



## August/September, 2013

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is 9/25/13**

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**No Meeting In August,  
Enjoy our Specialty  
Shows and help out  
where you can.**

**Next meeting will be on  
Sunday, September 21**

**WRDC Picnic - 2-5pm  
WRDC Meeting - 5pm  
See directions inside.**

# Spotted Copy

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## Parasite Prevention, Inside and Out

Fleas and ticks can afflict a pet all year long, but the summer months play a crucial role in preventing a parasite infestation.

That's why Dr. Leslie Gellatly, a veterinarian at the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, part of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, recommends treating dogs and cats with topical flea and tick control once every 30 days year-round.

"Fleas and ticks are bothersome to pets and they can carry diseases," says Dr. Gellatly. "When the flea bites a pet, this is not only painful to the animal; but if swallowed, the flea can transmit parasites."

According to Dr. Gellatly, tapeworms are transmitted to dogs when a pet swallows a flea that is carrying tapeworms. Once in the pet's body, the tapeworms mature and live in the intestines, impairing the pet's ability to absorb nutrients from its food and potentially causing other problems.

The more obvious downside of fleas is flea allergy dermatitis, which is the most common skin disorder in dogs in the United States of America.

Flea allergy dermatitis causes sores on a dog's lower back, base of tail, and inner thighs.

The dog may be restless and uncomfortable, and lead to scratching, licking and chewing at the affected areas.

"Flea allergy dermatitis is more prevalent in the summer months, but it has the potential to be a problem all year—depending on the climate in which the pet lives," says Dr. Gellatly.

Ticks can carry many diseases, including Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Ehrlichia. Preventing tick attachment is important because these diseases can be fatal to cats and dogs. Ticks generally need to be attached for at least 24-48 hours to transmit disease.

Dr. Gellatly recommends consulting a veterinarian to determine the products that will work best for your pet. One factor to consider is your pet's lifestyle. Dogs that spend time in wooded areas may need a higher level of protection than do dogs that remain in towns and cities.

"Not all flea and tick products are the same," advises Dr. Gellatly. "The quality of control of different over-the-counter products varies."

## *Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations*



In addition, some topical dog products can be lethal to cats, and some over-the-counter products have an increased risk of reactions.

For more information about parasite prevention, speak with your local vet.

Sarah Netherton  
Information Specialist

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#### Agility / Road Trial

Linda Lombardi

**I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.**

**Steve Allen**

**To a dog, motoring isn't just a way of getting from here to there, it's also a thrill and an adventure. The mere jingle of car keys is enough to send most any dog into a whimpering, tail-wagging frenzy.**

**Jon Winokur**

**When you feel dog tired at night, it may be because you've growled all day long.**

**Unknown**

**The first rule in successful dog training is to be smarter than the dog. Which is why, some people start with a real disadvantage.**

**Anonymous**

## Editor's Note

Since I began publishing this newsletter in April of 1994, Lady Maxine's quotations have received many positive comments from our members and a few raised eyebrows. Her collection of almost 800 quotes regarding our canine friends offer many insights of humor, beliefs philosophy, and observations. However, we have now come to the end of her collection.

I would like to ask the members whether to start over again at the beginning or drop the column since it has been a part of the "Spotted Copy" for so many years. Your call, yea or nay. Please give the editor some feedback on this.



## Holistic Remedies – Using Herbs in the Kitchen by Gregory L. Tilford

Kitchen herbs may seem lackluster without trendy, exotic sounding names but some of the most useful and safest herbs for animals are stored in our kitchens.

Fennel seed represents a good option for relief of gastric discomfort. A cooled tea works very well for this purpose; one teaspoon of the dried seeds in eight ounces of boiling water, steeped until cool.

The tea can be fed at a rate of two to four tablespoons for each

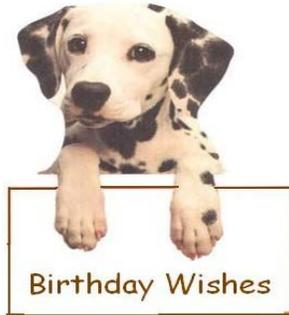
## Birthday Wishes

20 pounds of your dog's body weight, or it can be added to his drinking water, as generously as he will tolerate.

A glycerin tincture also works very well, and allows the convenience of a smaller dosage for finicky animals; 10-20 drops (or more precisely, up to 0.75 ml) per 20 pounds of the animal's weight, as needed.

Fennel is high in vitamins C and A, calcium, iron, potassium, and varying amounts of linoleic acid. It is an especially good nutritional adjunct for dogs whose chronic indigestion cannot be attributed to a specific disease entity. Fennel also helps increase appetite, and freshens the breath – thanks to its antibacterial activity in the mouth – and by minimizing belching.

Fennel also has estrogen-like properties, which may explain why the herb has been used for centuries to increase milk production in nursing mothers. Some herbalists find that fennel helps alleviate urinary incontinence in spayed dogs by acting on hormone imbalances that contribute to the problem.



### August, 2013

Pokatalica Delta Force  
8/14/2009 – Monica Callahan

#### NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Richard & Lesley Sinwald  
August 1, 1981

Cindy Riggans – August 6

Greg & Martha Brown  
August 14, 1972

### September, 2013

Pokatalica's Toujours L'Audace  
9/2/2010 – Monica Callahan

Zdar n Pteitte's Sugardals Miss  
Megadot's Too  
9/11/2009 – Dan & Becky  
Petitte

Zdar n Ivadal's Enduring Freedom  
9/11/2009 – Rick & Lesley  
Sinwald

Zdar n Ivadal's Colour My World  
9/18/2009 – Ann Swope

Zdar Special Package  
9/18/2009 – Shannon Pratt

Zdar's n Ivadal Acellerator  
9/18/2009 – Cindy Riggans

Grace Kelly Sinwald  
9/27/2008 – Rick & Lesley  
Sinwald

Chance Winston Sinwald  
9/27/2008 – Rich & Lesley  
Sinwald

#### NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Velma Deitrick – Sept. 9

Sean & Shannon Pratt  
September 24, 2011

Barbara Brandon – Sept. 25

Lesley Sinwald – Sept 25

Scott & Tammy Edmundson  
September 26, 1992

Send your birthday/anniversary  
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# In Case of an Emergency

Who would take care of your dog if you were hurt and unable to do so? To make sure vital information regarding your dog is easily accessible to others, take a few moments to fill out this emergency information sheet.

List two or three people as contacts in case of emergency. Include the contact's name, address, and telephone number. Make sure at least one of the contacts has a set of your house keys.

You may also want your attorney to draft a written statement, which gives immediate custody of your dog to a designated individual with that individual's consent. Notify that individual of his or her responsibility, and put his or her name, address, and phone number on your emergency information sheet.

Attach a recent photo of your dog to the information sheet to help others locate your dog if it should wander off.

Put the information sheet on your refrigerator or other prominent spot in your house. You may also want to keep similar information in your wallet. If you are unable to care for your dog due to an accident or emergency, someone will be able to follow the instructions on the sheet to provide necessary care.

## Emergency Pet Information

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterinarian's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterinarian's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a recent  
photo of your dog

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medication instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of food, dishes, biscuits, medication: \_\_\_\_\_

The following people will care for my dog in case of an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB

Courtesy of Central Carolina Dalmatian Club

### Why Croatia?

◆ Most canine historians link the origination to Dalmatia, a state in modern day Croatia. However, there is little evidence that the breed was ever really there!

◆ The name may have come from a religious vestment – a tunic type garment called a Dalmatic developed in Dalmatia that sometimes was trimmed in ornamental bands of ermine – a spotted creature.

### Romany Gypsies May Have Played A Role

Some evidence exists that Dalmatians were a favorite of Gypsies who migrated from the Upper Himalayas into Western Europe in the late 15th Century. Dalmatians hunted, guarded, and because of their striking appearance provided moneymaking entertainment for their Gypsy masters. Their association with the nomadic Gypsies may well explain why they appear in so many geographic regions historically with no one single source of origin!



Queen Victoria had a Dalmatian to accompany her on her drives.

### Where Did Dalmatians Originate?

“A good deal of uncertainty as to the origin shrouds the undoubted antiquity of the Dalmatian dog.” –

Herbert Crompton, 1904

The earliest illustration of a spotted dog dates back to 3000 BC in the tomb or Redmera at Thebes. It is unlikely that this

was a Dalmatian, but it may have been a forbearer of the breed we know today.

### Greece? India?

**1700 BC** – A fresco at Tyrnia, the birthplace of Hercules, depicts a stag hunting scene with a large number of dogs very closely resembling Dalmatians.

**1556** – a print was published of a “recently imported Indian dog that was white and covered in small black spots.

### What We DO Know....

**1560** – Dalmatians were imported from France to England

**1665** – Dalmatians were used in Italy as hunting dogs dating at least from the early 1600's

**1780** – Dalmatians were kept as “coaching dogs” by genteel houses.

**1780** – The first printed use of the word Dalmatian in the English language.

**1787** – George Washington purchased a Dalmatian stud dog



No picture of Mount Vernon is complete without dogs.

**1862** – Dalmatians were first “shown” in a dog show in England.

**1888** – The first Dalmatian was registered with the AKC

**1904** – The Dalmatian Club of America was founded

**1906** – The First Road Trial for Dalmatians was held in America.

### Hunting Dogs? Coaching Dogs? Firehouse Dogs?

◆ Dalmatians were used as hunting dogs by Gypsies, in Italy, in France, in Spain, and in the US by none other than George Washington!

◆ Their coaching heritage developed largely in England.

◆ Their position as a Fire House dog is uniquely a US phenomenon.

One thing is clear. The Dalmatian is a versatile, highly trainable breed that likes to have a job and many cultures have appreciated our spotted pals for at least 500 years!

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## September Meeting and Cookout

**Sunday, Sept. 22 from 2 – 7pm**

From our meeting place at Strongsville Fire Station, take Route #82 west about 8 miles. Past Prospect, past Columbia, and past Station Road. Next left is Cowley Road, turn left (south) on Cowley for exactly 3 miles to a yellow colonial, blacktop driveway and red mailbox.

- **RSVP by Sept. 10**, to know how many steaks to buy. WRDC will have 8 oz. NY strip steaks and soda. Bring steak knives.
- Swimsuits/fishing rods are ok, but please leave your Dals at home for this meeting
- Please bring a side dish, salad or desert to share
- BYOBeer or adult beverage

From the North, take Columbia Road to Route #82. From the South, take I-77 to Route #18 to I-71. Take I-71 north, exit on Route 303 and go west, Cowley runs between #82 and #303. From the East, take I-480 to Route #83 and go south to Route #82, turn left to Cowley.

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## Why Some Pet Photos Make Me Nervous

Nancy Kay, DVM ©

Call me an uptight vet or an overanxious mom if you like, but I get a deep-in-the-gut unsettled feeling every time I view a particular type of pet photo that has become all the rage these days, particularly on Facebook.

I'll bet you've seen these photos- the ones in which pets and young children are posed together. Have you seen the one of the newborn baby practically buried under the massive head of the family dog? How about the image of a young child carrying (dangling) a kitty by one leg? And then there is the photo that frightens me the most- the one in which a youngster is face-to-face with the muzzle of a dog, and the expression on that dog's face is usually one of confusion or subjugation. When I view these images I cringe, wondering if and when that animal is going to lash out at that young child. I have the desire to shake the photographer while screaming, “Danger, danger!”

I'd like to tell you about Ben, a patient of mine many years ago who helped set the stage for my “nervous condition”. One or two adults along with two young children typically accompanied this lovely Saint Bernard to his appointments with me. The children were always busy interacting with their dog. At any given moment one might be dragging Ben around the room by his collar. Whenever Ben did manage to lie down, he was treated him like a beanbag chair, the two children leaping and falling onto his soft belly. Ben always remained the gentle

giant, ridiculously tolerant of the children's disrespectful behavior. My attempts to tactfully educate the parents about setting limits for their kids failed miserably. They reassured me that their children were simply demonstrating love for Ben who, in return, would never dole out anything but affection.

I was saddened but not surprised to receive a phone call from the children's mother asking if I knew of anyone who might be willing to adopt Ben right away, and it needed to be a home without children. It seems that Ben finally snapped, both literally and figuratively. He bit the youngest child in the face prompting an emergency room visit and extensive surgery. The child would be permanently scarred (likely emotionally as well as physically) and the family needed to rehome Ben or have him put to sleep. Given the bite history, a suitable home for Ben could not be found. I remember crying as I set about the task of euthanizing my beautiful and dignified patient.

### Respect and safety

When it comes to teaching young children about interacting with animals, I am all about two things: respect and safety. The respect part of the equation translates into a child behaving gently and kindly towards animals- no tugging on ears or tails, placing fingers inside mouths, pulling on collars, using the animal as a body pillow, lifting the animal without help from a grownup, or interrupting sleep or meals. Such respect is not intuitive for most youngsters. It is something that must be taught and carefully supervised- no different than when teaching other important life lessons.

The safety piece is simple. Neither the child nor the animal should sustain injury as a result of their interactions. I would need dozens more fingers and toes to count the number of animals I have treated who have been unintentionally injured, often seriously, by the actions of a young child. Flip the coin and ask seasoned emergency room physicians how many young children they have treated who were injured by the family pet. They too would need more fingers and toes. Be it the child or the animal who is injured, in most cases they are victims of adults not paying attention.

### What you can do

Here are some things you can do to enhance safe and respectful interactions between young children and animals:

- Actively teach young children how to interact with animals in a gentle, respectful fashion. Role model this behavior every chance you get.
- Be reminded that every animal is capable of unpredictable behavior. Never leave a young child unsupervised with an animal, even if that animal happens to be the beloved family pet.
- An eating or sleeping animal is wearing a "do not disturb" sign which should be respected.
- If your pet enjoys spending time in a crate or other small, enclosed shelter, consider this to be their sacred space and bar young children from entering.
- Avoid subjecting your pet to uncomfortable or unnatural, poses for the sake of a photo!



## WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, 15 members and 3 guests in attendance.

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- There will not be a regular meeting in August (Bob Smith may call a Board meeting after the Friday Specialty). The next regular meeting will be September 22, Steak Roast at Don and Debbie's.

2013 Specialty Shows - To date, Linda has received 27 entries, expects to receive more before the 7/24/13 closing date; Lesley thanked for placing our Specialty Show info on SHOWDALS.

REPORT OF SECRETARY - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF TREASURER - Report given.

### COMMITTEES:

**Sunshine** - Kenny Riggins is back in the VA Hospital; Cindy Chaytor's basement took in a LOT of water.

**Spotted Copy** - The August and September issues will be combined and will include the AWARDS information sheet covering 10/1/12 - 9/30/13.

**Holiday Banquet** - Pam will advise the date.

**Programs** – We are seeking a program for the November meeting. .

**Specialty Shows** - Lesley reminded members to bring a dozen cookies on Friday; Lorain County's CERT team will be on the grounds again this year. As yet, we don't have a fire truck; however Nancy Abbott is checking on the availability - Debbie Gotsch made a motion, 2nd by Kathy Szomoru to pay \$50 for the fire truck on Friday, 11 am - 3 pm (photo op) - motion carried. Lesley concluded by advising all details are covered for the 2013 Shows.

**Membership** - Tim Farris received his pin.

**2014 Puppy Match** - The pavilion, Columbia Park, is reserved for June 21, 2014 - we will need a Chairperson.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Nominating Committee** - The vote will be held in October, candidates will be shown in the August-September SPOTTED COPY.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The WRDC October 19th meeting will be held at Medina Kennel Club's location (driving information to be shown in SPOTTED COPY) starting at 3 pm. This on a motion by Debbie Gotsch, 2nd by Linda Lombardi, motion carried. Rally and other fun "stuff" will be available.

The Rubber City Kennel Club will hold its show on September 29, 2013, at the Summit County Fairgrounds.

The "Touch a Truck" event will again be held in Willoughby, Ohio - contact Cindy Riggans or Lesley Sinwald for date/time.

Pet Expo, August 24, Sandusky, Ohio - contact Lesley if you plan to attend.

Lesley has information from the American Red Cross, Cleveland, regarding Dog First-Aid programs - 12 people are needed to hold this. Contact Lesley if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn - by Greg Brown, seconded by Linda Lombardi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. (our regular meeting took a break for our Speaker, Officer Dennis Funari from the Westlake Police Department and his K9 partner Chico. Thanks, Don, for arranging this. The program was VERY WELL received, a lot of questions were asked, and Chico visited with all members, but never assumed the SIT position by anyone !!)

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Brandon, Secretary.

#### **BRAGS** -

Pam Weisman - Shelly has graduated from Vet Tech school and has been offered 2 jobs.  
Linda Lombardi - A new little girl has entered Linda's life - Elizabeth - 11 week old black/white Dalmatian out of a Patch Mountain/Blackthorn litter.  
Hilary and Tim Farris - Archer got a 4-point major in Pittsburgh, Kamea turned 3 on July 14 and earned her first Reg Novice STD Q with a 2nd place. Polo got his AX title with 2 - 1st place finishes - jump heights 24" and 2nd place score of 95 in the 20" jump heights at the July, CABTC AKC Agility trials.



## Presidents Message

There is a lot of information in this issue and I hope all members are aware of meeting dates and location changes for September and October meetings. Since there is no meeting in August, this is a combined issue. Good luck to all entrants and let's hope for good weather and a nice turnout for our Specialty Shows in Oberlin in August. Please help out our Show committee members in any way possible to lighten the workloads. I have included the 2013 Awards Request Form and the 2013 Membership Renewal forms, please get them filled out and returned by the due dates.

Many of the members and guests enjoyed our July program, I am hopeful we can find another interesting and educational subject for our November meeting. Please let Lesley know of any ideas you may have for a program along with contact information.

There has been some initial talk among members to sponsor an Agility event at a North Olmsted facility by our club. Obviously, this would be open to all breeds. We will need a few knowledgeable members to begin getting the facts, determine a date, find judges, and other information out to members so we can determine if this is something the club aspires to put on. Any takers?

All the best to all members for August and hope to see you at the Sunday, September 22 meeting.

Don

## July Meeting Program

For those who missed the July meeting, our program was both educational and quite entertaining thanks to Officer Dennis Funari and Officer Chico for their time and insight on the K-9 Police Unit from Westlake Police Department.



Officer Dennis Funari and our K-9 Chico

Best friend of the force, Chico is Westlake Police Department's star canine: A Belgian Malinois (just like our previous dogs, Floppy and Jaro). K-9 officer Dennis Funari is his handler and when off-duty, Chico lives with the Funari family. Chico performs dual roles: He can sniff out drugs and paraphernalia as well as apprehend criminals, all for the price of a good game of fetch. Chico was born in the Netherlands and trained in Sunbury, Ohio. He responds to commands spoken in Dutch, but Chico does understand some English, too.



Chico the Police Dog

## Nominating Committee

The committee met a number of times since May. After securing the consent of each person nominated, we list the following candidates for 2014:

President – Linda Lombardi  
 Vice-President – Bob Smith  
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 Secretary – Barb Brandon  
 Board Members:  
 Ann Swope - 2 year, 2014  
 Lesley Sinwald - 1 year, 2014  
 Tim Kompier - 3 year, 2015  
 Cindy Riggans- 2 year, 2015

Respectfully submitted,  
 Cindy Riggans, Kathy Szomoru,  
 Cindy Chatyor.

As written in the club's By-Laws and Constitution, additional nominations of eligible members may be made at the September meeting by any member in attendance "provided the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed and is a willing candidate."



## Tick Removal

A school nurse has written the info below, good enough to share and ..... It really works! I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get with tweezers; between toes; in the middle of a head full of dark hair; etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball.

Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds. The tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

This technique has worked every time I've used it and is much less traumatic for the patient.

Also, if you just pull a tick off, their heads sometimes break off and are left under the skin, so this is much safer with less chance of any infection.

Be aware that a tick with a white speck on its' back is a Deer Tick. These can cause Tick Fever, so check yourself, your family and your pets very carefully.

## Did you know.....

That the oldest dog on record was a 29 year old cattle dog named Bluey from Victoria, Australia. While there is no evidence to support that unusual diets contribute to longer lives in canines, Bluey's regime was certainly noteworthy, in that his owners fed him significant amounts of emu and kangaroo meat.

Another famously old dog, 27 year old Bramble from Somerset, England, subsided on the same vegan diet of rice, lentils, and organic vegetables as her owner.

That nearly a century after Pavlov's famous "conditioned reflex" research and decades after the Soviets put "Laika" in space, dogs continue to serve and an integral resource to scientists pursuing new technologies? A recent project aimed at improving robot efficiency looked at three-legged dogs' reactions to their limb loss, in hopes that would allow "injured" robots to retain their functionality.