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## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Dalmatian lovers,

Christmas is just around the corner again and the year 2023 is coming to an end. A good opportunity to review the year.

As always, there was light and shade in the past year. Fortunately, the coronavirus pandemic is over, so we did not have to accept any further restrictions on exhibitions. In some countries, the demand for puppies was very high during the pandemic years, but in 2023 the demand fell all the more sharply. Some breeders have therefore postponed their plans.

We have seen far-reaching interventions in breeding and showing in some countries, particularly in Germany and Austria. There are also restrictions in other countries, where breeding bans have already been imposed on certain breeds or changes to the law are planned. The situation is different in each country concerned; sometimes politicians are in charge and want to restrict the keeping of pets, in other countries the initiative comes from animal rights organizations, the press or commercial breeders. In any case, we have to realize that the interventions are becoming more massive and are affecting more and more countries. WAFDAL, together with its members, would like to become more active here and take action against the restrictions.

In spring, we published breeding recommendations for which we received a lot of feedback. Among other things, we show how responsibly Dalmatian breeders have always voluntarily handled their breed. Many discussions have shown us how important such topics are. We will continue to address such issues in discussions with our members.

The highlight of the year, however, was our members meeting and show in Nieuwegein, Holland. The meeting was harmonious and constructive, and Liliane de Ridder and Annemiek Morgans were made honorary members. The show brought together more than 100 Dalmatians and exhibitors from seven countries. Spectators from near and far, as well as the judges from England and New Zealand, contributed to the success of the day. The NCDH organization team did a great job! The day became even more special when our Belgian friends presented their newly donated trophy "The memorial Frans de Ridder interim cup" to the winner. Once again, we saw how nice it is to bring Dalmatian friends together in one place. We are also planning to bring the Dalmatian world together in 2024.

With this in mind, we look forward to lively participation and active members. We wish all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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