</sup> under judge Paula Hartinger. Gage took a major reserve on May 24 under judge Robert Hutton and then went on to take Winners Dog for the major on May 25<sup>th</sup> under judge Norman Patton. Gage is owned and loved by LaDonna King.

## LEGISLATIVE ALERTS

### PA Bill to Allow Local BSL [Thursday, May 22, 2008]

Pennsylvania House Bill 2553 will remove the state's prohibition on breed specific local ordinances, thereby allowing municipalities to adopt any type of law applicable to dangerous dogs, including breed-specific ordinances. It is imperative that concerned dog owners in Pennsylvania contact their legislators and express their strong opposition to this bill.

The American Kennel Club supports reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs. The AKC believes that dog owners should be responsible for their dogs. We support laws that: establish a fair process by which specific dogs are identified as "dangerous" based on stated, measurable actions; impose appropriate penalties on irresponsible owners; and establish a well-defined method for dealing with dogs proven to be dangerous. The American Kennel Club strongly opposes any legislation that determines a dog to be "dangerous" based on specific breeds or phenotypic classes of dogs.

By allowing municipalities to impose breed-specific dangerous dog ordinances, HB 2553, if passed, will permit communities to unfairly target well-behaved dogs of specific breeds, thereby raising the possibility of harsh care and condition requirements or the possibility of penalties for owning certain breeds while not focusing on whether or not an individual dog has previously exhibited dangerous behavior. Additionally, the breed-specific ordinances allowed under this bill will create an unenforceable patchwork of dangerous dog rules across the Commonwealth.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Concerned Pennsylvania dog owners should contact the members of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Respectfully let them know that HB 2553 is an unacceptable means to address dog control issues. (reprinted from the AKC website)

### OH Breeders Bill to be Heard by Committee [Tuesday, May 20, 2008]

On Thursday, May 22, at 9:30 AM, the Ohio House State Government and Elections Committee will consider Ohio House Bill 223. Sponsored by Representative Jim Hughes of Clintonville, the bill seeks to require licensure and inspection of an establishment that, in any given year, keeps, houses, and maintains nine or more adult dogs for the purpose of breeding. House staff has confirmed that there will be **NO VOTE on the bill at this hearing.** (reprinted from the AKC website)

## CORRECTED GPDC MEMBERSHIP LIST

Please disregard list that was published in the April/May issue due to numerous errors. PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION ON THE LIST BELOW - If there are any additional errors or additions please email Nanci Cummerick at [symi40@aol.com](mailto:symi40@aol.com). Corrections will be printed in the next newsletter.

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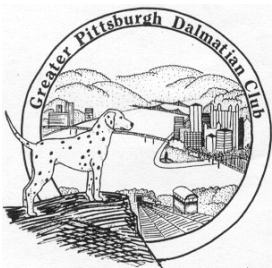
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