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HDC General Membership Meeting

Date: August 13, 2011
Time: 1:30 pm
Location: Dave & Marti Welther’s house, 16090 Nall Ave. Stilwell, KS 66085

Contact Person: Please RSVP to Dave & Marti Welther, ibspotted@yahoo.com

Snacks and sodas will be provided. If you prefer beer or wine over sodas you’re welcome to bring it.

Discussion: We will be discussing how much of our garage sale proceeds would be used for baskets. If you have ideas or themes for them please bring those ideas with you.

Elections were held at the annual meeting in June. Our new officers are:

President - David Welther
Secretary - Janette Sheldon
Member-at-Large 1 - Colleen Ratcliff

Trophies/Auction Items - Get all the updated information about our upcoming October 14 specialties on the HDC website at http://www.heartlanddalmatianclub.org/specialty.html.

If you would like to donate a trophy or an auction item, contact Martie Welther (ibspotted@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Cramer (jennifercramer@msn.com). Now is the time to look through your collections for an auction item!

A dog desires affection more than his dinner. Well---almost.

~~Charlotte Gray
The HDC garage sale on June 18 was a great success! Thanks to the James family for hosting it and providing the wonderful meals. Carol Wells did a fantastic job on our sign! Thanks to all the members who helped work at the sale and brought items to sell.

ANNOUNCING... the HDC web site has a new look! Check it out at http://www.heartlanddalmatianclub.org
More yet to come...

Webmaster, Julia Soukup
Join Us!
We're Back with Back-to-back Specialties!

Heartland Dalmatian Club Specialties
Date: Friday, October 14, 2011
Lawrence, KS

Conformation: Tim Robbins & Mary Miller
Sweepstakes: Michael Deer & Cindy Bowman

Basket Raffle
Lunch in-between Specialties
Obedience Show-N-Go following 2nd Specialty

Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club
2 All-Breed Shows (Sat/Sun)

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I looked into his eyes and knew. I just knew he was the one I wanted - the only one for me. Those dark eyes, those wide shoulders and thin waist, he was gorgeous, and I wanted him. I'm pretty sure he felt the same instant attraction to me. I could tell he was looking me over too.

We met many months ago in class. Since we only went to school one day a week, we really didn't get to see each other very much. This was last winter. But as spring came, we got to hang around a little bit after class from time to time. And I could tell he was really in to me. It was the way he looked at me. I could feel the rush of heat every time we were together back then. I really wanted to have my way with him. But the time wasn't right. And it didn't happen right away. We both in our own style started plotting, however. We started out convincing our folks to let us have a little time together. We had great times. I was wild about him. He was so gorgeous and gentle. And he was wild about me too.

In the late spring it turned out our families ended up taking a little vacation trip to the same resort. We ended up spending a lot of time together, just fooling around. Nothing serious, you understand, just fooling around. Neither one of us was very experienced in interpersonal relations, so we just took matters very slowly.

Then one night we were out in the parking lot. We could hear everyone laughing in the house. They must have been having a party. I remember the smell of beer and the clank of wine glasses. Every once in a while someone would yell out the window. I have no clue what they were saying, as my mind was elsewhere. I just knew it was time. We were focused. This was it.

He came to me. Right then and there. He was very, very gentle. Could be he was a little shy, but then we both were so hot for each other. We didn’t care if the folks knew what we were up to. We just couldn’t see past each other. He kissed my head, and then he kissed my ear. It just drove me nuts. I turned to him and said “I’m all yours, stud boy.”

That was a couple of months ago. Things have changed so much for me since then. School will start up in the fall and I hope I can see him again. I want to tell him all that has happened. After all, it’s all his fault. I’m sure it was the kisses on the ear that sent me out of my mind.

Oh, guess I’ll have to stop writing. The kids are wanting a mid-morning snack. It seems like they are always hungry or want me to clean up after them. They have only been with me a few days, and I love each one of them dearly. They all remind me of him and that wonderful evening we had on vacation.

By Lilliput...

Note: Kennans Lilliput at Killcreek is owned by Janette Sheldon. Her lover, GCH Hallmark Full Throttle Rocker is owned by Martie and David Welther. Lilly and Rocker are the proud parents of four boys and three girls, born July 26. 2011. Parents and babies are all doing well and can be visited at Nan Dittrick’s home in Lawrence, KS.
Puppy Pictures to make you smile!
We all agree, nothing cuter than a Dal puppy!

"EJ" knows how to beat the summer heat!

JLS Dalmatian puppies at 7 weeks of age trying to see if fingers are either cookie dispensers or milk dispensers...
"Nope... Darn!" Puppies are from the Taffagle II litter whelped May 21, 2011.

McGillicuddy and Blue napping at 4 weeks of age.

Gulliver and Miss Freckle Face napping at 5 weeks of age.

Photos courtesy of Julia Soukup, JLS Dalmatians.
DIY Dog Treat: Peanut Butter Popsicles

When a heat wave hits your hometown, easy-to-make frozen treats are one way to help your dog chill out.

The thermometer reads 98 degrees Fahrenheit, and the dog sprawls belly down on the kitchen floor, panting. The weatherman predicts things will be like this all week.

To help our 60-pound mutt, Madigan, cope with the heat, I often mix up a batch of dog-friendly popsicles.

**Peanut butter popsicles**

In a small mixing bowl, combine peanut butter with a little water or half a mashed banana. (The water and banana aren't essential but help with freezing consistency.)

Line an ice cube tray or cookie sheet with wax paper. (You don't have to use the paper, but it can make prying the cubes out easier.)

Spoon the mixture into the cubes, or drop onto the tray just like you would cookie dough.

Freeze. If you need to reuse the tray right away, pop out the cubes and store them in a bag or container in the freezer.

Serve. Turn any hot dog into a happy camper.

**Mix, match, freeze**

Pet popsicles can be made out of all kinds of things that your dog (or cats) eat normally, so experiment to see what your dog likes best.

**Try:** Treats suspended in water, watered down wet food, and favorite frozen veggies. Avoid: onions and onion powder, salt, macadamia nuts, tomatoes, potatoes, rhubarb leaves and stems, avocados

**Tip:** You can fill up a rubber Kong-style toy and freeze—a great cool-down treat for when you will be away for a few hours.