

Sent via Email on November 7, 2010

Dear Mr. Menaker,

The severe controversy over the Dalmatian-Pointer backcross registration issue has become an impediment to progress for both of our organizations. I would like to see AKC and DCA in a win-win situation instead of an adversarial one. Here is a plan that can help us both move forward.

First of all, thank you for sending me a confidential copy of the report from the Health and Welfare Committee. I have already shared it with the DCA Board, and I look forward to having a full discussion with them – our next board meeting will be at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

The plan:

- AKC Board should not approve registration at this time.
- I will request permission from AKC to share the Health and Welfare report with our DCA membership as a part of our continuing educational efforts.
- I will again ask the LUA supporters to provide information to us about all of the backcross dogs and their future plans.
- You will encourage the LUA supporters to work with and through the DCA Parent Club.
- DCA will do a health study on the LUA/HUA backcross Dalmatians using the CHIC/DNA health survey that is available to all breeds and present the results to AKC and the DCA membership.
- We will encourage the rapid completion of the stone study by Dr. Bartges that has been funded by the DCA Foundation.
- DCA will widely disseminate and thoroughly discuss all data available with our membership through our magazine and website
- DCA will have a discussion session at our upcoming National Specialty in April 2011
- We will keep you apprised of all of our educational activities
- I will recommend another membership vote on the registration question by June, 2011.

What we need is time to complete DCA's many ongoing activities which are dedicated to assuring the preservation and future health of our breed. After this information is gathered and fully discussed with the membership, we will be better informed to take another membership vote on the registration issue.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.

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