



Southeast Division • Myrtle Beach, SC

Today-

- 8:30 a.m.- Solid Color Inheritance
-Seminar, Rm 209
- 11:00 a.m.- Merle/ Harle Color
-Inheritance -Seminar, Rm 209
- 9 a.m. - Agility Trials-off site-Grand PK
-1011 Crabtree Lane, Myrtle Beach
- 12 p.m.-GDCA General Mtg. Rm-206-208
-Guest Speaker-AKC Gov. Affairs
- 3:30 p.m.-Performance & Invitational
-Awards -Rm 101
- 5:30 p.m. - Top 20 Cash Bars
- 6 p.m. - Top 20 Dinner Ballroom ABCD
- 7:30 p.m.-Top 20 Competition,
-Exhibit Hall A

Dog Day Crating Room 202 Closed

Thursday

- 7:30 - 10 a.m. Catalog Sales, Exhibit Hall A
- Welcome Bags, Meals & Goodies
- 8 a.m. - Echocardiograms Rm 108
- 8 a.m. - Dog Judging Exhibit Hall A
- 12 p.m. - Scent Demo-Exhibit Hall A
- 3 p.m. - Silent Auction -Rm 102
- 6 p.m. - Cocktails, Ballroom DE
- 6:30 p.m. - Auction Dinner,
-Ballroom DE
- 7:30 p.m. - Auction, Ballroom DE
-Everyone Welcome
- 7a.m. - 7 p.m. Dog Day Crating Rm 202

Friday

- 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.-Catalog Sales,
-Welcome Bags, Meals and
-Goodies-Pick Up,
-Exhibit Hall A
- 8 a.m. - Bitch Judging, Veteran,
Brood Bitches Dogs Exhibit Hall A
- 8 a.m. - Echocardiograms Rm 108
- 9 a.m. - Hospitality Open Rm 101
- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -Raffle Rm 102

The Dane Express

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Best In Futurity-Danehenge's Precious As Time V Rose

From the left GDCA President Jason Hoke, Connie Wagner from Purina, Ring Stewart Jean Highlands, handler Sue Larkin and Judge Theresa La Brie Breeders and owners are Mark Behymer and Samuel Rose.



From the left, Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Senior competing for Best In Futurity

Rescue is not for the faint of heart ...

Kathie Shea adopted her first Great Dane.

"As a child I always wanted a dog that could run out in the street to stop the ice cream truck," mused Shea.

After the adoption, Shea started to volunteer at the Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue. "I have been a volunteer all of my life, at church, the PTA," said Shea.

"Once I started to volunteer, I worked my way up the ladder in Pennsylvania."

Pookie Kostuk introduced Shea to Anna Mary Kauffman. Together, they encouraged her to join the Great Dane Club of Central Pennsylvania and both sponsored her into the GDCA. Pookie started the GDCA rescue program.

Dianne Powers contacted Shea when the GDCA was looking

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Kathie Shea hopes to retire as the GDCA Rescue Chairperson, a position she has held for 15 years

Dual Futurity

The 2021 Annual Futurity and Senior Futurity drew 290 entries. Of those 121 were CHIC eligible, meaning both parents had CHIC numbers (health testing). Due to the cancellation of the 2020 GDCA National Specialty Show and Futurity the addition of the Senior Futurity

allowed those eligible last year to still compete. According Kathy Baraga, Futurity Show secretary there were 101 seniors integrated from the class of 2020.

"This was a challenge. we should go back to normal next year. Baraga has been the futurity secretary for nine years. The biggest recent change (see next page)

Futurity Continued ...



Best Senior

CH Divine Acres You Me and Dupree
Breeder Carolyn McNamara. Owner Suzanne Hagemann. From the left GDCA President Jason Hoke, handler, Patrice Lawenrce and Judge Jamie Harshfield.

More Futurity...

was the move to digital entries for the GDCA. 1st and 2nd nominations were 100 percent online. The final was 92 percent online. "We still have an issue with mail," said Baraga, who is looking forward to next year.

Rescue Continued

for a rescue chairperson. That was 15 years ago.

"There have been four presidents of the GDCA since I started," said Shea. The list of what Shea does as GDCA Rescue chairperson is considerable. "We support Great Dane rescue groups all over the country," said Shea. One only has to check the GDCA website to see a list. "Initially, I would directly get phone calls about adoptions, surrenders and breeder returns. Today most of the communication is via email or on Facebook."

"I search all the time for seizures anywhere in the country. We will help and send money for food," said Shea. One example she shared was an organization whose facility was so small they could only store 20 bags of dog food at a time. Shea, with the approval of the GDCA Charitable Trust, would arrange for shipments to arrive as needed.

It is the GDCA Charitable Trust that pays for the programs that Shea oversees. Vet grants up to \$1500, for reimbursement for medical expenses



Best Puppy

Creek Danes you Are The Potter I Am The Clay

Breeders and owners are David Week and Kenny Cregg. From the left Jason Hoke, Judge Fran Lass and Patrice Lawrence handling.

9 AM - 5 PM-Raffle Rm 102

9 AM - 3 PM Hospitality- Rm 101

and grants to help with insurance are available to local affiliate clubs of the GDCA.

"Not everyone takes advantage of this," said Shea. When a need for help arises, Shea advises both the GDCA Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Charitable Trust, which votes to approve the expenditure.

As to trends, according to Shea, the basics have stayed the same. Every year the returns to breeder goes up but remains small.

"The general rule of thumb, it is not an issue with our membership," said Shea.

"The other thing, I have told people if they can't take the dog back I am happy to try and place them, if you pay my expenses," said Shea.

"It has been truly an honor and pleasure to serve the club," said Shea.

"But occasionally, I'll get a call at 1 or 2 a.m. whose dane bloated and needs surgery looking for financial help. I have to tell them no and I hang up crying knowing they may lose their dane."

GDCA Rescue Statistics

8/1/2020 - 7/31/2021

Total # % Total

Color

Harlequin	131	11%
Mantle	88	7%
Merle	171	15%
White/Deaf/Blind	29	3%
Black	357	30%
Fawn/Brindle	147	12%
Blue	112	10%
Other	142	12%
Total	1389	100%

Sex

Dogs	682	58%
Bitches	491	42%
Total	1177	100%

Age

Under 6 Months	92	8%
6-12 Months	120	10%
1-3 Years	460	39%
3-5 Years	314	27%
6 Years or Older	191	16%
Total	1177	100%

Disposition

Adopted	545	46%
Owner Placed/Retained	417	35%
Released to Breeder	6	1%
Euthanized/Died	57	5%
Still in Rescue	152	13%
Total	1177	100%

GDCA Rescue Chairperson Katie Shea presented this report at the annual Rescue meeting Tuesday after noon. The meeting was sparsely attended.

"I haven't owned a Dane in ten years," said Shea. "I been thinking about stepping down for sometime. My heart doesn't want to step down but my brain and my body tell me I have to."

Indeed, with Kathie Shea's retirement as GDCA Rescue Chairperson, the nationwide network of rescues, she worked to assist over 15 years will be sad to see her leave.