



# GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA

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Dear Friends and fellow GDCA Members;  
Our new website has been up and working for four months and it is wonderful. Our old website was over 300 pages long and required much updating. It had to be moved and integrated into servers working on a different platform, it was redesigned and is much more user friendly and so much faster. I happen to know that a new server was purchased in part to run our website.

The entire project was done in about six months with almost no loss in functionality. Glenn and Lorraine Matherly volunteered the time the programming and the server and with Nancy Lerch made all of this happen. We survive as a functioning club because of the time, effort, expertise and yes, money our membership provides, all for no personal gain.

10 years ago I was told that membership in the GDCA was volunteering to help shepherd

our breed. I think that was true then and will be true 100 years from now. It is our collective responsibility to maintain those attributes that make the Great Dane the Elegant Giant among All Breeds.

It is up to us to find ways to increase the longevity of our guys, to find solutions to the inherited diseases that kill them too early and to be sure that the notion of Great Size and Power comes with a temperament that is always dependable.

It is our collective responsibility to help rescue Great Danes no matter where they come from.

It is our responsibility to educate those outside of our group, so they can understand what makes our breed special and like no other.

When the opportunity presents itself, volunteer to help. We are the GDCA and we are the keepers of the definition and the destiny of our breed.

Thank you to all who help and thank you Glenn and Lorraine for all you do and Nancy, thanks for 11 years as our internet chair. The job is yours as long as you want it.  
Dave

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*Cindy Harwin  
GDCA Bulletin Editor*

### ALERT!!!

**The wobblers Study Needs your help. Normal Great Danes are needed to provide a base- line for this study. Please help if you can. If you are willing to go to Ohio State, you could be a great help. This is a prevalent and devastating condition in our breed!!!!**

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## The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

The GDCA awards this special recognition to members who have made a significant contribution to the breed or to the GDCA. This award is for member who consistently demonstrate a high level of Good Sportsmanship and who make a significant contribution to the breed or to the GDCA.

The GDCA award will be accompanied by a certificate of authenticity and will be awarded at the National Specialty.

There can be only one GDCA recipient per year of this annual award, and each recipient may only receive the award once in a lifetime. The award may not be given every year.



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Criteria for the award:

- The recipient must be a member in good standing with the GDCA for at least 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.

### 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 sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. 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.

**2ND QUARTER MOTIONS  
GDCA BOARD MEETING**

**MOTIONS**

**Motion:** To excuse the absence of: Jane Chopson, Dale Tarbox, Jane Treiber, Dave Miller, Tom Sandenaw  
 Moved: Paul Hardiman  
 Second: Neil O’Sullivan  
 Discussion Motion Passed

**Motion:** to accept the minutes of the meeting on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Motion: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Teri Holle Motion Passed

**Motion:** A letter to be drafted and sent to the AKC regarding their grey areas in judging procedures and policies.  
 Moved: Neil O’Sullivan  
 Second: Teri Holle Motion Passed

**Motion:** To send the letter to Auburn University as requested.  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Joe Longo  
 Motion Passed

**Motion:** To reinstate those that have paid since the deadline.  
 Moved: Neil O’Sullivan  
 Second: Nancy Ridgway  
 Motion Passed

**Motion:** to approve Treasurer’s report  
 Moved : Joe Longo Second Doug Toomey Motion passed

**Motion:** Charitable trust to fund the Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City Insurance grant request in the amount of \$500.  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Jean Highlands  
 Motion passed

**Motion:** The Charitable trust to fund the 2 grants requests from The Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City in the amount of \$1000. (\$500. Ea.)  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Joe Longo Motion Passed

**Motion:** The Charitable trust to fund the grant request from Ohio Great Dane Rescue in the amount of \$500.  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Joe Longo Motion Passed

**Motion:** The Charitable trust to fund 2 grant requests from The Great Dane Club of Western Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1000. (\$500 ea.)  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Joe Longo Motion Passed

**Motion:** To allow use of the GDCA booth contingent on putting a list of criteria for use (rental agreement). Paul and Nancy will draw up agreement.  
 Moved: Angela Stillwell  
 Second: Joe Longo  
 Motion passed

**Motion:** To add Diamond Level (\$10K +) to sponsorships with booth space to be up to

25’ and the balance of criteria to be double that of the Platinum level

Moved: Joe Longo  
 Second: Dianne Powers  
 Motion passed

The following have been voted into membership:

Arif Khan  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Nancy Ridgway  
 Angie Johnson  
 Moved: Doug Toomey  
 Second: Teri Holle  
 Reiner Gerdts & Carolyn Wilson  
 Moved: Teri Holle Second: Nancy Ridgway  
 Michelle Cacace  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Teri Holle  
 Tony Fair  
 Moved: Doug Toomey  
 Second: Jean Highlands  
 Polly Hix  
 Moved: Joe Longo  
 Second Teri Holle  
 Stephanie Tracy  
 Moved: Teri Holle  
 Second: Nancy Ridgway  
 Elise McClintick  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Teri Holle

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Lester & Celeste Lawson  
 Moved: Doug Toomey  
 Second: Nancy Ridgway  
 Susan Harriman  
 Moved: Jamie Harsfield  
 Second: Teri Holle  
 Janet Watson & Auburn Lyons  
 Moved: Teri Holle  
 Second: Dianne Powers  
 Edith Lind  
 Moved: Doug Toomey  
 Second: Teri Holle  
**Motion:** To publish the following perspective members in the next bulletin:

Penne Colao

Tammy Hamrick

Mary McSparen  
 Shannon Alger  
 Timmi Williams  
 Marc Darren & Laura Hilton  
 Gail Cramer  
 Jody Loop  
 Moved: Dianne Powers

Second: Teri Holle Motion passed

**Motion:** The Futurity judge will be compensated for the night before their assignment and the night of their assignments for all contracts that have not been signed.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan  
 Second: Jean Highland  
 Motion Passed

**Motion:** Judges who are hired for the Futurity may exhibit at The National Specialty for future contracts.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan  
 Second: Dianne Powers  
 Motion Passed

Motion: The National Show Chair & Division Show Chair shall be able to exhibit at The National Specialty.  
 Moved: Neil O’Sullivan  
 Second: Jean Highlands  
 Motion Passed

Motion: To approve Dave’s recommendation of the nominating committee which includes:  
 Joe Longo chairman, Laurie Cornelius, Lorraine Matherly, Linda Caine and Linda Ridder.  
 Moved: Dianne Powers  
 Second: Doug Toomey  
 Motion Passed



Respectfully Submitted  
 Denise Matulich  
 Recording Secretary

**GDCA Treasurer’s Report  
 Jean Highlands Treasurer**

	<b>CASH BALANCE 3/31/2012</b>
ANCHOR BANK CHECKING	\$ 13,788.75
CHASE BANK CHECKING	\$ 10,300.16
CHASE BANK SAVINGS	\$ 2,000.92
PNC BANK CHECKING	\$ 32,669.89
PNC BANK SAVINGS	\$ 58,948.28
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$117,708.00</b>

	<b>FISCAL YTD P&amp;L 11/1/11 –3/31/12</b>
INCOME	\$ 49,463.61
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 35.58
EXPENSE	\$(58,417.14)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$( 8,917.95)</b>



FUTURITY REPORT

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[Nominations as of April 15, 2012](#)

[1st Nomination 156 litters](#)

[2nd Nomination 340 puppies](#)

[175 dogs and 165 bitches](#)

**The Board of Directors approved the following for membership in April 2012.**

***We welcome them to the GDCA!***

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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 7/17/2012 will not be accepted

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*Family is a mud Pally*

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## Current Breed Standings for 2012 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2012 through April 6, 2012

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH Longo Miller N Lore's Diamond Lil	B	31	912
2	GCH CH De Joie's Tomfoolery V Lost Creek	D	15	494
3	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	24	472
4	GCH CH Drd's The Revelation	D	18	393
5	GCH CH Treue's Band Of Angels	D	10	313
6	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	5	271
7	GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Naika Ika Pono	D	8	252
8	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	15	247
9	GCH CH Hladik's Jump Up And Kiss Me	B	11	213
10	GCH CH Anjadane's Regene V. Malvern	D	6	205
11	GCH CH Mjm's Hi-Air All Eyes On Me	B	6	147
12	GCH CH Ruby's Jewel Of Honesty	D	7	140
13	GCH CH Laurado's Dragonfly	B	2	126
14-Tie	CH Burke's Pinocchio Of Bnv	D	2	125
14-Tie	GCH CH Alpine's Ice Warrior V Hawthorne	D	6	125
15	GCH CH Sandale-Paj Captain Barbosa	D	3	116
16	GCH CH Challenger's Samurai V Lamar	D	4	115
17	GCH CH Diola's Saks And The City V Hi Class	D	6	99
18	GCH CH Daynakin's Soulja Boy	D	4	96
19	GCH CH Cbd Danebridge's Bringin' Sexy Back	B	5	94
20	GCH CH Tauson Koenigin Amelia From Auburn	B	13	88

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 For the Great Dane Club of America



## Current Group Standings for 2012 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2012 through April 6, 2012

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS Wins	I	II	III	IV	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH Longo Miller N Lore's Diamond Lil	B	2	9	3	1	4	31	5,581
2	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	0	3	6	2	0	24	1,858
3	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	0	1	0	1	3	15	1,088
4	GCH CH De Joie's Tomfoolery V Lost Creek	D	0	0	2	0	1	15	1,080
5	GCH CH Drd's The Revelation	D	0	1	2	0	2	18	1,021
6	GCH CH Treue's Band Of Angels	D	0	0	1	1	1	10	951
7	CH Maitau's Jewel Of Seventh Heaven	B	0	0	1	1	1	3	556
8	GCH CH Challenger's Samurai V Lamar	D	0	1	0	2	0	4	426
8	GCH CH Hladik's Jump Up And Kiss Me	B	0	0	0	1	1	11	426
10	GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Naika Ika Pono	D	0	0	0	0	1	8	370
11	GCH CH Sandale-Paj Captain Barbosa	D	0	0	1	1	0	3	340
12	GCH CH Tauson Koenigin Amelia From Auburn	B	0	0	1	1	1	13	294
13	CH Dundane Dancing With Fireside	D	0	0	1	0	0	3	277
14	GCH CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	0	0	0	1	4	11	274
15	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	0	0	0	0	0	5	271
16	GCH CH Alpine's Ice Warrior V Hawthorne	D	0	0	0	1	0	6	241
17	GCH CH Cbd Danebridge's Bringin' Sexy Back	B	0	0	0	0	1	5	215
18	GCH CH Anjadane's Regene V. Malvern	D	0	0	0	0	0	6	205
19	GCH CH C & L's Queene Lily O' The Valley	B	0	0	0	0	1	2	193
20	GCH CH Daviddane's Dansk Introduckshun	D	0	0	0	0	1	4	164

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**GDCA Charitable Trust**

The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust GDCACT is proud to announce the creation of the Don Carmody Scholarship Fund. Most knew Don for the beautiful dogs he and his wife Marylou bred. Most knew Don as a fierce competitor and a successful Working Group judge. Fewer knew that Don gave generously of his time and knowledge serving as a Trustee for the GDCACT. His banking experience provided the Trust with a wealth of financial expertise. As a Trustee Don was a strong believer in and advocate for the Trust's Junior Scholarship program.

The Trust is honored that the Carmody family chose to establish this valuable new annual fund with the GDCACT. The fund will provide an additional \$1,000 scholarship to the Trust's Junior Scholarship recipient with the highest Grade Point Average GPA each year. Our deep gratitude to the Carmody family for their initial donation to establish the fund and to all who have or will remember Don with donations to the Carmody Scholarship Fund.

Jane Chopson  
GDCACT Trustee Chair



**GDCA Juniors**

The Junior Committee is excited about the newly created annual Don Carmody Junior Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide an additional \$1,000 scholarship to the Trust's Junior Scholarship recipient with the highest Grade Point Average GPA each year. There is no additional application needed from the Junior Scholarship applicants.

Applications for Junior Scholarships are to be sent to Jaime Harshfield by July 1, 2012. The Junior Committee will review and make funding recommendations to the GDCA Board who will then send their funding recommendation to the Trustees for final action. Thank You to the Carmody family for this wonderful new way to support our Great Dane Juniors.

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Pro Club members join hands with the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) by declaring the GDCA for the Purina PPCP donation!

THE PURINA PPCP DONATION IS GIVEN WHEN PRO CLUB ACCOUNTS ARE ACTIVE!



THE DONATION IS 10% OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF YOUR WEIGHT CIRCLES SENT IN TO YOUR PRO CLUB ACCOUNT.

This donation comes from the Purina coffers and goes to the GDCA and the Canine Health Foundation for bringing solutions to the health issues of your breed and related programs.

## A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL BRING RESULTS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!

This is what has been done from Jan. 1, 2012 thru Mar. 31, 2012

**331,296 lbs.  
redeemed**

**PPCP earned  
\$3,101.61**

**Total Pro Club  
members  
redeeming: 213**

**Total overall  
PPCP members:  
2,237**

Need some 'how to help' for sending in your wt. circles?

Visit <http://www.silverhairedlady.com/circlehelp.html>

**INTERNET CHAIR REPORT**

I'm happy, and proud, to report that the new and improved GDCA website is up and running well, as the 'conversion over went very well and was successful.

The website is running smoothly after a few broken links were corrected and the menu was enhanced for more efficient navigation.

I hope you have noticed the addition of the "Search" button which I feel will enable visitors to link on to pertinent information they are looking for more quickly.

I have been considering adding a new section devoted to new Great Dane owners which I've discussed with Nancy Ridgeway. Nancy will go into more detail on this for me. I feel strongly that 'we' need to be more diligent with information geared to those newcomers as I think presently the website appears to be directed only to the membership. My thoughts are to contact several GDCA breeders and ask them to write up articles on various topics that would be of interest to new puppy owners.

As you may be aware, this was a large undertaking and again my personal thanks go to Glenn Matherly for all his help with this site conversion and I'm sure future assistance with website matters.

Nancy

We want to initiate a 'slide show' on the Home Page of the GDCA Website. The photos we are requesting are to be only candid photos, no show photos. Names of owners and the dogs will not be included and it will be up to the discretion of the Chairman to yea or nay the photos submitted.

Kindly submit in .jpg format to: [Internetchair@gdca.org](mailto:Internetchair@gdca.org)  
Looking forward to these photos.

Thank you.

Nancy  
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