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2008 AWARDS/HOLIDAY DINNER

By Lisa Bauer

On December 6, 2008, members and friends of the Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club gathered at the Rivertowne Pourhouse in Monroeville for our annual awards/holiday dinner. Cindy Kulikowski and I had the honor of chairing this year's event.

Because the Pourhouse has the technology to allow us to connect a laptop to a large screen in the banquet room, we were able to present a slideshow celebrating GPDC Dals and the activities of the Club throughout 2008. Several members submitted photos for the slideshow, and it was enjoyed by all during the evening. Each family also received a CD containing the slideshow that they can view on their home computer. Many thanks to the members who took the time to submit photos to share in the slideshow! I hope we can make this an annual presentation.

After a wonderful dinner of salad, grilled herb chicken, eggplant parmigiana, red potatoes, and vegetables, Cindy and I were privileged to present the awards to the owners of Dals who titled in 2008. Each recipient received a clock featuring photos of their Dal with an engraved plate listing their accomplishments.



Our first awardee was LaDonna King and Kingdom's Twist of Fate. Gage earned his AKC Championship and is now Kingdom Dalmatians' first homebred Champion. Congratulations, LaDonna and Gage!



Next, we were proud to present Kathy Wetzal and Kingdom's My Pal Joey with an award honoring their Rally Novice title. Joey completed his title with three successive qualifying scores. Way to go, Kathy and Joey!



Our next awardees were near and dear to my heart, as we honored Jim Bauer and Starwood's Touched by an Angel for their achievements in the agility ring. Tess earned her Canine Performance Events Level 1 and Level 2 titles during 2008, each of which comprises four separate titles in Standard, Handler Games, Strategy Games, and Fun Games. Jim and Tess also received their Performance Gamblers 1, Performance Snooker 1, Performance Pairs Relay 1, and Performance Jumpers 2 titles under the United States Dog Agility Association. Keep up the good work, Jim and Tess!



Last, but not least, Cindy and I were pleased to recognize Nancy Cummerick and Touchstone's The Good Life. Oxyx completed her Rally Advanced title in June 2008. We look forward to cheering this awesome pair on to their Rally Excellent title in the near future!



After recognizing the handlers and Dals who titled in 2008, Cindy and I presented certificates to two pups we know well, Kingdom's For Peet Sake and Kingdom's All That Jazz. Peet and Jazz earned their AKC Canine Good Citizen designations at the tender age of nine and a half months! Peet and Jazz have been in training classes together since they were little puppies, and it was such a thrill to celebrate the achievements of this wonderful brother-sister team.

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Awards Dinner

(continued from front page) Money was raised for GPDC during the evening by auctioning off a beautiful piece of framed artwork. After an extensive round of bidding, the print of a Dal and a fire truck was won by Kathy Wetzel, who then presented it to LaDonna King.

No holiday gathering would be complete without the famous GPDC gift exchange. If you've never participated, you're missing quite an event! Everyone was assigned a number and was called in order to choose a gift from under the Christmas tree. The catch is that you can either choose a gift from under the tree, or claim a gift that has already been chosen by someone else! This lively exchange went on for quite a while before we all settled down to open our gifts.



All in all, we enjoyed a wonderful evening with good friends, good food, and holiday cheer! Thanks to everyone who attended, and congratulations again to our awardees. We're so proud of you and your Dals! All the best to everyone in 2009!

MEETING RESCHEDULED

The next meeting will now be on February 8th

Board Meeting 2:30 PM

General Membership Meeting 3:00 PM

WPKA Training Center in Crafton

(See directions on last page)

NEW CLUB BLOG - www.gpdcsport.blogspot.com

Share brags, birthdays, pictures, and news!

Lisa Bauer will do a presentation on how to blog at the March meeting



Member Birthdays

Happy Birthday Tammy Boice - January 31st

Kathy Wetzel - January 31st



Peanut Butter Recall Expanded to Dog Biscuits

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UPI) -- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said the nationwide recall of possibly contaminated peanut butter products has expanded to include some dog biscuits.

The FDA said PetSmart Inc. of Phoenix, Ariz., is voluntarily recalling seven of its Grreat Choice-brand dog biscuit products that contain peanut paste made by the Peanut Corp. of America. That company is the focus of a FDA investigation into potential salmonella contamination of peanut butter and paste made at its Blakely, Ga., plant.

The recalled Grreat Choice dog biscuits were sold between Aug. 21 and Jan. 19.

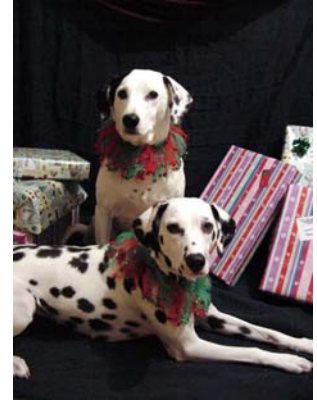
The deadline for February's 101 Spot extended until February 2nd

BRAGS, BRAGS AND MORE BRAGS!!!!!!!



Starwood's Touched by an Angel - "Tess" earned her AKC Open Agility Jumpers title on November 29, 2008, with a first place qualifying score. On December 27 and 28, Tess completed the requirements for her CPE Level 3 Standard title and Level 3 Fun Games title. Each of these titles require a total of six qualifying scores at this level of competition. Tess is owned, loved, and trained by Jim and Lisa Bauer.

Kingdom's All That Jazz - "Jazz" passed her Therapy Dogs International test and became a registered Therapy Dog just five days after her first birthday. Jazz is looking forward to joining Tess for pet therapy visits at UPMC Passavant Hospital, as well as continuing her occasional visits to Green Meadows Nursing Home with her brother Peet and her breeder, LaDonna King. Jazz is owned, loved, and trained by Lisa and Jim Bauer.



My Maggie (aka **Devil In My Eye Maggie Mae** AX, AXJ, OAP, OJP, AD, OAC, NGC, NJC, RN, CGC, TT) is turning 13 years old on Feb 11th. She competed in Oct 2008 at 12 years of age to earn her Rally Novice (RN) obedience title.

Although she excelled at agility in her show career, the SINGLE obedience title is quite an accomplishment for a dalmatian who failed puppy kindergarten 3 TIMES (yes folks - that really happened - I was there for all 3!).

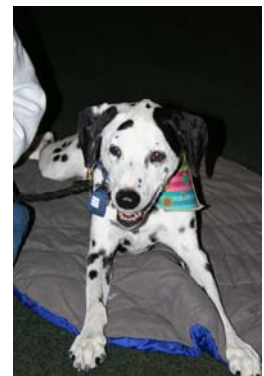
No matter what title she has, she is enjoying retirement now. She loves her Ridgeback friends and those long walks in the woods. And oh yeah - that OTHER dalmatian in the house (little sister Jolene) is ok too. Maggie is owned and loved by Tammy Boice.

Brother & Sister Celebrate 7th Birthday

Ch. Rim Rock's Heads I Win RN - "Garrett" owned and loved by Barb Allison

Ch. Rim Rock's Sweet Smile Gal - "Jessie" owned and loved by Kevin Boston, Richard Hunt & Ian Hunt.

Look Who's Almost 14!!



Hood-ee Crockett's Shadow CDX, RE, OA, OAJ, CGC, TDI (and almost UD, just 1 Q short) aka "Spencer" will celebrate his 14th Birthday on Jan 30th and he still going strong, just a little wobbly and still getting in trouble!

AKC changes to the *Obedience Regulations*

In 2007, the AKC Board approved three optional titling classes, which became effective on January 1, 2009. Offering these classes is entirely optional and the club's decision.

- Graduate Novice. Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes; suggested judging rate is eight dogs per hour.
- Graduate Open. Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Open or higher; judging rate is seven dogs per hour.
- Versatility. Structure is slightly different from when this class could be offered as a non-regular class, with 12 possible combinations provided for judges to choose from; judges must be approved to judge Utility; suggested judging rate is six dogs per hour.

Three new non-regular classes have been added to the *Obedience Regulations*, as approved by the AKC Board at the July 2007 Board meeting. These classes are Wild Card Novice, Wild Card Open, and Wild Card Utility. Judges must have trained and exhibited a dog to the Utility title and must apply to the AKC for approval to judge non-regular classes.

A new Master (OM)/Grand Master (OGM) title program was added to recognize consistently high scoring dogs, in which title points will be recorded for dogs with a Utility title. The point schedule is listed in the regulations. Effective on January 1, 2010, clubs will have the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials concurrently, at the same time on the same day (as opposed to two trials in succession under the current rules). A new non-regular class, Obedience Advanced Team Work, may be offered. Effective July 1, 2010, a club may offer a new optional titling class, Beginners Novice (BN), which is a class designed to bridge Rally and Novice level obedience. Additionally, effective January 1, 2011, the CD CDX, UD, GN, GO, VER, and BN titles will be awarded to any dog who receives three qualifying scores under two different judges. This will change the current requirement of three qualifying scores under three different judges. Additional information on changes and effective dates are on the [AKC website](#).

SEW UNLEASHED renews advertising in 101 Spots — Expands Products

In May 2008, long time 101 Spots Advertiser and friend of 101 Spots, Sue Wolfe of Sew Unleashed became a distributor for Market America. (Market America a product brokerage & internet marketing firm specializing in one-to-one marketing is one of the largest online retailers for consumers worldwide).

Market America's product lines includes PETS. The pet line includes a product called PetHealth™ OPC with Glucosamine. This product was created for both dogs & cats and is a unique antioxidant and joint health formula in a natural beef-flavored powder that's sprinkled over your pet's food. PetHealth OPC provides free radical-fighting antioxidant protection along with joint and cartilage support. This product is a great supplement for any pet, and especially good for older pets and pets with health issues such as allergies. A 90-serving canister of PetHealth™ OPC is \$20.95 plus shipping (a serving size is dependent upon your pet's weight). Key ingredients are Grape Seed Extract, Red Wine Extract, Pine Bark Extract, Bilberry Extract, Citrus Bioflavonoids, and Glucosamine.

Please feel free to contact Sue for more information on PetHealth™ OPC or visit her web portal at www.marketamerica.com/sewunleashed. Sue's email is info@sewunleashed.com & her toll-free # is 1-800-211-1202 x26206. She does plan to be a vendor at a few dog shows this year (locations to be announced at a later time).

PLEASE SEE SUE'S BUSINESS CARD AD ON THE LAST PAGE OF 101 SPOTS - TELL SEW UNLEASHED 101 SPOTS SENT YOU!!



2009 Membership Dues DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE!

Individual \$20 — Family \$25 Checks should be payable to GPDC and mailed to N. Cummerick, 527 Humphrey Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601

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PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Board Mtg 2:30pm General Mtg 3:00pm

WPKA Training Center

57 Noble Avenue

Crafton, PA 15205

Directions to WPKA Training Center

From I-79 - Exit at Crafton Route 60 South; go south on Rt. 60 approximately 2 miles; cross bridge; continue straight on Rt. 60 South; go to second traffic light past the Dairy Queen Store; this is Noble Avenue; turn right onto Noble Avenue; go through two traffic lights; training center is the third building on the right.

From Parkway West - Take Greentree/Crafton Exit; follow ramp for Crafton; at traffic light, turn right onto Poplar Street; at next light, turn left onto Noblestown Road; at the first light (Burger King) turn right onto Baldwick; follow to end and turn left onto Crafton Blvd.; make first right onto Noble Avenue; school is on the left approximately two blocks down.

Shaw's Beer Distributor is on the first floor. The entrance to the school is on the side of the building. Take the ramp up to the second floor.



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******DATE CHANGE Membership Meeting February 8th, DATE CHANGE******
