

For me, this issue comes down to several basic questions.
Maybe this is oversimplification, but it works for me....

- 1) Are the backcross dogs Dalmatians? YES! Without A Doubt! Which to me means they should be allowed to move forward with AKC registration.
- 2) Can the backcross dogs help with the urate stone forming problem in Dalmatians? Probably – all research points to his as being a way to prevent the typical urate stones that Dalmatians form from their high uric acid levels.
- 3) Should research continue to help reduce stone disease in the current population of high uric acid Dals? OF COURSE! But the backcross project is a way to prevent the problem before it occurs, which is an even better answer.
- 4) Would I breed to a backcross dog? Only if the dog offers the other variables that I need for improvement in my bitch. It would never be the only factor for me to consider in planning any breeding.

These are the things that I considered before sending my ballot in. And it was definitely marked YES!

Thanks,

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