

Great Dane Club of America



From the President

Dears Friends and Fellow GDCA Members;
Sincere thanks to the members of the South Central Division for a job well done hosting the 2010 National in Pine Bluff. Teri Holle, Karen Schuller and all the committees and their members carried out their responsibilities like seasoned pros. We all hope to see them back again in 2016. The West

ern Division is busy putting together what will be another great national for 2011. The venue is lovely with large well-appointed rooms and lots of outdoor grassy areas for our guys. Please make your plans to join us as I understand that the rooms are going fast. Special congratulations to all of you who won at the National and for the ones who didn't, I wish you success in 2011.

We all feel terrible about the mistake made at the Top 20 event! It was an unfortunate error made by the CPA. It was unintentional but sadly led to some justifiably hurt feelings. The accountant assumed that armband number 15 and the number 15 designating the ranking of the dog in the Top 20 catalog where the same. Therefore she gave me a card with the name of the dog

that finished the year at #15 along with the correct armband number which coincidentally was also 15. This was my third time reading the results and prior to now I have only had the armband number. I expected to see the number call it and then have Warren and Norvel tell us the name of the winner. To Karen and John Pacino, Jessie and John Gerszewski,

their co-owners and breeders, please accept my apology on behalf of the CPA. We will modify the procedure so this can never happen again. You should all know that no one on the Top 20 committee should bear any responsibility for this incident. They did their job well putting on one the best top 20's in recent history. This past week Tilly, (OTCH MACH Lazy Days Chntly Lace, RE MX MXJ UDX6 OM1) became the third Great Dane to achieve her Master Agility Championship and the first OTCH, MACH champion Great Dane in history. Congratulations Gayle and Mike Smith and to Tilly's breeder Sterling Moffat. Details are on the GDCA website.

The next board meeting will be held in Florida on the 15th of January during the Florida circuit. Please check the GDCA website for the exact location. Come and attend the meeting. You are all welcome at any of the GDCA board meetings and we would like to hear your ideas and thoughts.

Jay and I wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year!
Dave



GDCA Board Motions**October 17, 2010****Pine Bluff, AK**

Called to order - 8:50 AM by President David Miller.

In attendance:

Jane Chopson, Chuck Crawford, Susan Davis Shaw, Cindy Harwin, Jean Highlands, Dave Miller, Lynda Moriarty, Dianne Powers, Linda Ridder, Nancy Ridgway, Tom Sandeshaw, Doug Toomey, Jane Treiber.

Guests: Neil O'Sullivan, Dale Tarbox, and Jamie Harshfield

All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

MOTION:

To approve absence of Paul Hardiman (due to business) and Joe Longo (due loss of a family member) and Rita Suddarth.

Moved by: Dave Miller. 2nd: Jean Highlands

MOTION: To approve July 10, 2010 minutes.

Moved by: Jean Highlands.
2nd: Cindy Harwin

MOTION: To approve Treasurer's report.

Moved by: Linda Ridder. 2nd: Nancy Ridgway.

MOTION: To recommend to Charitable Trust that they approve scholarship application of Kristi Heiden.

Moved by: Jane Chopson. 2nd Tom Sandeshaw.

MOTION: No applicant over the age of 25 should apply for Junior Showmanship with the exception of prior recipients or those attending veterinary school.

Moved by: Tom Sandeshaw.
2nd: Jean Highlands

MOTIONS: to approve membership of:

Judith Ann Martin, Las Vegas NV

Moved by: Cindy Harwin. 2nd: Dianne Powers

Mona Brown, Cleveland OH

Moved by: Jean Highlands.
2nd: Dianne Powers

Sandy Mauck, Minneapolis MN

Moved by: Dianne Powers.
2nd: Chuck Crawford

Dean Perry, Akron OH

Moved by: Jean Highlands.
2nd: Dianne Powers

Katie Krehmeyer, Manawa WI

Moved by: Dianne Powers.
2nd: Doug Toomey

MOTION: To recess at 2:30 pm.

Moved by: Jean Highlands.
2nd: Cindy Harwin

GDCA Board Motions October 21, 2010 – Pine Bluff, AK

Called to order - 8:30 AM by President David Miller. In attendance:

_ Jane Chopson _ Chuck Crawford _ Paul Hardiman _ Jamie M. Harshfield _ Cindy Harwin _ Jean Highlands _ Dave Miller _ Lynda Moriarty _ Neil O'Sullivan _ Dianne Powers _ Nancy Ridgway _ Tom Sandeshaw _ Rita Suddarth _ Dale Tarbox _ Doug Toomey _ Jane Treiber

All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

1.MOTION: To approve Rescue Grants as listed below:

- a. South West Florida Great Dane Rescue - \$525.07
- b. GDC of GKC Rescue - \$532.04
- c. Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue - \$1,306.62
- d. Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue - \$791.65
- e. Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay - \$560.00
- f. Upper Midwest Great Dane Rescue - \$589.26
- g.

Hoosier Great Dane Rescue - \$673.38 h. Hoosier Great Dane Rescue - \$513.72 j. Rocky Mountain Great Dane Rescue - \$1,707.09 k. Great Dane Angel Network Rescue - \$494.51 l. Great Dane Angel Network Rescue - \$568.05 m. Great Dane Rescue, Inc (Plymouth, MI) - \$937.49 Moved by: Chuck Crawford. 2nd: Lynda Moriarty

2. MOTION: 1st Board meeting will take place 01/15/2011 – 01/16/2011 in Tampa, FL. Dave Miller will make the arrangements. Moved by: Nancy Ridgway.

2nd: Neil O'Sullivan

3. MOTION: 2nd Board meeting will take place 04/09/2011 – 04/10/2011 in Dallas, TX. Nancy Ridgway will make the arrangements.

Moved by: Jean Highlands.

2nd: Doug Toomey

4. MOTION: 3rd Board meeting will take place 07/16/2011- 07/17/2011 in Monterey County, CA.

Moved by: Neil O'Sullivan.

2nd: Doug Toomey

5. MOTION: To recess: Moved by: Chuck Crawford.

2nd: Nancy Ridgway

respectively submitted,
Lena Scov
recording secretary

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AFFILIATE CLUB REPORT

Affiliate Club Representative Report – October 2010

First I would like to welcome Dale Tarbox as the newly elected Affiliate Club Representative. I am confident that she will do a great job serving the interests of the Affiliate Clubs. Delegates, please introduce yourselves to her over the next couple of months.

The Wolverine Great Dane Club will be submitting revised bylaws that need a few revisions. They have agreed to the changes and will be taking it to their membership for approval at their November meeting and will forward the revised set of bylaws after the club vote. At that point I would expect that there will be a request for an electronic vote to approve the bylaws.

Another item in process is an educational grant request from GDC of Des Moines which will be ready for Board review at the January meeting.

I have been fortunate enough to have served as Affiliate Club Representative at an exciting time. In the past 9 years the GDCA has made some changes that had direct impact on the Clubs. Since the approval of the revised GDCA bylaws in 2005, which allowed

the Affiliate Clubs to craft their own by-laws, we have 14 clubs complete the revision process and have updated bylaws and others are in process. I am particularly proud of a couple of the clubs who were the front runners in crafting language regarding rescue and on-line meeting formats. Those languages have been picked up by several of the clubs and I believe will become a part of many sets of bylaws.

In January of 2001 the GDCA voted to allocate funds to be used by Affiliate Clubs to support educational programs and health related projects. Since then 19 clubs have taken advantage of these grants, some multiple times. To date, the GDCA and the Charitable Trust have granted in excess of \$15,000.00 for these programs.

During these past 9 years we have lost 1 club (Tidewater) but we gained 4 (Heart of Texas, Mat-Su Alaska, Oklahoma and Central North Carolina). We have also had a preliminary inquiry from the Caribbean Great Dane Club in Puerto Rico.

Thank all of you for a wonderful 9 years. I treasure the friendships I have made while trying to help your clubs. It has been my pleasure to serve all of you.

HELPING OUR OWN

Sweeps Possibilities

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MEMBERSHIP**Lynda Moriarty**

The Board of Directors approved the following for membership on October 17, 2010. We welcome them to the GDCA!

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Newsletter Report**Nancy Lerch**

September: 2010 visits: 30,566
- average 1018 per day.

Newsletter subscribers are still over 900, however we did lose a few because of bounced email address. This is due to people changing email addresses and not thinking to re-subscribe. Still, a very respectable number.

In July, we added a new feature which is about our Great Danes and their involvement in therapy work. There are some heart warming photos included with this section. My thank you to JP Yousha for her work on this project.

I've made arrangements with Tracy Purser for conformation, Barb Bristol for performance events and Margaret Ontl for the newsletter to handle the daily reports to keep the information up-to-date for visitors to the website. In advance, my sincere thank you to all of them.

GDCA Treasurer's Report

GREAT DANE CLUB	TREASURER'S	REPORT
OF AMERICA		
	CASH BALANCE	FISCAL BALANCE
	9/30/10	10/31/10
ANCHOR BANK CHECKING	\$21,013.86	\$24,146.13
CHASE BANK CHECKING	\$9,426.16	\$9,426.16
CHASE BANK SAVINGS	\$2,000.69	\$2,000.70
PNC BANK CHECKING	\$49,469.92	\$36,358.37
PNC BANK SAVINGS	\$58,727.67	\$58,744.51
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$140,638.30	\$130,675.87
	4TH QTR P&L	FISCAL YTD P&L
	7/1/10-9/30/10	11/1/09 - 10/31/10
INCOME	\$67,785.86	\$149,334.36
INTEREST INCOME	\$36.46	\$357.43
EXPENSE	-\$45,183.62	-\$111,788.90
NET INCOME	\$22,638.70	\$37,902.89

Jean Highlands

FUTURITY REPORT**GDCA Charitable Trust**

The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust continues to support Breed Rescue, Education and Health Reserch. That important work is done because of the tremendous support from the Great Dane Community. Please visit the GDCA website for further information about the Trust and how you can support the Trust. Income from donations to the GDCA CT for the 4th quarter 2010 is as follows:

August - \$2,850
 September - \$1,515
 October - \$ 365
 Terry Wagner

DID YOU SEE THEM?????

If you did not get your wrist band at the National.....
 Making Great Danes Great!..... you can make a donation and make your support known of research, rescue and education for our Great dogs. Just contact a Charitable Trust Trustee, or check out a bunch to sell at your local Specialty.



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Final Entries for 2010

Dogs	125
Bitches	132
Total	257

2011 Nominations as of October 10, 2010

1st Nomination
35 litters
2nd Nomination
35 puppies (18 dogs/17 bitches)

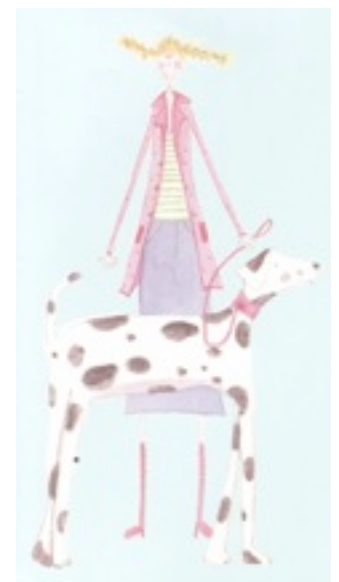
I think we can all agree that we had a wonderful representation of the future of our breed. Congratulations and thank you to the South Cen-

tral Division under the leadership of their Futurity chair, Steve Arnold. You worked together to put on a great show.

2011 Best Puppy - #216 DAVISDANE'S RUBBER DUCKY YOU'RE THE ONE WS33563801. 2/27/10.

Breeder: Susan D. Shaw. By: CH Twinoaks Chief Of Staff, CD, RN X CH Davisdane's Dare To Be A Duck, RN. Owner: Susan Davis Shaw. Harlequin

2011 Best Junior and Best In Futurity - #351 CONCORD V DON-LU'S RINGSIDE GOSSIP WS31529701. 5/8/09. Breeders: Nichole & Denise Conneen and Pete & Cornelia Todd. By: CH Mountdania's Ashley X Lost Crk & Dane Ln's Let's Gossip. Owners: Nichole Conneen and Don & Mary Lou Car-mody. Fawn





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.

Letters concerning the approval or disapproval of applicants should be directed in writing to:
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Any comments received after January 10, 2011, will not be accepted.

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Editor's Apology

I sincerely apologize for the mix up in the last bulletin. It was an example of my cut and paste talents not at their best. Luckily, the publishing of potential members was not affected so that no membership was delayed because of my slip.....

Sponsor a friend for Membership in the GDCA! It is a great vehicle to protect, learn about, and serve our beloved breed.

Cindy





THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

...supporting Great Dane welfare in **Rescue** efforts, **Educational** programs through Affiliate Clubs, **Medical Research** and **Scholarships** and any initiative that creates a greater awareness of breed specific problems in an effort to improve the life and quality of Great Danes.

You can participate in the welfare of the Breed with a tax deductible donation of any amount as a gift in memory of a loved and lost Great Dane, or a friend; a gift to honor a person or a faithful companion or a monthly pledge.

Letters will be sent to every donor and acknowledgment cards will be mailed to those you honor with your contribution.

Make check payable to: **The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust** and mail to:
Terry Wagner, Administrator
2281 Alton Road
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DONATION FORM

Name of donor: _____

Address of donor: _____

Telephone and or e-mail of donor: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Address of recipient: _____

Amount: _____ Monthly Pledge: _____

Trustees: Jane Chopson; Paul Hardiman; Don Carmody; Jay Miller; Linda Ridder; Linda Tonnancour;
Lisa Foltz, Treasurer; Terry Wagner, Administrator

THANK YOU FOR HONORING THE BREED!

Current Breed Standings

For Events Processed from January 1, 2010 through October 24, 2010

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/BISS Wins	Defeated
1	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	73	1,883
2	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	65	1,186
3	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Magic Dragon	D	35	856
4	GCH CH Shalako Conspiracy Of Rondomar	B	28	835
5	GCH CH Jerdans Gone With The Wind	B	26	714
6	GCH CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	42	650
7	GCH CH Holledanes Kid Rio V Sligo	D	19	589
8	GCH CH Shoreline-East-West Playit Again Sam	D	24	579
9	GCH CH Diola's Start Your Engines	D	29	557
10	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	27	547
11	CH Double D Daynakin Party Brew	D	13	466
12	GCH CH Rosendane's Just Like Heaven	B	21	437
13	GCH CH Roserun's Bamboo Tiger	D	37	422
14	CH Summerfield's Lady Of Hope	B	23	413
15	GCH CH Danemar's Renaissance Man	D	12	410
16	GCH CH Rainmaster's She's A Show Girl	B	12	378
17	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Easy Does It V Sarjack	B	14	365
18	GCH CH Coleridge's Just Doin' It In Black	D	31	358
19 - Tie	GCH CH Shoreline's Som'Thing T' Talk Abt	D	17	341
19 - Tie	CH Rojon's Say Yes	B	3	341
20	GCH CH Glaciers Usual Suspect	D	17	321

Reported By: GDCA Top 20 Statistician
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Current Group Standings

For Events Processed from January 1, 2010 through October 24, 2010

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS	I	II	III	IV	BOB/BISS Wins	Total De-feated
1	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	2	7	9	9	6	65	6,062
2	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	0	6	11	8	6	73	6,027
3	GCH CH Shalako Conspiracy Of Rondomar	B	0	1	1	5	5	28	2,382
4	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Magic Dragon	D	0	2	2	5	1	35	2,296
5	GCH CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	0	1	4	3	4	42	2,032
6	GCH CH Holledanes Kid Rio V Sligo	D	0	0	3	1	2	19	1,712
7	CH Rojon's Say Yes	B	1	1	0	0	0	3	1,642
8	GCH CH Shoreline-East-West Playit Again Sam	D	0	2	2	2	1	24	1,382
9	GCH CH Diola's Start Your Engines	D	0	0	2	1	3	29	1,224
10	GCH CH Roserun's Bamboo Tiger	D	0	2	2	3	2	37	964
11	GCH CH Jerdans Gone With The Wind	B	0	0	1	1	0	26	923
12	CH Summerfield's Lady Of Hope	B	0	1	2	2	1	23	912
13	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	0	0	0	1	2	27	905
14	GCH CH Coleridge's Just Doin' It In Black	D	0	1	1	0	2	31	764
15	GCH CH Danemar's Renaissance Man	D	0	0	1	1	1	12	759
16	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Easy Does It V Sarjack	B	0	0	3	0	0	14	751
17	GCH CH Rainmaster's She's A Show Girl	B	0	2	0	0	0	12	715
18	GCH CH Rosendane's Just Like Heaven	B	0	0	0	1	1	21	693
19	GCH CH Shoreline's Som'Thing T' Talk Abt	D	0	0	0	0	2	17	687
20	GCH CH Sasdania's The Prophecy	D	0	1	0	0	1	15	685

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AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Winners Dog

Farrells Leading Man. WS31193002

5/20/2009 Breeder: Susan Farrell.
Sire: CH Ransom of Red Chief
Dam: Farrell's Kash & Kerrie.
Owner: Susan
Farrell.Agent: Darlene Bergan

Reserve Winners Dog

Thornhills Eragon. WS28280303

11/12/2008 Breeder: Susan E Long.
Sire: Ch Longo's Miller
Time Dam: Ch Thornhills Shadow
of a Leprecaun.
Owner: Susan E Long.

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners

DAVIDDANE-LONG VUE ABI- GAIL. WS30009402

3/28/2009 Breeder: Susan D. Shaw.
Sire: CH Twinoak's Chief
Of Staff, CD, RN Dam: CH Davis-
dane's Dare To
Be A Duck, RN. Owner: Patricia
Miles.Agent: Linda Whitney

Reserve Winners Bitch

MJM Hi-Air Danebridge's Eye Dare You. WS30913007

6/11/2009 Breeder: Polly Hix,
Laurie & Michael Ma. Sire: CH.

Elan's Command Decision Reim-
roc Dam: CH.
Maitau's Eye Candy V MJM.
Owner: Karen & Dale Desjardins,
Laurie Maulucci.

Best Bred By Exhibitor

SCARLETOAK EQUISS DBL DOSE OF MAGIK ELIXIR. WS24634501

1/14/2008 Breeder: Memory
Armstrong & Cathy Williams &
Jimmy Armstrong. Sire: CH Eq-
uiss A Midsummers
Night Kiss Dam: Equiss Scarle-
toak Kiss Me Kwik. Owner: Kazia
Burress-Martz & Memory Arm-
strong.

Best Puppy

MOREDANE'S MORE THAN A WHISPER AT TOPAZ AMARE. WS33024501

2/12/2010 Breeder: Erin Burch &
Linda Morelli. Sire: CH VZ Top's
Medal Of Honor Dam: CH
MoreDane's Best
Kept Secret. Owner: Linda
Greene, Linda Morelli & Patti
Nehr.

BOB CH ROJON'S SAY YES. WS29061301

1/13/2009 Breeder: Adam protos.
Sire: CH Elan's Command Deci-
sion Reimroc Dam: CH Rojon's
Ready Or Not.
Owner: Mary Anne Zanetos &
Sharron Barney.Agent: Jeff Law-
rence

BOS

GCH CH LOBATO'S JITTER- BUG MAN. WS22177703

4/25/2007 Breeder: Maryellen
Thomas & Joy P Lobato. Sire: CH
Lobato's Highley Classified Dam:
CH Labato's
Dance To The Music.
Owner: Maryellen Thomas & Joy

P Lobato & Glenda
Cole.Agent: Marie Somershoe

Select Dog GCH CH. DRD'S THE REVE- LATION. WS26567702

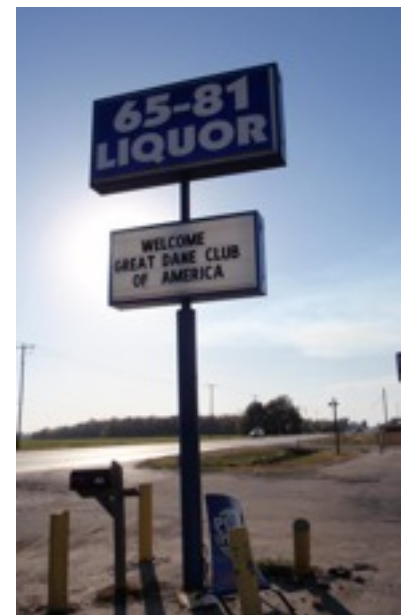
6/18/2008 Breeder: Cari D.
Jensen. Sire: GCH Ch.
Sasдания's The Prophecy
Dam: Rockbridge Reflection V
DRD. Owner: Cari D. Jensen &
Sallie Cummings.Agent: Doug
Toomey

Select Bitch CH RAINMASTER'S SHE'S A SHOW GIRL. WS18507301

7/17/2006 Breeder: Jan Miner.
Sire: Thunderfire Indiana Jones
Dam: Ch KRW Dixie Chick v
saravilla. Owner: Jan
Miner.Agent: Patrice Lawrence

Top 20 Winner

Ch. Elan's Command Decision
Reimroc
Congratulations to John and
Jesse !!!



Performance Winners

Obedience

Judge: Nancy D. Simmons

Graduate Novice

1st 195.0 LazyDaysMeandMy-ShadowDiNoche, CD, RN

Novice B

1st 196.5 LazyDaysMeandMy-ShadowDiNoche, CD, RN
2nd 191.0 LIBERTY'S MISSION IMPOSSIBLE OA OAJ CGC
3rd 185.0 CH SHAH SHAH JAEGER II CD
4th 183.5 NANPAR WINDY COCHISE V VINDANE CGC TT RN

Beginner Novice B

1st 194.5 DANEMARK'S RE-LIGHT THE FIRE
2nd 186.0 CH EIO HEI-DANES SILVERADO
3rd 182.0 Harmon's Fall From Grace v WYSIWYG, RN

Beginner Novice A

1st 172.5 LN'M Isabella Rose

Veteran

1st 171.0 CH PAQUESTONES MASTER OF SUSPENSE CD RAE3 CGC

HIGH IN TRIAL

LazyDaysMeandMyShadowDi-Noche CD, RN from Novice B, score 196.5

Rally

Judge: Nancy D. Simmons

Rally Excellent B

1st 97 CH ASHTON'S BLONDE AMBITION CD RAE3 NA NAJ CGC
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4th 77 NANPAR RISING SUN V VINDANE CGC CD BH TT RE TDI

Rally Advanced A

1st 90 CH Symmetry's Make Vroom for Daddy RN NF
2nd 85 CH PERLWIN'S MBN ORIGINAL EMMA V EIO RN
3rd 83 NANPAR WINDY COCHISE V VINDANE CGC TT RN

Rally Novice B

1st 99 LIBERTY'S MISSION IMPOSSIBLE OA OAJ CGC
2nd 95 DANEMARK N JAYA'S SWEET EXPECTATIONS
3rd 87 KARMA
4th 85 Harmon's Fall From Grace v WYSIWYG, RN

Rally Novice A

1st 76 CH WYSIWYG'S

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2nd 74 Rockydane's Strike of Radiance

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Judge – Keith Harold

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FAST Novice Preferred 20"

1st Cheshire's XK8 "Shaguar" Powers NAJ NAP

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1st Karma
2nd Dulce-Twinoaks Sweet Dreams Are Made of This

Standard Novice Preferred 20"

1st MACH Morgan "Danger" Powers CD OF

JWW Excellent B 24"

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JWW Novice B 24"

1st Dulce-Twinoaks Sweet Dreams Are Made of This
2nd Karma

JWW Open Preferred 20"

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HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT

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FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE GREAT DANE GENOME: Dr. Leigh Anne Clark of Clemson University (who discovered both the merle & harl genes) has requested funding to specifically sequence the genome of the Great Dane. Dr. Clark has received support from other parent clubs to sequence specific breeds (namely the Collie and the Irish Setter). Her proposal for the Great Dane would include a genome comparison between Danes with dilated cardiomyopathy and veteran Danes with a recent normal echocardiogram. Her estimated time frame is 2 years and cost estimate is under \$50,000. This type of project can both elucidate specific disease and provide general insight into potential target genes for various diseases. It would also help focus other research efforts on our breed as a breed specific sequenced genome potentially provides other researchers with advanced information from their various areas of interest. For these reasons, funding a breed-specific genome project should be a priority. Recent advances in sequencing techniques and increasing interest in the dog as a model organism for research into human disease make this an ideal time to begin such a project. **FUNDING REQUEST FOR WOBBLER SYNDROME:** Dr. Ronaldo da Costa has requested funding for Wobbler's disease from the Charitable Trust (CT). Dr. da Costa is

an Assistant Professor at Ohio State University and has been engaged in research into both the cause and treatment of Wobblers syndrome disease in both the Doberman Pinscher and Great Dane for several years now and has extensive publications to day on the topic. Dr. da Costa traveled to the 2010 National Specialty to meet with board members and give a talk on Wobblers to the general membership. A detailed prospectus for his study and financial needs has been supplied to the boards of the GDCA & CT directly. This research would have to be directly funded by the Charitable Trust.

OTHER POTENTIAL RESEARCH NEEDING FUNDS:

Dr Leigh Anne Clark is currently working on the topic of congenital (juvenile) megaesophagus in the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) and has asked if we would be interested in funding research into this disease in the Great Dane. She would require contrast radiographs (barium swallow) on all puppies in litters where mega is identified and would then collect DNA (blood) samples from affected puppies (including those identified as affected by radiograph), with the idea being to isolate the mode of inheritance and ultimately the specific genes involved. Currently she is collecting samples (free of charge) from a Dane family I located for her to compare them to the haplotype found in the GSD. The results of this work will be reported back to me with her recommendations for the next step (which would presumably then involve a funding request).

ONGOING RESEARCH REQUEST- ING SAMPLES (no funds currently requested):

Dr. Alison Starr of Clemson University is continuing to accept DNA (blood or buccal swab) samples from any puppies currently suffering from hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD) as well as any adult Danes that survived HOD. Purina Pro Club Newsletter recently interviewed Dr. Starr and a publication on the topic is pending and will be available at the GDCA website in early 2011. Dr. Anita Oberbauer of UC Davis has made recent advances in identifying candidate genes for Addison's disease in several breeds, and this may ultimately also benefit our breed (she can, for example, test those specific genes against Danes entered in the study), however advances in our breed are still hampered by the lack of enough affected (Addison's) Danes entered into the study. There is a link at the front page of the Health & Welfare section at the GDCA website that provides comprehensive information on this research. Research into the genetics of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) by Drs. Kathryn Meurs and Mark Oyama is ongoing and currently focusing on candidate genes. Samples from healthy veterans as well as DCM affected Danes are requested. A page on this research is available at the H&W section of the GDCA website. Dr. John Rossmeisl is still seeking samples from Danes with the rare breed disease called orthostatic tremor. Dr. Loechel of VetGen is still in need of samples from Danes with von Willebrand's disease (only 2 affected Danes in 2 years have offered him samples). He would like to have RNA samples from known carriers as well for a new approach to the problem. Again, information on submitting samples for this and other research projects mentioned below are available at the H&W section of the GDCA's website.

Beyond the Dane-specific research mentioned above, samples from Great Danes are also requested for multiple breed research in the areas of osteosarcoma (both the Broad Institute & Van Andel Institute), Wobblers (Van Andel Institute), & autoimmune disease (University of Utah). In 2010 Carmen Battaglia requested survey information from any & all owners who have experienced bloat/torsion (GDV) and Great Dane owners were encouraged to participate in this online survey in the hopes the information would suggest a new line of attack to this grave disease. Results of the survey are still limited and publication is pending, however nothing in the survey suggests new lines of research. Currently all potentially productive lines of research into GDV have been exhausted and until there are new avenues suggested, more research dollars committed to this area cannot be recommended, despite the fact this is a significant Dane disease.

REPORT FROM THE 2010 NATIONAL ECHO CLINIC: The 2010 echo clinic was again administered by Dr. Bill Tyrrell and he reported similar results as seen in recent years. A total of 68 Danes received echocardiograms with nearly half (32) presenting with abnormal results. Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) did NOT predominate in the abnormal results, but rather mitral valve disease was the most commonly reported heart problem (as it has been in the past clinics). The typically young age of those Dane enrolled in this clinic may well result in an under-reporting of DCM, but now we have several sequential years of data from the national to suggest heart problems in this breed are not limited in adults to DCM. A written report with detailed information on the clinic is pending and will be posted at the website and published in the GDCA Quarterly Bulletin.

AFFORBALE ECHOCARDIOGRAMS: A committee project spearheaded by Margaret Shappard the past two years to identify and expand opportunities for Great Dane owners to have access to more affordable (\$200 or less) echocardiograms has met with limited success. Surveys were set out to all affiliates in 2009 & again in 2010 to ascertain their interest in and needs to successfully host echo clinics. Fewer than 10 surveys were returned, so it would appear the majority of our affiliates do not currently have an interest in hosting such health clinics. The GDCA will continue to host an annual two-day affordable echo clinic at the National Specialty sponsored by the CT. There are a few affiliates managing to hold such clinics without requesting outside funding, and any affiliate club which would like to request funding for holding health clinic(s) can do so by writing the CT directly. Some veterinary university programs offer affordable echocardiograms as part of research, and echo clinics are occasionally sponsored by all-breed dog clubs or other such associations. These options are still too limited to adequately service the Dane population and the needs of the breed as to heart health suggest strongly that echocardiograms are vital to identifying various forms of heart disease in individual Danes as well as are an important avenue in improving breed health. SO this issue rightfully needs to be revisited when a useful option presents itself.

DONOR ADVISED FUND & FUNDING RESEARCH: The last given balance in the DAF is \$13,766.87 with no funding obligations currently pending. The Canine Health Foundation routinely sends requests for funding consideration, but no recommendations for specific funding using the DAF is being made at this time. Note the DAF is used to specifically fund CHF grants.

REVIEW OF OTHER UPCOMING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES: I have the most recent research brochures listing pending research and requests for funding from both for the Canine Health Foundation as well as the Morris Animal Foundation. There are many intriguing write-ups and certainly a lot of very worthy research generally offered, however given the current economic atmosphere where reduced research dollars are available, I am simply monitoring requests for funding, while seeking specific future opportunities that promise to provide some practical clinical advance for the Great Dane or can expect to provide breed-specific research opportunities (and in particular those diseases of major concern to Great Dane owners and breeders. The top health concerns in the breed, those major conditions that lead to death prior to the natural lifespan of the Great Dane (and/or cause serious chronic disease & catastrophic health costs), would certainly include specific cancers (osteosarcoma, lymphosarcoma and hemangiosarcoma), gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV=bloat/torsion) and heart disease (specifically if not exclusively dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)). These three arenas: heart disease, specified cancers and & bloat/torsion constitute the diseases most commonly reported as fatal for this breed. Added to these area, orthopedic diseases that afflict our young dogs (e.g. HOD, Wobblers), along with immune-mediated diseases (which includes thyroiditis & Addison's), are areas of large concern. There are many active grants (most fully funded) covering many aspects of cancer research & Danes are participating in relevant studies by providing samples. There is no current research available studying the underlying causes of GDV (which appears to be more a structural and mechanical disease than something directly "genetic,") and there is no pending work on GDV that is focused on offering prevention

potential other than the current recommendation of utilizing gastropexy surgery (to both prevent death from torsion as well as to treat dogs suffering from bloat/torsion). Several projects involving DCM are currently supported by the GDCA & the researchers in question are coordinating with colleagues in Europe on this topic. Other research focusing on heart disease such as mitral valve dysplasia and aortic stenosis would be of use to this breed. Currently work to improve thyroid testing is underway, as is a project to identify underlying genes (which may well have an impact on other autoimmune endocrine diseases, Addison's included). Our Addison's project is stymied by lack of participation: I personally receive several calls a month from owners of Addison's Danes, but unhappily few dogs are actually entered into the ongoing study at UC Davis (despite the ease of such a step provided by the researchers). A diagnosis of Addison's is catastrophic for most owners as can end in rehoming or even euthanasia of Danes with manageable disease at times simply due to the costs of required medications. I receive routine pleas from Dane owners for financial support to be able to keep their dogs. The GDCA supported a breed health & welfare survey in 2001-2003 through the office of Dr. Margaret Slater of Texas A&M University. This provided a wealth of very robust data (i.e. accurate, reliable information) about the state of health in our beloved breed. A decade has now gone by since that survey was initiated. When the idea of repeating this survey was revisited, discussion of the board and this committee ended with the consensus that doing such a health survey once a decade would be the best approach and, when possible, employing the same research would be most efficient. However the CHF now offers a free online survey to all AKC breeds via their parent club and the option exists to take this op-

portunity to do a less formal update between formal health & welfare surveys. The advantages to this free option seem obvious, less so the drawbacks, which would include superseding very accurate data with less rigorous results, leading to confusion both in the fancy and as to research priorities. If the board is interested, Dr. Slater could be contacted to discuss the details (cost, timeline, etc.) of repeating her original work for the GDCA starting in 2011. This committee is concerned about the question of owner/breeder education as to health/welfare issues as well as research opportunities. A lot of valuable information on managing health & breeding concerns, despite being widely available, does not seem to routinely end up in the hands (so to speak) of our constituency, particularly those either new to the fancy or disconnected from such organizations as the affiliate clubs. This is in part a result of the overwhelming amount of information available in this information age, which adds to the layman's problem of sorting out the "sheep from the goats" when trying to discern which source (which website) has reliable information. But reviewing what is available through the GDCA and its organs (e.g. affiliates, website) is germane. Certainly the GDCA website should be the first stop for all when "shopping" online for information on the breed. And we all, as individuals or representatives of various clubs & other dog fancy venues, should do what we can to aid others in their pursuit of useful and factual information on various aspects of owning & breeding Great Danes when contacted. The GDCA has in generally taken a conservative approach when providing information to the fancy, erring on the side of too little rather than too fanciful, opinion-driven "FAQS" at its website which is as it should be. However I am interested in (carefully!) expanding the H&W section of the GDCA website to include useful public information in

areas where many times a month I am contacted with the same/similar questions on a given topic (which also can be time-consuming). Beyond answering all who call or email me, I also strive to insure that timely information is disseminated throughout the informal system of internet lists & websites focused on the breed. My thought here is that good information is still singularly useless if it does not reach its core audience. So I both encourage experienced members to suggest such areas of expanded information, and I also encourage others involved in Dane education to see what they can do to find new avenues to disseminate valuable information to the broad spectrum of Dane owners we must serve.

Respectfully submitted,

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