

REPORT WAFDAL EVENT 2009

Last week (14th and 15th August) we had our Bi-annual WAFDAL General meeting and show. We wish to thank the Norwegian Dalmatian Club for their great hospitality and the organisation of those two days.

The first day we had an excellent meeting and I wish to thank the delegates of the different clubs for their positive and productive contribution. For the meeting we were able to welcome delegates from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Holland, Germany (DDC and CDF), Austria, Belgium, Italy, Croatia (Atila Dubac) and the Czech Republic. There was a proposal to extend the committee of the WAFDAL to five members. This point will be discussed in the next meeting (Netherlands 2011), as changes in the 'Rules and Regulations' are necessary.

Due to the sudden and unexpected death of the treasurer, Mr Ronneburg (DDC), in 2007, the delegates nominated Mrs Klein (DDC) as the new treasurer. Mr Cronander resigned as chairman of the judge's commission and Mrs De Ridder was nominated and elected as the new chairman for this commission. Mrs Bakal (Croatia, Atila Dubac) was also welcomed as new member in this commission.

The candidates for organising the WAFDAL event in 2011 (Netherlands) and 2013 (Germany – DDC) were confirmed. The candidate for 2015 will be decided in the next meeting. There are two candidates: Croatia and the Czech Republic.

After the meeting we had a very interesting lecture by Doctor Danika Bannasch (US) about the problem with uric acid stones, for which the gene is present in EVERY Dalmatian. For this problem and a possible solution, discovered and developed in the US, WAFDAL will take contact with Croatia (the country of origin for our breed) and the FCI.

The second day, the WAFDAL show was organised at Øvrevoll Galoppbane, a beautiful place on condition that the weather is fine. Unfortunately it rained the whole day. This did not seem to be a problem for many exhibitors, as most of them had set up their tents. The committee of the Norwegian Dalmatian Club kindly offered shelter for the delegates, which was accepted with great gratitude. The invited judges were Aase Jakobsen (Toot's) and Rune Johansen (Jilloc's). Both are longstanding breeders of Dalmatians and have been very successful, so we can call them without any problem "breed specialists". As they are both originally Norwegians (Rune now lives in Sweden), this meant that some dogs from their kennels were absent. In fact a real pity as in the presentation of the groups, it would have been very interesting to see their dogs as well.

Best dog was the liver spotted Ch Dalming's Hocus Pocus (Jilloc's a Man in the Mirror x Dalming's Great Bunny). He was also BIS. Best bitch and also liver spotted came from junior class: Perdita's Addicted to Love (Perdita's Right on Time x Perdita's Did It Again). It was a pity the entries were rather low, but we have to agree that we have seen some high quality Dalmatians.

We hope to see you all in the next WAFDAL meeting and event in the Netherlands in 2011.

Yours sincerely,
Frans De Ridder, chairman of WAFDAL