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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jamie Harshfield

Dear GDCA Members,

Preparations are well underway for the GDCA 2024 North Division National. The premium list will be available soon. Please consider contributing to the GDCA National. All proceeds will assist the North Division's overall costs of hosting such a spectacular event. Deadlines are quickly approaching so please visit the GDCA website at GDCA.org for updated information.

Information pertaining to the GDCA 2025 East Division National will be available at the conclusion of the 2024 National. Division Chair: Laurie Maulucci, mjmdanes@comcast.net, and Show Chair: Jeffrey Ball, jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com.

The GDCA 2026 South Division is in the process of voting for officers.

Linda Cain will continue as the Affiliate Club Representative throughout the 2024 National. If your club has Constitution and By Law revisions, please contact Jason Hoke jasonhoke@aol.com, for assistance.

GDCA is currently looking for a Bulletin correspondent. The correspondent's responsibility is compiling reports from committees for our GDCA quarterly Bulletin. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Wanda Hepler, Heplerdanes@gmail.com. Thank you, Kennedy Morgan, for your years of service. Kennedy has done an exceptional job with our GDCA bulletin!

I would like to thank Rita Suddarth for her time and dedication as the Top 20 Statistician since its inception. Moving forward, Memory Armstrong has agreed to compile the data required to produce the Top 20 Statistics. Thank you, Memory!

I look forward to seeing you all very soon at the National. Please travel safely.

Jamie Harshfield
President, GDCA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wanda Hepler



Ballots – 2025 East Division Companion Judges Finalists

The names of the three Companion Judges were emailed to club members. Congratulations to the finalists!

Ballots – First Round Nominees – 2026 South Division Conformation Judges

Congratulations to The First-Round Nominees! The 2026 South Division Judges names were distributed to club members via Constant Contact. The Second-round ballots should be mailed out soon. Please make sure your home address is updated if you have moved recently as well as your club secretary's information.

Affiliate Club Rosters:

Please make sure we have your most recent club roster on file. To ensure your club will receive important notices including ballots and time sensitive emails. To update your club roster, use the standardized form found on the GDCA website under the affiliate club tab to submit. We require that **all** clubs use this standardized form when sending in your annual rosters.

The direct link is: <https://gdca.org/the-gdca/affiliate-clubs/>

Affiliate Club Specialty Approvals:

As a reminder, **ALL** affiliate club specialties require GDCA approval.

To obtain GDCA approval, your club's dues need to be paid and a current year roster of members and officers must be given along with the **date** and **location** of the specialty. Email to: **Wanda Hepler** heplerdanes@gmail.com

Please note: It is the Affiliate Clubs responsibility to email their request for GDCA approval to us. The process is not automatic and **AKC does not** inform us of your event application.

Wanda Hepler

GDCA Corresponding Secretary

QUARTERLY CHIC REPORT*Wanda Hepler*

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) -
Parent Club reporting: Great Dane Club of
America. CHIC Numbers Issued New or Updated:
2Q 2024. GDCA Members in **bold** type.

Find out more about OFA's CHIC program.
here: www.caninehealthinfo.org/brdreqs

**DOG: LEGADO N DANEMARK RAISE A BLAZE @
KINDLEFIRE****Owner: KELLY FAILS****AKC #: WS73888001****CHIC#: 193922****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/4/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: B&K THIS GIRL IS ON FIRE****Owner: BARBARA KRESZYN****AKC #: WS65394001****CHIC#: 194065****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/9/2024****GDCA: YES****Dog: VELOCITY'S YOU AND I WERE MEANT TO
FLY****Owner: MISTY WINKER****AKC #: WS74025104****CHIC#: 194244****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/12/2024****GDCA: Yes****DOG: TERED-DBM N PAYASO'S SEIZE THE
LIGHT****Owner: KATHY MUNYAN****AKC #: WS68980206****CHIC#: 194248****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/12/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: ALPINE'S VINCENZO'S MAGNIFICENT
MANICOTTI****Owner: DAVID BURDGE****AKC #: WS64668606****CHIC#: 194376****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/16/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: CAERULEUS OUT OF THE BLACK AND INTO
THE BLUE****Owner: MICHELLE CONROY****AKC #: WS74513607****CHIC#: 194377****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/16/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: DANEMARKNGLACIERS JUSTICE FOR ALL****Owner: LOREN BENGSTON****AKC #: WS71235102****CHIC#: 194380****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/16/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: LAGARADA'S MIRAKEL XR'S COUNTRY
RHYTHM****Owner: JOYCE ROWE****AKC #: WS65451702****CHIC#: 194500****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/19/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: STARDUST V PACIFIC BLUE'S LOTTA
LOVIN'****Owner: SHINAE PERRY****AKC #: WS75611106****CHIC#: 194697****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 4/25/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: SMOKIN' HOT'S BRIGHT LIGHT****Owner: SANDRA EWING****AKC #: WS71478001****CHIC#: 194950****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 5/2/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: YK-WINDYCITY'S MEET ME IN PARIS****Owner: JENNIFER GALLO****AKC #: WS76523904****CHIC#: 195095****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 5/7/2024****GDCA: Yes****Dog: NORTHERNAIRE'S TIME TO PARTY****Owner: CATHY BRACHT****AKC #: WS70754306****CHIC#: 195119****New or Update: NEW****CHIC Date: 5/8/2024****GDCA: Yes**

**Dog: ROJON'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER V.
DANENDVOR**

Owner: AMIT PATHAK

AKC #: WS77524006

CHIC#: 192696

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 5/15/2024

GDCA: Yes

**Dog: DANEACRE ELLENNI'S PISTOL PAC N
MOMMA**

Owner: KITTY PERKINS

AKC #: WS75250901

CHIC#: 195512

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 5/17/2024

GDCA: Yes

**Dog: DANEMARK N MAGAZU FAST LIKE
BLANCHE SWEET AS A ROSE**

Owner: KAREN MARTIN

AKC #: WS75080002

CHIC#: 195513

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 5/17/2024

GDCA: Yes

**Dog: DROGHEDAS CATRINKA SETTING
STARS ON FIRE**

Owner: JULIE KERR

AKC #: WS76433702

CHIC#: 195980

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 5/31/2024

GDCA: Yes

Dog: HLADIK'S DIRTY MARTINI

Owner: SHARON HLADIK

AKC #: WS76669703

CHIC#: 196065

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 6/3/2024

GDCA: Yes

Dog: RIVER ROCK'S FEEL THAT FIRE

Owner: MARK R. DAVENPORT

AKC #: WS76337604

CHIC#: 196200

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 6/6/2024

GDCA: Yes

Dog: OCEANBLUE SOUND OF SILENCE

Owner: JENNIFER HESTER

AKC #: WS74306901

CHIC#: 196291

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 6/7/2024

GDCA: YES

Dog: TWIN BAY'S LISS MY ASH

Owner: MARI LINDLAND

AKC #: WS68433002

CHIC#: 196518

New or Update: NEW

CHIC DATE: 6/14/2024

GDCA: YES

Dog: ASAYACRES CAN'T RESIST ME

Owner: CHRISTINE ASAY

AKC #: WS75493101

CHIC#: 196743

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 6/21/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: AMERICA'S SHINING STAR OF
FREEDOM**

Owner: MARY & R. MICHAL WOODWORTH

AKC #: WS65471802

CHIC#: 196840

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 6/25/2024

GDCA: YES

**Dog: PATIENTDANES EZ LIKE SUNDAY
MORNING**

Owner: JOAN BERRIE

AKC #: WS74408902

CHIC#: 193921

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/4/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: EAGLE VALLEY'S MADAME SKYE

Owner: HEATHER EAGLE

AKC #: WS74480801

CHIC#: 194066

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/9/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: HILLIS DANES ALITTLE NCIS AT EAGLE VALLEY

Owner: HEATHER EAGLE

AKC #: WS71165606

CHIC#: 194067

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/9/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: PROPHECYS STRONGER THAN STEEL

Owner: AJ SCARPA

AKC #: WS71326201

CHIC#: 194243

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/12/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: UNDA'D'S MOLLY WEASLEY OF CHERRYTREE

Owner: CHRISTINA BYERS

AKC #: WS75227304

CHIC#: 194245

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/12/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: HICKORY RIDGE ABRACADABRA BY F&B

Owner: ANNIE IMMEKUS

AKC #: WS78805013

CHIC#: 194247

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/12/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: F7B'S NO SHAME IN HER GAME

Owner: PAULA LLOYD

AKC #: WS77355501

CHIC#: 194246

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/12/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: OAKHAVEN'S USS DANEKRAAFT PHASERS SET TO STUN

Owner: RACHEL NORTON

AKC #: WS75437306

CHIC#: 194249

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/12/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: ELLENNI BLACKSTONE CAT-ALINA WINE MIXER

Owner: LENNI CIPRIOTTI

AKC #: WS75190905

CHIC#: 194250

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/12/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: SMGD'S LADY ELSINORE OF THE MIDWEST

Owner: MEGAN BENTLEY

AKC #: WS71625302

CHIC#: 194379

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/16/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: CUPAR'S FORCE TO RECKON WITH

Owner: SHELBY COOPER

AKC #: JQ4155088

CHIC#: 194501

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/19/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: SSGD SOFTER THAN A LULLABYE

Owner: WENDY WHITAKER

AKC #: WS74120408

CHIC#: 194696

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/25/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: KAR FARM'S M22 ROCK CRUSHER

Owner: KRISTEEN HAUK

AKC #: WS75648007

CHIC#: 194733

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/25/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: F&B AND REESE'S FATE OF KARMA

Owner: THERSEA OAKES

AKC #: WS72654708

CHIC#: 194827

New or Update: NEW

CHIC Date: 4/30/2024

GDCA: No

Dog: LIVESKY'S AFTER PARTY IN VEGAS
Owner: OLIVIA HUDSON
AKC #: WS80245101
CHIC#: 194828
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 4/30/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: PROPHECY'S ROYAL NEFERTITI QMD
Owner: AJ SCARPA
AKC #: WS74970606
CHIC#: 194951
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/2/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: F AND B'S I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE KING
Owner: MICHAEL CUNHA
AKC #: WS77433705
CHIC#: 194952
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/2/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: SPARTAN'S MISTRESS OF FORTUNE
Owner: JESSICA BAUGHMAN
AKC #: WS73201905
CHIC#: 194953
New or Updated: NEW
CHIC DATE: 5/2/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: CBD'S TALK TO ME GOOSE @ JBDS
Owner: JESSICA BAUGHMAN
AKC #: WS75727206
CHIC#: 194954
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/2/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: ENZO'S RIPTIDE AT THE MORNING DEW
Owner: MELISSA SCHREMPF
AKC #: FDKG4190364
CHIC#: 195094
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/7/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: PAXTON'S GOOD TIME BOUNTY HUNTER
Owner: CATHY DEMOTT
AKC #: WS76592202
CHIC#: 195096
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/7/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: ALTITUDE'S DON'T DRINK THE KOOL-AID
Owner: MIRANDA MATHIS
AKC #: WS74724603
CHIC#: 195097
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/7/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: OHANA'S BAD REPUTATION AT KINDRED SPIRIT
Owner: LAURA OWENS
AKC #: WS64641201
CHIC#: 195098
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/7/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: PAND'S TITAN OF THE MOUNTAIN (TITAN)
Owner: JENNIFER DAY
AKC #: WS78768212
CHIC#: 195189
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/8/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: F&B'S WAITING ON A FRIEND LONDYN
Owner: JENNIFER DAY
AKC #: WS80175208
CHIC#: 195190
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/8/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: SHOW STOPPIN VIENNA WAITS FOR YOU
Owner: CAROLYN BOAN
AKC #: WS78162708
CHIC#: 195395
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/15/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: AJANI'S HAPPY GRIFFINGER
Owner: SARKA VELKA
AKC #: WS75621806
CHIC#: 195432
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/15/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: LONGO VANDELFT N FABLE'S
APPEARANCES BE DAM'ND
Owner: KATHRYN FOX
AKC #: WS71749006
CHIC#: 195511
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/15/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: NOTHERNARIE'S GEM BABA BOOEY
Owner: CARRIE MICHAELSON
AKC #: WS59778903
CHIC#: 195635
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/22/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: LIVESKY'S RAINBOW AFTER THE STORM
Owner: OLIVIA HUDSON
AKC #: KE4175973
CHIC#: 195636
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/22/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: HARLEY D HARDTS N BRINLANNI'S
MANEATER V H ESTATES
Owner: LAUREN HOPKINS
AKC #: WS72578002
CHIC#: 195718
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/23/2024
GDCA : No

Dog: RYLIE'S LUCAS WHAT I CAN DO
Owner: JENNIFER WRIGHT
AKC #: WS74433301
CHIC#: 195719
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/23/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: GREAT VIEW'S U R MY PARADISE
Owner: JOAN OLSON
AKC #: WS75868101
CHIC#: 195870
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/29/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: GREAT VIEW'S FLASHBACK TO
PARADISE
Owner: JOAN OLSON
AKC #: WS75868103
CHIC#: 195871
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/29/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: PUPULE WAHINE WHISPERING PINES
SHE'S MIGHTY MIGHTY
Owner: NICHOLE SERVINE
AKC #: WS66972501
CHIC#: 195979
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/31/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: F&B'S PROPHECY & GDO'S "COME ON
FEEL THE NOIZE"
Owner: AJ SCARPA
AKC #: WS80385402
CHIC#: 195981
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/31/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: ANGELOU POLISH MOON OF PROPHECY
DANE
Owner: AJ SCARPA
AKC #: WS74798001
CHIC#: 196028
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 5/31/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: F AND B'S THE HERO GOTHAM
DESERVES
Owner: MEGAN MCNUTT
AKC #: WS77433706
CHIC#: 196352
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/10/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: F&B'S KAIA
Owner: BARBARA MROZIK
AKC #: WS77433707
CHIC#: 196444
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/12/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: CAB'S HAIL STORM
Owner: ABIGAIL GIFFORD
AKC #: WS75332401
CHIC#: 196482
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/13/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: TITANIUMS TELL DEATH NOT TODAY
Owner: KINZIE STEVENS
AKC #: WS76685501
CHIC#: 196519
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/14/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: CHANOZ CRAFTY RASCAL
Owner: AMANDA GREEN
AKC #WS76722208
CHIC#: 196620
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/18/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: SD'S NIETZSCHE PHILOLOGIST OF
PDANES
Owner: AJ SCARPA
AKC #: WS71803507
CHIC#: 196672
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/19/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: PUPULE WAHINE HARLEY'S SIDE KICK
AKA DAVIDSON
Owner: RICHARD RIX
AKC #: WS70930403
CHIC#: 196744
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/21/2024
GDCA: No

Dog: JOURNEY'S N MIDNIGHT SUN WATCH
OVER YOU
Owner: NAMCY LABELLE
AKC #: WS76084504
CHIC#: 196841
New or Update: NEW
CHIC Date: 6/25/2024
GDCA: No

Breed Mentor Report

I hope this message finds everyone well. Over the years I have reiterated the importance of the breed mentor program to the future of our beloved breed.

Approved breed mentors are the gatekeepers of our breed. Whether those that are seeking guidance are brand new to the world of Great Danes or they have been involved for several years, but have never had much in the way of success with their program, the mentor can often get these individuals on the right track and change their fortunes in the sport of dogs. Too often a first time Dane buyer will find a dog advertised in a local newspaper and that becomes their due diligence in finding their first puppy. This scenario can be repeated in any breed.

In recent years the AKC has continued to expand its Canine College. This is an informational format for approved breeds which is approved and submitted by the parent clubs. Aspiring judges can use these programs as their primary educational tool on their applications. The programs themselves are usually very good. However, IMHO, I don't think this venue can replace the benefit of sitting at ringside with a knowledgeable mentor and discussing the entry at that day's show. Asking questions and getting instantaneous feedback cannot be overemphasized.

The GDCA currently has over 60 approved mentors. Requests for ringside mentoring are not as common from potential judges as they once were. This is primarily due to the AKC's Canine College. It is much easier to sit at one's computer and watch a parent club presentation than it is to make arrangements for ringside mentoring at a local show. I continue to suggest to our affiliate clubs to have a ringside mentoring program at their Specialties and advertise it in the premium list. I have judged at Dane Specialties where the clubs set up such a program and some of these efforts have resulted in a lot of attendees. This can do nothing but improve the understanding of the Great Dane by those that will soon be making decisions in the ring.

Bill Stebbins

Helping Our Own

Many of you may have aspirations of becoming a breeder judge. If so, one of the requirements on your application is to have actually judged Sweepstakes or sanctioned matches. The number of sanctioned matches in today's world are few and far between. However, our Specialty clubs usually have Sweepstakes competition. Since those that are already judges that are trying to become approved for Danes also need Sweep assignments, I put together a program for our Dane breeders about 15 years ago called Helping Our Own. Those whose names are on this list often get far more Sweeps assignments than do others. The AKC would like all new applicants to have judged at least 6 sanctioned fun matches. However, a Sweeps assignment counts as 2 fun matches. If you would like your name added to the Helping Our Own list, please contact me.

Bill Stebbins
Cherdane2@comcast.net

AFFILICATE CLUB NEWS*Linda Cain*

Things going on with Divisions and Affiliates

The North Division, being ran by Joy Lobato and Jason Hoke, is continuing to get things together for the 2024 National. Please look at the schedules and the National Store to get your goodies ordered.

The East Division, headed by Laurie Maulucci and Jeffrey Ball, are making progress on the 2025 National.

The South Division is in the beginning stages. Looking for volunteers for their Division Board. Nominees are needed by September 1.

Reminder:

- Please volunteer where you can at the National, even if you aren't in the specific division. It takes a village to pull these events off.
- Please consider being a national sponsor. Every dollar sponsored helps to make our National Great.

Affiliate Club Bylaws

Key Point: **ALL AFFILIATE BYLAWS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GDCA BOARD**

While AKC states they do not require GDCA approval, the GDCA is the parent club and they do require their approval of your bylaws.

There are several documents available to help in making bylaw changes. AKC has provide a template to use along with a check list that will help guide you. The template shows you each paragraph they want to see and how it should be worded. The checklist will walk you through the bylaws to ensure you have what is needed.

Contact the ACR for these specific documents. Template and Checklist and the Affirmation of Bylaw Review Form.

There are a couple of clubs working on their Bylaws. New rules are in place from AKC. Steps that need to be taken:

1. Create your new version of your bylaws in Microsoft Word and turn on changes so all changes are highlighted.
2. Once your club's bylaws are ready, please send in your updated version with highlights marked to AKC, Christa Vaeth, Member & License Club Specialist, email: Christa.Vaeth@akc.org I have worked closely with Christa in working out the process.
 - A. In the email to Christa, please ask her to provide a **pre-review** of your bylaws for correctness based on the templates available from AKC or me. Christa will review and provide feedback as to what needs to be added/removed or clarified.
 - B. Once you have Christa's comments, update your bylaws as needed based on her comments. Then send them back and be specific asking for another pre-review with changes as she requested. She will review and send them back to you. If they look good to AKC, it should be smooth sailing to the GDCA.
 - C. Once AKC provides the pre-review, you must have your membership vote on the changes during a meeting. That meeting needs to be documented showing that the bylaws were voted on, who voted yes, who voted no and any abstentions (in the meeting minutes). Once your affiliate club approves the changes, they are ready to head to the GDCA.
 - D. Send your updated changes with the changes still highlighted along with a clean copy to the current ACR.
 - E. The ACR will review and forward to the GDCA Board and Jason Hoke for his review. At the next board meeting, Jason or the ACR will ask for GDCA Board approval if everything looks good. (again, with AKC providing the pre-review). It should go smoothly.

- F. Once the affiliate club's bylaws are APPROVED by GDCA, take the following steps. Send in the following back to Christa Vaeth, email above:
- i. One **clean copy** (all highlighted changes accepted) of the new bylaws that were approved by membership and GDCA. Make sure the Date is current for effective date. I would use the GDCA approval date. It should be in the GDCA board meeting minutes as a motion.
 - ii. A copy of the Affiliate Club minutes showing the discussion and vote of the bylaws, showing a vote tally (yes/no/abstain)
 - iii. A copy of the Affirmation of Bylaw Review Form (from AKC) *
 - iv. Email should list all the above as attachments. Ask AKC to use the final approved version of your bylaws at the active bylaws.

The Affirmation of Bylaw Review Form confirms that the document including the proposed amendments is not in violation of any applicable statutes and is following state law.

- ◆ You may have an attorney view your bylaws or you may have the president review to make sure your club is complying.

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If there is anything I can help with, please ask.

Thanks for reading. Have a great day.

Linda Cain
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GDCA BOARD MOTIONS**July 20, 2024**

Motion: To approve the absences of Joy Lobato, Nichole Bartlett, Lisa Bartlett, Nancy Ridgeway, Jason Hoke, with the exception of Darryl Pitts and Joyce Rowe

Moved: Jay Roden

Second: Karen Desjardins

Passed: Unanimous

Motion: To approve the April 2024 Board meeting minutes

Moved: Karen Desjardins

Second: MaryLee Williams

Passed: Unanimous

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report

Moved: Karen Desjardins

Second: MaryLee Williams

Passed: Unanimous

Motion: To approve the edits in NSRR under Show Proposal Item Section 6E on page 7, under Judge's Section 13 a2 and 13 C2.

Moved: Jim Remakalus

Second: MaryLee Williams

Passed: Unanimous

Motion: To approve the following applicants approved by the Membership Committee: Jessica Bennett, Constantino & Angelica Iga, Julie King, and Amanda Kannoski

Moved: Kathy Munyan

Second: Dale Tarbox

Passed: Unanimous

2024 Board Meeting Schedule:

October 27, 2024 & October 31, 2024—Wisconsin Dells, WI

TOP TWENTY

Top Twenty preparations are going well. The catalogs are almost ready to go to print and we are completing our plans for the event.

The Bistro Table Raffle is up in the National Store. Get your entries in now for a ringside table with pour service for four guests. It's great fun!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Top Twenty Invitation Event. Admission tickets are available in the National Store. Anyone purchasing a ticket for the Top Twenty Dinner will automatically get a ticket for the event, so there is no need to buy both.

We have the Best Of The Best from 2023 competing, so we will see you on October 30 in Wisconsin Dells!

Memory Armstrong
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Karen Desjardins
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Wanda Hepler
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lynda Moriarty

Letters concerning the approval or disapproval of applicants should be directed in writing to:

Lynda Moriarty
4496 Gosey Hill Road
Franklin, TN 37064

The following applicants have been approved by the Membership Committee for publication in the GDCA Bulletin. The Membership Chairman must receive comments concerning these applicants during the forty-five (45) day period following publication.

Any comments received after **October 7, 2024** will not be accepted.

Carrie Michaelson
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Sponsors: Cindy Harwin & Denise Matulich
Interests: Awards, Fundraising, Membership

Ericka Castro
929 Saratoga Parkway
Sleepy Hollow IL 60118
847-772-2538

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Sponsors: Carol Wilber & Kimberly Nelson
Interests: Futurity, GDCA Website, Health & Research

Laura Amick
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Laura.amick@ymail.com

Sponsors: Traci Rinoldo & Sonia Gens
Interests: Public Ed, Performance

Applications are gathered on a quarterly basis.
Deadlines are as follows:

- October 1, 2024
- January 1, 2025
- April 1, 2025
- July 1, 2025

Completed applications received prior to these dates will move forward at that quarter's board meeting. Those received after the deadline will be held for the next quarter's board meeting.

NOTE: THERE IS AN UPDATED APPLICATION ON THE GDCA WEBSITE AND SENT VIA CONSTANT CONTACT. SPONSORS—BE CERTAIN THE APPLICANT YOU ARE SPONSORING IS USING THE CORRECT FORM. THE 'JULY 2020' VERSION IS THE ONLY VERSION THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON THE OLD FORM WILL BE RETURNED.

***** NEW *****

There is now an auto-renewal option to pay GDCA dues. Go to [GDCA.ORG](https://www.gdca.org) > GDCA Store > GDCA Dues-Auto Renewal Option for existing members.

The Board of Directors approved the following for membership.

We welcome them to the GDCA!

Jessica Bennett
1677 Alaska Way
Fairbanks AK 99709
907.687.0028
Jx3bennett@gmail.com
Interests: Public Ed, Performance
Sponsors: Susan Acquistapace & Patricia Wolf

Constantino & Angelica Iga
29 Chippewa Ct
Oswego IL 60543
312.388.9077
Interests: National Specialty
Sponsors: Mike Arnold & Carol Wilber

Julie King
7948 NE Berwick Drive
Ankeny IA 50021
515.491.4114
Damemom2018@gmail.com
Sponsors: Neil O'Sullivan & Bev Klingensmith
Interests: Awards, Performance

Amanda Kannowski
13316 Briar Hollow Lane
Oklahoma City OK 73170
405.514.5011
akannowski@me.com
Sponsors: Beverly Ballard & Tracy Purser
Interests: Membership

GDCA NATIONAL DIVISION UPDATE
Joy Lobato

DEADLINES ARE COMING UP!
Carefully look below so you don't miss signing up for an event!

2024 NATIONAL SPECIALTY DEADLINES!
(Sign up in the National Store)

AUGUST DEADLINES:
CATALOG ADVERTISING:
8/15/24 (Early deadline)
9/15/24 (Final deadline)

SEPTEMBER DEADLINES:
HOTEL ROOM RAFFLE: 9/1/24 Drawing
PARADES: 9/1/24
WAYS & MEANS: 9/10/24
GOLF CART SCOOTER RENTAL: 9/15/24
TROPHY DONATIONS: 9/15/24 (last chance to be listed in catalog. Donations anytime.)
VENDOR BOOTH SPACE: 9/15/24
SPONSORSHIP: 9/15/24 (Donations anytime)

OCTOBER DEADLINES:
AUCTION ITEMS: 10/1/24
WELCOME BAGS: 10/1/24
MEAL PACKAGES: 10/16/24
EDUCATION SEMINARS: 10/16/24
HEALTH TESTING & CARDIO: 10/16/24

Judges Education: No deadlines
Breeders Education: No deadlines

WE HAVE TWO AND A HALF MONTHS TILL THE NORTH DIVISION GDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY.

Joy Lobato
2024 Division Chair
GDCA National Specialty

GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA

CHARITABLE TRUST



August 2024 News Updates

GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

★ Please Help Us Help Them

★ TICKETS ... \$5.00 EACH ★



Our 2024 Fundraiser

Life-Sized "Dog Days"



We are pleased to be able to offer the life-sized sculpture, "Dog Days" by noted artist, Louise Peterson, as our raffle prize for 2024. This statue was a gift to the Trust from a very generous anonymous donor, and we are most grateful.

**Tickets are now available online in our
Charitable Trust Store at GDCA.org.
Click Charitable Trust, click Donate, then Click
Charitable Trust Raffle!**

They will also be available all week at the 2024 National Specialty. The drawing will be held at the 2024 Closing Ceremonies dinner. The winner need not be present.

QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFO – PLEASE CONTACT
Cathy Schaefer at dickschaefer@gmail.com



Click QR
Code below
to go directly
to CT Page
to purchase
tickets.





OFA Echocardiograms
Subsidized By The
GDCA Charitable Trust
“UPDATE for 2024” **

OFA Echocardiograms Subsidized by the GDCA Charitable Trust

We are pleased to announce that the Great Dane Club of America and the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust are continuing the \$75 reimbursement for echocardiograms for **GDCA** and **Affiliate Club Members** for exams performed in 2024. Guidelines for participating are listed below. We would like to thank Darryl Pitts for taking the helm as the gatekeeper for this program.

1. The GDCA Charitable Trust will reimburse (subsidize) OFA advanced cardiac (echocardiogram) studies for **GDCA** and **Affiliate Club Members** in the amount of \$75.
2. **Limited to ONE ECHO PER DOG PER YEAR for either INITIAL or FOLLOW UP Echocardiogram. ** (Updated April 2022)**
3. Great Dane must be one of the seven acceptable colors as recognized by the breed standard.
4. Echocardiograms performed at GDCA National will be excluded as they are already subsidized and offered at a reduced rate to participants.
5. Send a copy of receipt, OFA application, and mailing address for receipt of check to Darryl Pitts at ECHO.GDCA@gmail.com. If you are not a GDCA member, please indicate your affiliate club membership.
6. Processing of checks will be done quarterly. We would appreciate it if you could be timely in cashing your checks. Thank you.



Breaking News

Autopay Donations to the

Great Dane Club of America
Charitable Trust

- It is now possible to establish **AUTOPAY DONATIONS** to the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust.
- That money can be deducted from your bank account and sent directly to the Treasury of the Trust at any interval of your choosing, i.e. monthly or quarterly, and without imposing on you or your time to make donations.
- This can be set up with the Trust Treasurer, Lisa Foltz, and yourself by providing your donation amount, the regularity of your choice, and your banking information.
- Monies sent to assist our beloved breed are monies that are needed for so many Great Dane related services.
- Please consider establishing your automatic donation today!
- **Contact our Treasurer, Lisa Foltz, at Avantidogs@comcast.net**

Fertility Research Update

Note from Joy Degruccio about Dr. Stuart Meyers: Dr. Meyers has officially retired but he has sent us an updated report about the Fertility Research he did with us back in 2019. We wish him and his family well on his retirement and he has promised to stay in touch with us through Joy.

From Dr. Meyers:

Hi Joy! Thanks so much for reaching out!! Yes, I retired from UC Davis July 1st. I've been thoroughly enjoying the new challenges etc. I am keeping a foot in my lab and will have my office for another year or so. I will be forever grateful for your support and that of the Trust! I truly appreciate your warmth and invitation to personally stay in touch. I will do my best, but of course, you should also feel free to reach out if I can provide any scientific or medical advising to the Club.

FYI, I am also providing a newly-accepted research paper that the GDCA partially funded. We have acknowledged the Club in the section following the Discussion. As I said, I am grateful for your vision to fund us, and I truly hope we have raised the bar and contributed to the dog fertility literature using the Dane as a significant breed!

Thanks again and again! I hope all is well with your life and family!

Stuart

NOTE: Please visit our GDCA Charitable Trust Website to read this research paper entitled,

"Effects of substrate availability and mitochondrial disruption on oxidative metabolism and sperm motility in fertile dogs."

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Education Grants Available to Affiliate Clubs

New research, trends, and protocols available to all Dane breeders and owners address the health, happiness, and longevity of our dogs. With many dog shows and busy calendars occupying most of our free time, we may be unfamiliar with what is available to us! The ability to attend classes or seminars is definitely impacted by our chaotic schedules and active lifestyles.

Affiliate clubs are encouraged to apply for grant monies offered jointly by the Great Dane Club of America and the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust set aside for the specific purpose of providing educational opportunities to its members and the Dane fancy. Perhaps there is an open date on the club calendar in which an event could be scheduled. New knowledge can only make us better dog owners for our beloved Danes, treasured members of our families.

Attached to this message is an application to request some funds for your affiliate club. We hope you will consider working an educational event into your club's busy schedule.

Great Dane Club of America, Inc.

Education Grant Application

Please attach a brief explanation of your project and include a proposed budget. Projects that include matching funds are particularly encouraged.

Any and all funds awarded by the GDCA and the GDCA Charitable Trust through the GDCA Education Grant are to be utilized exclusively to support education programs or health related projects for GDCA Affiliate Clubs and the Great Dane fancy and may not be applied to any other purpose other than those described on the application. Any variance from this agreement may result in the forfeiture of any and all funds provided and will be returned to the GDCA Charitable Trust upon request.

Date: _____

Name of Affiliate Club _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Affiliate Club President Signature _____

Affiliate Club Secretary Signature _____

Affiliate Club Delegate Signature _____

Contact person for questions (please include email or phone number) _____

Grant amount requested (not to exceed \$1,000.00):\$ _____

Have you received support from the GDCA in the past? Yes _____ No _____

Return a hard copy to: Or email to:
Joy DeGruccio joydegruccio1@gmail.com
193 Admiral Way
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Approved () Disapproved () Incomplete ()

Signature of the Affiliate Club Representative: _____

Date: _____

Date approved by GDCA Board for submission to GDCA Charitable Trust _____

Action taken by GDCA Charitable Trust _____



The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust

The GDCA Charitable Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2002

TRUST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- * Supporting Research Projects for Breed Specific Health Problems including:
 - * Megaesophagus * Wobblers * Cardiomyopathy
 - * Fertility Issues * Cancer * Epilepsy
 - * Disaster Relief Assistance
 - * Rescue Grants/Rescue Insurance Grants
 - * Subsidizing Cardiac Testing at the National
- * Providing Scholarships for Students, as well as Veterinary Students
 - * Grants for Juniors who show a Great Dane at the Garden
 - * Junior Showmanship Vouchers for Best Junior and Reserve Best Junior at our National Specialty

*Through your support, the GDCA Charitable Trust
will have the necessary resources to respond to calls for help
in the most critical areas of concern ...
the health and welfare of our breed!*

GDCA Charitable Trust * Lisa Foltz, Treasurer
Please Mail Donations to: Cathy Schaefer, 10362 E Vail Trap Spring Ct., Tucson, AZ 85748



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HOW CAN YOU HELP???

- * Through a tax-deductible contribution
- * Through a deferred gift including life insurance or a bequest through your will
- * Through various fund-raising efforts and special events with proceeds benefiting the GDCA Charitable Trust

For more information on how you can participate with us to make our Great Danes lives better or to make a donation, please contact us at: gdcact@yahoo.com or any one of our Trustees personally:

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How Can You Help?



Would You Like To Make a Donation?

All Donations should be mailed to: Cathy Schaefer, 10362 E Vail Trap Spring Ct., Tucson, AZ 85748

Please accept my donation to the GDCA Charitable Trust: (Make Checks Payable to GDCACT)
(Major Credit Cards also accepted)

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Disaster Relief Fund _____ General Fund _____ Health & Research Fund _____

Rescue Fund _____ Scholarship Fund _____

In Honor or Memory Of _____
(Please Circle)

Name and address of person to whom acknowledgement of honor or memorial is to be sent:

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You can mail in a check or credit card number or can donate online. Please see all of the categories noted above.

Help Us ... To Help Them

Also, please consider our Legacy Program

*It's easier than you may think to include the
Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust in your will.*



Gift Options to Consider:

Life Insurance
A Bequest Through Your Will
A Living Trust
Retirement Plan
Gift In Trust
Retention of Life Interest
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Call or EMAIL Linda Tonnancour - 626-825-1181 / toncorr17244@gmail.com

Or Mail to: Linda at 2890 N Megafauna Court, Tucson, AZ 85749

You may also see a trust member.

YES, I want to leave a lasting legacy to protect the future of the
Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust!

☐ I have already included a gift to the GDCACT in my will or estate plan.

☐ I have already included a gift to the GDCACT in my will or estate plan,
but wish to remain anonymous.

☐ I am actively considering a gift to GDCACT in my will or estate plan.

Name

Address

City State Zip

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