

# 2013 DPCA



# NATIONAL SECTION



OCTOBER 12 – 18, 2013  
POMONA, CALIFORNIA











# SHOW REPORT

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**Judith A. Brown**  
*2013 National Convention Chair*

It's true. It never rains in Southern California. The cool, sunny, perfect fall weather was just a part of DPCA's special return to the West Coast. The Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona hosted the entire event.

This National was much like a wedding – where no one ever knew what problems occurred prior to the event. Many serious logistical and contractual difficulties became a part of the last minute planning. With a great deal of negotiation, the DPCA was able to arrange a single venue for all competitions. The huge 700' long building housed a custom made 100 x 100' dirt Agility arena, three 40 x 50' Obedience and Rally rings, a 50 x 70' Conformation ring, a large day crating area and approximately 40 vendors. Exhibitors, and other attendees as well, were delighted with this extremely convenient venue.

The festivities began with a first-time experiment designed to give additional opportunities to obtain majors and legs. The Saturday Regional consisted of a complete Conformation show with Sweepstakes, two Obedience trials, two Rally trials and one Agility trial. The same procedure was done for the Sunday Regional. So the first weekend of shows offered 2 conformation shows, 2 Sweepstakes, 4 Obedience trials, 4 Rally trials and 2 Agility trials. The Saturday and Sunday Sweepstakes and Conformation were lengthy, finishing at approximately 9:00 pm. Thought will be given to shortening these competitions.

On Sunday evening, DPCA hosted a Welcome Party Barbeque on the beautiful lawn, under the stars. The "gourmet" burgers were fantastic. The hotel staff helped to serve everyone even though the conformation was not yet finished. This Welcome Party will hopefully become a standard event at every National to come.

On Monday, the National began with Board meetings, the Annual Membership meeting, and of course, the much imitated Conformation Top 20 with all the anticipated glitz and glamour.

Tuesday, the puppies got one more chance to shine in the Futurity classes. Obedience and Rally were held in the spacious rings. In the evening more Top 20 as the Agility dogs competed in their specially constructed ring.

Wednesday the entire Dog entry was judged. Obedience Top 20 was presented in the evening, with one of the judges arriving right on time after a day of numerous travel mishaps.

Thursday, all the Bitches were judged. While judging was in process, the crew for the Health and Rescue Fundraiser was setting up the ballroom for the annual extravaganza. Approximately 300 attended the dinner and auction, which helped make the evening a substantial financial success to benefit the Medical Research and Rescue accounts.

Friday... the always breathtaking Best of Breed class. The best of the best showing what a Doberman can be. Selected for Best of Breed was a red veteran bitch – much to the approval of the ringside.

During the week, the various DPCA committees held events, including, but not limited to, Judges Education, International Reception, Chapter Club Meeting, WAE competition, ROM Meetings, Mentors Meeting, CHIC blood draw, cardiology testing for four days, etc.

On Saturday – old friends with new dogs said goodbye to each other and to California. Until next time.

To be continued... Topeka Kansas 2014... ▲

*Judith A. Brown*









**2013 Conformation Winner**  
**GCH Gallant's First And Foremost V Ciden**  
Owners: M Fash DVM and  
C Huckfeldt



# DPCA TOP 20

**2013 Obedience Winner**  
**CH OTCH Platnum's Black Again,  
UDX5 OM8 RN**  
Owners: S Korp and A Korp



# WINNERS

**2013 Agility Winner**  
**MACH6 Rock's Indian Sunburn,  
MXS2 MJS2 OF T2B**  
Owner: M Rock







# DPCA 2013 National Winners



## *Best of Breed Winner*

### **Ch. Allure Blazing Star Alisaton**

Breeders: Carmen Pitts & Gwen Demilta Owners: Julie Porter & Carmen Pitts



## *Best of Opposite Sex*

### **Ch. Gallant's First and Foremost v Ciden**

Breeders: Mona Fasth DVM & Cyndi Huckfeldt  
Owners: Mona Fasth DVM & Cyndi Huckfeldt



## *Best of Winners/Winners Dog/Best Puppy*

### **Cambria's Above and Beyond**

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





**Winners Bitch**

**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



**Reserve Winners Bitch**

**GOLDGROVE PANTS ON FIRE**

Breeder: Sharon Pflueger  
 Owners: Jerry & Kathy Drake & Sharon Pflueger



**Reserve Winner's Dog**

**CAMBRIA'S ADDICTION TO FICTION**

Breeders: Cambria Reg & Glen Lajeski & Ann Wulbrecht  
 Owners: Sonia Guarin & Cambria Reg



**Best Bred By Exhibitor**

**ALISATON SWEEPED 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



**Best Junior Handler**

**Mallary Ross & GCH FOXFIRE'S THE BEST THING OF ICON RN**

Breeders: M Santana & T Ross  
 Owners: Mallary & T Ross & Michelle Santana & Janet Muzos



**Best Veteran in Sweepstakes**

**CH GEMINI'S VISION QUEST V WYNDEM**

Breeders: Kim Lovett & Mary Leahy & Mohammed Al-Matrodi  
 Owners: Kim Lovett & Karen Hodges





**Grand Prize - Futurity**

**CAMBRIA'S ABOVE AND BEYOND**

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



**Best Junior in Futurity**

**TIBURON DEACON BLUES**

Breeders: John Dolan & Salli Gorman  
 Owner: Melinda Moyer



**Best Veteran Dog**

**CH CAMBRIA'S THE CAPTAIN**

Breeders: Ann White & Jim White  
 Owner: Naomi Barksdale



**Best Veteran Bitch**

**CH ALLURE BLAZING STAR ALISATON**

Breeders: Carmen Pitts & Gwen Demilta  
 Owners: Julie Porter & Carmen Pitts



**Brood Bitch**

**GCH ALLURE ENVY ME ROYALWOODS V SCHOHAUS**

Breeders: Carmen Pitts & Michael & Renee Holth  
 Owners: John & Lori Schoeneman & Carmen Pitts







**Select Bitch**

**CH CAMBRIA'S VRAIMENT PARFAIT**

Breeder: Cambria Registered

Owners: Karen Thompson & Cambria Reg & Glen Lajeski & Ann Wulbrecht



**Select Dog**

**GCH WINMAR'S WANNA GET LUCKY**

Breeders: Beth Wilhite & Lisa R Burroff

Owners: Beth Wilhite & Lisa R Burroff



**Award of Merit - AB# 15**

**CH RAUSCHUND N DARWIN'S FAMILY TRADITION**

Breeders: Carole Havener & Francoise Allard & Robert Brousseau

Owners: Darlene Young & Marilyn Altheide & Erin Pina



**Award of Merit - AB# 16**

**GCH TIBURON ARIEL BELLA DONA**

Breeders: John Dolan & Salli Gorman

Owners: Melinda Moyer & Tommy Moyer & Kathy Drake & Jerry Drake



**Award of Merit - AB# 22**

**GCH A'MONDE'S MARLA THE PRIMA DONNA**

Breeders: Ada M Levine & Dr Flavio Mendes

Owner: Sergio Capps



**Award of Merit - AB# 74**

**CH GALLANT'S DREAM BRES V CIDEN**

Breeders: Mona A Fasth & Cynthia L Huckfeldt

Owners: Cynthia L Huckfeldt & Mona A Fasth





***Award of Merit - AB# 112***

**CH FOXFIRE'S TELL ME ABOUT IT**

Breeders: Michelle M Santana & Dave Miller  
 Owners: Michelle Santana & Shani St John



***Award of Merit - AB# 124***

**CH MASSEY'S THEY DON'T DANCE LIKE CARMAN NO MORE**

Breeders: Tamera Deffenbaugh & Betty Cuzzolino & Darrell Massey  
 Owner: Coleen Byrns



***Award of Merit - AB# 140***

**GCH ALISATON BLACKBIRD V ALLURE BEAULANE**

Breeders: G DeMilta & C DeMilta & J Beaumont & C Pitts  
 Owners: L Cornelius & M Veras & G & C DeMilta & C Pitts & J Beaumont



***Award of Merit - AB# 173***

**GCH TEVRO'S DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

Breeders: Trevor Miller & Dana Johnson  
 Owners: Melinda Winchell & David Winchell & Trevor Miller



***Award of Merit - AB# 211***

**GCH ALISATON FIRST ENCOUNTER V GALLANT CIDEN**

Breeders: G Demilta & C DeMilta-Shimpeno & C Huckfield & M Fash  
 Owners: Libby Hargrove & Gwen DeMilta & Carissa Shimpeno & Danielle Schmitt



***Award of Merit - AB# 217***

**GCH SHERLUCK'S NORTH BY NORTHWEST V OLYMPIC COVE**

Breeders: Faye Strauss & Gary Strauss & Alison Campbell & Charlotte Heinecke  
 Owners: Kathryn Rasmussen & Faye Strauss





**Dog - Puppy 6-9 Mos. BLK  
OBERMARK BLAZING STAR V GOLDGROVE**  
Owners: Jerry & Kathy Drake



**Dog - Puppy 6-9 Mos. AOAC  
GOLDGROVE TEJAS**  
Owners: Miles Collier



**Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. BLK  
CAMBRIA'S ADDICTION TO FICTION**  
Owners: Sonia Guarin & Cambria Reg



**Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. AOAC & WD  
CAMBRIA'S ABOVE AND BEYOND**  
Owners: Lora L Van Epp & Daniel C Van Epp & Cambria Knl



**Dog - 12-18 Mos. BLK  
TIBURON CALL IN THE CAVALRY**  
Owners: Courtney Cahill & Matt Dykes



**Dog - 12-18 Mos. AOAC  
D'NICMAR ROCKY MARCIANO**  
Owner: Gabriella Rivero



**Dog - BBE BLK  
WINMAR'S LASER SUNRISE**  
Owners: Sandy Driscoll & Lisa Buffoff



**Dog - BBE AOAC  
BOLAND COUP DE FOUDE RA**  
Owners: Vicky Olson & Katherine Stead & V Cherie Holmes



**Dog - American Bred BLK  
TIBURON DEACON BLUES**  
Owner: Melinda Moyer





**Dog - Open BLK**  
**VIAVOLA'S ALEXANDER**  
 Owner: Antonio Olivera



**Dog - Open AOAC**  
**RAUSCHUND'S FAST CARS AND FREEDOM**  
 Owners: Mackenzie Baishiki & Marilyn Altheide



**Bitch - 6-9 Mos. BLK**  
**SUNSET NORTHWEST PASSAGE V. SHERLUCK**  
 Owners: Kathryn Rasmussen & Faye Strauss & Dawn Danner



**Bitch - 6-9 Mos. AOAC**  
**SAPPHIRE'S SESTINA**  
 Owners: Hollie M Eller & Brynlee Hoyle



**Bitch - 9-12 Mos. BLK**  
**WINMARS SWIFT JUSTICE**  
 Owners: Nancy Bletzer & Lisa Burroff





***Bitch - 9-12 Mos. AOAC***  
**AGUILO TELL ME A STORY CAROSEL**  
 Owners: Stephanie Miller & Matt Horner



***Bitch - 12-18 Mos. BLK***  
**DAMA DE LORIE**  
 Owners: RosaMaria Olvera Pena



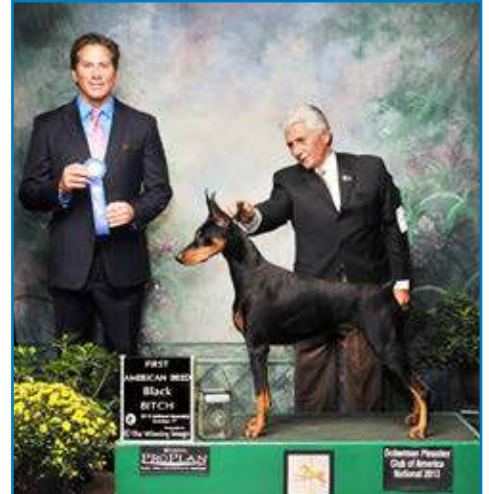
***Bitch - 12-18 Mos. AOAC***  
**LIBERATORS HOLLYWOOD SPICEGIRL**  
 Owners: P Stockwood & M Kourtis-Maitak & P Blenkey & B Casey



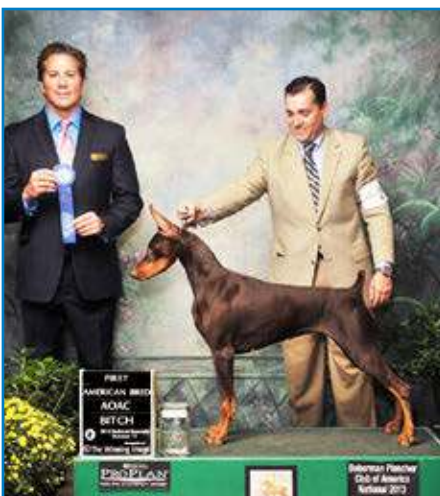
***Bitch - BBE BLK & WB***  
**ALISATON SWEPT AWAY V RAKLYN CIDEN**  
 Owners: P Healy & H Engel & G DeMilta & C Shimpeno & C Huckfeldt



***Bitch - BBE AOAC***  
**'RENA'SSANCE ROCKIN ROLLING STONE**  
 Owners: Eileen Moffitt & Wayne Rossmiller & Bellinda Rossmiller



***Bitch - American Bred BLK***  
**KENTURA'S NADIRAH AURORA**  
 Owners: Helen Kennedy & William Kennedy & Annabelle Kennedy



***Bitch - American Bred AOAC***  
**TIBURON CALENDAR GIRL**  
 Owner: Mercer Harrington



***Bitch - Open BLK***  
**COURLAND ZENYATTA**  
 Owners: Stephanie J Taube & Bernice Duncan



***Bitch - Open AOAC***  
**GOLDGROVE PANTS ON FIRE**  
 Owners: Jerry & Kathy Drake & Sharon Pflueger



# Agility

## High in Trial

**MACH6 Fulcer's Raven  
VCD2 UDX OM1 RE MXG2  
MJC2 XF**

Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



**Agility - Standard Master - 24"**  
**and Time 2 Beat**  
**CH Montwood Arista's Texas Hold 'Em AX MXJ XF**  
Owner: Mike Dellorto



**Agility - Novice - JWW 24"**  
**CH Gallant's Lil' Brees V Ciden CD BN RN**  
Owners: Rodney & Janet Balke



**Agility - Open Pref - JWW 20"**  
**Emerald's Black Obsidian RE NJP CA CGC**  
Owners: Jennifer & Shawn Cannerelli



**Agility - Ex Pref - JWW - 20"**  
**MACH Taras Blue Stone by Thor CGC CD TT RE XF**  
Owner: Bettina Kimball-Cholewinski



**Agility - Master - JWW - 24"**  
**Olympia Collateral Damage V. Promise OA AXJ**  
Owner: Lisa Hill



**Agility - Open Standard - 24"**  
**CH Winmar's Zippity Doodah NA NAJ**  
Owners: Nancy & Christian Ledyard, Lisa R Burroff



**Agility - Ex Standard - 24"**  
**Sartania's Azteca-Sioux OA OAJ OF**  
Owner: Sarah Tandberg



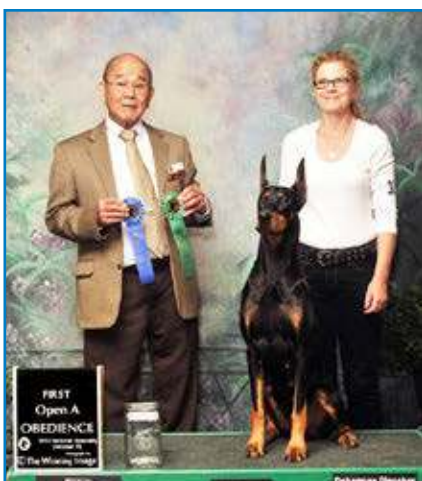


# Obedience

*High in Trial*

**PLATINUM'S WITCHY WOMAN CD RN**

Breeders: Art & Sue Korp  
 Owners: Art & Susan Korp



*Open A*

**GCH PROTOCOL'S SIC ITUR AD ASTRA CD**

Owners: Kevin & Jocelyn Mullins & Suzy Lundy



*Beginner Novice B*

**CH CAMBRIA'S TOURMALINE**

Owners: Julianne Haugen & Jerry R Haugen



*Veteran Obedience*

**MACH6 FULCER'S RAVEN VCD2 UDX OM1 RE MXB2 MJS2 XF**

Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



*High Combined & Highest Scoring Champion*

**CH OTCH PLATINUM'S BLACK AGAIN UDX6 OM9 RN**

Owners: Art & Sue Korp



# Rally

## High Combined

**MACH6 FULCER'S RAVEN VCD2 UDX  
OM1 RE MXB2 MJS2 XF**

Breeder: Dawn M Clark  
Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



**Rally - High Combined**  
**MACH6 FULCER'S RAVEN VCD2 UDX OM1 RE MXB2 MJS2 XF**  
Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



**Rally - Novice B**  
**BLUSTONES SWEET MAYHEM V ZUMA**  
Owners: Cristina Maxwell & Gwen Lucoff



**Rally - Advanced B**  
**ROGUE RIVER LIGHT INSIDE CD RE CA BN**  
Owners: Susan Rea Weitz & Scott Lyter



**Rally - Excellent B**  
**MACH6 FULCER'S RAVEN VCD2 UDX  
OM1 RE MXB2 MJS2 XF**  
Owner: Lloyd Fulcer



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### 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...



## Janet Van Wormer

*Judge - DPCA National Intersex*

Imagine a beautiful sunny day with ocean breezes gently blowing vacationing in Maui with friends, when my cell phone rings with a call from the DPCA Recording Secretary telling me I was voted by my peers to judge at the 2013 National Specialty, and since I had received the most votes I could select my assignment. No hesitation from me - Intersex, Intersex, Intersex!!!!

What an honor and responsibility you have bestowed on me to judge the best of the best and have the pleasure of judging the assignment of a life time. I will not forget the three days of judging Veteran Dogs, Veteran Bitches, Brood Bitch, Jr. Showmanship, and Intersex anytime soon, if ever.



The depth of quality and condition of every single exhibit was outstanding. Every dog and bitch was presented to perfection. Temperaments appeared to all be excellent. The one thing breeders must be cognizant of is small and not "correctly placed" teeth in their breeding programs. There were many exhibits with small teeth and extra teeth were very prevalent, thus affecting the occlusion.

A couple of days before intersex was scheduled to be judged, I was presented with the Veterans classes for judging. Wow, they have certainly weathered the test of time. It was a thrill to see the pizzazz still solidly in place when those beautiful seniors moved around the ring. Outstanding!

Jr. Showmanship was judged prior to Intersex on the last day of the national. If the presentation of Dobermans by our Jr. Handlers is any indication of future handling of our magnificent breed, we are all in good hands. The ultimate Best Jr. was won by Mallary Ross, an outstanding, talented, young handler.

From the Official Standard for the Doberman Pinscher: "General Appearance—The appearance is that of a dog of medium size, with a body that is square. Compactly built, muscular and powerful, for great endurance and speed. Elegant in appearance, of proud carriage, reflecting great nobility and temperament. Energetic, watchful, determined, alert, fearless, loyal and obedient."

Coming from the Veterans Class, the above description fits the bitch to a "T" who I chose for Best of Breed at our 2013 National Specialty, Ch. Allure Blazing Star Alisaton. This beautiful girl was on fire and deserving of all the accolades she received! From the moment I pointed to her, I don't think there were many dry eyes in the building.

Best Opposite Sex, Ch. Gallant's First And Foremost V Ciden is a well put together dog shown to perfection by his handler. He likewise fits the Standard written above.

Best of Winners was Winners Dog, a beautiful youngster who came from the Puppy 9-12 class.

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### **Janet Van Wormer - Intersex Judging (Continued)**

Select Dog, GCh. Winmar's Wanna Get Lucky and Select Bitch, Ch. Cambria's Vraiment Parfait are examples of specimens fitting the Standard. These dogs were in superb condition and shown to their best advantage.



There were so many deserving dogs in the entire entry and only so many ribbons to hand out, it was difficult to make the cuts necessary to get to the end, but on the day, that was my job. All ten of the Award of Merit winners are outstanding examples of our breed who in my opinion were deserving of the win and more.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the very best ring stewards any judge could have, the incomparable Judy Smith, Barbara Bender, and Margaret Downey. These ladies endured hours of stewarding before the last day rolled around and yet they were still smiling and efficient until the very end. Thank you all very much.

Thank you to all the breeders, owners, and handlers who exhibited your beautiful Doberman Pinschers to me, it was my pleasure and honor. ▲

*Janet Van Wormer*



### **Nedda Vorzimer**

*Judge - DPCA National - Dog Classes*

It was a great honor to have been invited to judge at the DPCA National and I enjoyed every moment that I spent up close with our Dobermans.

Overall I was very impressed with the quality and was pleased to see standard sized dogs with very few sloping toplines. Heads varied, most had dark eyes - several were round. I saw many with extra teeth and a few with faulty side occlusion.

I felt I had a very strong winners class and narrowed it down to four.

My winners dog came from the 9-12 aoac class. He had a good head with intense expression, dark eyes - a neck which flowed smoothly into his nicely laid back shoulders. He was balanced and square possessing a firm topline and correct tail carriage. He moved out effortlessly keeping the same balanced conformation and firm topline that he had while standing still.

The open black dog was standard size with a smooth neck placement, well laid back shoulders with good return of upper arm and rear balance.

The American bred black was a strong contender for the reserve. He was also standard size, square, compact with a firm topline and correct tail set. He had good expression and showed well the entire time.

In the end, the reserve went to the 9-12 black whose well arched neck flowed smoothly into well laid back shoulders. He was balanced, square and had a slightly rounded croup with correct tail carriage. I later learned that he is a littermate to the Winners Dog.

A big thank you to the wonderful stewards—Judy Smith, Margaret Downey and Barbara Bender who kept everything running smoothly.

I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to judge at the DPCA National Specialty. It had been a dream of mine to someday judge dogs at our national and hopefully find the next "great one". Both those dreams have come true. ▲

*Nedda Vorzimer*



# Andy Linton

*Judge - DPCA National Dog Classes*



When I found out that I had been selected to judge the Doberman Pinscher National Futurity, I had mixed feelings of both being honored and having trepidation. I was honored to have been elected by fellow members of the DPCA. The trepidation was wondering if giving up the ability to show at the National was worth judging a group of average or possibly worse young Dobermans. Much to my relief and excitement, there were a considerable amount of Futurity competitors that were actually of excellent quality.

It was quite an interesting dynamic judging dogs owned and/or handled by so many friends, breeders and people that I have shown for and known for so long in the Doberman world. As I preach at any dog show that I attend, it is imperative that the judge be impartial and fair. With that in mind, once I walked into the ring, I had no friends. I simply placed the dogs as I viewed them.

My priorities in selecting the best Doberman Pinscher are as follows;

1. Outline freestanding from across the ring
2. Outline moving in profile
3. "Pieces and parts" meaning the details such as the color of the eyes, markings, feet and so on.
4. Movement coming and going. This aspect has very little to do with my placement of a class unless it is noticeably bad. There were less than five in the futurity whose placement was affected due to a poor "down and back."

In addition to these four above mentioned priorities of mine, I believe outstanding character needs to be rewarded when possible and poor character should be heavily penalized. I also believe that there is no such thing as a good (let alone great) Doberman with a poor topline or that is more than very slightly long.

With these thoughts in mind, I found there to be at least 30 to 35 entries of the 66 futurity entries that are or should become legitimate Champions. Even more exciting was that there were probably 10 or 12 entries that could ultimately become, or already are competitive "Specials!" The Grand Prize Winner, who came from the 9-12 AOAC dog class, embodied all that I look for in a great Doberman. He is compact with a beautiful topline. His well arched neck flows smoothly and correctly into his well laid back shoulders. His overall balance and symmetry is breathtaking. He is good on his legs and carries himself like a Doberman should. While I can't predict the future, this young male has limitless potential to be a star in our breed.

Thank you to those who selected me to judge. Also special thanks to Barbara Bender and Judy Smith for doing such a great job of ring stewarding. Most thanks and kudos go to the breeders who created the beautiful Dobermans that I was fortunate to have judged! ▲

*Andy Linton*





## Philip Martin

*Judge - DPCA National Bitch Classes*



First and foremost I want to say that it was a privilege to judge bitches at the 2013 Doberman Pinscher Club of America National and I thank all those who honored me with their votes. Like you, I am a breeder and exhibitor. I believe that the breed is only as strong as its bitches. From my first class to the last, the exhibitors were a pleasure, each presenting their bitch to perfection, conveying the obvious pride and enthusiasm they had for what they were showing. The exhibitors and my excellent ring steward—Ms. Judy Smith—made this judging assignment an experience I will treasure.

As for the judging, I made a point of not listening to what had happened at the host club shows in the days prior to my assignment. I did not look at the catalog or at any magazines. I really wanted to come the ring with a fresh open perspective, and simply judge my bitches on the day. I was looking for a square, beautifully balanced Doberman Pinscher, with good bone and substance, sufficient leg, and yet the elegance and femininity a Doberman bitch must have. Temperament was also important to me. I do not want to go into too much detail here because it can be interpreted as dissing those I do not mention, and that would be a serious disservice to all the lovely bitches in my entry who are well deserving of finishing. Many of them will be stars in the ring on another day. I can say that when judging Dobermans, I first look at the overall outline and balance. Many of the bitches showed a pleasing outline in the stack, but when they moved, the individual qualities of the dog become apparent.

I was delighted with my Winners class, and could have chosen several as WB. Ultimately, I chose my Black Bred-By bitch. I felt that she was the total package, with correct size, good balance, proper angulation, good heavy bone, a strong head with good length of muzzle, and a pretty silhouette. She went and came cleanly, and had a smooth go around. She owned the ground she stood on, and did everything the handler asked, when I requested it. My reserve bitch was a substantial female with a good outline and sound movement, who had many of the attributes I specifically look for in breeding stock. Others who stood out include my Black 6-9 bitch whom I rewarded for her strong head, beautiful long elegant neck, and lovely smooth flow of neck in shoulder. One of my most memorable bitches, and a strong favorite (whom I'd have been proud to have bred) was my 9-12 Red bitch. She was a one-piece package, with a strong topline, and a nice length of neck and leg, to create the smooth, stylish, elegant outline I love.

As I said, I had excellent quality to choose from. I want to commend breeders. I am pleased to say that I did not see problems with missing teeth or sloping toplines (with very few exceptions), nor did I see many over-angulated rears, which are faults that have been spoken of in the past. However, we need to pay attention to toplines that are soft and weak. And there were bitches that were out of balance, with briskets well below the elbow. I feel that some people don't understand effortless movement, which we will lose in the breed with these heavy overdone fronts and dropped briskets (which give the appearance of a wheelbarrow). These overdone fronts are a bad caricature of what the front assembly should be. When moving, the toplines are soft and drop, and the dog scurries and scrambles as the front tries to get out of the way of the rear, which is anything but effortless motion.

Going forward, I feel that the challenge for all of us breeders will be to take the foregoing into consideration. Again, thank you for the honor of judging bitches. ▲

Warm Regards To All My Exhibitors,

*Philip Martin*









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