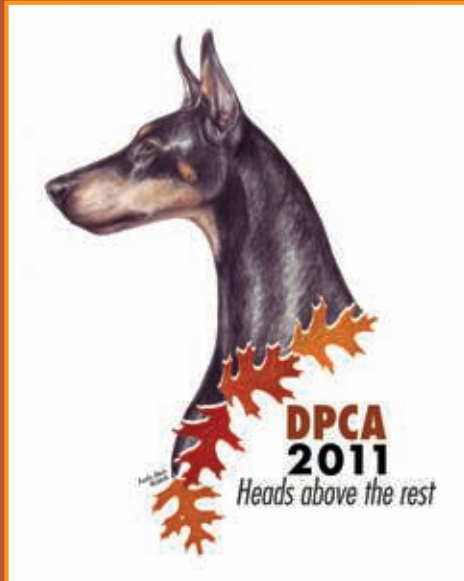


NATIONAL SECTION

2011



SHOW REPORT

Tammy Rabold

DPCA 2011-12 National Event Chair



Hey All,

I just want to Thank everyone who helped us put on your Doberman Pinscher Club of America Regional and National Speciality this year. I learned a long time ago you need a TEAM to get the job done and I must say "I had one heck of a Team once again this year"

The biggest problem you have in directing a National Speciality is the distance between you and all the needs to do it so that is why it is very important to have an Assistant you can count on and believe you me, Nancy Johnson was IT this year. She was there every time I needed her to be and got what we needed and then some. Thanks Nancy from the bottom of my heart. Also the Parking Crew and Grounds people again did a fabulous job making sure all of those RV's were safely situated and cared for, Headed up by Mark Johnson and Bob Maki and his wife Gail, thanks to all of you.

The position of Convention Chair is also a Very important job, one that should not be taken lightly. This person arranges all the rooms and equipment needed to carry out all the events we offer each year and basically heads up everything and reports it to me to make the final decisions. My thanks to Joanie Kreig for performing this duty to perfection.

Our performance activities were expertly handled by some new comers this year, Ellen Mouri, from VA made everything happen for Obed/Rally and did a smashing job I might add. Her energy level and love of this breed came together to make sure this Event went off with out a hitch.

Our Agility friends were steered by another new leader but certainly not new to Agility, Beth Szczygiel.

That group always has a challenge by the elements and that was proven again this year but everything went safely and smoothly and thanks to her and her helpers.

WE appreciate all the many Volunteer's that step up and assist us at the registration table and the Apparel Table. Sharon Pflueger did another fantastic job of bring us not just T-shirts but quality items with this year's logo which can be a keepsake for a long time Thanks to her as well.

My other long list of Committee Chairs that continue to bring information and education on all things related to our breed did a wonderful job once again. Our seminars and Health testing went on with out a hitch and Thanks to Dr. Kathy Davieds and Judy Brown for providing us with these expert speakers.

JEC headed by Faye Strauss went on all week long starting with Pat Hastings, who was kind enough to donate her time this year and the Exhibitor Education, headed by Sharon Pflueger, who lined up Esteban Farias and his Father Hector, to share idea's on how to train and show your own dog was a big hit. They started early in the morning and went on until just before the TT event's were to start. Another big success story, Thanks to all of you.

The Confirmation Ring was again expertly handled by Judy Smith and Barb Bender. These two ladies give and give so that all of us can enjoy what the breeders show case each year and post the results daily. We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to all the Winners and remember there are no losers in my opinion. Just to be able to enjoy all the beautiful animals brought every year is a blessing and hopefully everyone will do their best to preserve and protect our beloved Doberman Pinscher.

Show Report (continued)

We appreciate our Foreign Fanciers as well and thank them for coming and supporting our Event and look forward to them returning next year.

WE had some BOD and Officer's retire this year and some new Faces have appeared. Good luck to all of them

Like always there are "the few bumps in the road" as we say but we were able to smooth them out and continued on the path of success once again. Mistakes were made and identified and repaired as a team always does so things were not interrupted. YEAH to all of us!

I am already working on next year's Event which is being held at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, KY. This location has always proved to be the largest entry and I suppose it is because of it's general location and ease of arrival. The airport is 10 mins away and the Hotel has their own shuttle and good old I-75 goes North and South right along the Hotel. The facility has and is doing improvements and we have decided to take the Agility Trial off site this year to an inside arena and will certainly need volunteers for transportation to and from the site so all can enjoy with ease. TT AG will be at the Hotel.

My team is not all in place yet but as soon as I get it all lined up you will know it. The web site is already up with info we have so far.

Once again I ask for any volunteer's who would like to get more involved with our Breed Club to please contact me and I would love to get you started in any area you think your interests lie.

I would like to Thank Ellen Hanley for always having an answer, may not be the one I want to hear, but she has one anyway to help me take on this job she has done for so many years.

Thanks also to John Schoneman for his Chairing of the TT Events as well as hauling and setting up all the Announcing Equipment yearly.

Last but not least, Michelle Kramer, who expertly handles the Web site and Streaming when it is available. With out her, you who can not always attend would not be kept in the loop so we appreciate all her time and efforts yearly. I do mean yearly because this work goes on all year long, not just 3 months before the show so it is quite time consuming.

I am sure I have forgotten someone one or something so forgive me and THANKS to everyone who helps this wonderful event to take place. ▲

Tammy Rabold

2011-12 National Event Chair

From the Ring...

Just a quick note to thank all owners, exhibitors and handlers for working so well with the Ring Steward Crew.

It went just great—A couple of days we even had time to feed the dogs and ourselves.

Happy Holidays to all! ▲

Judy Smith

Barbara Bender

Margaret Downey



2011 National Convention Report



Joanie Krieg

2011 Regional & National Convention Chairman

I would like to thank everyone who made this year's Regional and National so much fun for me. The Convention Chair position was interesting, and had several challenging issues this year rain, leaky roofs and lost boxes to name a few.

First and foremost, Mark Johnson, Gail and Bob Maki and Tony Pinto, without these four people the Motorhome parking, grounds, and safety of this year's Regional and National would not have happened. They worked hard and long hours. When I asked them to shuttle people to the Top 20 events they never let me or the membership down. Thank you with all my heart and gratitude.

I want to thank the following people for their support and help. Linda Hunt and her volunteers for handling the Registration table, Educational Material Sales, Catalog Sales, and the other various sales items.

Nancy Johnson you are a great Vendor Chair. I do not know what I would have done without you.

Linda Ballon, to say thank you does not seem enough. You handled all of the Banquet and Hospitality issues like the pro you are.

Karin DeGrazia-Fox, the Archives booth looked wonderful, it had a lot of activity.

I appreciate all of the hard work the Seminar Chairs and their presenters put into their programs. You are the people who we counted on to make this more than just a dog show. I nor the membership were disappointed.

Mimi Brown and Michelle Lewis you two are a joy to work with, you both had the Friday Night Fundraiser/Awards Banquet so organized and planned that I had very little to do to help you.

I know I could not name everyone that helped, the list would be endless. I want you to know how much I appreciated your help and support.

I am looking forward to next year when I will be your Regional and National Convention Chair for 2012.

You the Membership make this club what it is, do not forget your value. I never will! ▲

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Krieg

2011 Regional and National Convention Chairman

Regional & National Agility 2011



Beth Szczygiel

DPCA Nationals Agility Chair, 2011

We all hoped for perfect fall New England weather for the three days of agility, unfortunately, Mother Nature did not get the memo, it rained Saturday and Sunday and finally mid-morning on Monday we had clear skies! Though the rains made the grass slick, the field held up fairly well over the three days.

Saturday's regional trial was judged by Ken Fairchild of Bedford, NH. Ken is known for his open, flowy courses that compliment our big strided dogs. There were 34 entries, 81 total runs. High in Trial for Saturday was Yvonne Mancino and Flare.

Sunday's regional and Monday's National trial were judged by Christie Bowers of South Prairie, WA. Christie's upbeat attitude and obvious joy for judging helped make the days run smoothly. On Sunday there were 35 entries, 85 total runs, Monday 42 entries, 98 total runs. High in Trial for Sunday and Monday were Lloyd Fulcer and Raven.

On Wednesday we hosted an agility handling seminar with two time National Champion Rosanne DeMascio. She set some challenging courses and solutions for each working team. Everyone walked away with lots of new tools for their training bag. Thursday was private lesson with Rosanne.

Some of the many Thank You's I would like to extend to are:

John Schoeneman, hauling his clubs equipment up from NC. Dave Mancino for an excellent job as trial secretary. Carol Moore, Dan Faulkner, Marie Hannah, Joyce Orcutt, Kathy Duffy, Kathy Semple, Sue Korp & Julie Haugen some of the many that were fabulous course builders and workers. I should also add that some of these people aren't even agility folk and they still stepped up to the plate, dobe people rock!

No agility trial can go on without a tremendous amount of help. These people and many more were always there to help.

Thank you so much for helping to make DPCA Nationals Agility trials a huge success, despite the rain. ▲

Sincerely,

Beth Szczygiel

DPCA Nationals Agility Chair, 2011

All win photos & candids in the National Section were provided by:

THE WINNING IMAGE



Please note: Some 1st place photographs were not taken and therefore not provided in the win photo section.



2011 Conformation Winner
GCH Alisaton The Flight Of The Phoenix
 Owners: Madeleine & Pistol Tingen/G Demilta



DPCA Top 20

2011 Obedience Winner
CH OTCH Platinum's Black Again
UDX3 OM5
 Owners: S Korp & A Korp



2011 Winners

2011 Agility Winner
MACH7 Thornwoods Flare
MXF WAE CGC TDI
 Owners: Y. & D. Mancino





DPCA 2011 National Winners



Best of Breed Winner

GCH Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici

Breeders/Owners: Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins



Best of Opposite Sex

Ch. Tiburon Arsenal

Breeders: John Dolan & Salli Gorman

Owners: John & Addy Dolan



Best of Winners/Winner's Bitch (AmBred BLK Bitch)

Holly Woods Angels N' Demons

Breeders: Diane McGarvey & Mike Thomas

Owners: Diane McGarvey & Mike Thomas



Winners Dog (Open Black Dog)

Rodogards Arg. Gambler Ghost

Breeder: Rodogard's Arg

Owners: Andrea Paiva & Cristina Schafer



Reserve Winners Dog (Open AOAC Dog)

Rex De Akido San

Breeder: Andrea Fabiana Laruccia

Owner: Katherine Kew



Reserve Winner's Bitch (9-12 Month AOAC Bitch)

Rich-Lie Three's Company v Tallysyn

Breeder: Odelie Harsha

Owners: Maria Reilly & Mary Swords



Best Bred By Exhibitor (BBE Bk Dog)

Tiburon Aragorn

Breeders: John Dolan & Salli Gorman

Owners: W Gregory & J Dolan



Best Puppy (9-12 Black Dog)

Rich-Lie Captain Navarre of Aquila

Breeder: Odelie Harsha

Owner: Marilyn Elaine Almy



Veteran Sweepstakes Winner (7-9 Yr Bitch)

Ch. Pennylane's High Noon

Breeders: Wendy Rossler & Holly Schorr

Owners: Terry Simrell & Paul Sheridan/Holly & Steve Schorr



Grand Prize Futurity Winner (9-12 Month AOAC Dog)

Allure Fire In The Sky

Breeders: Nancy Bosley & Julie Porter & Carmen Pitts

Owners: Carmen Pitts & Julie Porter



Best Junior in Futurity (15+ Month BLK Bitch)

Niklby's Color Me Purple

Breeders: Betty & Ashley Cuzzolino

Owners: Betty & Ashley Cuzzolino



Best Veteran Dog (7-9 Years)

Ch. Blumont Dashing N Debonair UD GO RE

Breeders: Elizabeth Patterson & Kathy Harwood

Owners: Elizabeth Patterson & Kathy Harwood & Abbie Adams



Best Veteran Bitch (7-9 Years)

Ch. Marquis' Yes I Am Charmed

Breeders: Linda Marquis & Kelly Marquis

Owners: Allan Arnold & Bianca Arnold & Linda & Kelly Marquis



Stud Dog & Select Dog

Ch. Alex De Akido San

Breeder: Andrea Fabinana Laruccia

Owners: Dr A & S DiNarardo/ A F Laruccia/C Souto/N Colombo



Brood Bitch

Ch. Protocol's American Dream CDX AX AXJ XF

Breeders: Jocelyn & Kevin & Heather Mullins

Owners: Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins



Select Bitch

Tiburon Ariel Bella Dona

Breeders: John Dolan & Salli Gorman
Owners: Melinda Moyer & Tommy Moyer



Best Junior Handler

Ch. Notori's Romancing The Stone - Junior Handler: Abigail Adams

Breeders: Robyn Sparks & Elizabeth Patterson
Owners: Abigail Adams & Robyn Sparks & Elizabeth Patterson



Award of Merit - AB# 34

GCh. Mistel's Anything You Can Do

Breeders: Robert L Vandiver & Nancy Vandiver
Owners: Robert L & Nancy A Vandiver



Award of Merit - AB# 57

Ch. Protocol's Ordo Ad Chao

Breeders: Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins
Owners: Mary Jo & Bill Davis & Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins



Award of Merit - AB# 69

GCh. Steinway's Paris Is Burning NA NAJ NF

Breeders: Melissa J Loflin & Mona Fasth DVM
Owner: Melissa Loflin-Park



Award of Merit - AB# 75

GCh. Francesca's House Of Blues

Breeders: Dawn M Saurio/I/Dawn R Honaker/Shari L Denitrowicz
Owner: Robert Hennessey



Award of Merit - AB# 82

GCh. D's Devil Wears Prada

Breeder: Dr Anthony DiNardo & Sheila DiNardo/ Ann Ramsbottom-White
Owners: Tony & June Pinto/Dr Anthony DiNardo/Sheila DiNardo



Award of Merit - AB# 168

GCh. Holmrn's Really Truly

Breeder: V Cherie Holmes
Owners: Donna Kemp & Mark Kemp



Award of Merit - AB# 223

GCh. Alisaton The Flight Of The Phoenix

Breeders: Carissa DeMilta & Gwen DeMilta & S Heffner
Owners: Madeleine & Pistol Tingen & G DeMilta



Award of Merit - AB# 250

GCh. Caryola's Antigua

Breeder: Caryn Cooper
Owners: Naomi Barksdale & Malcolm Barksdale



Award of Merit - AB# 306

GCh. Cambria's Must Be Fate

Breeders: Ann Ramsbottom White & S & T DiNardo
Owners: Glen Lajeski & Jim & Ann White



Award of Merit - AB# 358

Ch. Holly Wood's Catwoman

Breeders: Diane McGarvey & Michael K Thomas
Owners: Tom & Lee Kronovich



Dog - Puppy 6 - 9 Mos. BLK
Kaliber's Unforgettable
N Raffa-Sodel



Dog - Puppy 6 - 9 Mos. AOAC
Goldgrove First Class
Sara Self/Ryan Self



Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. BLK
Rich-Lie Captain Navarre Of Aquila
M Almy



Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. AOAC
Fabert Hard Rock Cafe,
Myriam Ruel/Francoise Allard/Robert Brousseau



Dog - 12-18 Mos. BLK
Aludra's Memphis Blues
S Duval/K Bahr



Dog - 12-18 Mos. AOAC
Kachina Anndra Red Dragon Rising
S Hildebrand



Amateur Owner Handler BLK
Camee's I'LI Take It Black
K Sklenak



Amateur Owner Handler AOAC
Fabert To Bee Or Not To Bee
Cassandra Lalande & Claude Lalande



Dog - Bred By Exhibitor BLK
Tiburon Aragorn
W Gregory/J Dolan



Dog - Bred By Exhibitor AOAC
Allure Ready Aim Fire
J Porter/C Pitts



Dog - American Bred BLK
ADAMAS Shock And Awe
Rick Wilcox/Irene Wilcox/Elizabeth Barrett



Dog - American Bred AOAC
Lynnwood's Mountain Aire Commander
J Mullen/J Noon



Dog - Open BLK and WD
Rodogards Arg Gambler Ghost
Andrea Paiva & Cristina Schafer



Dog - Open AOAC and RWD
Rex De Akido San
Katherine Kew



Bitch - 6-9 Mos. BLK
Kerwynd's Country Breeze
S Kershaw



Bitch - 6-9 Mos. AOAC
Kaliber's Tennessee Waltz
N Raffa-Sodel



Bitch - 9-12 Mos. BLK
Goldgrove Heaven 'N Paradise Mikadobe
T Chan/G Chan/S Pflueger



Bitch - 9-12 Mos. AOAC
Rich-Lie Three's Company V Tallysyn
M Reilly/M Swords/O Harsha



Bitch - 12-18 Mos. BLK
Horizon's Sirius Sensation
J Phillips/L George



Bitch - 12-18 Mos. AOAC
Mi-Ti's Mayhem
C Silverman/S Baker



Bitch - Amateur Owner Handler BLK
Shadeko's Quest For Rubies
K Allen/P Reinhardt



Bitch - Bred By Exhibitor BLK
Niklby's Color Me Purple
B Cuzzolino/A Cuzzolino



Bitch - Bred By Exhibitor AOAC
Stedfast Miracles Happen V. Kelview
C Nicholson/R Miller/P Stedman



Bitch - American Bred BLK
Holly Woods Angels N Demons
D Mcgarvey/M Thomas



Bitch - American Bred AOAC
ADAMAS Bottle Shock Of Mirabel
M Kramer/J Lauver



Bitch - Open BLK
Niklbys True Supa Starr
B Cuzzolino/A Cuzzolino



Bitch - Open AOAC
Mystikos N Kettle Cove Eternal Love
V Campbell/S Duval/d aunchman



Agility

High in Trial

MACH3 Fulcer's Raven UD RE OF

Breeder: Dawn M Clark

Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



Novice A - Std 24"

Jesaran's In From Above
K Davieds



JWW Novice Pref 20"

Rescued And Ready To Roll UD RA MX
MXJ NJP MXF NFP - C Macchione



Open - Std 24"

Smack-Dabs Pkgs Reason For Believing CD
RA NA OAJ NF - P Golfieri/N Young



Excellent B - Std 24"

MACH9 Thornwoods Flare CD MXF TQX
Y Mancino/D Mancino



Open - Pref 20"

CH MACH3 Montwood Arista Rally The Flag
NAP NJP - C Moore



JWW Excellent B - 24"

Platinum's Winner Takes It All RN MX MXJ NF
B Szczygiel

Obedience

*High in Trial and
Highest Combined*

**Ch Platinum's Black Again
UDX3 OM5**

Breeders/Owners:
Art & Sue Korp



Novice A

Ch. Sasanoa Front Page News
Carol & Michael Crosby/P Cary & H Carpenter



Novice B

Zuma's Xtra Special Amore' v Royalwood RN
Terry & Gwen Lucoff



Open A - First Place

Brijas Top Gun v Sharjet's CD RA
Traci Isabella



Rally



Novice B
Tolivar's Avajeau Da Bell'Lavoro RN
K Roberts/A Platt



Advanced A
K-Lin's Rockin Good Summervtallyesyn RN
J Farley/R Farley/K Farley/m swords



Advanced B
Gracie Jane Der Flitzer CD RE
P Kendall



Excellent A
Allure R-Star Alisaton RA
R Gipp



Excellent B
Gracie Jane Der Flitzer CD RE
P Kendall



National & Regional JUDGING

Comments from the Judges...

Pamela Dehetre

DPCA Regional Intersex Judge

It was a great honor to be invited to judge the DPCA Regional. Thank you all for this very memorable event.

When asked to write a few words about the show my first thought was that I could not find words to express the awe I felt to be able to go over the best Dobermans in this country and possibly some of the best from other countries as well. It really was one of the best days of my life.

Prior to judging my thoughts were racing around as to what would be the best procedure that would give me, as well as the spectators, an optimum view of each exhibit. As a handler I have shown in many DPCA Best of Breed competitions and also other prestigious shows. It seems like each judge has their own idea of the best way to handle the ring.

One year I went all the way across the country to exhibit at the DPCA to be in the ring a total of about a minute. That was all. The judge brought each dog into the ring alone for the examination and gaiting. If you were not one of the chosen it was over. None of the dogs were in the ring together until the end. Only those exhibits whose number was called on the loud speaker continued to compete. No excitement at being pulled out or letting ringside spectators see your dog compared to any others. This was very disappointing to say the least. Then I read an article written by another judge who thought this was the best way to showcase each entry. As a handler I did not agree because if your dog did not make the cut that was the end of it. Hours on a plane, hotel bills, rental cars and so forth for one minute! Hardly seemed to me that was the best way.

Then there are the judges who drag it out to the point where all the fun is gone. Down and back and around a zillion times (feels like that many sometimes) and 3 or 4 cuts which by the time that is finished so are the dogs, the handlers and the spectators.

Other years by the time the awards of merit were chosen the ring was a mess of dogs all over the place with the judge losing track of some of the dogs and also not giving the correct number of awards.

So having been through just about all kinds of judging styles I wanted a procedure that would keep the dogs in the ring so they could be seen as well as being able to get the count correct for the proper number of awards of merit.

I had great ring stewards. Judy Smith made cards for each group so it was easy to keep track of the numbers and the keepers. Barb Bender kept the entrance organized. They made my job move along very efficiently. Thank you to both of you for a job very well done.

I know you are probably wondering when I am going to get to the dogs so here it is. I started in Dobermans in 1965. Since then I have seen this breed go through many changes. Some were good, some not so great. There was a time when most of the dogs had very upright week pasterns and quite a few that toed in– the breeders worked on it and there were maybe only one or two that had either deviation. There was a time when most of the dogs needed more strength in the rear – the breeders worked on it and there were only a couple that were weak. The breed went through a problem with a lack of pretty heads that lacked underjaw – the breeders worked on that and the underjaws are improving and the planes have become more parallel. Size – in all the years I have been in this



breed – it has gone up and then back to the standard and repeated. Shoulders have been a problem in layback as well as roughness and now smooth shoulders have improved although we still and probably always will have to work on layback. I found most of the dogs were within our standard. All in all I thought the amount of bone was good. There were a couple of good quality males that looked immature but perhaps they were young and if so, when they mature they will be able to compete with any male that was there. Most of the males were mature and looked like boys.

Properly evaluating temperament in a conformation ring full of specials is remedial at best. All of the dogs I judged were trained to show and even the ones that were not shown professionally still exhibited the presence of the Doberman Pinscher. They all looked energetic, watchful, alert and determined – even if only to get the bait! No one was shy and all stood obediently for examination. Therefore as much as temperament can be evaluated in the conformation ring all of the dogs passed with flying colors.

All in all I think that our breed is in excellent condition as represented by the Champions in this competition. It is no wonder that Dobermans are consistently ranked in the Working Group.

There is no amount of training, conditioning or great handling that can take a bad dog to the top with any consistency. The breeders are the ones that must create the quality dogs to show. In most instances the handlers take over for the fine tuning and work as a team with the breeder and the owner which in some cases is all the same person. All through my years in dogs I have watched the dedicated breeders do an excellent job in recognizing where improvements were needed and moving forward to correct the problems. The good breeders are always willing to share their knowledge. Breeders are the backbone of all breeds and it is to those breeders that I say thank you for the great dogs I was privileged to judge. ▲

Esther M. Urso

DPCA Regional Sweepstakes Judge - Puppies & Veterans

First, let me say, it was a great honor & pleasure to judge the puppies and veterans sweepstakes class. Thanks to everyone that selected me to judge and had confidence in my judging.

To the breeders: For a great job on producing such great quality in their breeding program. To the owners: For a great job on conditioning these wonderful puppies. To the owner/handler: For presenting the puppies at their very best.

I can honestly say it was a very hard decision on my part selecting my placements in all my classes. All my placements had very good substance & bone, very pretty heads, dark eyes, and full under jaw, tight feet, short nails. Very good movement coming and going. Excellent reach and drive with smooth topline. Found few with bad mouths and missing teeth.

My bitches were much more superior than my males. I was very impressed with my 6-9 and 9-12 month bitches. There were quite a few that I thought could have been littermates. It won't be too long before most of these puppies finish their championship title (if they haven't already). GREAT JOB to all the breeders, owners and handlers.

Let's not forget the veterans. All my dogs and bitches were in excellent condition. Their movement and showmanship was outstanding. It was amazing how they all still showed and moved so well. They never seem to forget they are showdogs. Age does not matter!!!

Thanks to my lovely ring stewards, Judy Smith & Barb Bender. They both do such a great job on keeping everything in order. Many thanks again, to all my supporters — Good luck to all of you in the ring. ▲



Jeff Brucker

DPCA National Futurity Judge

I enjoyed judging the 2011 DPCA National Futurity. The puppies in general, were standard sized with good croups. Most had good side gait, and were showy. However, many of the handlers moved their dogs too fast. Some of the heads were a mixture of lacking underjaw and poor planes. We must work on the heads. The bitch I picked for Best Junior was of standard size with good side gait and a nice head. There were many other nice dogs, and not all of my decisions were easy ones. I look forward to seeing how these dogs mature and go on with their careers. Thank you for the honor of judging the 2011 National Futurity. ▲



(Ms.) Patricia Scully

DPCA National Top 20 Obedience Judge

I would like to thank all the members of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, Inc. for the honor of judging the Top Twenty Obedience competition. It was a most elegant affair.

35% of the dogs were champions, and 50% had a U.D. title. This most elegant and intelligent breed should have a title before the name and titles after the registered name. The beautiful rosettes were a sight to behold. The stewards were most efficient which allowed me to concentrate my full attention on judging. Isn't it wonderful that the winner finished her championship that week.

I send my best regards to all the members, and wish the Club continued success in its future endeavors. I had a marvelous time; and, I certainly hope the exhibitors did also. I commend the DPCA for having the Top Twenty events annually in breed, obedience, and agility. ▲



L. Michelle Lewis - LeMils Dobermans

DPCA National Veterans Sweepstakes Judge

I want to thank all the exhibitors that showed their Veterans to me in the National Veteran Sweeps. I know you all know, how much the Veterans mean to me. I love the old ones and they deserve so much. We are blessed to be able to have them in our lives.

I did not have a big entry, but I did have quality in all the classes. The movement, look, and the showmanship with all the Veterans was outstanding. It was a very hard decision for my Best Veteran.

It came down to breed type, standard qualities, the attitude she wanted to be there, and movement. It was so cute to see this bitch out run the handler showing her, this handler can move out too. I was happy to award the Best Veteran Sweeps to a black bitch from the 7-9 year class. Ch. Pennylane's High Noon, owned by Terry Simeral, Paul Sheridan, Holly and Steven Schorr. This bitch was handled by Lisa Buroff.

I wish you all the best in the coming years, again thank you for your invitation to judge the Veterans. ▲



Stephen A. D. Picciuolo

DPCA National Obedience & Rally Judge

Just a quick note to thank the DCPA for all the kindness and thoughtfulness I experienced at the DCPA National.

I thoroughly enjoyed my Obedience and Rally Class assignment. I could not have asked for anything better.

The Stewards were great. They were efficient and attentive to their duties.

Ellen Mouri deserves special mention for the outstanding job she did as the Obedience and Rally Chair. I have never seen one to equal her cheerful and efficient work throughout the three trials. She is a gem and deserves special recognition from DCPA.

The quality of dogs participating in Obedience and Rally was top tier. Very high Obedience scores were in evidence. Four perfect scores were earned by four different Dobermans during the two days I judged Rally.

There was one in Novice, two in Advanced and one in Excellent. Certainly, the quality I saw will insure commendable representation of Doberman Pinscher's abilities at the upcoming AKC National Trials.

It was my pleasure to be of service. ▲



Bill Shelton

DPCA National Intersex Judge

Wow! What a momentous occasion and responsibility you bestowed upon me at this year's 2011 national specialty. I would, and could not have taken this task on with any more tenacity or responsibility than I did. With that said I will not soon forget sharing this 2011 national with all of you.

Over my past forty five years of involvement in the breed I've had the pleasure to have participated as a breeder, owner, and a professional handler. I've been honored by the DPCA in so many ways, from dogs I have bred and shown receiving top honors to having been appointed as the Judges and Breeders Education Chair. I've been elected to adjudicate over the DPCA national week a multitude of times, my first being over twenty seven years ago. My experiences nationally have led to invitations of judging Dobermans throughout the world. With these and other experiences as my guide may I say I don't know a time or place than at this year's national specialty that the breed presented itself in any better condition. I was overwhelmed by the depth of quality.

I would speculate that those with a demonstrated background in the breed would concur that many dogs who represented our best of breed competition at this year's DPCA national are some of the best examples that we have had in recent times. Of course, there will be deviations and I say, as a breeder, and sincerely believe, we should celebrate all these differences. If breeders had no variations of styles, within TYPE, where would they go to improve and/or take chances of changing their present stock? Breeding does require varying styles to make up a well-rounded gene pool. Not only do we need these varying phenotypes, but we need the varying dominant genotype that they may represent to effect change and in developing any kind of a difference in our future generations.



Individual dogs and the breeding programs they represent will not be without their faults. It's actually their virtues we will go seeking in the hope that the science and art we weave together from this family of dogs will produce the next ideal individual for the standard and our breeding programs.

We don't all see or prioritize the breed alike but, as evaluators, we should all be in the same ball park. The written standard will convey and reveal to us with research and examination the more detailed parts. Of course, we will need to know the breed's history to understand the evolution of the breed and how this all relates to the standard and the breed's present state. It can be as simple as say, looking at bone within the breed. Heavy bone of today is less than what it was and as many breeders interpreted it when I first started in the breed. Heavy bone of yesterday was more round or heavily oval than today. Many individual dogs from the profile examination will have adequate breadth of bone, but once standing in front of them they possess a very narrowly bladed bone. Some examples can appear to lack the extent of strength we once had and interpreted as heavy. The breeders of any era will decide what will suit the standard and their own interpretation. We will observe the breed go into, and out of, many variations as breeders flex their will on a moving target called genetics. I believe it was noted in Gruenig's book - a past authority on the Doberman Pinscher (from the 30's I think). He expressed that Dobermans should be a breed that would and should evolve to suit the times, being a dog of and for the times. We only need to look back into our short history to see the dogs that Louis Doberman was first photographed with to observe, and know this physical evolution to be undeniably inevitable. What vast changes have taken place over the decades. Mr. Frank Grover (a great friend and mentor of mine) and I, had many conversations relating to the issue that the true type of a Doberman was so tied to their unique and adaptable intellect and character, perhaps so much so that it was this characteristic that defined type more in a Doberman Pinscher than any other, including their physical beauty itself.

In decades gone by we had more individual breeders with divergent approaches to what a Doberman should and would look like, if it was to represent their family of dogs, than we do today. In years past, you could easily point to a Browns, Ahrtal, Damasyn, Kay Hill, Marks Tey, etcetera bred dog and almost always be right. These families of dogs demonstrated genetic and phenotypic resemblances and their attributes and faults were consistent. Dobermans of today have more similar attributes; just the degree is changed from one example to the next primarily. Is this because our families of dogs are collectively more closely related than yesterday? I cannot conclusively speculate, on this occasion, if these variations that presented themselves in days gone by were better or if our more homogenous approach of today will be better in effecting change and moving into the twenty first century. That's a whole other article.

Interpreted virtues of an era are what make a dog great as a representative of their breed's standard. Even though we have not changed our standard much over the decades, our greater interpretations of the words has, and this process is not likely to change as we evolve.

It's not so much about the deviations that exist but rather, perhaps, how well an individual will carry them as a whole, and to what degree they effect or distract from the overall ideal. We must remember a Doberman is the sum of their total parts, and that we should never favor an exaggerated attribute just because it presents itself, and we simply like the way it looks. This is not our place singularly. The Doberman is a medium sized working dog, and we must always remember that form should follow function. The standard is so clear and easily understood when it comes to proportions and outline of the breed. Balance is always in the forefront of one's mind when judging the Doberman. One part will complement the next and so on. I reveled in the static balance of so many individuals this year. In motion, some more than others demonstrated powerful and effortless reach and drive, particularly on the go around. Their temperaments appeared outstanding, only one slightly failed my brief test. Heads where divergent from one another generally, but most all approached typical, and a few were outstanding. So many demonstrated their nobility through their expression and body

carriage. I love this trait about Dobermans. Very few missing teeth, but a lot of extras, as is often seen. Bites were very good as a whole. Extraordinarily great cat-like feet across the board. Bone and substance was good overall but perhaps not as heavy as in decades gone by. Bone typically suited the individual dogs very well, and we didn't have any really weedy, fine boned dogs either. Chest, brisket and ribbing depth and width was really good, and generally not lacking across the entry. I didn't see any exhibit who appeared terribly out of shape, though many would have benefited with more definition and conditioning for a competitive event such as this. The coat texture, color and markings were good as well. I must say again, the breeders must be very proud - they are doing an outstanding job. I didn't have one Doberman entered in the Best of Breed competition that should not have been there. As a collective, what a magnificent group!

No dog will ever represent the standard 100%. Partially because you will never get 100% of the authorities to agree on an absolute interpretation of ideal to the words of the written standard. As judges we are all fallible. I suspect I might not have done it YOUR way. But I surely did it mine, and in doing so I saw greatness at every turn. There were so many really deserving dogs and presented so well that it made the decisions very difficult. The task and honor to be able to evaluate this great family of dogs called the "Doberman Pinscher" at the 2011 National specialty was mine, and I reiterate that I had the time of my life. If I never have the opportunity to do it again, I will have no regrets, as I know, "you and I" have done good work, and will only have to reflect on the images stored away in our mind's eye to bring a smile to our faces. And to know that we all came together to do one thing in Fitchburg, Massachusetts in 2011 - "Celebrate a magnificent gift of the twentieth first century known as the Doberman Pinscher." Until we meet again, go out and do what you do best for the breed, so it may continue to thrive. ▲

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DPCA National Puppy Dog & Adult Bitch Judge

There can never be another "first time" judging the DPCA Nationals for me, and those in the judging community who have shared my good fortune will understand when I say what a wonderful experience this was and how fortunate I am to be given the opportunity to judge such a large entry of quality Dobermans.

First, please join me in thanking the hard-working folks who helped bring us together in Fitchburg again this year to celebrate our Breed. The complete list is way too long ... committees, Officers and Board members, etc. etc. but two ladies deserve special recognition: Joanie Krieg (Ms Outside the Ring) and Tammy Rabold (Ms Inside the Ring). Believe me folks, this stuff ain't easy.

And thanks to the ladies who kept the rings running smoothly during the Nationals week, Judy Smith and her "crew": Margaret Downey, and Barbara Bender. It looks easy because they know what they're doing. All three are approved judges, and they ran the ring like the pros they are. I had to smile when one of the ladies ... I won't say which one... actually stepped out of her shoes to give them to an exhibitor standing ringside in high heels with an unexpected call-back to the ring. (You can't make this stuff up... it's too good.)

I'm very happy to have been able to judge puppy dogs and adult bitches. The puppies are so young and full of themselves, and the bitches are, in my opinion, the cream of the crop. I could have easily handed out more than one purple ribbon; however, they only gave me one... and I had to make some truly difficult decisions (that's what a judge does).



Since the days of consistently large Dobe entries are pretty much gone (or at least for the foreseeable future), a substantial number of really good Dobermans like those entered at the National this year allowed me the opportunity to change my approach to evaluating the classes. Often, in smaller shows, a judge has to sort through the dogs entered in order to find at least one or two specimens that merit the purple ribbon (and this can often be a lot harder than you’d expect). However, with such a nice-sized entry at the National, I applied an approach to judging that I’d heard and remembered from years ago: make your cuts on type and make your placements on soundness.

Generally speaking, I saw pretty much what I expected during my examinations. Very few missing teeth... think I found only one or two. No undershot bites, a few even bites, but mostly correct scissor bites (and four or five bites that approached overshot). As for good bone (and stop me if you’ve heard this before), I wish I had seen more.

With few exceptions across the entry, I found good heads, fronts, rears, pasterns/feet, and level top lines. However, excessive rear angulation is still too common, be it true (structural) or perceived (caused by improper stacking). I also noticed relatively few substantial underjaws. Since this can affect bite and the dog’s ability to hold on to its quarry, breeders cannot afford to let the Breed turn into “needle-noses.”

Now for a few comments on some of the individuals I evaluated. All the puppy dog classes on Thursday thoroughly impressed me. Each class produced a winner that I wouldn’t hesitate to take home with me. I particularly liked the 9-12 Month Black Dog, Rich-Lie Captain Navarre of Aquila, and I was not a bit surprised when Mr. Shelton awarded him Best Puppy on Saturday. This boy has a great career ahead of him.

Winner’s Bitch, Holly Woods Angels N’ Demons, was just the best overall package. What few flaws she has (and there are no perfect dogs) did little to detract from her “Total Package.” She excelled in type and soundness, in balance and conditioning, and she was trained perfectly for the ring. She earned her Championship with this win, and went on to Best of Winners on Saturday. What a deserving way to finish. Good dogs can sometimes hit you like a ton of bricks when they step into your ring, and on that day, she did just that.

The Reserve bitch from the 9-12 Month AOAC class, Rich-Lie Three’s Company V Tallyesyn, is a fine representative of the breed. When she finishes maturing, she’ll be hard to defeat. I particularly liked her forechest and front assembly, expression, and overall balance. A bit long to the hock joint, but overall, a real winner just coming into her own.

The most difficult class to place was the Bred-By Exhibitor (Black) class because of all the quality present. It is a real credit to our breeders to see so much depth in the Bred-By class, but it’s a bummer for the judge who has to place them! Quite literally, I could have handed out several blue ribbons in the class. The winner possessed a square, compact, balanced body which flowed from a nicely set on neck that complemented a wonderful shoulder layback. The other placements in the class all excelled in front assemblies with good shoulder layback as well (among other assets); however, a square, compact, balanced body and sound movement carried the day for the winner, Niklby’s Color Me Purple.

And finally, I’d like to commend the Judge’s Education Committee on developing a super presentation for new Doberman judges. As I pick up additional breeds in judging and attend other judging seminars, I’ve increased my appreciation of the seminar our club has put together. I see one potential pitfall for newbie Doberman judges: our Standard is so well written and in such detail that it may cause a newcomer to the breed to fault-judge, if they’re not careful. The Standard goes into great detail discussing every nook and cranny of the Doberman, and one could memorize the Standard, go out and find the dog with the fewest faults, and still miss the one dog that presents the best overall package (where all the parts fit together). Hopefully the same dog will be both, but not always... that’s when a judge has to be sure to evaluate overall balance and the sum of all parts, rather than all parts separately.

Again, thanks to all who exhibited their Dobermans to me. It was my pleasure. ▲