HDC General Membership Meeting

**Date:** March 17, 2012  
**Time:** 30 minutes after Dals finish Conformation  
**Location:** Kansas City Dog show, American Royal complex

**Contact Person:** David & Marti Welther, ibspotted@yahoo.com

The meeting will be held in the hall at the food court. Onofrio will post the show times about a week and a half prior to the show.

A **Nominating Committee** is being formed to present a slate of nominees for the following vacancies for elections at the annual June meeting:

- Vice President  
- Treasurer  
- Member-at-Large 2

**Membership Dues:** It’s that time of year to renew your membership in the Heartland Dalmatian Club. Please see the enclosed Dues Payment form for more information.

**Event Invitation:** Heartland Dalmatian Club has been invited by the Barn Players Kids to help promote their summer play, ’101 Dalmatians’. It will be a two hour event the weekend prior to the start of the play. The date would be June 16th -- 10:00 a.m. until noon at the theatre parking area 6219 Martway in Mission. Mission Fire Department will have one, maybe two, fire trucks in the parking lot and we will have a booth to pass out information on Dalmatians and our club. I think this will be good PR for Dalmatians, especially with the members’ diverse backgrounds.

Discussion on this will be held at the next March HDC meeting.  
David Welther, HDC President
In Memory of Hannah
April 2007 - December 2011
Taken too soon

Much loved by Nan Dittrick
Aiden Waltz with his new puppy Pickle. Aiden is 9 years old and is totally in love with his Dalmatian pup as you can see. It looks like Pickle is feeling pretty good about it too. This picture was taken Christmas morning 2011.

Congratulations to both Jonah and Echo for obedience titles earned in 2011! Jonah was 2nd highest scoring for Utility. Echo was 2nd highest scoring for Open, and also 4th highest overall in the Top Ten! (That's her 2nd time in the Top Ten as she was 10th in 2010 for her Novice scores). I am delighted with them both.

Carol Wells
Dear Regional Club:

As you know the National Specialty is fast approaching and your support is needed. As members struggle with the rising cost of gas and expenses, it is so important to support your members in their quest to attend the National specialty and see the best dogs in the country compete in all events. Members attending the National get to experience our educational seminars, meet exhibitors they only hear about online or in the Spotter. Friendships are made and lifetime experiences are forever treasured. We have a spectacular specialty planned with many free perks for the attendees. Please consider sponsoring a trophy for the National and supporting those that travel and show their dogs in breed, obedience, rally, agility and especially those that compete in the Road Trial--our dogs' special event!

Every club should consider this important gift as a way to support our breed. Regardless of what your event may be, your opinion about issues or other's opinions, supporting our breed and making sure that we present them in the best manner is our ultimate goal. Whether we win or lose, we all love our dogs and the national is a place to share that mutual admiration with others. In past years we have done many things to raise funds for the National - making regional baskets, sending auction items, or selling chances for a free trip. Your club need not worry about doing any of that, just go to our website and choose an open trophy: http://www.dcanational.com/2012/TrophyList.pdf

Once you make a choice from the trophies available (Juniors, Rally, Obed. and Agility especially need sponsors) then go to http://www.dcanational.com/2012/2012index.html and place your order. Toni does a wonderful job coordinating your purchases. In years past, our club was always sure to sponsor a trophy and so were many other clubs. We need to go back to that support and assist our National in being a show that we all love to attend and try to take some of the burden off of the individual.

_Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much._
_Helen Keller_

Help present our breed in the best possible light! Support your new members, old members and entice future members. Trophies can be in memory or honor of any person or dog you want, or simply from your supportive regional club. Earn the respect of exhibitors in that your club steps up to support the National Specialty and exhibitors from everywhere. Anyone can sponsor, and what better way to pay tribute.

Also, don't forget that catalog ADS are due to Angie Henderson by March 30th. Advertise your specialty show and the good things your club does during the year. The ads are large and there is room for all your members to be in a picture! Where else will you reach the people that you know will travel to your show? Many thanks to the clubs that have responded, you are awesome!

Lori Finlayson
2012 DCA National Specialty Chairman
AKC Breeder of Merit
DIRTY SECRETS OF DOG OWNERSHIP

Below are some dirty secrets that come with owning a dog. These were tested by Maureen Kochan and reported in the March 2012 issue of Dog Fancy. These tips were taken from Marc Morrone and Joey Green of Los Angeles, author of Joey Green's Amazing Pet Cures: 1,138 Simple Pet Remedies Using Everyday Brand-Name Products (Rodale, 2011).

Dirty Secret No. 1. Toenail scratches on the hardwood floor. **Green's Advice:** Mix one teaspoon instant coffee with a little warm water until it forms a thick paste. Dip a cloth in the paste and wipe the mixture into scratches until you achieve the desired hue. **The Verdict:** The scratches are definitely less noticeable, but still there. However, I think I'm the only one who notices them now. For deep gouges, repair with wood filler in the right color or a stainable filler to match. Refinish with a coat of varnish.

Dirty Secret No. 2 Stink cloud of dog odor when I turn on the vacuum. **Morrone's Advice:** Add a tablespoon of baking soda to the vacuum bag or canister. You can also sprinkle some baking soda on the floor and vacuum it up, although I had better results dumping the baking soda straight into the bag. **The Verdict:** No more holding my nose when I turn on the vacuum.

Stay tuned to the next issue of The Spotted Dog for more dirty secrets!

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**Did you know ...** that the English word "dog" comes from the Old English "docga," which is most likely derived from the Proto-Germanic "dukkon," a word signifying strength? The association of dogs with physical might makes sense, given the dog's position as the first animal domesticated by humans. "Docga" also incorporates the diminutive –ga that was a component of many animal names in Old English, including "picga" (pig) and "frogga" (frog).

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**Band of Brothers**

Wilber (owned by the James Family) and Arlo (owned by Nan Dittrick) are brothers who are showing off their great markings!

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich."
~~Louis Sabin
Meeting was held at Dave and Martie Welther’s house in Overland Park, Kansas, following a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Members present –

Martie and Dave Welther
Jennifer, John and Jeff Cramer
Nan Dittrick and Kenny Phipps
Ann Howard*
Colleen Ratcliff
Sandi Walrod
Lisa Kreipe
Jennifer Webster**
Janette Sheldon

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Welther. It was established a quorum was present.

Minutes of last meeting presented and discussed.
Minutes approved with the addition of the following:

John Cramer has volunteered to be the 2012 Show Chair.
Jennifer Cramer has volunteered to be the Show Secretary. It is requested that someone come forward and volunteer to be the Show Chair for the 2013 show. That individual is expected to work along with John and Jennifer this year to learn the job. Trophies will be given out for first placements, and there will be specialty trophies. Jennifer will have a general description of the trophies by April 1st. We will not be having a best veteran category as it is redundant with the same class in Sweepstakes.

President’s report –

There was a Board meeting prior to this general meeting. Minutes of that meeting will be distributed to the board members only. The Board reviewed some of the by-laws.

Treasurer’s report - The hand out from the treasurer indicated nothing had changed since the last meeting. Jennifer was reminded to order the trophy won by McNeilly James. Jennifer indicated she will be receiving another trophy donation check next week.

Committee Reports –

Show Committee: John Cramer indicated we will have our performance show on Saturday night ½ hour after the Lawrence show has concluded for the day. This will be an all breed event and we will be able to use two rings.

General discussion was had regarding judges for our October 2011 Specialty show.

Again there was a request for someone to take over the Show Chair position for 2013.

Trophies don’t have to be determined now but need to be generally described for the premium list. This doesn’t have to be specific.

New Business

There is a membership application submitted by Jennifer Webster. This will be voted on at the next meeting. She showed some excellent art work to be submitted for the DCA show. Discussion was had regarding marketing.

Show date for 2012 show is October 12, 2012.

Nominating committee consisting of Janette Sheldon, Martie Welther, and Nan Dittrick was appointed by the Board with recommendations on officers to be made at the March meeting

Next meeting will be in March, with date, time and place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Braggs and Bitches

Colleen Ratcliff announced Sir earned 2 RE legs at the Joplin show Pd. $1
Martie Welther gave up $1 to again announce Rocker is a grand champion.
Jennifer Cramer announced Jeff can walk without crutches. Pd. $1

Respectfully Submitted

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Janette Sheldon, Secretary

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Approved

*complementary non-voting member
** making application for new membership
HEARTLAND DALMATIAN CLUB OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

DUES PAYMENT

Dues for 2012/2013 are due by April 1, 2012. Please mail this completed form along with your check (made out to HDC) to:

Mona James
HDC Treasurer
902 E. 14th Terr.
Eudora, KS 66025

Member Name(s): ________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ____________

Phone: (_____)(______)_______ E-mail: ____________________________________________
(Note: Newsletter will be emailed to email address noted above.)

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Type of Membership:

☐ Junior ($10)
☐ Individual ($15)
☐ Couple ($20)
☐ Family ($25)