

Great Dane Club of America



From the President.

Dear Friends and fellow GDCA Members,

Most of us have had mentors in all facets of our life history, starting with our parents and teachers. No matter what paths you have chosen your mentors have helped you along that way. If you have been exceedingly lucky the advice and knowledge you received allowed you to progress and grow. To find people willing to share their life experience on a given subject without expectation is rare. The Dane world has recently lost too many of the people who with their breeding pro-

grams and their unselfish sharing of wisdom, have been responsible for making the best of our breed what they are today. Their stories are told by the dogs they have bred and by those who have learned from their experiences. Thank those who have helped you

on your way and pass it along.

On another subject, I was talking to well known handler the other day about the changes the GDCA BOD made in the Top 20 procedures. We all want our point of view listened to and our feelings on those things we are passionate about acted upon by those who represent us. I think we all have to remember that there are at least two sides to every issue and often the best place to start with change of any kind is at or towards the middle. For each opinion we hear from one member, there are always

others with the opposite view.

In the same conversation I tacitly agreed that the Top Twenty was not exactly an educational event. I thought about that passing comment driving home that Saturday and remembered the first Top Twenty we attended in 1989. How could I forget seeing Primo, Rumor, Gamble, Prima Vera, Casey and the others in the same ring? I was wrong! The Top 20 is an educational event, giving the entire fancy an opportunity to see the top ranked Danes from all over the country in the one place. In some cases this experience might help us to make more educated decisions in our own choices as breeders and exhibitors.

Jay joins me in wishing you all a safe and successful summer at the shows and we look forward to seeing you in Arizona in the fall.

Dave



GDCA Board Motions

4/10/2011 through 7/15/

2011 Called to order - 8:40 AM
by President David Miller.

In attendance: Jane Chopson,
Chuck Crawford, Paul Hardi-
man, Jamie M. Harshfield, Cin-
dy Harwin, Jean Highlands, Joe
Longo, Dave Miller, Lynda Mo-
riarty, Neil O'Sullivan, Nancy
Ridgway, Tom Sandeshaw – ab-
sent, Rita Suddarth – absent,
Dale Tarbox, Doug Toomey, Jane
Treiber
Guests: Sid Levin, Nancy
D. Simmons, Ronnie Wilson,
Karen Schuller and Steve Arnold.
Thank you for joining us.

All motions are unanimously ap-
proved unless otherwise noted.

1. MOTION: To excuse ab-
sence of Tom Sandeshaw.
Moved: Chuck Crawford.
2nd: Nancy Ridgway.
2. MOTION: To approve
minutes and motions of
the 1/15/11 – 4/9/11
meeting as presented.
Moved: Neil O'Sullivan.
2nd: Doug Toomey.
3. MOTION: To approve
reinstatement of member-
ship of Bill & Donna Ur-
ban, Jennifer Rychick and
Charity Cron.
Moved: Joe Longo. 2nd:

Doug Toomey.

MOTION: To approve
Treasurer's Report.
Moved: Neil O'Sullivan.
2nd: Doug Toomey.

4. MOTION: To accept by-
law revisions from Mon-
terey Bay GDC and GDC
of Oxford.
Moved: Lynda Moriarty.
2nd: Nancy Ridgway
5. MOTION: To recom-
mend to the Charitable
Trust to reimburse semi-
nar expenses of \$164.15
conducted at the Des
Moines GDC specialty.
Moved: Jane Chopson.
2nd: Neil O'Sullivan.
6. MOTION: To recom-
mend to the Charitable
Trust to reimburse \$337
spent on Cardio Clinic by
Oxford GDC
Moved: Joe Longo. 2nd:
Chuck Crawford.
7. MOTION: To approve
Dianne Powers as a Chair
of Awards Committee.
Moved: Jane Trieber. 2nd:
Cindy Harwin.
8. MOTION: To approve
review of the 2010 South
Central Division Nation-
als financials as submit-
ted by Kathy Munyan,
CPA.

Moved: Paul Hardiman.
2nd: Lynda Moriarty

9. MOTION: To accept the
proposal for 2012 Na-
tionals.
Moved: Joe Longo. 2nd:
Jane Chopson.
10. MOTION: To recom-
mend to the Charitable
Trust to approve the fol-
lowing grants:
Harlequin Haven \$1,000
Illini GD Club Rescue
\$1,000
Moved: Chuck Crawford.
2nd: Lynda Moriarty.
11. MOTION: To approve
Corporate Sponsorship
Report.
Moved: Doug Toomey.
2nd: Nancy Ridgway.
12. MOTION: To authorize
Lynda Moriarty to pur-
chase cloud application or
any software needed for
the creation of the elec-
tronic newsletter.
Moved: Jean Highlands.
2nd: Nancy Ridgway.
13. MOTION: To allow the
Cormiers to purchase a
duplicate of the Top 20
Award and Top 20 pin for
CH. ELAN'S COM-
MAND DECISION RE-
IMROC (2010) and Lena
Skov to purchase 2
Awards Of Merit for CH.

LONGO'S MILLER
NOBLE LEGACY
(2007) for Tootie & Joe
Longo and Jay & David
Miller.

Moved: Jane Chopson.
2nd: Joe Longo.

14. MOTION: Add to the
Top 20 rules that all the
envelopes containing
armbands with the indi-
vidual scores will state
the name of the dog on
the front of the envelope.
All but the winner's en-
velope will be kept to-
gether in a manila enve-
lope to avoid confusion.
Moved: Doug Toomey.
2nd: Lynda Moriarty.

15. MOTION: To assign
Lynda Moriarty as the
Chair of the Nominating
Committee and Cindy
Harwin as a member.
Moved: Paul Hardiman.
2nd: Jane Chopson.

16. MOTION: To create an
ad-hoc committee
chaired by Dale Tarbox
to make suggestions for
potential Honorary
Members.
Moved: Jane Chopson.
2nd: Joe Longo

17. MOTION: Add to the
Nationals Judges' con-
tract:

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Judges may not watch any judging until after their assignment is complete. This does not pertain to Top 20 judges. Additionally, the template of the judges' contract is to be included in the Nationals Rules and Regulations.

Moved: Neil O'Sullivan.

2nd: Nancy Ridgway.

18. MOTION: Add to the Nationals judges' contract:

Judges may not participate in events, which may include a Dane that he or she may judge as part of the assignment. Judges are welcome to attend any event at the Nationals that does not involve dogs.

Moved: Jane Treiber. 2nd: Neil O'Sullivan

Respectfully Submitted,
Lena Skov
Recording Secretary

AFFILIATE CLUB REPORT

As you can see, the Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club is listed for membership. They did a great job of getting all their info to me and that was a great help in moving things along the path to being an affiliate. This is a very ac-

tive club and they have already agreed to take on the AKC Meet The Breeds event at the Jarvis Center in New York City. Danes have been absent from the previous Meet The Breeds in New York.

There are three more clubs who have had their revised By-laws approved, Wolverine Great Dane Club, Great Dane Club of Oxford, and the Great Dane Club of Monterey Bay.

And, as an item of interest, the Hoosier club is doing a fundraiser to fund a Cardiac Clinic at it's specialty. Kathy Fredericks and Tracy Elkins have put together a "walk- a- thon" by club members and their Danes. What a fun day and fun way to make some money for your club or it's projects. If you email or call either of these ladies, I'm sure they will share their ideas. I will ask Kathy to put the particulars of their project on the affiliate yahoo group email.

Dale S. Tarbox
Affiliate Club Rep
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HELPING OUR OWN

Attached please find the mailing of individuals that have registered for our new "Helping Our Own" program. As a reminder,

this program is to give our affiliate clubs a list of names of those Dane breeders that have aspirations to become judges in order that they can obtain Sweeps assignments.

Please use this list as you determine individuals to judge your future Sweepstakes. This list will be updated periodically and sent to your clubs. Dale Tarbox will be inserting this same information into her next Affiliate Club Bulletin since there are about 13 clubs for which we do not have an e-mail address contact. In this way we know that every club has received this information.

If there are individuals in your club (or that you know) that could use the benefits of this program, please ask them to send me all of their contact information (including kennel name). In order to qualify they need to have completed the BASIC requirements of the AKC which are...

12 years in the breed

5 litters

4 champions

Here's hoping we can, in fact, help our own.

Bill Stebbins

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Sweeps Possibilities

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GDCA WEBSITE.

Visits: 30,923 - Average
 927 per day

Popularity by sections:

1. Home page - expected
2. Breeder list
3. Great Dane Clubs
4. Health and Welfare
5. Photo Gallery
6. Rescue
7. Before you choose a Great Dane
8. Illustrated Standard
9. Veteran's Gallery
10. Great Dane purchase

The monthly Newsletter subscribers for the GDCA (April/11) are at 897. The GDCA website is still doing very well in the Google search engine, so finding the site for visitors is a non-issue. For the search terms, 'Great Danes' and 'Great Dane' the Club is listed on the first page of the results, which is good. The addition of the online Yearbook should certainly increase the visits.

The 2009 GDCA Yearbook has been added to the website, both to view and to order a CD on line. We hope you will enjoy this addition...our thanks must go out to Lorraine and Glenn Matherly for the work they did on this project.

In the near future we will also be adding a site on the website only for 'official' GDCA members. A password will have to be given in order to use this new area. Requests for that will be made to me for membership verification. For openers we will be adding the GDCA roster. When this is up and running a notice will be placed on the home page.
 Nancy Lerch
 Webmistress

FUTURITY REPORT



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2011 Nominations as of April 5, 2011

1st Nomination

123 litters

2nd Nomination

249 puppies (130 dog/119 bitch)



MEMBERSHIP

Letters concerning the approval or disapproval of applicants should be directed in writing to:
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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 June 15, 2011 will not be accepted.

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Interests: Companion Events, Fundraising, Health & Research, Judges' Education, Rescue

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Sponsors: Margo Ray & Shirley Struble

Interests: Companion Events, Pedigree Bank, Futurity

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

Applicants published in the 1st Quarter Bulletin will be voted on by the Board after May 15th, 2010.

Any new members voted in will be listed in the 3rd Quarter Bulletin.





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
Deltona, FL 32738

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!

**GDCA Newsletter Trust
April, 2011**

Recently the Breed lost a longtime friend and Great Dane Club of America member, Robert Matchett. Bob with his wife Betty bred Great Danes under the Trebor prefix. Bob served as a President of the Great Dane Club of California and Bob also served the Great Dane Club of America as President. Both he and Betty served the Breed as respected judges. Although they are both now gone they found a way to continue to serve their beloved breed. They left a generous \$10,000 to the Great Dane Club of America Trust. Their bequest will provide support for Education, Research and Breed Rescue. We are grateful to both Bob and Betty for their dedication to the Breed. They will be long remembered.

Those interested in obtaining more information regarding how to leave a bequest to the Trust should contact Trustee Paul Hardiman at who heads our Legacy Program. You may contact Paul at paulchauff@yahoo.com.

Jane Chopson Trustee Chair

Great Dane Club of America
Charitable Trust



Please check out the Website often as more things are becoming available. The Western Division is working Hard to make this National the same Great Event that the West is known to have. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA TREASURER'S REPORT

	CASH BALANCE
	3/31/2011
ANCHOR BANK CHECKING	\$ 37,402.22
CHASE BANK CHECKING	\$ 9,426.16
CHASE BANK SAVINGS	\$ 2,000.75
PNC BANK CHECKING	\$ 34,152.87
PNC BANK SAVINGS	\$ 58,813.92
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$141,795.92

	2ND QTR P&L
	1/1/11-3/31/11
INCOME	\$ 18,679.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 25.69
EXPENSE	\$ (16,129.56)
NET INCOME	\$ 2,575.13

	FISCAL YTD P&L
	11/1/10 - 3/31/11
INCOME	\$ 46,373.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 55.22
EXPENSE	\$ (31,525.40)
NET INCOME	\$ 14,902.82

Jean Highlands, Treasurer

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Below are a few brief comments about H&W issues based on feedback I've been getting from the (great!) Great Dane

community. Some of my comments on coat color testing & CERF are merely the level of opinion based on anecdote, bear in mind. All the same, given repeated questions & complaints on these topics I felt the need to address these issues. And I did want to talk about some coming research & issues related to that as well. Each paragraph addresses a separate issue, so feel free to pass over area(s) that you don't feel concern you if you like (but I didn't want to have to write three emails for this).

1. PENDING RESEARCH
(mega, Wobblers & the ge-

nome project): The first area is "coming attractions" as to research & the very real need for the Dane community to step up & contribute to the ability we each are able (every little bit helps), so this approved research will be funded. If you've read your Quarterly Bulletin, you've seen that the board has approved both the Wobblers Research (Ronaldo da Costa) & that for the Dane Genome Project (Leigh Anne Clark). We've also been approached by Dr. Leigh Anne Clark to help fund research into the genetics of congenital (juvenile) megaesophagus. To do all of this we are going to have to fill the somewhat empty coffers of the Charitable Trust. I've a page up already for Wobblers & am awaiting approval from Dr. Clark on the details for the other two pages. But she's already started working on BOTH projects, has samples from "mega survivors" & would like anyone with a mega dane or puppy to contact her.

2. COAT COLOR TESTING:
The next area is that of coat color testing. There is a page at the GDCA H&W section on this:

<http://www.gdca.org/health/merlegene.htm>

There are several commercial companies that test for

recessive pigments like fawn & blue. The feedback I've gotten from the Dane community is most are most satisfied with UCDavis, both because the results appear to be uniformly accurate as well as the results given are "user friendly." This is not always the case with all the companies offering testing from the feedback I am getting, so talk to each other & see what sort of service/success those who have used these new gene tests have had. The genetics for ALL the listed tests are clear & uncontroverted, but that doesn't always translate immediately into a commercially available test that is accurate & "translatable" (i.e. practically useful to the breeder/owner). Right now there is only one company doing the test for piebald & only one (a different one!) doing the test for merle and there hasn't been 100% satisfaction TMK amongst breeders/owners when using either of these tests. The only place to get harlequin gene testing is Dr. Clark & there is no test yet for the Irish (mantle) gene. Nor is there a test to distinguish fawn from brindle, but there IS a clear test for fawn itself, called Dominant Black, where ALL dogs who are <kk> (homozygous re-

cessive) are either fawn or brindles, and all dogs who are Kk are fawn/brindle carriers. Also the test for masking is sometimes called Black/Red because the recessive here (we don't have this gene in Danes!) produced a red dog. Look for the symbol E^M when wanting the test for mask. EE dogs are maskless, E^ME dogs have one gene for mask, and E^M/E^M dogs have two genes for mask. BLUE is usually called "Dilution" and Dd dogs carry blue, dd dogs are blues. And a word of caution about using the term "homozygous black"--be clear exactly what EX-ACT genes the dog in question was tested for, as this can mean different things to different people & end up causing confusion and conflict: be specific to avoid this problem. Gene testing is a new field entirely & it will take time to work the bugs out--for us all.

3. CERF--THE "BREEDER's OPTION" & EYELIDS: A note on CERF "breeder's options" as to eyelid issues in Danes (most notably ectropion): I get a lot of breeders/owners asking what it means when a dog get's a "breeder's option" on their CERF exam. It means the dog is CERF CLEAR (pass), so has normal eyes & nor-

mal vision (& no cataracts). But the dog then has some minor issue of the eyes not considered directly heritable & not considered a serious issue (i.e. will not affect sight). This includes such eyelid issues as ectropion (eyelids rolling out aka "loose eyes"), entropion (eyelids rolling in), distichiasis (extra eyelashes), and eury/macroblepharon (altered eyelid size). Except for more severe cases of entropion & distichiasis, these conditions in the Great Dane are not only commonly seen, they are merely cosmetic (i.e. cause no clinical symptoms). You will find inexperienced veterinarians who may alarm some new Dane owners with their comments about the eyelid conformation of their Dane puppy. Of more concern to the Dane owner/breeder is that CERF vets do not consistently judge these conditions & so where one dog is said to be normal, another with exactly the same eyelid conformation is said to be abnormal. This is a consistent area of frustration for many dog owners & something I've had a discussion with CERF about more than once in the past decade. The stock reply I've gotten when forwarding these complaints is that judging these conditions is

not like judging whether a dog has a cataract or not, but rather how "normal" the eyelids are are subjective & simply the opinion of the certifying veterinarian. I've not been able to pursue this further, given I'm working with 2nd hand information & often lack the actual CERF reports. But happily or not<G>for me personally, I've recently had an occasion involving my own dogs where I was able to speak directly with CERF about this problem of inconsistency & I was promised that they would consider including my information in their educational materials in the future & that they would more vigorously pursue this topic.

(CERF con't): Since I'm sure now<G>all are curious, I'll summarize the situation I personally experienced. I had a bitch recently re-certified by CERF who was given a clear with normal eyelids as a yearling, and a year later was said to have both ectropion & macroblepharon. Now this bitch has some of the tightest eyes you will see in Danes, and that's not merely my opinion, but has been confirmed by both other vets & other breeders. And the vet who gave her a normal diagnosis at a year (& commented on her

eyes being tight) was the SAME vet who, a year later, declared her to have abnormal eyelids! So I sent in her photos along with another of my dogs who was certified by CERF as having normal eyelids, & who has the loosest eyelids I've ever seen in one of my dogs; a dog I fully expected to be defined as having ectropion. Instead the CERF vet who examined him felt his eyelid configuration was normal for the breed. So I explained the situation & pointed out that if "we are to be guided by veterinary experts as breeders through these established organizations such as CERF, then it stands to reason there need be some consistency in the results & advice accorded us." And part of the response I got included the remarks: *"some dogs with more overt ectropion might be marked as normal because for the breed they kind of are....and the examiners are human and these more subjective lesions (versus the opacity of a cataract which is either there or not there). Then add in that in some breeds, a certain degree of entropion or ectropion or combination of such is "normal" / desired conformation.*

The big thing is if it is clinically significant and causing irritation to the sur-

*face of the eye, as such can be vision or comfort threatening. Those are the real issues for breeding. The others, especially in the breeds where they are often the norm, are breeder option - like entropion, ectropion in Danes - so as you suspected, this more recent CERF would pass with breeder option for the lid changes., " which I hope is helpful to those dealing with this sort of confusing situation. **BOTTOM LINE?** Some CERF vets will judge the dog against his breed (esp. the more experienced) & tend to grade "easy"- writing most Danes up as normal. Others will judge more strictly (& against an ideal eyelid), which leaves them defining a great deal (even a majority) of the dogs in breeds like ours as abnormal. (And some it seems may not even be consistent year to year in what their personal dividing line is.) So unless there is clinical significance involved, it's best to not put too much weight in these veterinary comments about eyelid conformation in Danes IMO.*

JP Yousha

H&W Chairman

Current Breed Standings for 2011 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2011 through April 1, 2011

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Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	21	493
2	GCH CH Gemstone's Promise Kept	D	17	475
3	GCH CH Gracyn's Valiant Warrior V Lost Creek	D	15	408
4	GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Naika Ika Pono	D	11	361
5	GCH CH Hladik's Jump Up And Kiss Me	B	12	296
6	GCH CH Bayside Just A Gentleman	D	10	285
7	GCH CH Double D Daynakin Party Brew	D	7	261
8	GCH CH Pinnacles Equinox Of Prin-Zel	D	8	212
9	GCH CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	12	204
10	GCH CH De Joie's Tomfoolery V Lost Creek	D	4	145
11	GCH CH Diola's Start Your Engines	D	7	140
12	GCH CH Ruby's Jewel Of Honesty	D	7	136
13	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	8	106
14	GCH CH Rainmaster's She's A Show Girl	B	2	96
15	GCH CH Crowbay's Wind In The USA	B	5	89
16	GCH CH MJM's Hi-Air All Eyes On Me	B	5	82
17	GCH CH Shoreline-East-West Playit Again Sam	D	2	76
18 - Tie	GCH CH Rojon's Say Yes	B	2	73
18 - Tie	GCH CH West Coast JP's Jenna Shut Maida	B	4	73
19	GCH CH Dbl D-Fireheart What's N Your Wallet V Hauer	D	2	71
20	GCH CH Sasdania's The Prophecy	D	5	63

Current Group Standings for 2011 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2011 through April 1, 2011

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Rank	Name	Sex	BIS Wins	I	II	III	IV	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	4	9	1	4	2	21	6,343
2	GCH CH Bayside Just A Gentleman	D	0	0	1	3	1	10	1,480
3	GCH CH Gemstone's Promise Kept	D	0	1	2	1	0	17	1,239
4	GCH CH Gracyn's Valiant Warrior V Lost Creek	D	0	0	1	2	0	15	782
5	GCH CH Pinnacles Equinox Of Prin-Zel	D	0	0	1	0	2	8	586
6	GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Naika Ika Pono	D	0	0	0	0	1	11	461
7	GCH CH Lagarada's Forever Lookin' Back	B	0	0	0	0	1	1	409
8	GCH CH Siscos Element Of Seduction	B	0	0	0	0	1	1	342
9	GCH CH Diola's Start Your Engines	D	0	0	0	2	0	7	340
10	GCH CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	0	0	0	2	0	12	328
11	GCH CH West Coast JP's Jenna Shut Maida	B	0	0	0	1	0	4	327
12	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	0	1	0	1	0	8	326
13	GCH CH Hladik's Jump Up And Kiss Me	B	0	0	0	0	0	12	296
14	GCH CH Double D Daynakin Party Brew	D	0	0	0	0	0	7	261
15	CH Davishirevrocknspots Lone Wolf	D	0	0	0	0	1	1	217
16	GCH CH Don-Lu's Don'T Tell Me No V Concord	B	0	2	0	1	0	3	213
17	GCH CH Ruby's Jewel Of Honesty	D	0	0	0	1	0	7	197
18	GCH CH Mjm's Hi-Air All Eyes On Me	B	0	0	0	0	1	5	192
19	CH Double D No More Mr Ice Guy	D	0	0	1	0	0	3	173
20	GCH CH De Joie's Tomfoolery V Lost Creek	D	0	0	0	0	0	4	145

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Criteria for the award:

good standing with the GDCA for at least

- The recipient must be a member in five (5) years.
- Behave in accordance with the AKC Code of Sportsmanship (attached for your review)
- Make an outstanding contribution to the club/breed. The contribution may be in any number of areas. They include but not limited to Rescue, Education, Health, Mentoring and Club Leadership or Governance.-
- Popularize the breed with the general public by providing information about responsible breeding, necessary care, training and showing.
- Encourage and support the establishment and operation of Affiliate Clubs for the betterment of the breed.

How to nominate:

- Submit a letter, not exceeding 1,000 words, to Corresponding Secretary of the GDCA with the name of the nominee, the description of the achievement, your name, affiliation and signature. Only GDCA members or affiliate clubs can make nominations.
- Nominations must postmarked no later than July 1 or received via email by that date.
- If using email, you should receive a confirmation within 48 hours that the email was received. If you do not receive this confirmation please contact Corresponding Secretary via phone.

Selection Process:

- GDCA Board will review the submissions at the July Board meeting and will vote on the nominees. The individual receiving a majority of the votes will be deemed the recipient of the award
 - GDCA Officers and Board members are exempt from the submission of the nominees or receiving the award. Results of the voting will remain confidential until the Awards Banquet at the National Specialty.
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by May 16, 2011

AKC CODE of SPORTSMANSHIP

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsman- ship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and com- panion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
 - Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
 - Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
 - The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
 - The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
 - The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
 - The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
 - The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
 - Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
 - Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
 - Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
 - Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
 - Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
 - Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
 - Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.
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