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GPDC TO PARTICIPATE IN ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The 2009 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 10:00am. Once again GPDC will participate. Last year we won second place for best pet act. This year Chair Kathy Wetzel is shooting for 1st place! Look for more details in your email, this newsletter and at the March Meeting. In the meantime check out the parade's website at <http://www.pittsburghirish.org/parade/>

You can see more pictures from last year's parade - you'll find our Dals in the Second Division gallery.

PARADE PRACTICE A SUCCESS

A fun time was had by all that participated in the clubs practice for marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Pittsburgh. We were pleased with the wonderful turn out. The dogs all seemed to have a grand time learning to go through hoops and all did a great job. It has been decided that we will not use the hoops during the actual parade, as we feel that letting go of leashes with 200,000 screaming people would not be a good idea. The new plan consisted of walking to the grandstand in order with the largest to smallest dog, turning toward the grandstand and having the dogs sit while one dog does some trick to impress the judges. It was amazing to watch this group of dogs line up and sit so quickly, even the puppies cooperated. We took a break mid way through training to share some pizza and salad and have some visiting time.

ST. Patrick's Day Food Drive



Pittsburgh's Saint Patrick's Day Parade has a long tradition as one of the largest St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the country. Each year, over 20,000 marchers and 200,000 spectators gather in downtown Pittsburgh to celebrate this great event.

Once again this March, the Hibernian Hunger Project in cooperation with the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is sponsoring a "Food and Funds Drive" to support the work of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

More than ever, families and individuals in our area are struggling to meet the challenge of putting food on the table. We hope that you will join us again in turning this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration into a chance to help these families. As a parade participant, we are inviting your group to take part the in drive by collecting either non-perishable food items or money. By the way, cash is a great way to donate. Each dollar donated translates to approximately \$5.00 of buying power for the food bank through purchasing subsidies and other programs. Collections should take begin now and continue through Saturday, March 7th.

On or before March 7th, your group can contact one of the people listed below and we'll make arrangements to pick up your donation. Or you can contact us via email at hibernianhungerproject@comcast.net.

North: Bob Parry: 724.933.0427 - **East:** Kevin O'Donnell: 412.613.3500, **South/West:** Terry Callahan 412-370-3717

Groups who collect the most (pounds of non-perishable food and/or funds which can be used to purchase additional food at an average cost of \$1.69 per pound) will receive special at the Post-Parade Awards party. Last year's winner was AOH Division 9 who collected over 2,500 lbs. for the food bank. The Pittsburgh region has a well-deserved reputation for generosity. In this spirit, you can be a part of another great "St. Patrick's Day" tradition! Thank you for your consideration in the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Food Drive, and don't forget that we'll also have collection points located along the parade route on the day of the parade. *Hibernian Hunger Project*



"Have you joined the GPDC Yahoo group yet? The Yahoo Group is a great way for GPDC members to stay in contact with each other, have conversations, share brags, share announcements, share files, share photos, give surveys, etc. You too can join the Yahoo group, visit our website: www.pittsburghdalcub.com and look for the purple Yahoo Groups square to get started. Just think what you are missing..."

**“Kingdom's My Dal Joey RN”
Celebrated his 8th birthday on
February 19th**

Joey is owned and loved by Kathy & Jim Wetzel



**“Dnebrk Kingdom S'pot O Gold”
Celebrated her 10th Birthday on
Feb. 20th 1999**

Eriana is owned and loved by Nanci and Larry Good



AKC DALMATIAN REGISTRATION STATISTICS RANKING

2008 - #74 2007 - #77 2003 - #80 1998 - #30

JOIN US ON THE GPDC BLOG

Lisa Bauer is planning to do a presentation about the new club blog at the March Membership Meeting. We are hoping that club members will learn how to post on the blog, so that we can share brags, birthdays, pictures, club news, etc. If you would like to take a look at the club blog: <http://www.gpdcpot.blogspot.com/>

If you are interested in trying to post to the blog now or can't attend the meeting email LaDonna at ladonna.king@kinggroupinc.com she can give you the information that you need to sign in to the blog.

Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2008

Present: Kathy Wetzel, Jim Wetzel, Lisa Bauer, Jim Bauer, Cindy Kulikowski, Tim Morris, Elise Morris, Barb Allison, LaDonna King, Nanci Good, Nancy Cummerick (& her sister Pat), Kevin Boston, Milly Cavanaugh, Paul Cavanaugh, Joe Schwab, Mary Ann Maudhaut, Kim Melen, Larry Melen 8:20 pm Meeting was called to order by the President, Kathy Wetzel

Next meeting is set for Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 pm at the WPKA Crafton Training Center (SECRETARY'S NOTE THAT THIS MEETING HAS SINCE BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2009 AT 2:30 FOR THE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING AT 3:00 PM AT THE WPKA TRAINING CENTER (57 Noble Ave. Crafton, PA 15205)

Discussion was about changing the newsletter to use blogging as a means of distributing information to the members of the GPDC. LaDonna King offered to work with other volunteers to help do this.

Nanci Good is retiring after the 2009 Show as Chairman. Lisa Bauer has retired from her duties as Show Secretary. She will not be doing Conformation in the future shows. Nancy Cummerick will be the Show Secretary for the Specialty in June 2009.

Dues for the American Dog Owners Association are \$35. for the 2008 year. It was moved by Tim Morris and seconded by Jim Wetzel to pay \$35. for our dues. All in favor, motion passed.

8:40 pm It was moved by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Cindy Kulikowski to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Anne Elise Morris, Recording Secretary. Approved at the January Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009 @ 1:00pm

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Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2009

Present:Kathy Wetzel, LaDonna King, Barb Allison, Nanci Good, Tamy Boice, Jim Wetzel, Tim Morris, Anne Elise Morris, Debbie Poole, Chris Aronowski, Kevin Boston, Rick Hunt, Nancy Cummerick, Paul Lyons, RoseAnn Lyons 3;10pm Meeting called to order by President Kathy Wetzel.

Minutes from the December 6, 2008 GPDC meeting were read by Elise Morris. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (read by LaDonna King for Treasurer Nancy Cummerick: The December 2008 and January 2009 financial reports were read with beginning balances, disbursements, receipts and ending balances. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Also, annual dues are now payable. Dues are now \$20.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for a family.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Boice

Membership: Application has been received from Paul and RoseAnn Lyons. They will be voted on by the members at a future meeting.

Breeder Referral-Barb Allison continues to receive calls from interested people seeking puppies.

Election of officers for 2009 The nominating committee has presented a slate of candidates and officers. For the Board of Directors Tim Morris term has expired and he has chosen not to run for another term. Debbie Poole was asked to run for a position on the Board of Directors. All other officers positions remain the same as last year, however nominations can still be announced from the floor and voted on at the next meeting in March. Those candidates are: President, Kathy Wetzel, Vice President, Nanci Good, Treasurer, Nancy Cummerick, Corresponding Secretary, Tammy Boice Recording Secretary, Anne Elise Morris, Board of Directors, LaDonna King, Debbie Poole, Barb Allison

Newsletter: Kevin Boston The newsletter will be published monthly or sometimes every other month. Membership list was passed around for those attending to mark either to receive e-mail only or requesting a printed copy of the newsletter. This will save on printing and postage costs.

Blog discussion by LaDonna King. This electronic means of communication will be an effective way to make announcements. Our blog address is www.GPDCspot.blogspot.com At the March 22nd meeting, Lisa Bauer will show how to do a blog and will answer questions.

Specialty Nancy Good The GPDC Specialty is June 19, 2009 at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Judges will need to be decided. LaDonna King will serve as Steward, Tammy Boice will do the Premium List, Kevin Boston will do the catalog and the judges schedule.

Fun Day is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2009. at Settler's Cabin Park.

New Business: The DCA (Dalmatian Club of America) has requested a donation, for which we will get a T-shirt that can be raffled off in the future. It was moved by Tim Morris and seconded by Nancy Good to donate \$35.00 to the DCA for the Road Trial fund. All in favor, motion passed.

St. Patrick's Day parade will be Saturday, March 14,2009 at 10:00. Last year the GPDC was runner up for best animal group in the parade. This year we will try to be first, so there is a February 22,2009 (Sunday) practice at the Splash-N-Dash in Plum Borough to prepare for the parade. Details will be in the newsletter or on the blog. Next Club meeting date will be March 22, 2009. tentatively set for the Rivertowne Pour House in Monroeville. Time to be announced.

T-Shirts are available with Ray Poole doing the machine embroidery with Dalmatian GPDC on it. Kelly Green shirts are \$8 and \$9.50 and the Royal Blue shirts with collars are \$13.00. Order forms passed out and checks payable to Kathy Wetzel. Kevin Boston also brought the denim shirts with our own GPDC Club emblem on it, several sizes still available to purchase.

Various brags. 3:55 PM It was moved by LaDona King and seconded by Jim Wetzel to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Anne Elise Morris, Recording Secretary. Minutes pending approved at the March Meeting.

GREATER PITTSBURGH DALMATIAN CLUB T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

JERSEY POLO SHIRT, ROYAL BLUE WITH LOGO

SM__\$13.00 M__\$13.00 LG__\$13.00 XL__\$13.00 2X__\$15.00
3XL__\$15.00

T-SHIRT, KELLY GREEN WITH LOGO


SM__\$8.00 M__\$8.00 LG__\$8.00 XL__\$8.00 2X__\$9.50
3XL__\$9.50

TOTAL ENCLOSED:_____ NAME:_____ PH:_____

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