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# SHOW REPORT

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## Tammy Rabold

*DPCA 2012 National Event Chair*

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank every one who was instrumental in putting together your National Speciality this year. My Immediate Show Committee, Joanie Krieg, Patty Sample, Carol Moore, Linda Ballon, Julie Stade, Nancy Johnson, Skip Thielen and last but certainly not least, Jim and Donna Kent. Also, all the Committee Chair's who once again came through and had a wonderful display of Education and learning opportunities for anyone who was interested.

I would also like to make special mention the Health Committee, Chaired by Judith Brown and Dr. Kathy Davieds, for their excellent job of finding the team of Cardiologist's to give 3 days of FREE testing to our Champions and Companions to help us find out as early as possible about the individuals who could be stricken with this horrific disease that we all have to deal with in our Breed. With all the support given by the Fancy, perhaps we will get the answer's we need to stop this disease.

Until you have walked in these shoes, no one really knows how long and exactly what goes on all YEAR LONG to achieve this goal.

We are given a site by the BOD and we work with what we have and for the most part it all comes together. I would have like to have seen more support from the Membership of the Hotel, but it is what it is.

I found that the Facility did what ever they could to ensure every one's stay was as pleasant as possible and I thank them for that. There are always complaints, Remotes don't work, plumbing issues but again, we worked together to correct what we could, when we could.

The show started on time beginning with the Regional Speciality Conformation and Performance Events right through to the end. Congratulations to all the Winners and Thank you all for your support of the Events.

Thanks to all the Judges and our Chief Ring Steward, Mr. Thielen, and his team of helpers and announcers who gave of their time to ensure the Ring runs as smoothly as possible.

I invite your comments and questions for improvements in the future and like always, feel free to volunteer where and when you might be able to?

I hope you all continue to support the National by attending next year in California and I will see and speak to a lot of you during the upcoming year and in the Future but I turn the Crown over to Ellen Hanley for the next 2 years until the National comes back to the East of the Mighty Mississippi, as I say. ▲

Your National 2012 Event Chair,

Tammy Rabold

# 2012 National Convention Report



## Joanie Krieg

*2012 National Convention Chairman*

I would like to thank Jan Van Wormer and the 2009 Board for giving me the opportunity to be your 2011 and 2012 National Convention Chair. It has been my pleasure to serve the membership. I have enjoyed every minute. You the membership are the reason it has been such a joy to do this job.

There are people I want to thank and give my appreciation; they will never know how much I have enjoyed them. They have made me laugh and used skills I had forgotten I possessed. Without talented members, you the membership would not have had a Convention that ran as smoothly nor had the educational experiences offered to you.

Nancy Johnson you are the best Vendor Chair and to work with you is so much fun.

Jim and Donna Kent, Jim you are by far the hardest working person I know. You ran the parking and grounds with your usual expertise. Donna, thank you for always being ready to help when needed.

Ann and Libby you two ran the Registration table like the pros you are. I am very glad you will be doing this job at the 2013 Nationals, because I know it will be done right.

Linda Ballon, thank you for your hard work and planning. The Banquet Chairmanship takes a person with people skills and you have those skills mastered. You do much more than the membership can begin to realize.

Mimi Brown and Michelle Lewis your hard work for health and our less fortunate rescue Dobermans as always is very much appreciated. As Co-Chairs you both compliment each other in your fundraising efforts.

Steve Shorr, Rick George and Vicki Seiler thank you for bringing the laughter back to us.

Julie Stade, as always thanks for being there.

Two people who were not involved with the convention but they could not have had the show without them. Barb Bender and Skip Thielen you both lightened my life with your wit and laughter. Thank you for all of the late night help-not to many people were around at 11:30.

These next people are the backbone and foundation of your educational Committees. They work months on giving you the very best learning opportunities in a variety of areas.

Sharon Pflueger as the Apparel Chair and the Exhibitors Chair you have given your time and energy to the membership, not just for these two years, but for so many past years.

Jeff Helsdon Service Dog Chair and Marj Brooks Breeder Education Chair, you are both trying to open up exciting and new areas for our Dobermans to explore and master. Thank you for showing that our Dobermans can be more than just a pretty face.

Kathy Davieds, thank you for finding the very best presenters in their respective fields. You put me in touch with Kathy Glaze, in turn setting up a wonderful Heart Screening Clinic. Our membership had nothing but praise for the Clinic.

## 2012 National Convention Report (continued)

Faye Strauss, lady you and your Judges Education Committee are a joy to work with. No matter what the obstacles, we worked them out. The last minute glitches seem to be the most challenging and rewarding to solve.

Linda Hunt, I have asked for your help in everything from the apparel sales to the registration table, and as my best friend, you have been there. This year you sat as the table steward for three days in Obedience. Thank you.

Thank you ALL for your hard work. If I have left anyone out, I apologize. It takes a big effort to do the DPCA National, you all deserve a standing ovation. ▲

Submitted with respect and gratitude,

Joanie Krieg

*2012 National Convention Chairman*





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**2012 Conformation Winner**  
**GCH Francesca's House of Blues**  
Owners: R Hennessey



## *DPCA Top 20*

**2011 Obedience Winner**  
**CAMBRIA'S GOLD STANDARD, CDX RN**  
Owners: J YOUNG/CAMBRIA KNL



## *2012 Winners*

**2011 Agility Winner**  
**MACH2 Rock's Indian Sunburn NF**  
Owners: M. Rock





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# DPCA 2012 National Winners



## **Best of Breed Winner** **GCH Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici**

Breeders: Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins Owners: Suzy & Dick Lundy, Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins



## **Best of Opposite Sex** **GCH D's Remember When**

Breeders: Dr Anthony & Sheila DiNardo & Ann Ramsbottom-White  
Owners: Dr Anthony & Sheila DiNardo



## **Best of Winners/Winners Bitch/Best Puppy**

**Cambria's Vraiment Parfait**  
Breeders: Cambria Registered  
Owners: Karen Thompson & Ann White



**Winners Dog**

**Goldgrove Taylor Made**

Breeders: Sharon Pflueger & Michelle Kramer  
 Owners: Carrie & Peter Albertson



**Reserve Winners Dog**

**ALISATON SEDUCED BY TEMPTATION**

Breeders: Anne S Thorne & Carissa DeMilta-Shimpeno & Gwen Satalino Demilta  
 Owners: L & T Blanchard & G DeMilta & C Shimpeno & A Thorne



**Reserve Winner's Bitch**

**RAUSCHUND'S STACKED & PACKED**

Breeders: Carole Havener & Francoise Allard & Robert Brousseau  
 Owners: Sharon & Bob Bruno



**Best Bred By Exhibitor**

**KELVIEW'S CROWN JEWEL V. MUELLER**

Breeders: Colleen Nicholson & Cindy Kelso & Roxann & Wayne Miller  
 Owners: Colleen Nicholson & Cindy Kelso & Roxann Miller



**Best Junior Handler**

**Abigail Adams & Ch. PHILLMAR CADBRAE SUPERFLY SISTER**

Breeders: Karen Cloud & Cheryl Green  
 Owners: Elizabeth Patterson & Robyn Sparks & Abigail Adams



**Best Veteran in Sweepstakes**

**CH KELVIEW'S DIAMOND V. NOVA CDX RA OA OAJ NF**

Breeders: Colleen Nicholson & Cindy Kelso & Eileen & Frank Schenck  
 Owners: Sally Wolfe & Colleen Nicholson





**Best Puppy & Grand Prize - Futurity**  
**Cambria's Vraiment Parfait**  
 Breeders: Cambria Registered  
 Owners: Karen Thompson & Ann White



**Best Junior in Futurity**  
**GCH KAMTERRA'S LEGATO**  
 Breeders: Kathy Moats & Mike Moats  
 Owners: Kathy Moats & Mike Moats



**Best Veteran Dog**  
**CH TYOBI'S SOLID AS A ROCK CD RAE**  
 Breeders: Mary Swords & Terry Guenther  
 Owners: Kathy Farley & Gloria Farley



**Best Veteran Bitch**  
**CH GALLANT'S DOUBLE ROSES V CIDEN**  
 Breeders: Mona Fasth & Cynthia Huckfeldt  
 Owners: Mona Fasth & Cynthia Huckfeldt



**Stud Dog**  
**GCH ALPHA'S THE CONQUISTADOR RA**  
 Breeder: Susanne Smith & Paul Smith  
 Owners: Kelly Brawner & Susanne Smith



**Brood Bitch**  
**CH CHAR LOR'S EVA LONGORIA**  
 Breeders: Laura L Smith & Nancy Tracy  
 Owners: Ann Weimer & Laura L Smith & Nancy Tracy



***Select Bitch***

**CH HEARTWOODS HOT ZAMBA RN**

Breeders: Jeff & Juanita Fagan

Owners: Francoise Allard & Myriam Ruel



***Select Dog***

**GCH FRANCESCA'S HOUSE OF BLUES**

Breeders: Dawn M Sauriol & Dawn R Honaker & Shari L Denitrowicz

Owner: Robert Hennessey



***Award of Merit - AB# 59***

**GCH ALPHA'S THE CONQUISTADOR RA**

Breeders: Susanne Smith & Paul Smith

Owners: Kelly Brawner & Susanne Smith



***Award of Merit - AB# 88***

**GCH HOLLY WOODS CATWOMAN**

Breeders: Diane McGarvey & Michael K Thomas

Owners: Tom & Lee Kronovich



***Award of Merit - AB# 90***

**CH ALLURE PLAYING WITH FIRE**

Breeders: Carmen Pitts & Nancy Bosley & Julie Porter

Owner: Carmen Pitts & Julie Porter



***Award of Merit - AB# 92***

**CH BIKILA'S WISTERIA OF MERRIMAC MARKS-TEY**

Breeders: Rod Humphries

Owner: Nikki McClendon



**Award of Merit - AB# 174**  
**CH GALLANT'S DOUBLE ROSES V CIDEN**  
 Breeders: Mona Fash & Cynthia Huckfeldt  
 Owners: Mona Fash & Cynthia Huckfeldt



**Award of Merit - AB# 199**  
**CH ALISATON WISH GIVER V GALLANT CIDEN**  
 Breeder: Gwen DeMilta & Carissa DeMilta & Cindi Huckfeldt & Mona Fash  
 Owners: Susan Scoles & Gwen DeMilta & Carissa DeMilta Shimpeno



**Award of Merit - AB# 234**  
**CH GALLANT'S DOUBLE DARE V CIDEN**  
 Breeders: Dr Mona Fash DVM & Cynthia Huckfeldt  
 Owners: Stephanie Rudich & Dr Mona A Fash & Cynthia Huckfeldt



**Award of Merit - AB# 293**  
**GCH GALLANTS DOUBLE OH SEVEN V CIDEN**  
 Breeder: Mona Fash & Cynthia L Huckfeldt  
 Owners: Douglas Jensen & Cheryl Jensen



**Award of Merit - AB# 325**  
**GCH JAROE LEGEND OF IRISH SPIRIT**  
 Breeders: Roseanne & Jim Kelly  
 Owner: Roseanne Kelly



**Award of Merit - AB# 345**  
**GCH MI-TI'S THREE CHEERS**  
 Breeders: Shirley Baker & Carol Silverman & J Laverdiere  
 Owners: Carol Silverman & J Lavadiere & S Baker



**Dog - Puppy 6 - 9 Mos. BLK**  
**Alisaton East Of Eden**  
**A Thorne/G DeMiita/C DeMiita-Shimpeno**



**Dog - Puppy 6 - 9 Mos. AOAC**  
**Alisaton Seduced By Temptation**  
**L Blanchard/T Blanchard/G DeMiita/C DeMiita-Shimpeno/A Thorne**



**Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. BLK**  
**Pamelot's Xtraordinary Gentleman**  
**P DeHetre**



**Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. AOAC**  
**Cha-Rish Follow That Dream**  
**A Hallam/K Hallam**



**Dog - 12-18 Mos. BLK**  
**Belgreys Casey Abrams**  
**T Evers/S Gregory**



**Dog - 12-18 Mos. AOAC**  
**Rauschund N Darwin's Family Tradition**  
**D Young/M Altheide/E Pina**



**Dog - Bred By Exhibitor BLK**  
**Liberator's Hugo Boss**  
**P Blenkey/B Casey**



**Dog - Bred By Exhibitor AOAC**  
**Liberator's Apache Warbonnet**  
**B Casey/P Blenkey**



**Dog - American Bred BLK**  
**Kinetic The Great Whodini**  
**S Demko/B Demko**



**Dog - Open BLK and WD**  
 Goldgrove Taylor Made  
 C Albertson/P Albertson

**Dog - Open AOAC**  
 Kerwynd's Certified Country  
 j sheen/d sheen/S Kershaw

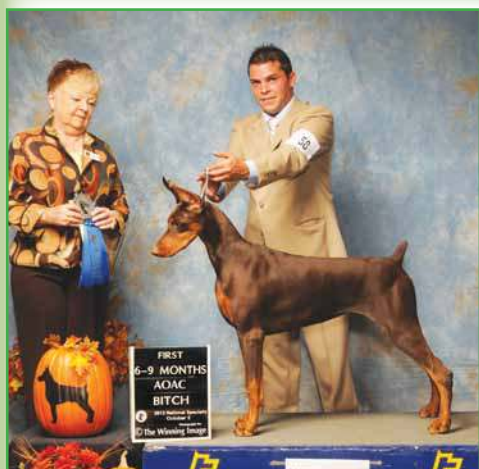


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**Working Sport Dog**  
 CH CATAWBA'S POWER PLAY CD RA  
 Whitney Newman & Susan Miller

**Bitch - 6-9 Mos. BLK**  
 Old Drum's Whiskey Lullaby V Promise  
 J Dupre/A Doughty



**Bitch - 6-9 Mos. AOAC**  
 Goldgrove Pants On Fire  
 J Drake/K Drake/S Pflueger

**Bitch - 9-12 Mos. BLK**  
 Briarwood Demeter V Exacta  
 S FOLKERTH/R Duff/L Duff

**Bitch - 9-12 Mos. AOAC**  
 Cambria's Vraiment Parfait  
 K Thompson/A White



***Bitch - 12-18 Mos. BLK***  
**Gemini Now And Forever V Alisaton**  
**H Boettcher/G DeMilla/M Collins/C DeMilla-Shimpeno**



***Bitch - 12-18 Mos. AOAC***  
**Rauschund's Stacked And Packed**  
**S Bruno/B Bruno**



***Bitch - Bred By Exhibitor BLK***  
**Encore's Funny Girl V ADAMAS**  
**M Lentini/E Barrett**



***Bitch - Bred By Exhibitor AOAC***  
**Kelviews Crown Jewel V Mueller**  
**C Kelso/C Nicholson/R Miller**



***Bitch - American Bred BLK***  
**Velo's First Lady Aguilo V. Carosel**  
**C Tartar/R Tartar/A McDonald**



***Bitch - American Bred AOAC***  
**Kinetic It's Who You Know**  
**S Berard/A Tourond/G McLogan**



***Bitch - Amateur Owner Handler BLK***  
**Dashn's Night At The Opera**  
**D Kovalchick**



***Bitch - Open BLK***  
**Caleb's Redemption**  
**L Jones**



***Bitch - Open AOAC***  
**Chez D Kona Breeze**  
**J Menz/D Simmons**



# Agility

## High in Trial

**MACH2 Rock's Indian Sunburn NF**

Owner: Melanie Rock



### Novice B - 24"

GCH CH ADAMAS Bottle Shock Of Mirabel NA NAJ  
M Kramer/J Lauer



### Novice B - JWW 24"

Greystones Barnic Cece Rider BN RN  
L Scherder



### Novice Pref - 20"

CH Perfex Tiritiri Matangi CD BN OA AXJ NF  
H Milam/M Perfect



### Open - 24"

Generation's Spice Girl NA OAJ  
S Moore



### Excellent B - 24"

MACH3 Rock's Indian Sunburn MXG MJG NF T2B  
M Rock



### JWW Excellent B - 24"

MACH3 Rock's Indian Sunburn MXG MJG NF T2B  
M Rock



**Time To Beat - 24"**

**MACH11 Thornwoods Flare CD MXG3 MJB4 MXF  
MFG TQX T2B - Y Mancino/D Mancino**



# Obedience

## High in Trial

**Cambria's Gold Standard UD RN**

Breeders: Ann & Jim White  
Owner: Jill Young



**Novice A**

**Foxfire's Take'N By Surprise BN RN  
K Mundy**



**Open A**

**CH Sharjets Court Vision CDX RA  
P Kaizar/M Kaizar/S Kapp**



**Veteran Obedience**

**BELLE AMIE MAGIC GEM UDX6 OM3  
M. Dellorto**



**Highest Scoring Champion**

**CH EMERALDS ENCHANTED GALAXY TIJAC UDX  
Thomas & Brenda Lunsford**



**High Combined**

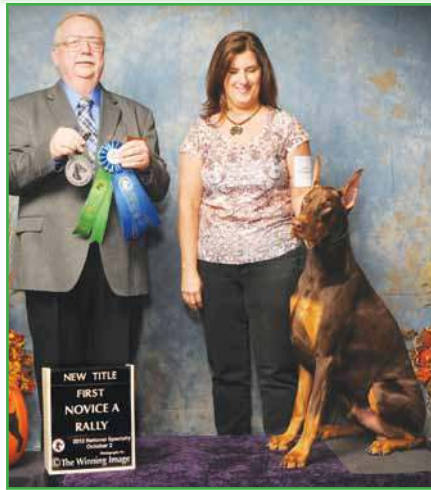
**CH OTCH PLATINUM'S BLACK AGAIN UDX5 OM6  
Art & Sue Korp**





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# Rally



**Novice A**  
Denmar's Red Key Largo Sunset  
K Wickemeier/T Wickemeier



**Novice B**  
GCH CH Protocol's Sic Itur Ad Astra CD  
J Mullins/K Mullins



**Advanced A & Novice B Obed.**  
Tolivar's Avajejan Da Bell'Lavoro CD RA  
K Roberts/A Platt



**Advanced B**  
MACH5 Fulcer's Raven UDX OM1 RE MXS2  
MJS2 XF - L Fulcer



**Excellent B**  
MACH5 Fulcer's Raven UDX OM1 RE MXS2  
MJS2 XF - L Fulcer



**High Combined Rally**  
MACH5 Fulcer's Raven UDX OM1 RE MXS2 MJS2 XF  
L Fulcer

All win photos & show candid in the National Pipeline were provided by:

## THE WINNING IMAGE



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

Every effort has been made to document the winners accurately. Please email the editor at [DaybreakD@me.com](mailto:DaybreakD@me.com) if there is a correction to be made in the next Pipeline.

# National & Regional JUDGING

Comments from the Judges...

## Connie Alexander

*Judge - DPCA National Intersex*



The opportunity to judge the Intersex class at the 2012 National Specialty Show was a rare honor, and I want to convey my thanks to everyone who helped to make the show a success. Being selected to judge the top dogs in my breed was truly a life-long dream come true. Special thanks go to my ring stewards, Skip Thielen and Barbara Bender for all their help and support. Literally, I could not have made it through the day without their help. Skip kept me organized and directed, and Barbara kept us both in line. They both did an outstanding job.

One of the bonuses of this judging assignment was judging the non-regular classes. It is a joy to see all of the veterans flying around the ring, as though they were still young dogs. The two older bitches were amazing, putting on display their ring talents from the past. Judging the Brood Bitch class was more difficult than I had thought possible, as all five bitches displayed quality get, and it was a formidable task placing them.

In an entry of this size and quality, I saw many different styles and types. Overall, breeders have been successful producing dogs that adhere to the standard. The heads were generally good, with the occasional round eyes or missing teeth. Bone and substance was sufficient in most dogs. Our standard states that the Doberman should be square, with the height equaling the length of the body. There were many dogs that did not meet this criterion. The other observable deviation was the short upper arm and the over-angulation of the rear. Correct angulation, front and rear, gives the breed its characteristic silhouette, as well as its athletic ability. Improper angulation causes the topline to slope to the extreme, resulting in an inability to perform efficiently as a working dog. Doberman breeders need to concentrate on developing proportionality in our breed in the future.

My Best of Breed winner has a stellar ring presence. She is elegant, carries herself well, and has the “Look of Eagles” when she is in the ring. She has a good head with a lovely expression, a compact body, good angles, and demonstrates efficiency, when she is moving. She never let down during the judging, remaining on her game at all times. My Best of Opposite, Select Dog, and Select Bitch all were compact, had proper heads, had strong top lines and were balanced front and rear. All four of these top dogs moved with good reach and drive. Further, every dog in the ring for final judging represented quality and varied little from dog to dog. They were all admirable examples of our breed.

Again, I wish to thank the membership of the DPCA in selecting me to judge the Intersex class. It was a joy to judge the top examples of our breed, and the memory of this day will always be special to me. ▲

## **Bonnie Linnell Clarke**

*Judge - DPCA National Bitch Classes*



I would like to thank the membership for once again giving me the opportunity to judge at the DPCA National Specialty. This is such an honor and I approached the assignment, as I always do, on a 'treasure hunt'. I was not disappointed as there were many treasures to enjoy. Congratulations to the breeders for the improvements made over the past few years.

The majority of the bitches were more balanced than in recent years and over-angulation in the rear appears to be on the decline. Movement on the down and back was the best I have ever seen! Sadly, very few bitches displayed the efficient reach and drive called for in the Standard. Fast and taking more steps than necessary is neither efficient nor correct. Heads are improving but we still do not have the beautiful correct heads of the past. Eye shape and eye placement need to be addressed. I found it depressing that 2 bitches, each with 3 missing teeth, were exhibited. I hope they will not be bred.

Almost without exception, tail sets were horrible. Flat croups and tails carried at high noon are not only ugly, they are dysfunctional. The 'grapevine' must have been buzzing because I noticed the distinct absence of exhibitors cranking up the tails. Thank you!

I was very pleased with my Winners Class. All had the requisite components as I interpret the Standard; medium size, square, compactly built, muscular, powerful, well angulated with strong reach and drive, elegant, self-assured, energetic, and sound in mind and body. I would be proud to have bred each and every one of them.

I must also acknowledge and give a big Thank You to my fabulous Steward, Skip Thielen, without whom my day would have been so much more difficult! ▲

## **Eve Auch**

*Judge - DPCA National Veteran Sweepstakes*



There was an entry of fourteen Veterans. While only first place was awarded in each class, there were several very deserving dogs. For the most part these Veterans were in good shape and sound. While there were many missing teeth, that happens with slab fractures and other dental problems over their long lifespans and were not penalized.

The Best in Veteran Sweepstakes was a beautiful red bitch. Ch. Kelview's Diamond V Nova CDX RA OA OAJ NF. As it turns out this bitch from the 9-11 year class is still competing in agility and had the beautiful body, which comes with constant conditioning and exercise. She had a nice layback, surprisingly good feet for her age and the fact that she still runs in agility, a beautiful headpiece, and

a hard top line with a beautiful tail set. She is owned by Sally Wolfe and Colleen Nicholson. Rumor has it that she also won Grand Sweepstakes two years ago from the 7-9 Veteran class.

My other winners were:

7-9 years dog: Ch. Jalyn Xtra Oomph! Niklby owned by Gail and Robert Maki and Lynn Jackson

9-11 years dog: Ch. GnR After Midnight CDX owned by Kris Harner, Davida J. Roof DVM and Jordan Goldblatt

11 years + dog: Ch. Tyobi's Solid As A Rock CD RAE owned by Kathy and Gloria Farley

7-9 years bitch: Ch. Mi-Ti's Double Standard owned by Carol Silverman, J. Laverdiere and S. Baker

It was an honor to judge these Veterans, all of whom were Champions. In addition five entries had titles at both ends. What a testament to the breeding programs of those involved. ▲

## Judith A. Brown

*Judge - DPCA National Dog Classes*



Thank you for asking for my comments on the Dog judging at the Doberman Pinscher Club of America National Specialty.

The entry was a young entry with the majority of the dogs less than eighteen months old. I was encouraged to see many lovely young dogs with significant potential to make a contribution to the breed.

In general, I found many positive attributes, including pleasing heads, properly shaped dark eyes, good frontal scissors bites, and complete dentition on most exhibits. There were some instances of extra teeth, very few missing teeth, and many instances of faulty to very-faulty side occlusion.

Toplines varied from straight to sloping, and proportions varied from the correct square outline to long in body and loin. Many exhibits were longer than tall.

Most dogs had adequate bone, tight cat feet, good body weight and muscling and excellent condition of skin and coat.

I was impressed, as always, by the temperament of the dogs - including the puppies - standing their ground and accepting handling and examination.

Winners Dog was a masculine, moderate dog of substance. His square proportions, straight topline and balanced angles allowed him to move confidently and correctly coming and going. He had strong reach and drive with a controlled sidegait, and held his outline in motion. He had a pleasing head with dark eyes and a good mouth. He was confident, energetic, alert and stable.

Reserve Winners Dog was a handsome red puppy from the 6-9 month class. His proportions were right and he was moderate throughout. His straight topline, correct neck set and tail set gave him a very typical outline, standing and moving.

It was my pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to judge the Dogs at the 2012 National Specialty. ▲



## Cherie Holmes

*Judge - DPCA Regional Dog Classes*

I would first like to thank all those people who's faith in me enabled me to judge at the regional show.

We always come to the national hoping to see good dogs, and we are also always looking for those dogs that we can integrate into our breeding programs. This year was no exception for me, as I was looking for good breed examples that conformed to the standard, as well as looking at them as a benchmark of where our breed is heading.

I was pleased to find a some very nice dogs.

The winners dog was an elegant, smooth balanced dog with a lovely outline. There were a few others that I also considered, and on another day could have been winners.

Overall, I would like to see better neck placements, and the heads could be improved on average, with more under jaw & fill under the eye, but we are heading in the right direction, and I applaud the breeders and owners who bring their dogs to a show such as the National for all of us to see. It is at a show such as this that we get the chance to evaluate our breed, and discuss the issues we all face together.

Thank you all for being there. ▲



## Darlene Young

*Judge - DPCA Regional Bitch Classes*

First and foremost I wish to thank all those that voted for me to judge at this year's National. It was truly an honor to have been selected as one of the Regional judges. I selected bitches this time and I have to say with all honesty that there were many beautiful bitches worthy of the final nod.

When my winner's class came in to the ring it was overwhelming how many beautiful ones there were to choose from. I just could not pull a couple out in the beginning which is why I brought the whole line up out into the middle of the ring. My Open AOAC bitch was very smooth and balanced. She moved around the ring effortlessly with a clean up and back. She had a lovely expression and great presence. She ultimately became my Winner's Bitch and went on to be awarded Best Of Winners. For my Reserve there were at least three more bitches that could have been awarded that honor, I chose my 6-9 Black Puppy Bitch, who again was very balanced, smooth and a great mover. Other bitches worth mentioning were the 9-12 AOAC Puppy Bitch and the Bred By Exhibitor AOAC bitch, both of wonderful quality and deserving of the nod.

The quality was wonderful and it was great to see it. Our rears are getting better and so are our shoulders. I did see more missing teeth than I expected to see and the occlusion is something that needs to be worked on. The rears, in general, had good inner thigh muscle and proper angle. There were some straight rears but for the most part the rears looked good. I did not see a lot of "upright" tail sets, most were within the description of the standard.

Again, thank you for your support and giving me this assignment. ▲

