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## Next Meeting

**Next meeting is  
Sunday, March 16  
Regular Meeting at -  
Pam & Steve Weisman's  
39380 Cortina Circle  
Solon, Ohio 44139**

**See directions and times  
inside!**

# Spotted Copy

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## Responsible Dog Ownership

Thinking about adopting a dog? There are a lot more facets to having this pet than buying a leash and coming up with a cute name.

Dr. Bob Weedon, a shelter veterinarian on the faculty at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, wants prospective owners to know the time commitment, expense, and upkeep required to care for a dog responsibly.

"It is very important for people to realize that getting an animal is a lifelong decision," he stresses. "Small dogs live anywhere from 15 to 20 years, with large dogs having shorter life spans, depending on the breed."

"Pets are not disposable," says Dr. Weedon. "Sadly, I have seen two dogs that were returned to a shelter because the owner redecorated the living room. The dogs no longer fit the décor and therefore were out of a home."

Pets can be expensive. How much can you expect to spend on your dog every year? The ASPCA estimates the cost of owning a small dog to be at least \$1,300, and for a large dog over \$1,800.

This includes expenses incurred with a new pet, such as adoption fees, food, training classes, a soft bed and a crate.

Vet expenses must be factored into your pet budget. Dr. Weedon advises bringing a newly adopted dog to your vet soon after adoption for required vaccines. For example, some humane societies do not give animals a vaccine against rabies, so an owner is responsible for ensuring that the new pet gets this required vaccine.

One of the most important precautions is ensuring that your pet is sterilized. According to Dr. Weedon, not all animal shelters spay or neuter animals before they are adopted, and animals capable of reproducing can lead to unwanted litters of puppies. These unwanted puppies are most often relinquished to a shelter.

As far as preventive vet care for your dog, Dr. Weedon recommends bringing an animal under 8 years of age for an annual exam. Older animals should see the veterinarian twice a year to catch any problems in the earliest stages when treatment is most effective and least expensive.

Your vet will assess your pet's body condition and oral health and discuss any behavioral issues, if necessary. Most people consider their pet to be a part of family, so providing

preventive health care is important to keep them healthy and happy for as long as possible.

Proper pet identification is so important, especially in the instance that a dog is separated from its owner. According to Dr. Weedon, the best means of pet identification is by having the vet microchip your pet. Illinois law states animals adopted from shelters have to be microchipped.

“People need to remember to keep their pet microchip information current. Update address, phone number, and email address to ensure that if your pet gets loose it can be reunited with you,” explains Dr. Weedon. “People often forget to make the update if they move.”

In addition to microchipping, a name tag on a collar with current contact information is also a good way to identify your dog.

Pet-proofing a home is essential to being a responsible pet owner, especially for puppies. Don't leave clothes lying around, put locks on cabinets that contain potential toxicants such as household cleaners and pesticides, and be aware of electrical cords: some dogs love to chew on them. Baby gates are a great way to keep a dog corralled in a certain area of the house and out of trouble.

For new puppy owners, Dr. Weedon recommends attending training classes. Classes can help keep behavioral problems from developing. They also provide an opportunity for owners to learn about their pets and to bond with them.

Sarah Netherton  
Information Specialist

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Open

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Linda Lombardi

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## Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



**Animals are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms**

**George Eliot**

**Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail**

**Josh Billings**

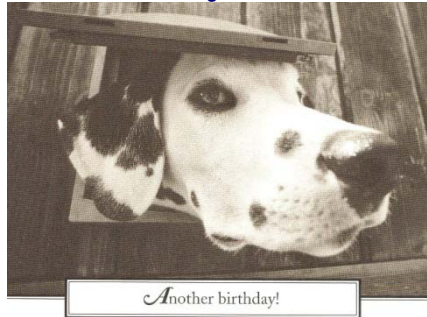
**Dogs display reluctance and wrath, If you try to give them a bath, They bury their bones in hideaways, And half the time they trot sideways .**

**Ogden Nash**

**My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to 99 cents a can. That's almost \$7.00 in dog money**

**Joe Weinstein**

## Birthday Wishes



### March, 2014

Ch Engine Co. Charge The Line  
3/2/2009 - Joanne Shupp

Cassiopeia Major Meits Success  
3/3/2008 - Tim & Diane Kompier

GCH Korcula Go Grady Cassiopea  
3/3/2008 - Bob & Diana Smith

Ch Pokatalica BretD Lil Hot Spot  
3/3/2006 - Joanne Shupp

GCH Cassiopeia Pride of the South  
3/3/2008 - Bob & Diana Smith

Ch Highland's Zdar Leading The Way  
3/9/2001 - Ann Swope & Cindy Riggans

Ch Dashing's All Fired Up  
3/11/2005 - Cindy Chaytor

Siobahn Apache Red  
3/27/2010 - Dan & Becky Petite

Ch Dashing's Blazing Fire  
3/28/2009 - Cindy Chaytor

### NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Don Gotsch - March 1

Ann Swope - March 5

Kathy Szomoru - March 11

Joanne Shupp - March 11

Tim & Hilary Farris -  
March 20

Bob Smith - March 28

Alan Shupp - March 29

Send your birthday/anniversary information to the editor

## A Question of Size

No other animal on earth is said to be as diverse as the dog. Just consider the following:

The tallest dog breed, the Irish Wolfhound, can reach up to 7 feet tall when standing on its hind legs.

When it comes to weight, the English Mastiff is the champ. According to Guinness World Records, English Mastiffs can weigh in at more than 280 pounds.

The smallest dog breed in weight and height is the Chihuahua. According to Guinness World Records, the smallest living dog is a Chihuahua named Boo Boo, who is only 4 inches tall.



## **Separation Problem or Sock Party?**

© Information excerpted from Nicole Wilde's Don't Leave Me!

So how do you know whether your dog actually has a separation issue? After all, many dogs seem hyper-attached to their owners, and when left alone, destroy things. But where one dog may be sad as his owners leave, another appears to be thinking, Whoohoo! They're finally gone! Par-tee! While the results of a Poochalooza can look a lot like the aftermath of a bout of anxiety, one should not be

mistaken for the other. Destruction, inappropriate elimination, and incessant vocalizing are some of the most common signs of a separation issue, but they must be assessed in context with the rest of the dog's behavior.

Many times the aforementioned activities are attributable to a lack of training, or are manifestations of boredom due to a shortage of mental and/or physical stimulation. If your dog is left alone with a reservoir of unspent energy and no "legal" ways to vent it, any resulting barking or destruction should not be viewed as certain proof of a separation issue.

In some cases, destructive efforts will be focused on exit points such as doors and windows, or on items belonging to owners. For example, you come home to find that your dog has chewed up a paperback book you were reading or a hand towel (items which retain your scent). Or your dog claws or chews at the door where you exited or the window that offers a view of your car pulling away. Those behaviors are more likely to be related to a separation issue than would an act such as chewing up a picture frame (unless it holds a photo of you and your dog cuddling, in which case you have an extremely clever and melancholy dog). Still, even scent-related or escape-focused actions are not conclusive evidence of a separation issue and must be assessed in context.

One identifying factor in the diagnosis of a true separation issue is that stress-related behaviors occur each and every time the dog is left alone.



Dalmatian Club of America  
National Specialty  
May 6 – May 14  
Portland, Oregon

- Tuesday, May 6**  
Tracking (offsite)
- Wednesday, May 7**  
Road Trial (offsite)  
DCA & DCAF Board Meetings
- Thursday, May 8**  
Agility (offsite)
- Friday, May 9**  
TWO REGIONAL SPECIALTIES!  
Mt. Hood Dalmatian Club -  
Judge: Mrs. Pat Hastings  
Puget Sound Dalmatian Club -  
Judge: Mr. David Krogh  
Evening - Welcome Party
- Saturday, May 10**  
Obedience  
Rally  
DCA Sweepstakes, Evening-  
Betty Garvin Health Seminar
- Sunday, May 11**  
Futurity  
Jr. Showmanship  
Health Clinics  
Evening - Membership Meeting
- Monday, May 12**  
Dog Classes  
Bitch Classes  
Evening - Top Twenty
- Tuesday, May 13**  
Judges Education  
Non-Regular Classes  
Best of Breed  
Evening - DCA Awards Banquet

WRDC 2014  
Tentative Schedule

- January** No meeting
- February 15** Board meeting  
Regular meeting
- March 16** Regular meeting  
Pot Luck dinner at Pam & Steve's
- April 19** Regular meeting.  
Vet to speak on vaccinations
- May 17** Board meeting  
Regular meeting
- June 21** Regular meeting  
follows Puppy Match at Columbia Park
- July 19** Regular meeting
- August 8/9** Specialty shows,  
No meeting
- Sept. 20** Board meeting  
Regular meeting
- October 18** Regular meeting  
At Medina Kennel Club with our Dal's. Election of Officers
- Nov. 15** Board meeting  
Regular meeting  
White Elephant Sale
- December** Awards Banquet



**March 16<sup>th</sup>, Pot Luck & Meeting- Sunday**

- 2 pm – Social hour
- 3 pm – Dinner- corned beef by WRDC, side dishes or deserts from all members
- 4 pm – Meeting

Steve & Pam Weisman's  
39380 Cortina Circle  
Solon, 44139  
440-248-7463

**From the West:**

Take I-480 East to Rte 422 East (signs for Warren/Youngstown) stay in the middle lanes. Exit Route 91 (SOM Center Rd) make a right to go south. At 3rd street light make a left onto Bainbridge Rd. Intersection just past a small shopping center on your left (Sears and Marc's) Walgreen's on your right and two century buildings on your left. Continue 2.5 mile, make a right on Dorset (Thornbury development) You will have a traffic light Liberty Road, go straight. Go down & up big hill, on your right is a row of hedges and stone columns, that's the start of our development. First right onto Cortina Circle (the circle is just after 3 houses on your right). Our house is 3rd driveway on the left.(Curvy driveway)

**From the North:**

Take I-90 West to I-271 South to Exit 27A East. (Solon, Warren, Youngstown). Be in the middle lane to pick up 422 to Solon. Follow directions from above

**From the South:**

Take I 77 North to Rout 8 North. Then I 271 North to Exit 27A (Solon, Warren, Youngstown) to Route 422 East. Follow directions from above.



**WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 15, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm. In attendance - 23 members, no guests. Motion by Cindy Chaytor, seconded by Debbie to dispense with reading the November, 2013 meeting - motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Linda reminded the membership that next month's meeting will be our Pot Luck dinner/meeting, held on Sunday, March 16, 2 pm at the Weisman's. Directions to their house will be printed in this issue of the SPOTTED COPY.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Raffle tickets are available for the National - they are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report given.

**COMMITTEES:**

Diana had surgery, doing well, and is here tonight. WRDC received a thank-you card from her.

Marcella had not been doing very well, but Cindy Riggins spoke with her and she is feeling better.

We were sorry to hear about Tim Farris' father passing away, our thoughts and sympathy.

SPOTTED COPY - will be in the mail early March - send your "Meet our Members" information to Don as soon as possible. AWARDS - nothing to report.

HOLIDAY BANQUET - need a chairperson for this event.

PROGRAMS - (finalized by month)

APRIL 19 - motion by Ann, seconded by Don, to have a Veterinarian speak on current vaccination protocol at our April 19th meeting. Motion carried.

MAY 17 - Board and Regular meeting, and finalize details for Puppy Match.

JUNE 21 - Puppy Match, Columbia Park. Meeting follows.

JULY 19 - Finalize details for Specialty Shows.

AUGUST 8, 9 - Specialty Shows (no meetings).

SEPTEMBER 20 - Board and Regular meeting.

OCTOBER 18 - Location TBA - Debbie will check on Medina KC availability. Also, election of officers to be held.

NOVEMBER 15 - Board and Regular meeting. Motion made by Debbie, seconded by Ann to have our White Elephant sale after the meetings.

MEMBERSHIP - nothing to report.

SPECIALTY SHOWS - Cindy Riggins advised everything is done. Judges - Breed - LuAnn Williams and Robert Rivard; Sweeps - Pam Parsons and Joni Shoup. Lorain KC hired Mrs. Gomez for the third day.

PUPPY MATCH - Application being sent in, sign-up sheet for Pot Luck after the show will be available at our March meeting. Bob Smith will be Chair, and Don will be Co-Chair. Judges to be announced.

**HOSPITALITY** - Thanks to Cindy Chaytor and Nancy Abbott for tonight's refreshments. Diana Smith and Diane Kompier will provide hospitality for April.

**WAYS & MEANS** - Don brought a sample of wind chimes with WRDC etchings. More will be available through the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Meeting schedule for 2014 completed. Web site needs updating.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion by Cindy Chaytor, seconded by Cindy Riggins to make a donation to the DCA National as follows - \$25 to four (4) different classes in lieu of Basket. Motion carried. Lesley went on line and reserved our "donation".

- Greg announced Rubber City KC will hold their 75th Anniversary Show on January 10 and 11, 2015. Judges TBA.

- Debbie announced Medina KC will hold Puppy Matches on February 22 and March 8, at 10 am and 1 pm both days.

- Linda has information on March 2nd show, Youngstown KC, held in North Jackson, Ohio.

Motion to adjourn, 7:50 pm, by Greg, seconded by Debbie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Brandon, Secretary

**BRAGS -**

Cindy Chaytor - Lily got her Open Jumper title.

Hilary - her first home bread CH

- Moxie - finished at Indy.

Richard and Lesley Sinwald -

Riley's Angels now have a

location for training. Gracie and

Murray were married at Petco.



**Are You Smarter Than a Vet Student When it Comes to Canine Parvovirus?**

by Nancy Kay, DVM ©

I can still vividly recall the fear experienced in the early 1980's when the very first cases of canine parvovirus were detected. This disease spread like wildfire throughout the United States, causing severe illness and often death.

Fortunately, an effective vaccine was rapidly developed, and this new virus was downgraded from a rampant deadly infection to a preventable disease.

Chances are you already know that canine parvovirus causes severe vomiting and diarrhea, is highly contagious (spread via the feces of infected dogs), and can be prevented by vaccinating. What else do you know about this disease? I invite you to find out if you are smarter than a vet student by taking the following quiz.

**Parvovirus Quiz**

1. Dogs with parvovirus become contagious to other dogs (begin shedding the virus in their feces) at the time diarrhea is first observed. True or false?

2. A dog is no longer contagious (shedding of parvovirus in their feces) approximately two weeks following infection. T or F?

3. Once parvovirus is shed into the environment, it can remain infectious to other dogs for several months. True or false?

4. Canine parvovirus can cause heart disease in young puppies. True or false?

5. Adult dogs should be vaccinated against parvovirus disease annually. True or false?

6. Some breeds have increased susceptibility to parvovirus disease. True or false?

7. Canine parvovirus disease causes an elevation in white blood cell count. True or false?

8. Antibiotic therapy is not warranted because parvo is a viral disease. True or false?

9. The only way a dog sick with parvovirus can survive is by receiving round-the-clock care in a veterinary hospital. Tor F?

10. Unvaccinated dogs are three times more likely to develop parvovirus disease than vaccinated dogs. True or false?



## Presidents Message

Hi All;

It was great to see everyone at the February meeting. Meeting plans for the year are pretty well set with a couple exceptions. There have been some suggestions for programs and we're in the process of making plans for them. We still have a couple of committees that need chairman, so if anyone would like to chair a committee please let us know. Our puppy match will be coming up in June. If there's a club member interested in judging sweeps please contact Bob Smith or Don Gotsch. Don presented a wind chime he made as a possible idea for the club to sell. Thank you Don and I'm looking forward to learning more about these. Greg notified us that Rubber City will be having their 75<sup>th</sup> show in January and if we have any judges we would like to see judge Dalmatians please let Greg know.

Our next meeting will be at Steve and Pam Weisman's on March 16<sup>th</sup>, with pot luck beginning at 2:00 PM and the meeting to follow, see directions in the newsletter.

Anyone wanting to sponsor a DCA trophy or donate to the performance fund to support our national the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. For more info go to

<http://www.dcanational.com/2014/index.html> Also DCAF is having a \$10,000.00 raffle selling only 200 tickets at \$100.00 per ticket. For more information go to [Dalmatian Club of America Foundation, Inc: Run With The Big Dogs 10K Raffle](#)

For those interested Medina Kennel Club is having

back to back all breed puppy matches (an AM and PM match) on March 8, 2014. Contact Debbie Gotsch for information. Also Youngstown All Breed is having an all breed puppy match on March 2, 2014. For more info visit [Match, Open Show, Clinic & Seminar Announcements](#), search by state and enter OH.

I hope everyone has a great month and look forward to seeing all of you at the Weisman's for the March meeting.

Sincerely,  
Linda



### Were You Smarter Than a Vet Student About Canine Parvovirus?

by Nancy Kay, DVM ©

#### **1. Dogs with parvovirus become contagious to other dogs (begin shedding the virus in their feces) when diarrhea is first observed.**

False. Dogs typically become contagious four to seven days before the onset of any symptoms.

#### **2. A dog is no longer contagious approximately two**

#### **weeks following infection.**

True. Keep in mind that this two-week period begins up to one week prior to the onset of symptoms.

#### **3. Once parvovirus is shed via feces, it can remain infectious to other dogs for several months.**

True. This is the main reason why unvaccinated dogs are so darned susceptible to this disease. Parvovirus organisms are extremely hardy and remain infectious in the environment for up to six months.

#### **4. Canine parvovirus can cause heart disease.**

True. Parvovirus can damage the heart muscle in puppies infected when they are less than six weeks of age. Affected pups die rather quickly from heart failure. This parvovirus induced cardiomyopathy (disease of the heart muscle) is rare, occurring only if the mama dog has no immunity to parvovirus and her pups are exposed to this disease at an early age.

#### **5. Adult dogs should be vaccinated against parvovirus disease annually.**

False. The parvovirus vaccine provides a minimum of three years of protection in previously vaccinated adult dogs. To state this more clearly, if your adult dog receives a parvovirus vaccination every year he is being over vaccinated. This subjects your dog to all the potential risks associated with the vaccine and absolutely zero benefit.

Additionally, you are paying for a vaccine that is completely unnecessary. If your vet insists on an annual parvovirus vaccination, share the information found in these resources. If this doesn't solve

the problem, it's time to find a more progressive vet to care for your best buddy.

**6. Some breeds have increased susceptibility to parvovirus disease.**

True. Rottweilers, Doberman Pinchers, English Springer Spaniels, American Pit Bull Terriers, and German Shepherds have historically been predisposed to parvovirus infection, even when vaccinated according to protocol. This breed predisposition seems to be lessening, thanks to newer vaccines on the market.

Nonetheless, with a pup of a more susceptible breed it makes sense to perform a serology following completion of the puppy vaccine series. This blood test helps confirm that the immune system's parvovirus-fighting status is up to snuff.

**7. Canine parvovirus disease causes an elevation in white blood cell count.**

False. Parvovirus disease typically causes a marked decrease in the white blood cell count. The patient's recovery typically coincides with recovery of white blood cell numbers.

**8. Antibiotic therapy is not warranted because parvo is a viral disease.**

False. Although antibiotics are not effective against viruses, they are essential for parvovirus therapy. A low white blood cell count and severe disruption of the intestinal surfaces render dogs suffering from parvovirus disease very susceptible to bacterial infection. In fact, most parvovirus-associated deaths are caused by secondary bacterial infections.

**9. The only way a dog who is sick with parvovirus can survive is by receiving round-the-clock care in a veterinary hospital.**

False. While round-the-clock care is the best option for treating parvovirus disease, an at-home treatment consisting of an injection of a long acting antibiotic, a daily injection of an anti-emetic (anti-vomiting medication), and administration of subcutaneous fluids (fluids under the skin) three times daily has proven to be more affordable and resulted in an 85% survival.

**10. Unvaccinated dogs are three times more likely to develop parvovirus disease than vaccinated dogs.**

False. Unvaccinated dogs are 13 times more likely to develop parvovirus disease than vaccinated dogs.

**How did you do?**

**Did you learn anything new?**



During break time at obedience school, two dogs were talking.

One said to the other..."The thing I hate about obedience school is you learn ALL this stuff that you will never use in the real world."



**Aiport Pat Down**

White knuckled fliers passing through LAX are now finding relief in a slobbery send-off. Through the airports 'Pets Unstressing Passingers' (PUP) program, therapy dogs and their handlers are stationed at gates, baggage claims and other busy airport areas offering stress relief and affection.

The PUP dogs have a calming effect on people who may be stressed out, have anxiety flying, miss their dogs at home, or simply enjoy watching other people inter act with the dogs, says the director of volunteers at LAX.

When the dogs enter the terminal, you can feel the stress levels lower. People start smiling. Strangers start to talk to each other.

Travelers are encouraged to approach the dogs, who are identifiable by their red "Pet Me" vests.

All have been certified by Therapy Dogs International, a national nonprofit that registers, insures, and supports members involved in volunteer animal-assisted activities.

