

# DALMATIANS IN OBEDIENCE

## ***BITS AND PIECES***

by Cathy Murphy

**D**arlene Chirolas, DCA Tracking Chairman, 1988, sends the following report on the DCA Tracking Test, St. Louis, MO.

It was deep summer in St. Louis, but that did not stop the Dalmatian tracking dogs. We had a full entry of 8 dogs and one alternate. Six dogs actually participated that day. And of the six, we had four pass! This is very good, considering that August is not the best time of year to be tracking, especially in the year of a drought. We had a great turnout of spectators on the first day of DCA week, and our judges, Dr. Anne Campbell and Ms. Dottie Everett, used the Southern Ill. University Campus area to provide for good viewing of the tracks by the spectators, as well as interesting tracks for the dogs. All the dogs gave it a good try, though some had a few problems. The judges were impressed by our tracking dogs, and by the handlers. They were surprised at the support we got from the membership, that is, dogs already holding the title of TD or TDX being entered and were happy to see that several were also champions! They even encouraged us to plan for holding a TD/TDX test in the future since we have a strong following from our Dalmatian exhibitors. The following dogs passed the DCA Tracking Test:

Cee Kay Becky Thatcher UDT, Handler: Carolyn Krause

Ch. Hopi Kachina Indian Summer UDTX, Handler: Pat Sayles

Ch. Tramac Klikity Klak O'Tremont TD, Handler: Margaret Callea

Disneys Conscience Guides UDT, Handler: Phil Gallagher

It is worthy to note that Phil and Connie are 2 for 2 at DCA Tracking, having also passed at the 1987 test in Colorado! I'm sure they'll be there in '89!

Thanks to everyone for DCA Tracking '88; exhibitors, judges, tracklayers, committee members and spectators. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. Let's keep on tracking in '89.