

DVM's that Signed the Petition to AKC Asking for Registration of the Backcross Descendants

Bannasch, DVM	Danika	I am a Dalmatian owner, former Dalmatian breeder and the Chief of the Genetics Service at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of California Davis. My laboratory worked for eight years to determine the gene and mutation that cause Dalmatian hyperuricosuria in order to help Dalmatians. I stopped breeding Dalmatians because I could no longer purposely breed dogs with inherited problems maintained in the breed for political reasons. Now that there is a DNA test available breeders of Bulldogs and Black Russian Terriers can select against this problem but only a small number of Dalmatians benefit from our research. Acceptance of these dogs into the American Kennel Club registry will have clear benefits for the overall health of the Dalmatian breed.
Bauer, DVM	Lisa	Although I do not breed my Dals, I do enjoy participating in AKC performance events such as agility and rally obedience and would support AKC registration of the backcross Dals. To be able to cure a genetic deficiency and maintain our beloved breed is a blessing!
Bork, DVM	Tanya	
Cain, DVM	Janice	I encourage the AKC to allow the registration of the backcross line of Dalmatians. I have seen too many Dalmatians affected by uric acid stones, including the need to euthanize some recurrent stone formers. This is an ethical issue that the AKC needs to support. I am totally unclear why this would be opposed. I have seen many of the "back-cross" line offspring and they are truly Dalmatians!
Cleary, DVM	T.J.	
Coffman, DVM	Cathy	
Cohen, DVM	G	
Conkling, DVM	Don	As a veterinarian, I have been amazed that any technique that is this easy in order to help the breed has not been adopted with open arms. We promise to do no harm, so should opponents within the DCA.
Cook-Champagne, DVM	Ellen	Should not the AKC be concerned more with healthy breed representatives than with maintaining genetic abominations to preserve the look?
Delavier, DVM	Pascale	
Dishinger, DVM	Rae	
Ditsworth, DVM	Mark	
Duvailer, DVM	Kincaid	Hyperuricosuria is a major issue for Dalmatians. A great number of our Dalmatian patients are afflicted with this disease. To know that there is an easily accessible genetic response to this disease and that is being prohibited based on an outdated definition of purity is nothing short of criminal and animal abuse.
Dwyer, DVM	Roberta	
Ericson, DVM	Michael	I am a practicing veterinarian and wish to express my support for accepting these dogs into the AKC registry. This is a much needed measure to improve the health of the dalmatian breed.
Force, DVM	Judy	I was told that my previous comments got deleted somehow. I do not have time to write the long comments again. But I strongly support this petition and allowing backcross Dals to be registered with the AKC.
Gilman, DVM	Larry	

Grossman, DVM	Caleb	
Grote, DVM	Sarah C.	I have grown up with Dalmatians and fell in love with their humor, intelligence, and spirit. There will always be at least two in my house - one black and one liver. I competed in AKC breed and obedience with my dals and am currently exploring agility. Along with all their wonderful qualities also came the knowledge that they were at a high risk for urate stones. I researched this further as I went through veterinary school, especially after seeing my first blocked Dalmatian. All veterinarians are warned about Dalmatian uroliths (urates) - it is listed repeatedly in all the textbooks and hammered in during lectures because it is a life threatening situation, and predominately found in Dalmatians. The creation of normal uric acid Dalmatians through genetic testing and controlled breeding is a major health contribution. These Dalmatians will not form urate stones. We are now 12 generations from the only outcross. These offspring ARE Dalmatians - genotypically and phenotypically - and deserve to be registered as such.
Haidul-Cladders, DVM	Thomas-Peter	
Hawkins, DVM	Richard	
Hofmeister, DVM	Judy	
Hoshen, DVM	Shiri	
Hughes, DVM	Angela	As a veterinarian and geneticist, I am aware that this is the ONLY way to eliminate this costly and life-threatening disease in the Dalmatians. Therefore, these backcross dogs should be registered and their normal SLC2A9 gene passed on to future, healthy generations of Dalmatians.
Hughes, DVM	Susanne	I am a small animal veterinarian in practice for 19 years, Dalmatian owner, breeder, exhibitor for over 20 years. The science is incontrovertible; this population of carefully bred Dals is the only one that will allow concerned breeders to selectively incorporate the normal uric acid gene into their programs. Dalmatian Club of America, the parent club, continues to refuse to accept these normal Dalmatians. I find this position unethical and untenable, hence my recent resignation from this club.
ikezawa, DVM	Shann	
Jeffrey, DVM	Speicher	
Kocher, DVM	Frank	

Kubicka, DVM	Terry	<p>AKC, Over the past 22 years as a practicing veterinarian, I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work with some very conscientious and intelligent Dalmation breeders. Our hospital has admired the standard of care given by these distinct breeders and has also been able to follow a number of their puppies. It is a known fact that the Dalmation breed has a much higher metabolic propensity to form uric acid crystals in their urine, which may lead to bladder stone formation. Bladder stones in turn, may lead to urethral obstruction which is extremely painful and considered a medical emergency. A recent study in 2006, by Dr. Danika Bannasch, has identified the gene responsible for the formation of increased uric acid crystals in Dalmations. It is my understanding that there is currently a line of Dalmations, initiated in 1971 by Dr. Robert Schaible, that does not carry the gene mutation for increased uric acid crystals. I feel very strongly that the Dalmation line established by Dr. Schaible should be accepted by the AKC Registry. My recommendation of this acceptance by the AKC is in strict adherence to the Oath of Veterinarians that our profession has respectfully adopted. To solemnly swear to use our scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of suffering and the advancement of medical knowledge. To accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence. Most sincerely, Terry P. Kubicka D.V.M.</p>
Levesque, DVM	Donald	<p>I am a veterinary neurologist and have been performing BAER testing on dalmations for over 30 years and am very much aware of the hyperuricosuria condition that has plagued the breed and fully support this petition.</p>
Locke, DVM		
Lopate, DVM	Cheryl	
Munana, DVM	Karen	
Nelson, DVM	Robin	
Olver, DVM	Jo	<p>politics must take a back seat in any honest decision making with regard to the health and well-being of the dogs we breed.</p>
Pogrel, DVM	James	
Rollins, DVM	Don	
Sarna, DVM	Suzy	<p>I have personally treated several Dalmatians with stones and it is a terrible, preventable problem. I am happy to see concerned Dalmatian breeders working towards healthier, happier Dalmatians.</p>

Scheller-Bradley, DVM	Linda	Urate urolithiasis in dalmatians is an expensive and emotionally draining problem for their owners and an extremely painful disease for the affected dal. Management of diet, water intake, exercise, and voiding does help to reduce its incidence, but there are cases where the owner has done everything right and still ends up with an affected dal. The backcross project has some merit to it and I believe if properly structured could result in a breed of dal that would have a more normal or LUA level of uric acid. In order to enlarge the gene pool for this project though, I do think that AKC registration is necessary. If AKC allows the backcross dals to be registered, it should be with a specific designation, so that breeders could identify them by their AKC registration number. Then it would be up to the breeders as to whether they would like to incorporate these dals into their breeding programs. I also think that the organizers of this project should run routine tests on the offspring produced to monitor for any hereditary diseases that may have come from either the dal breed or the pointer. Periodic testing should also be done to check a urinalysis every 6 months and if any abnormalities are detected, then an ultrasound should be done to check for sludge or stones. There should also be consistency in what these dals are fed so that we remove the variable of dietary influence on uric acid production. Then results of the tests should be posted so that other breeders can review them. Acceptance of the backcross dals by the general population of dalmatian breeders will be much more likely under these conditions.
Sweet, DVM	Dennis E.	As veterinarian in practice for 40 years I have performed operations on Dalmatians for urate uroliths. I also have had two Dalmatians as pets. I believe it is entirely reasonable to register and breed the backcross Dalmatians to prevent this genetic disease.
Taylor, DVM	Leanne M	
Valenti, DVM	Nicholas	
Weaver, DVM	Kristine	This is the second time I am signing this petition as I was told my last signing is not listed. I believe it is the dalmation breeds best interest to allow these new decendents into the AKC gene pool and eliminate the urate issue the breed is so prone to
Weiher, DVM	Jan	
White, DVM	John V. Jr.	I have raised and shown Dalmatians since the mid 1960s. I'm also a licensed veterinarian. I feel that the outcrossed Dalmatians should be licensed so we can start the process to hopefully eliminate the high uric acid component of the Dalmatian. I have seen too many cases of stone formation causing great expense and often death of the dog/s. It is time AKC allowed the breeders to incorporate these dogs into their pedigrees if desired.
Williams, DVM	Stephanie	Please allow the descendents of the Dalmation Stocklore Stipples to be allowed into the AKC.