

The History of the Dog

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Dalmatians
The Dalmatian, or as it is or has been known by its other names, the plum-pudding dog, the Bengal harrier, or the "carriage dog" is really an old variety of the canine family, though it is only of recent years that the breed has become popular to any extent. The name "Dalmatian" is a great mystery, for its origin has never been satisfactorily traced. The natives of Dalmatia have never recognized a dog of this spotted character, though it is possible that the Dalmatian was so called because his spots resemble a great deal the strange volcanic rocks of that country, with round holes, formed by the gas-bubbles in the molten metal which has cooled rapidly. And yet there is much evidence to indicate that the Dalmatian was of Italian origin.

Spotted dogs were known in France as early as 1655, though how it got into that country is a matter of debate. However, at a much earlier period than this, Greek and Roman writers made some mention of these "curious animals." In 1790, an old English woodcut pictures a "coach dog" which had white fur with small black spots, though this dog was much heavier in build than the present day Dalmatians.

In 1847 the Dalmatian was described as a racy and somewhat fox-hound type, badly marked, while twelve years later in 1859 the dog seemed to have changed to a handsome, well formed animal.

When Idstone's book on dogs appeared in 1872 it stated that the Dalmatian, "a spotted carriage dog,

had of late years become comparatively rare," and from that time on to the present he has gradually developed to the point of fair popularity with the dog-lovers of both England and the United States.

The points of the breed are as follows: Strong, muscular, active, free from coarseness, capable of endurance and speed, with head of fair length. Skull flat, broad between the ears, muzzle long and powerful, lips clean, eyes round and intelligent, and the colour depending upon the markings. In the black spotted variety the eyes are dark; in the liver spotted variety the eyes are light. The chest is deep, not too wide, the back powerful, and the fore feet round and compact. Well arched toes provide a great springiness in step. The tails are usually very profusely spotted and have a very gradual curve, while the coat is always short, hard, dense, sleek, fine, and glossy. The ground colour in both the black and the liver varieties is white. This dog stands approximately nineteen to twenty-three inches from the ground at the shoulder, and weighs about fifty-five pounds.

One very interesting feature about these dogs is the fact that many of these puppies are born free from spots, pure white in colour, which suggests the possibility that the Dalmatian was bred at some time in its past from a pure white stock. At the age of about two weeks a dark ridge appears along the belly of the pups, and as maturity occurs the spots appear one by one until the entire body is covered.

D.A.R. BETTER FILMS COMMITTEE REVIEW

"Times Square Lady"—Cast, Robert Taylor, Isabel Jewell, Helen Twelvetrees, Thursday, May 21. Racketeers again to the front when a young girl falls heir to the gambling interests formerly controlled by her father. Matter of taste for adults.

"Paddy O'Day." Cast: Jane Withers, Pinky Tomlin, Rita Causino, Jane Darvell, Friday, Saturday, May 22, 23. Jane Withers wins new laurels in the title role of this heart warming story of a courageous little Nisile girl who makes friends with every one on an Atlantic liner. Manages to get through Ellis Island with her faithful dog and in spite of difficulties finds a place for herself in America. Sympathetically told with a tear and a laugh. Family.

"Petrified Forest." Cast: Leslie Howard, Bette Davis, Dick Forgan, Humphrey Bogart, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 24, 25, 26. In sharp contrast to a crazy world in which mortals live love and battle, lies the Petrified Forest of Arizona. To a girl in a remote desert gas station comes romance in the shape of a way-farer, a writer chap who drops in the station. An engrossing picture with excellent action on the part of the principals and an unforgettable characterization of the out-

law—Manteo—by Humphrey Bogart. Excellent. Adults.

"Snowed Under." Cast: George Brent, Genevieve Tobin, Glenda Farrell, Wednesday, May 27. A play wright seeks seclusion in a snow bound mountain cabin to write the third act of a play. To his retreat comes three women, each with her own private motive, to help him. Despite a night of uproar the act is finished. "Well done." Adults.

"Song & Dance Man." Cast: Clair Trevor, Paul Kelly, Michael Whalen, Thursday, May 28. A dramatic film interpretation of a successful stage play. Slow moving but interesting. Family.

Grade School Softball Tournament To Be Held Monday Afternoon

Because of a six way tie in the Grade School Softball league, the coaches have planned to have an afternoon of softball at Lincoln school Monday afternoon, May 25, starting at 4 p.m. At this time eight grade school teams, Lincoln, Braeside, Elm Place, Deerfield, Lake Forest, Oak Terrace, St. James, and Ravinia will play four preliminary and two semifinal games. The championship game will be played on Wednesday, May 27, at Lincoln playground. Community Service Inc. sponsors the league.

Household Hints

Cooked cereal that has been left over can be used to supplement the eggs in making an omelet. The flavor is improved and the omelet will go farther.

The simple tricks in lamb cooking given below are offered by a home economist.

Do not remove the "fell," that

thin papery substance which covers the outside of the lamb, from the leg, but remove it from chops. The leg will keep its shape better and cook more quickly if the fell is left in place. On the other hand chops will be nicer if this skin is peeled off, because they are cooked so quickly that it does not have time to get tender as it does in roasting.

Always serve lamb very hot on very hot plates or quite cold, but never "lukewarm."

To make a particularly good gravy with roast lamb, use milk as the liquid. It seems to blend well with the lamb fat and to hold it in an emulsion from which the fat does not separate.

A little Roquefort cheese spread over the top side of a lamb chop after turning in broiling adds a tantalizing piquancy.

Lamb, either roasts or chops, should not be overcooked. A delicate pink color is the mark of a

chop "broiled to a turn." A roast just this side of well done will be juicier and better flavored than one which is too well done.

Grated cheese or cheese finely chopped with a knife can be used for covering cream vegetables and the mixture placed in a buttered baking dish and baked 30 minutes in a moderate oven. This is a good substitute.

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