



2014 DPCA NATIONAL SECTION

OCTOBER 4 – 11, 2014
TOPEKA, KANSAS

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2014 Conformation Winner
GCH Kamterra's Legato
 Owners: K & M Moats

DPCA TOP 20

2014 Obedience Winner
CH Starlaine Best Kept Secret CD
VER AX AXJ
 Owners: K Fuss

WINNERS

2014 Agility Winner
CH MACH Carosel Suddenly So Hot
MXS MJS NF T2B
 Owner: T Bryon





2014 Event National/Regional Event Chair Report

I want to thank everyone who helped make our National one of the best I can remember in recent years. It took all of us working as a team, with dedication, imagination, hard work, time, and personal money spent to make the 2014 National the success it was. It was a magnificent showcase for our beautiful Dobermans. Whether volunteers worked on the scene or behind the scenes, it took everyone to make it the event we can all be proud of.

Kansas weather gave us a show of lightning and thunder a couple of nights and of course the resultant rain but for the most part the weather was very nice. The tunnel that connects the show site with the hotel certainly was useful during the inclement weather.

The Topeka site is one of the best venues for dogs and people in my opinion. The Exhibition Hall is very large and well lighted, the agility folks can run their dogs on dirt, the hotel staff is friendly and efficient, and the accommodations are excellent. There is room for every event we could ever want to schedule.

We had many new events this year and I think they were enjoyed by the dogs and the attendees. To name a few of our new events:

- Agility B Match
- Obedience OC Match
- Welcome Party prior to our Annual Meeting
- ROM, WAE, and Honor The Effort award recipients had a photo op following awards
- DPCA Generation Forward Meet and Greet
- Round Robin Tournament
- Barn Hunt Seminar/Workshop
- Night Walk
- Top Twenty Junior Showcase (during lunch break)
- Wind Down Party

I want to specifically thank Joanie Krieg our Convention Chair and my Co-Chair, without her the event would never run as smoothly, Tammy Rabold, Convention Hospitality also helping out with apparel for Apparel Chair, Sharon Pflueger (a huge job). John Schoeneman who was not only busy being the Treasurer but he was asked to do ten or more other things all at the same time. Nancy Johnson, our Vendor Chair extraordinaire, who keeps all the vendors happy. Jim Kent, the parking/grounds chair taking over for George Ross who was unable to attend, Jim braved the inclement weather and kept things organized outdoors. Glen Lajeski, Hillary Zimmerman, and Peter Holson, Decorations Committee, they not only made our show site look like we stepped onto a movie scene but were there every morning helping with trophies and ribbons. Our long suffering ring stewards and announcer, Judy Smith, Margaret Downey, and Barbara Bender, on Regional days they were there from 6:30 or earlier in the morning until nearly 11:00 pm at night! As a side note we will only have one Regional, split between two days next year, divided by color, and not limited.

A huge thank you to Karen Fuss, Obedience/Rally Chair and Carol Moore, Agility Chair. Their expertise in those venues is invaluable. Each of them also arranged a seminar for exhibitors in their respective venues.

This year as usual, two WAE events were held, thank you to the committee and the two evaluators, Eric Peterson and Zelda Casanova. I'm sure a report will be forthcoming from the committee.

Again this year there were seminars for the attendees put on by members who impart their vast knowledge and pass it down to others. Sharon Pflueger, Exhibitors Education, Cynthia Huckfeldt and Lisa Burroff, Breeders Education, Faye Strauss, Judges Education. Whether they have a committee or do most of the planning themselves, it is a gift from them to everyone.

Thank you to Dr. Mimi Brown and all her committee and helpers who every single year put on a wonderful Fund Raiser put on for Health and Rescue. Steve Schorr was the auctioneer again this year with some help from Rick George. Now if you have not seen Steve in action at one of these events you are missing an experience of a life time.

The International party hosted by Hiroko and Skip Lee was very well attended and a lot of fun. It is wonderful to get to know our international members and attendees every year at the National where we all get together to celebrate our wonderful breed.

Juanita Fagan tested dogs for the CGC, ACC, and TDI this year. We now have some new title holders.

Trophies were a huge hit this year. Fund raising ideas for the trophies this year was ingenious, we had gorgeous color photo ads in our catalog, beautiful embroidered chairs which we sold out. Folks are clamoring for more than our original purchase. Thank you Michelle Santana for the success of your committee. Speaking of fund raising, thank you Stacy Sims for the idea for free motor home parking and hotel stay. I think her ideas were a hit.

Ann Koch and Libby Hardgrave headed up the Registration table again this year, they do a phenomenal job of making folks feel welcome, selling catalogs, and answering all the many questions thrown their way. Sitting at the table helping with table seating for the Health and Rescue Fund Raiser was Michelle Lewis and Cherie Holmes was also at the registration table lending a huge helping hand.

The Top Twenty Committee again put on a beautiful extravaganza in all three venues. It is always one of the highlights of the national. Thank you all.

The Barn Hunt workshop/seminar put on by Nita Gandara, assisted by Victoria Hall was a huge hit. The attendance maxed out for both sessions and everyone was wishing for one more day!

I would also like to acknowledge Susan Lombard who designed the catalog and ads. She not only did a wonderful job with the catalog but puts together our outstanding Pipeline. And Michelle Kramer our fantastic web mistress who not only works all year long making our web site one of the best, she continually updates the national show area of the web site to keep everyone informed as each national plans progress.

Heartfelt thanks go to all the stewards for Obedience/Rally and Agility, and all the helpers. Without them the show would not go on.

I know I have probably forgotten someone but it certainly is not intentional because each and every person who helps in any way to put on our yearly national is a treasure to the DPCA and our Dobermans.

Now, on to Lancaster PA for 2015!

Respectfully Submitted by:
Janet VanWormer
2014 National Event Chair





2014 National Convention Chair Report

I would like to say thank you to all of the Volunteers, the help that was given this year makes this one of the very best Nationals. It had a light-hearted, fun atmosphere. I have been told that I am always smiling while at the DPCA Nationals no matter what the problems. Let me tell you why.

Jan Van Wormer, you had the confidence and trust in me to handle the site when you spent all those long hours in the Board Room. When you made me your Co Event Chair it was a great honor. I learned a lot from you and hopefully you learned a little from me. We spent a lot of time in after hour meetings and laughing at the little funny events of the day. Working with you was interesting and fun, which made me smile.

Nancy Johnson, as one of my very good friends I think you already know how much I depend on you to handle the Pipe and Drape, the ring set up, the Videographer and the Photographer, the vendors, and the site personnel in setup. You were given some roadblocks this year that you handled as always with class. What with the Expo General Manager leaving on the 8th and having an interim Manager who had never been to a dog show made it interesting. By the end of the show I do believe you and I were running the Expo Security and floor staff. Thumbelina and you made me smile more than once over our tweaks.

Lisa Buroff and Cindy Huckfield - Even though this was your first year as Breeders Education Co Chairs you did an excellent job of presenting an interesting and informative seminar. Choosing Mona Fasth and Kelly Marquis as your presenters was a great idea, but remember... you have had two of the best, so let's see how you top yourselves in 2015. Lisa you are so funny, you and Cindy take a great joy in everything Doberman. When I found you and Holly Shore and several other ladies on the WAE field volunteering as helpers you all put a smile on my face that lasted all day.

Faye Strauss, as always you present the very best in information and education for your Judges Education Seminars. You are a joy to work with, not just for your smiling face or your enthusiasm. You have this need to make every event a down home, come see us, be happy, enjoy yourself while you learn about this great Breed of ours mindset. The Generation Forward Meet and Greet and the Round Robin Match are just two events that demonstrate the joy you find in life and our Dobermans. Not to say you can not set up a few obstacles in my path to organization, such as your picture wall of the 2014 Achievers, what a great surprise and what a fantastic idea. And then there was your impromptu slide show at the wind down party. You always make it interesting and fun for me to see if I can fix any issues you bring up. I love your ideas, your work ethics, and your passionate need to education everyone on our breed. You lady make me smile knowing the next day I will see you, and you will need help with another new fantastic idea.

Sharon Pflueger, I really do not need to say much about your Seminar on Exhibitor Education, you always get the very best in presenters, and you did so again this year with Teresa Nail. If you could pick one person with personality plus and a great love and history with our Breed you picked the best in Teresa. You yourself have always been a great instructor and educator in your own right. You have mentored many people to look at the total Doberman, health, mind, and body. The total package, and have worked to instill this in every attendee to your seminars. You have always given much more than just a class in presenting your dog in the ring. You are one of the most dependable, sincere and caring people I know. When I hear people talking about what they learned from you and your Seminar, it puts a smile on my face.

Hillary Zimmerman and Glen Lajeski, oh yes least I not forget Peter, Hillary's brother. You three, I had never met or worked with before. My, what a shock! With your looks and resumes you are formidable people.

After spending less than an hour working with you, I also found all three of you to be very talented, sincere, fun loving, and hard working people. You love your Dobermans and your family and friends. You are team players to the highest degree and more than willing to help out in any manor that would make the National a success. Your decorations were unique and original. They had a flare towards making people enjoy themselves, designed to put a smile on your face and relax the atmosphere. You succeeded magnificently. I count myself lucky to have had you as the Decorating Committee. Much more important than just getting to know you, I now consider you friends, and that makes me smile.

Pam DeHetre and Cindy at the Chic Booth, Karen and Steve Fox at the Archives booth, Ann Koch, Libby Hargrove and Cherie Holmes at the Registration booth, Angus and his people at the Rescue booth and Stacie Simms at the National Fundraising booth, you all work so hard for our Dobermans. It shows in the manner with which you act and the pride you take in your efforts. It pleases me to help you and see the smiles on your faces when I succeed, that brings a smile to mine.

Mimi Brown you as always had a great event, the Friday night Fundraiser was so much fun with Steve Shore and Rick George as MCs and making everyone laugh and smile. This event is such an important one for our Dobermans. All of you who help put on the Auctions and Raffle work so hard. You all have such good intentions and giving hearts. I smile at all the good work you do.

Linda Hunt as my best friend you have had to put up with me, and every issue of this show, because that is what best friends do for each other. They support each other. Now I can laugh at myself, as most of my dramatic issues melted away as our 2014 National progressed.

Michelle as the President of the DPCA you have done a fantastic job, but as the National trophy chair and fundraiser you are an exceptional person. I have enjoyed you and your hopes and plans for the DPCA. I had never met you before this national but you made quiet an impression on me. I hope your dreams do come true and we have unity in the DPCA. Keep your sense of humor... you have made me laugh to the point of tears. Please do not loose that strong spirit that keeps you going.

In my opinion we have one of the best breed clubs in the world with the most wonderful membership. The support you give each other at the National is special. If I can see it so clearly I know that if you all look around at the 2015 National, you will see it too. And that makes me smile and I promise so will you.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Joanie Krieg

2014 National Convention Chair/2014 National Co Event Chair



DPCA 2014 National Winners



Best of Breed Winner

GCH Dezperado's Hallelujah

Breeders: Hillary Zimmerman & Linda & Rick George Owners: Hillary Zimmerman & Jacqueline & Alan Wendt



Best of Opposite Sex

GCH O'S Godiva Dark Demitasse CA DJ WAC TT CGC

Breeder: Pat Onley
Owners: Pat Onley & Mary Ann Byrns



Best of Winners/Winners Bitch

Fayek I'll Have Another

Breeder: Elizabeth Zellmer
Owner: Christy Moore-LaPlante



Winners Dog

Vision Bring the Action v Velo

Breeders: Christine and Ronnie Tarter and Alison McDonald
Owners: Christine and Ronnie Tarter and Alison McDonald



Reserve Winners Dog

Sant Kreal Estrong

Breeder: E A Kruglova
Owner: Mary Rodgers



Reserve Winner's Bitch

Demor's What Happens In Vegas

Breeder: Denise Morman
Owner: Denise Morman



Best Bred By Exhibitor

Van Orman's HK Delta Dagger V Suntana

Breeders: Nancy Troyer, Ashlee, Susan and Charles Claggett
Owner: Nancy Troyer



Best Junior Handler

Ashlee Claggett & GCH Van Orman's I Want It All

Breeders: Ashlee, Susan and Charles Claggett
Owners: Ashlee, Susan and Charles Claggett



Best Veteran in Sweepstakes

GCH Vondura's Black Magic Woman CD RAE MX AXJ CGC

Breeders: Karin & Robert S Fox
Owners: Karen & Larry Taylor



Grand Prize - Futurity

Gemini Princess Sansa Stark V Alisaton

Breeders: Marion Collins, Gwen DeMila, Carissa DeMila Shimpino
Owners: Heidi Boettcher, Marion Collins, G DeMila C Demila Shimpino



Best Junior in Futurity

GCH Raklyns Field of Dreams Alisaton

Breeders: F Diano, D Struff, G DeMila, C Shimpino, T Broderick
Owner: Deneen Hayward, F Diano, D Struff, G DeMila, C Shimpino



Best Veteran

CH Promise's Red River Magic

Breeders: Joanne Davis & Nelson Dupre & Jana Dupre
Owners: Nile Fowler & Kate Fowler



Best Puppy

Demor's What Happens In Vegas

Breeder: Denise Morman
Owner: Denise Morman



Stud Dog

GCH Element Rock Star

Breeders: Denise Kusey, Leah Kusey, D Pappas
Owners: Denise Kusey, Leah Kusey



Brood Bitch

GCH Kaliber's Tennessee Waltz CA

Breeder: Nancy Raffa Sodel
Owner: Nancy Raffa Sodel



Select Bitch

GCH Cambria's Vraiment Parfait

Breeder: Cambria Registered
Owners: Glen Lajeski, Ann Wulbrecht, Karen Thompson, Ann White



Select Dog

GCH. Goldgrove High Intensity

Breeders: Sharon Pflueger/Doris Jean Molin/Tamra Rabold
Owners: Theresa Connors-Chan/Gregory Chan



Award of Merit - AB# 167

CH Phillmar Super Man

Breeders: Cheryl Green & Phillip Martin
Owners: Tim Stone & Jaron Stone & Cheryl Green



Award of Merit - AB# 205

CH Cambria's Above And Beyond

Breeders: Glen Lajeski, Ann Wulbrecht, Cambria Knl
Owners: Lora L Van Epp & Daniel C Van Epp



Award of Merit - AB# 239

CH Supernove Never Surrender WAC, CGN

Breeders: Danica and Catherine Eiswerth
Owners: Catherine and Danica Eiswerth



Award of Merit - AB# 261

GCh. Rio's Luca Brasi Monster

Breeders: Karen and Amy Beskau
Owners: Megan Rheingans Michael and Karen Beskau



Award of Merit - AB# 258

CH. Alisaton Swept Away v Raklyn Ciden

Breeders: G. Demilta, D. Struff, C. Demilta-Shimpeno, C. Huckfeldt

Owners: P. Healy, H. Engel, G. Demilta, C. Shimpeno, C. Huckfeldt



Award of Merit - AB# 278

GCH Raklyns Field of Dreams Alisaton

Breeders: F.Diano; D.Struff; G.DeMilta; C.Shimpeno; T.Broderick

Owner: Deneen Hayward; F.Diano; D.Struff; G.DeMilta; C.Shimpeno



Award of Merit - AB# 300

Gch Foxfire N Icon Gotta Lotta Moxie

Breeders: Michelle Santan & Teresa Ross

Owners: Pearl Besand, Norman Besand Teresa Ross, Michelle Santana, Shani St. J



Award of Merit - AB# 312

GCH Tiburon Ariel Bella Dona

Breeders: John Dolan & Salli Gorman

Owners: Melinda & Tommy Moyer & Kathy & Jerry Drake



Award of Merit - AB# 332

GCH Black Bart's Calamity Jane

Breeders: Sandra Boyas

Owners: Christy Jordan



Award of Merit - AB# 362

CH Winmar's Chase'n The Dream

Breeders: Lisa Burroff & Beth Willhite

Owners: Lisa Burroff & Nancy Beltzer



Dog - Puppy 6-9 Mos. BLK
Van Orman's HK Excel V. Suntana
 Owners: Ashlee, Susan, and Charles Claggett



Dog - Puppy 6-9 Mos. AOAC
Excelsia's Fairwell To Arms
 Owners: Mary-Helene Brown, Cheryl L Watkins



Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. BLK
Valentin Rahdy Hopelessly Devoted To You
 Owners: Rakesh Shah & Arjun Shah



Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. AOAC
Cambria's Battle Royale
 Owners: Bryan Gaspard & Jordan Gaspard



Dog - 12-18 Mos. BLK & WD
Vision Bring The Action V Velo
 Owners: Christine & Ronnie Tartar & Alison N McDonald



Dog - 12-18 Mos. AOAC & RWD
Sant Kreal Estrong
 Owner: Mary Rodgers



Dog - Amateur Owner Handler
Judons Glory Days
 Owners: Don Shiffer & Judi Shiffer



Dog - BBE BLK
Perfex The Godfather V Relic
 Owners: Judi Shiffer & Don Shiffer & Nicole Baron



Dog - BBE AOAC
Raklyns Daydream Believer Alisaton
 Owner: Lisa Rosario Lisa Rosario



Dog - American Bred BLK
Mandre's Just Right
 Owner: Barbara A. Ross



Dog - American Bred AOAC
Fayeks Game On Dude
 Owner: Elizabeth Zellmer



Dog - Open Black
Obermark Five Star V Goldgrove
 Owners: Chad and Pam Drake & Jerry and Kathy Drake



Dog - Open AOAC
Chunqiu Red Loong
 Owners: Yu Dong Chen & Ting Ting Wang



Bitch - 6-9 Mos. BLK
Kelview's Mad Rush
 Owners: Colleen Nicholson & Cindy Kelso



Bitch - 6-9 Mos. AOAC
Cambria's Crazy X-Girlfriend
 Owner: Ann White



Bitch - 9-12 Mos. BLK
Demor's What Happens In Vegas
 Owners: Denise Morman



Bitch - 9-12 Mos. AOAC
Valentine Rahdy Rock N Roll Is Here To Stay Frenchy
 Owners: Lilya Glezer-Goldfein, Jennifer Goldfein, & Joan Berg



Bitch - 12-18 Mos. BLK
Lothlorien's Avari The Dark Elf
 Owner: Bunny Lanning



Bitch - 12-18 Mos. AOAC
Pamelot's Dusty Rose
 Owners: P DeHetre & S Bicknell



Bitch - Amateur Owner Handler
Dashn's Night At The Opera CDX OA AXJ NF
 Owners: Deborah Kovalchick



Bitch - BBE Black
QUARTET'S DIAMOND HEART
 Owners: Wende Call



Bitch - BBE AOAC & Best BBE
Van Orman's Vision of Victory
 Owners: Ashlee, Susan, and Charles Claggett



Bitch - American Bred Blk, WB/BW
Fayek I'll Have Another
 Owner: Christy Moore-LaPlante



Bitch - Open Black
Foxfire's Foxy Brown
 Owners: Dr Irena Vitkovitsky & Ron Babics



Bitch - Open AOAC
Liberators Hollywood Spicegirl
 Owners: P Stockwood & M Kourtis-Maitak & P Blenkey & B Casey



First - Open Junior
CH. Rahdy's Valley of Diamonds
 Owners: Lilya Glezer-Goldfein, J & D Goldfein, & B Goldfein



First - Working Dog Class
GCH Catawba's Power Play CD RA IPO1
 Owners: Whitney Newman & Susan Miller

Obedience

High in Trial

**Meritage I Want It All
CD BN AXJ OA**

Owners: Cindy Bohnert & S & M Patton



High Combined & 1st Utility B
OTCH Cambria's Gold Standard UDX4 OM6 RN WAC
Owner: Jill Young



Obedience - Novice A
dBella's Vaudeville Vixen
Owner: Linda D Hil



Obedience - Novice B
Meritage I Want It All CD BN AXJ OA
Owners: Cindy Bohnert & S & M Patton



Obedience - Open B
Ch. Starlaine Best Kept Secret UDX OM VER AX AXJ
Owner: Karen Ann Fuss



Obedience - Pre Novice B
Sandjo's Rumor Has It CGC
Owner: Sandy Woodruff



Obedience - Veterans
Fulker's Raven
Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



Highest Scoring Champion
Ch. Starlaine Best Kept Secret UDX OM VER AX AXJ
Owner: Karen Ann Fuss

Rally

High Combined

Venus McCoy Stone UD GN RAE

Breeder: Lejean Anderson
Owner: Annette Bujold



Rally - Novice A
dBella's Vaudeville Vixen
Owner: Linda D Hil



Rally - Novice B
Montwood Arista Just Show'n Off AX AXJ XF
Owners: Denise McKay & Jack McKay



Rally - Advanced B
Venus McCoy Stone
Owner: Annette Bujold



Rally - Excellent B
Fulker's Raven
Owner: Lloyd Fulcer

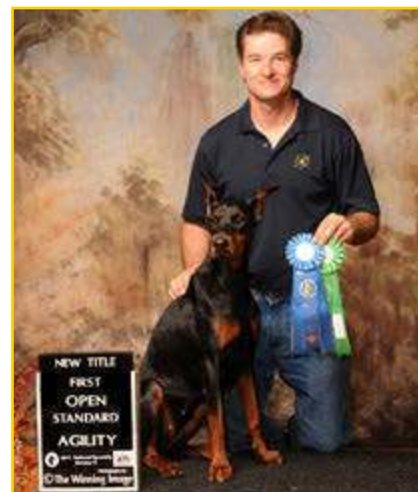


Agility

High in Trial

MACH LH's Heart Of A Dragon MXS MJS T2B

Owner: S. Houg & D. Houg



Agility - Open Standard - 24"

Bell'Lavoros Tornare In Paradiso

BN RN NA NAJ AXP AJP

Owners: L Fulcer/V Brachfeld



Agility - Master - Standard - 24"

MACH Lh's Heart Of A Dragon MXG MJG T2B2

Owners: S Houg/D Houg



Agility - Ex - JWW - 24"

Zuma's Xtra Special Jungle Love V Royalwood AX OAJ

Owner: K Gilliam



Agility - Master - JWW - 24"

MACH Lh's Heart Of A Dragon MXG MJG T2B2

Owners: S Houg/D Houg



Agility - Master Pref - Standard

MACH9 PACH Delta Duchess Of Davenport CD RN MXG3 MJC3 MXPB

MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF TQX T2B

Owners: T Houg/S Houg



Agility - Master Pref - 20"

MACH7 Smack-Dab's Daring Dicey MXS3 MJS3 MXP

MJP MXF MFB TQX T2B

Owners: J Morton





DPCA REGIONAL ONE WINNERS Oct. 4, 2014

Best of Breed

Ch Winmar's Chase'n The Dream

Breeders: Lisa Burroff & Beth Wilhite

Owner: Lisa Burroff & Nancy Beltzer



Best of Opposite Sex

Ch Belgregs Scotty McCreery

Breeder: Susan Gregory & Jane Benfield

Owner: Susan & Justin Gregory, Joan & Al Logan



Best of Winners / Winners Bitch

Gemini Princess Sansa Stark v Alisaton

Breeders: Marion Collins, G DeMila, C DeMila Shimpeno

Owner: Heidi Boettcher, Marion Collins, G DeMila, C DeMila Shimpeno



Winners Dog

Valentin Rahdy Hopelessly Devoted To You

Breeders: Joan Berg & Jennifer Goldfein

Owners: Rakesh Shah & Arjun Shah



Best in Sweepstakes

Gemini Princess Sansa Stark v Alisaton

Breeders: Marion Collins, G DeMila, C DeMila Shimpeno

Owner: Heidi Boettcher, Marion Collins, G DeMila, C DeMila Shimpeno



DPCA REGIONAL TWO WINNERS Oct. 5, 2014

Best of Breed

Ch Phillmar Super Man

Breeders: Cheryl Green & Phillip Martin
Owner: Tim Stone & Jaron Stone & Cheryl Green



Best of Opposite Sex

GCH Dezperado's Hallelujah

Breeder: Hillary Zimmerman & Linda & Rick George
Owner: Jacqueline & Alan Wendt



Best of Winners / Winners Bitch

Raindance Star Of India

Breeders: Susan & Chelsea James & Linda & Kelly Marquis
Owner: Susan & Chelsea James & Colleen Nicholson



Winners Dog

D'Rays The Buck Stops Here

Breeders: Diana B Ray and Jana Dupre
Owners: Diana B Ray and Jana Dupre



Best in Sweepstakes

Phillmar's Man Of Steel

Breeders: Phillip Martin & Cheryl Green
Owners: Alfred Stamm



DPCA NATIONAL & REGIONAL JUDGES' COMMENTS

BEV CAPSTICK

ALL REGULAR & NON-REGULAR DOG CLASSES JUDGE

It was my pleasure to judge the dog classes at the DPCA National. Thank you so much for this great honor and your vote of confidence. Special thanks to my fantastic stewards that kept things moving, the photographer and of course the exhibitors. This was an experience I will long remember.

The placements in each class are available online and elsewhere in the Pipeline, so I will not be redundant. Instead I would like to reflect my observations on the total dog entry. Head styles varied considerably. Gone are the days where you could recognize individual breeders lines by the head alone. Length of muzzle to backskull was equal in the majority of the entries. The biggest change in the heads concerns wider back skulls and lack of fill under the eyes. Eyes varied from oval to round, large to very small with differences in placement. Light eyes were the exception rather than the rule and the breeders should take credit for this change. Eye placement needs attention as there were a number of dogs with eyes set close together, giving a very different expression and not the "look of eagles" for which we strive. Ear sets were very good, but oh my, the length of ear is getting so extreme! Very few were short in neck but the layback of shoulder is still a major problem in our breed. I was happy to see the toplines improving and the rear feet placed correctly by the handlers, but the balance between front and rear angulation was evident in many sickle hocks while gaining. Proportions varied but there were more square dogs than seen in the past. Depth of chest was good, although the junction of the ribs and xiphoid process (cartilage at end of sternum) was located very close if not between the front legs! This is a problem occurring in many breeds. This produces extreme tuck up in some cases and makes the loin appear longer, even in a square dog. Length of leg in proportion to depth of body seems to be improving but not yet 50/50. Temperaments were very good with a few showing lack of experience rather than poor temperament.

In regard to bites, occlusion is still a problem. Majority had nice scissors bites, with three level and one wry mouth. There were a lot of extra premolars in the upper jaw and a few dogs with missing teeth. The exhibitors are to be commended for the "clean teeth" and overall conditioning of their dogs. Gaiting is improving on the "go around" as well as the "down and back". There is still room for improvement due to a lot of toeing in and/or moving wide in front. Biggest problem in the rear assembly is moving sickle hocked and high tail sets.

We are looking for a square, heavy boned, medium size, working dog with a blunt wedge head, good under jaw, erect ears and dark oval eyes. The breed has come a long way, keep up the good work and once again thank you for this opportunity.



MOE MIYAGAWA – FUTURITY JUDGE

I would like to thank everybody that voted for me to judge the DPCA Futurity for the second time. I had a great time judging the National thank you for bringing me such beautiful exhibits.

It is exciting to see the future of our breed, in the flesh, in the ring at our National specialty. I saw dogs with good upper arms nice bend of stifle, short backs, and pretty heads. I had a few missing teeth, but over all, I thought the quality was outstanding.

The breeders are all headed in the right direction. They are breeding Dobermans that look like the standard with correct temperaments.



JANIS SMITH – VETERANS SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE

I would like to thank the DPCA membership for the honor of judging the 2014 National Veteran Sweepstakes, and a very special thanks to those that showed their Doberman Veterans at this year's national. It is always such a pleasure to support our veterans with great applause, and this year it was my honor and joy to be in the ring to select the Best Veteran Sweepstakes.

I had an excellent group of Doberman Veterans to judge, representing the 7-9 Year, 9-11 Year, and 11+ Classes. My Best Veteran Sweepstakes came from the competitive 7-9 Year Veteran Bitch Class with six entries. I knew she was the one to beat when she walked in to the ring. She had excellent breed type, beautiful carriage and held herself together well moving around the ring. You would have never known she was a Veteran as she had the youthfulness of a young Specials bitch, with a very firm topline, energetic, watchful, determined, and alert. The Essence of the Breed.



Afterward I found out my Best Veteran Sweepstakes is GCH Vondura's Black Magic Woman CD RAE MX AXJ NAP NF NFP. Congratulations to her owners and breeders. She was pleasure to judge.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers working to make a great run National, especially Show Chairman Janet Van Wormer, my Ring Steward Judy Smith and my Ring Announcer Barbara Bender. Thanks to all the Event Directors and Committee Chairs. And, a special thanks to President Michelle Santana and the DPCA Board Of Directors for doing such a great job of guiding our club and the future of the Doberman Pinscher breed.

Congratulations to all those who had entries at the 2014 DPCA National. It is always a joy to see all the Dobermans, their owners and breeders come together at the National to show their dogs. To see old friends and meet new ones. I was so pleased to see more Juniors showing and the next generation coming to support our breed.

Again, thanks to all those that showed their Veterans to me in the Veteran Sweepstakes. It was an honor to judge at the 2014 DPCA National and so enjoyable to see our wonderful Veterans show so well. They were magnificent and thanks to those ringside that cheered them all on! ▲

Janis Smith,
Ruby Dee Dobermans

EVE AUCH – REGIONAL 1 SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE



I First I would like to thank you for bestowing the honor of judging this beautiful entry of 70 Sweepstakes puppies and veterans. It is a thrill to judge the up and coming puppies while also judging the ones that came before them.

Though Saturday morning came early, it was well worth the 7:00 a.m. start time. A special thank you to my ring stewards, Judy Smith, Barbara Bender and Margaret Downey. They kept things running smoothly and kept me on track while judging 64 puppies and 6 veterans.

My overall impressions of the puppies is that the breeders are doing a good job. There were quite a few beautiful head pieces with correct eyes (both in color and shape) and under jaw, lovely flows of neck into shoulder and level top lines which have improved over the past couple of years. Tail sets, while still exhibiting some gay tails, also have improved. Very few puppies were down on their pasterns and most had tight, catlike feet. Another thing that has improved was the length of body. While there are still some long-bodied puppies, more now fit into the picture frame as square. And I was especially delighted to have rock solid temperaments. I did not have a single dog, puppy or veteran, shy away from being judged.

While there were very few missing teeth, there was quite a few extra teeth, especially button molars and premolars. One young dog had an overshot jaw which may or may not correct with age. One area needing improvement on more than a few dogs was movement. There were some beautiful dogs standing on the line but when they moved they were wide, crossing over, flipping pasterns and loose elbows. While certainly not in the majority, there were enough movement problems to give concern. The Doberman, being a working dog, needs to be able to move correctly in order to do the job for which he was bred. Reach and drive was also a concern on several puppies where they were pulling with their front instead of driving off their rears. This was a large ring and gave these puppies plenty of opportunity to move out.

My Grand Sweepstakes winner was a very sound red bitch puppy from the 6-9 month class. She was just 6 months 6 days old and was beautifully presented by Carissa Shimpeno. This bitch, Gemini Princess Sansa Stark V Alisaton, went on to a five point major later in the day, reserve to 5 point major the next day, and then Grand Futurity Prize winner. She was the total package with a square body, sound movement and attitude. While a bit on the small side, her confidence was that of a much older bitch. I simply could not fault her as all the pieces were put together correctly. Coupled with her dynamic personality this girl was a standout.

There was also a very nice 6-9 month puppy dog that won his class of 14 and gave my Grand Sweepstakes bitch a run for the money. He was D' Rays The Buck Stops Here, presented by Jana Dupre. Like the bitch above, this dog took a 5 point major at the Regionals. It was a difficult decision with both puppies being a breeder's dream. I predict a successful career for this puppy dog.

The Best Junior was GCh Raklyns Field Of Dreams Alisaton presented by Mary Leahy from the 12-18 bitch class. This was another very standard bitch with good movement and a square body. The winner of the 12-18 puppy dog class was Ch. Phillmar Man Of Steel, presented by Diego Garcia.

The Veterans Sweepstakes is always a hard assignment. I never want to choose a winner because they are all winners. However, at the end of the day, GCH Vondura's Black Magic Woman CD RAE MX AXJ could not be denied. At almost 8 1/2 years young, she was definitely a stand out. It was exciting to hear that she is still competing in agility and has many more titles behind her name than the ones mentioned in the catalog.

Again, thank you for allowing me the pleasure of judging the youngsters as well as the veterans who always touch the soft spot in my heart.

GARY STRAUSS – REGIONAL 1 JUDGE



It was a privilege and unique experience to be able to examine so many good Dobes from all parts of the U.S. and from other countries as well. Judging 200 starting late morning was quite a daunting task. Perhaps I judged faster than I normally prefer, but, with the help of our wonderful ring stewards and overall show decor and atmosphere, I was able to focus very intently for more than 10 hours and award some very outstanding Dobes. The ring was of appropriate size, had good lighting, and bordered by rope and decorative haystacks rather than the usual show ring borders. This did make it easier to concentrate.

In addition to the essential elements of the standard - square, medium size, compact, proportion and substance, etc, - the Doberman is a working dog that is both elegant in appearance and well built (mental attributes included) to perform breed purpose or functions. Parts are in proportion and fit seamlessly so the total appears as 'one piece.' Proportion or balance, compact, and square are key and very much related - viewed from the top, front, and rear in addition to side profile. These are some basic principles used to guide evaluation.

Best of Breed is an outstanding combination of the bone, substance, elegance, and balanced proportions. Her smoothness and deep full front is impressive. She has excellent layback of shoulder and the neck is of proper length that flows smoothly into the shoulders with no wrinkles. Front view revealed straight front legs, tight elbows, excellent breadth of brisket, and the desired slight oval body. All parts fit seamlessly both standing and moving. Gait was smooth, strong, true and 'tight' (i.e. profile remained in tact when moving.) Front, top, and rear views - not often readily observed at ringside - is of great importance in assessing proportion and balance. Best of Breed was very good from all views.

Best Opposite stood in an impressive and imposing demeanor and appeared ready to perform breed functions. His proportions, combining into a very square appearance, were very good - in fact, his profile was remarkably close to the Dobe depicted in the DPCA illustrated standard. He has excellent bone, substance, and depth of body that he carried very well when moving as he exhibited energetic, powerful gait. He stopped and stood '4-square' - i.e. legs straight and perpendicular to the ground. In addition, his head is strong and wedge-like with good under jaw.

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners is truly extraordinary. We may never see a 6 month old puppy again that is put together this well and move as 'tight' and strong as any adult. She excels in balance (front and rear angulation match), proportion, and very strong topline. Besides exhibiting attributes that conform to the standard, she is so smooth that she appears sculptured from granite. She also has outstanding color, markings, and very dark eye - especially for a red. I cannot say much more than "she is simply stunning."

Reserve Winners Bitch had a beautiful blue coat and built very well. She has good proportions, bone and substance, depth of body, and moved very well. Similar to other Dobes considered for the top awards, her gait is very close to 'single tracking.'

Winners Dog was also a puppy, but older than Winners Bitch as he was in the 9-12 class. He has very good proportions and smoothness. His front is exceptional as he has good layback, straight feet, and depth of brisket. His movement was smooth and energetic.

Reserve Winners dog was a puppy from the 6-9 class. He is compact, elegant, square and balanced with good bone and substance. He definitely has a bright future ahead of him.

The Select Dog and Bitch had many attributes similar to BOS and BOB. There were many outstanding specials that received AOM awards. Each had many outstanding attributes. Because of the late hour that Best of Breed was judged, I did not attempt to sort AOM's in order of preference. Again, it was a pleasure and honor to examine so many good Dobes.

ALISA BROTHERHOOD – REGIONAL 2 SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE

I was honored to be selected to judge the Sweepstakes at the DPCA Regional Specialty. I'd like to thank my wonderful and efficient ring stewards: Judy Smith, Margaret Downey and Barbara Bender. You all are amazing!

In general there was good depth of quality in most all classes. I found in many of the classes a variety of types within the class. It was my intention for me to be consistent faced with a number of types shown. I discovered after judging that I'd placed many littermates in their respective classes.

I strived to be consistent in looking for overall balance, smooth neck into shoulders and the correct layback of shoulder with clean movement.

My Best Puppy was a beautiful red bitch from the 6-9 class. She was wonderfully balanced, very typey and beautifully trained and presented. A clear standout in her class.

My Best Junior and Best In Sweepstakes was an outstanding red male from the 12-18 class. I was very impressed with this male in his breed type, large round bone, masculinity, smoothness of neck into shoulder and clean movement with a wonderful side gait. And to top it all off - a beautiful head! Also beautifully trained and presented.

I so enjoyed judging the Veterans as well. My only regret is that there were only 4 of them shown! My Best Veteran was a lovely bitch from the 7-9 class.

I wish all the puppies that were shown to me much success in the future. It was an honor to judge you.



HARRY H. "BUTCH" SCHULMAN – REGIONAL 2 JUDGE

Judging the DPCA Regional puts the real meaning of that line from Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* to the test – "Young men's love then lies, not truly in their hearts, but in their eyes." After that long, grueling day standing on my feet for over ten hours, realized I am not so young anymore. But, while my heart wanted to give every single Doberman in my ring a blue ribbon, my eyes passionately gravitated toward what I believed was the most correct breed type. In many instances, the quality was so deep, it was like splitting hairs. In the end, I was quite pleased with the outcome of my decisions.

WD (D' Rays The Buck Stops Here) from the 6-9 Puppy class was beautifully balanced and well-angulated front and rear for such a youngster. He was square, compactly built, and age appropriately muscled with a short back and straight, firm topline that held in motion as he effortlessly single-tracked around my ring. He came from the most competitive class in dogs that day and remained poised and well-behaved in Winners like a mature veteran.

WB/BOW (Raindance Star of India) from the 12-18 class was a real stand out. No matter where or when I turned, she captured my attention from every angle. Her elegant, well-arched nape of neck widening gradually toward her body was one of the most exquisite neck sets I have ever seen. She was square, compactly built, gracefully powerful without any lack of femininity, well-angulated and correctly balanced from both rear and frontal views. Her back was short and firm while the Queen could have served tea on her topline. Her legs were straight and parallel to each other, her hocks were perpendicular to the ground, and she single-tracked well at a fast trot. She was a nonstop showboat in Winners, and competed against adorable, sound, and may be ready for prime time in another year or two, but without a doubt, on this day she was the best bitch in my ring.

BOS (GCH. CH. Dezperado's Hallelujah) has always been one of my favorite bitches in the breed ring today. I had the privilege of awarding her the first two points in her show career and the honor of awarding her the final major at a specialty to complete her championship title. She is a classic bitch, powerful and muscular yet feminine, square, compactly built, and shown in hard working condition. Her virtues are timeless and her entire package exudes ideal breed type. Her silhouette, both standing and in motion, is absolutely gorgeous and she will always hold a special place in my heart.

BOB (GCH. CH. Phillmar Superman) is as near perfection to the standard as a Doberman can be. He is extremely elegant and noble, of proud carriage, masculine, muscular and powerful without being overdone, and sustained balanced angulation in motion front and rear with vigorous and harmonious fluidity. His superb reach and drive and rock hard, level topline on the go around was flawless and truly the prototype for side movement in this breed. The beauty and smoothness to his layback of shoulder was either crafted by the hands Michelangelo or a precious gift from God. From rear and frontal view, his breadth of hips was equal to his breadth of body at the ribcage and shoulder. From the impeccable detail of head with his alert, fearless and energetic expression to his square body of correct proportions, I could not fault this dog. He owned the ground he stood on and his presence was simply magnificent. As I moved around the ring to have a silent conversation with each of my finalists, he had a look of eagles that for a brief but rare moment invited me through a window into his soul.

I was surprised to hear in the photo session afterwards that my Select Dog (CH. Phillmar Man of Steel) was not only the Best in Sweeps winner from earlier that morning, but also sired by my BOB dog. I almost fell over backwards when his handler informed me that I had spent 30 minutes or more comparing the virtues between father and son in my final cut. This young red dog was lovely and will be a force to be reckoned with at full maturity.

Select Bitch (GCH. CH. Mandre's Just My Style Glen Coe) was a pretty black bitch with a phenomenal shoulder and neck set. She was extremely balanced and beautifully presented in a final cut of exceptional bitches. This assignment was the thrill of a lifetime that I will cherish forevermore.

I hope I have the chance to judge the DPCA Regional or National again someday as it is truly an experience unlike any other in our wonderful sport. I wish all members of the Doberman Pinscher fancy the very best in all endeavors as well as a joyous holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year. ▲

