

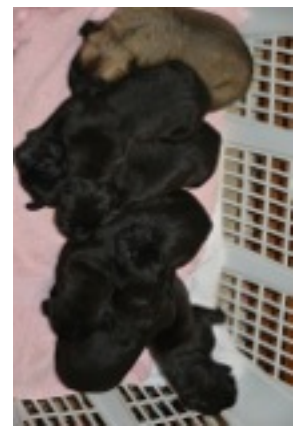


As I sit here on 'puppy watch' I am reminded of the time, energy and love that our breeders put into our breed, preserving the past, continuing the present and guaranteeing the future of these dogs we love so much. Since I have not whelped a litter since the early 70's I am new to the game all over again and feel renewed respect for all of our long time breeders. The reason for the brevity of this letter is twofold...first, and foremost is the importance of puppy watch. Secondly is the frustration of typing one-handed (and left-handed at that). I took a tumble setting up the whelping box and managed to break my right wrist. What luck! Thank goodness I have the able-bodied assistance for the whelping from Cindy Harwin and Sue Davis Shaw and great support from Sue's husband Dana. Situations like this reinforce the value of the friendships we form because of our common love of dogs.

Several days have passed since I started this message and 'Team Fancy' welcomed 6 beautiful puppies and I got a fancy new cast.

One note of importance is the resignation of JP Yousha as chair of Health & Research. I want to thank her, on behalf of the GDCA, for her years of dedication and guidance. I know she will do well in her future endeavors.

Danefully, *Dianne Powers*



*Mark your calendar!!! The Central Division is hard at work to host everyone at the 2014 GDCA National Specialty. Saw Mill Creek Resort, Huron OH.*

*October 19 – 25, 2014. Visit [www.national.gdca.org](http://www.national.gdca.org) for*

*up to the minute information.*

*Trophy Donations, Catalog Ads, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Tapestry Throws and more! Like us on Facebook: GDCA2014*

#### WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION

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*Cindy Harwin, Bulletin Editor*

**AKC REPRESENTATIVE-DALE TARBOX**

AKC Pet Disaster Relief, a program spearheaded by AKC Reunite is dedicated to keeping pets and their owners safe after natural disasters. The GDCA was made aware of this program and was asked for a \$1000.00 donation. Your Board voted to send the funds in late October. In May, "our" trailer will be rolled out to its new home in Lexington, Kentucky. These trailers are equipped to be a safe place and shelter for at least 50 displaced pets immediately following a declared disaster. Co-location shelters where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as displaced pets, can be created. The trailer provides essential supplies such as fans, lighting, crates, bowls, collars, leashes, cleaning supplies and is equipped with a microchip scanner. The cost of each trailer is \$22,000.00. There are 2 trailers in place, one in Maryland and this one in Kentucky, with a few more being equipped at this time. The GDCA is proud to have donated toward the creation of these first trailers and we are hoping that we will be able to donate toward another with the help of our Affiliate clubs and some fundraising. As you see, the GDCA logo is affixed to the trailer along with the other clubs who donated and made this trailer happen. Lexington KC donated \$12,000.00 toward the trailer. There area is prone to



floods and tornado's. If any of the Affiliate clubs wish to do a fundraiser or donate toward another trailer, please contact me. I think this is a great undertaking by the AKC and think it is well worth supporting.

**GDCA TREASURER REPORT-KATHY MUNYAN****Treasurer Report****GDCA****April 30, 2014****Cash in Bank \$ 45,900.11****Cash in Savings \$115,548.71****February 1 – April 30, 2014****Income \$ 6,962.98****Expenses \$ 9,796.89****Donations:****AKC Pet Disaster Relief \$0****FYTD November 1 – April 30, 2014****\$48,980.03****\$17,971.46****\$ 1,000.00****Net Income/(Loss) \$(2,833.91)****\$30,008.57**

## GDCA HEALTH AND RESEARCH-NEIL O'SULLIVAN

The Great Dane community needed to develop a resource which would facilitate long term investigation into genetic tools for Great Dane breeders, owners, and lovers of this breed to improve breeding outcomes. The idea of sequencing the Great Dane Genome was developed by the Health and Research Committee of the GDCA. The committee then identified researchers with expertise in this field and a proven record of working on the Great Dane. Dr Leigh Anne Clark was selected because of her earlier success finding both the merle gene and harlequin genes which have proved great tools for breeders of Harlequin, Mantle, Black, Merle family. This work on the Harlequin gene and this work on Great Dane Genome sequence were fully funded by the GDCA and The GDCA CT. The power of your dollars donated and ear marked for "Research". We have many more projects in lined up which just await successful fund raising efforts in the Great Dane Community.

Neil O'Sullivan Interim Chair Health & Research Committee

From Leigh Anne Clark PhD



The DNA sequence (documentation of every base pair in their genetic code) was obtained for four Great Danes. These Great Danes were selected for whole-genome resequencing, including one male and one female deceased from dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). A third Dane (male) was DCM clear based on a normal echo at age 8, and diagnosed with hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD) at 7 months of age. The fourth Dane was a healthy female deceased at age 12 with no medical conditions. To maximize genetic diversity, the most unrelated Danes that qualified for the study were selected (nearest common ancestor between 2 dogs is 5 generations back). Sequences were generated at the University of Texas Genomic Sequencing and Analysis Facility on an Illumina HiSeq 2000. Each sample was run in two lanes for generations of paired-end reads (2x100 bp), providing approximately 20X coverage (on average each base pair was sequenced 20 separate times to ensure high quality readings). Reads were trimmed to remove base calls of low quality and adaptor contamination and then sorted into "paired" vs. "unpaired." Fast Quality Control was used to ensure quality of the raw data, as well as the trimmed and sorted files. Paired reads were then aligned to the current canine reference genome (CanFam3.1) [Base pair by base pair the great sequences were compared to the reference genome to detail the difference seen in the Great Dane genome. . Files were sorted and indexed to allow viewing using Interactive Genomics Viewer (IGV). At this time, Dr Clack's Lab are creating a variant call file to identify single base and small structural changes in Great Danes compared to the Boxer reference sequence. Files have been provided to Dr. Kate Meurs at NC State University for evaluation of DCM candidate genes. Seeing if the Great Dane sequences which have clear phenotypic for DCM can reveal corresponding differences at the DNA sequence level.

**The Board of Directors approved the following for membership.**

**We welcome them to the GDCA!**

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Any comments received after July 31, 2014 will not be accepted.

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## GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST

### WOBBLER'S STUDY UPDATE

Magnetic Resonance Imaging In Great Danes With And Without Clinical Signs Of Cervical Spondylomyelopathy ("Wobbler syndrome") Ronaldo C. da Costa, DMV, MSc, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM – Neurology Paula Martin-Vaquero, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM – Neurology  
The Ohio State University

**Background**-Cervical spondylomyelopathy, commonly referred to as "Wobbler syndrome", is a very prevalent neurological disease affecting the neck of Great Danes. This disease frequently affects young Great Danes, who develop an excessive growth of the bony structures that encase the spinal cord at the level of the neck. This excessive bone growth causes compression of the spinal cord and nerves, originating pain, and an uncoordinated and weak gait. A definitive diagnosis of Wobbler syndrome is achieved using advanced imaging, such as computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). In general, MRI is considered the imaging technique of choice because it provides the most information on the presence and severity of spinal cord and/or nerve compression. There is some available information on the MRI appearance of the neck region of Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome. However, no study has ever investigated the MRI appearance of the neck of healthy Great Danes. In order to understand why a disease such as Wobbler syndrome develops, it is important to understand what are the differences between the neck region of those dogs that do not have signs of the disease and the dogs that do. Also, in both people and dogs, healthy subjects can sometimes show MRI abnormalities that may never cause a problem for that particular individual. It is important to know about and learn to recognize these MRI abnormalities that may be present without associated clinical signs, so MRI studies are not overinterpreted and no unnecessary treatments are pursued.

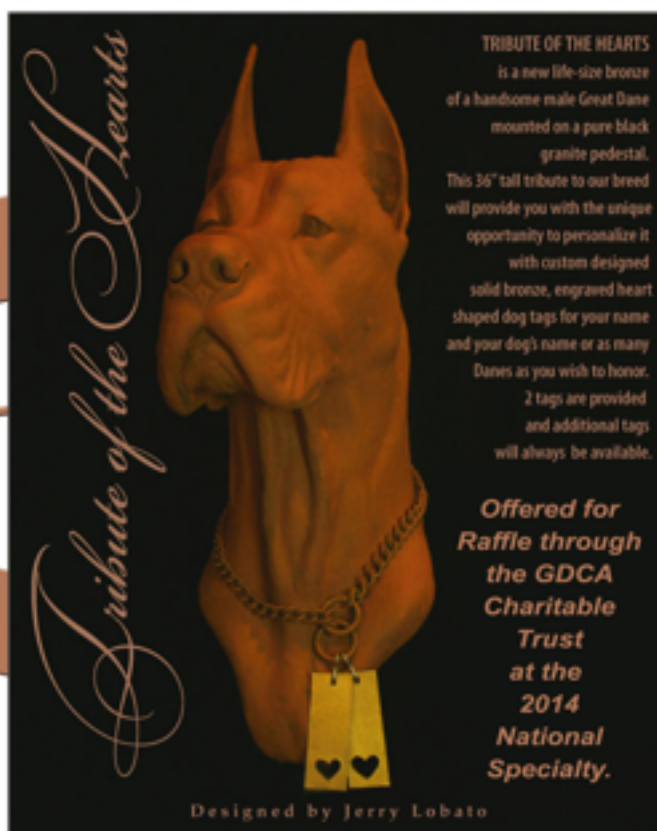
**Methods**-The purpose of our study was to compare the MRI studies of the neck region of Great Danes with and without clinical signs of Wobbler syndrome. Two groups of Great Danes were enrolled. The first group included 15 Great Danes with no history of neurologic disease and a normal neurological examination (control dogs). The second group included 15 Great Danes with clinical signs consistent with Wobbler syndrome. All dogs underwent MRI of the neck area under general anesthesia. The presence and severity of spinal cord and nerve compression, the presence of abnormal spinal cord tissue changes, and the presence of any bony abnormalities were recorded. In addition, a total of 7,350 measurements were obtained in this study (245 measurements/dog). Some of the measurements obtained included: area of the bony joints that encase the spinal cord in the neck region; height, width, and area of the vertebral canal and spinal cord; size of the aperture for the spinal nerves; width of the intervertebral discs; and vertebral body length and height.

**Results**-Only one control Great Dane showed spinal cord compression, while all of the Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome showed multiple, severe areas of spinal cord compression. However, mild to moderate nerve compression was present in 11 out of 15 healthy Great Danes, and very severe nerve compression was present in all of the Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome. From the measurements obtained, we can confirm that the size of the neck bony joints is markedly larger in Great Danes with signs of Wobbler syndrome when compared to healthy Great Danes. As a consequence of the abnormal enlargement of the bony joints, Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome have a smaller space to accommodate the spinal cord at the level of the neck area and spinal cord compression results, which is why affected dogs develop signs of weakness and incoordination in their gait.

**Conclusion**-Marked MRI differences exist between Great Danes with and without clinical signs of Wobbler syndrome. However, it is important to remark that some MRI abnormalities can also be seen in healthy Great Danes with normal neurological examinations. The results of this study highlight why it is so important to correlate the neurological examination with the MRI findings. If only MRI images are reviewed without knowing the clinical status of the dog, the potential for overinterpretation of mild imaging abnormalities that may not be causing any clinical signs exists.

# GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST

## Our Next Fundraiser



**TRIBUTE OF THE HEARTS**  
is a new life-size bronze of a handsome male Great Dane mounted on a pure black granite pedestal. This 36" tall tribute to our breed will provide you with the unique opportunity to personalize it with custom designed solid bronze, engraved heart shaped dog tags for your name and your dog's name or as many Danes as you wish to honor. 2 tags are provided and additional tags will always be available.

**Offered for Raffle through the GDCA Charitable Trust at the 2014 National Specialty.**

*Designed by Jerry Lobato*

### "Tribute of the Hearts" ~ by Jerry Lobato

This will be the #1 Artists Proof. It is 36" tall. Pictured is the wax model.

Detailed description shown above.

The edition will be limited to 25. Valued at \$4,500.

### Tickets ~ \$5.00 each

Winner Need Not Be Present to Win

Tickets will be available soon through your GDCA Affiliate Club Delegates and all week at the GDCA National Specialty in Hron, Ohio. See us at the GDCA Charitable Trust Booth in the Exhibition Center. Winning ticket will be drawn on the night of the Awards Banquet, 10/25/14.

### Questions or Additional Info ~ Please Contact

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# GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST



## HELP WANTED



*Do you have some time, expertise  
or resources that you can donate?*

*If you can help, we are in need of the following:*



### *Grant Writer*

**Brief Description:** Grant Writer may work on several projects at once under tight deadlines. Public, Private and Government policies and online submission processes change frequently. The availability of funding also fluctuates, so Grant Writer must develop a diversified network of funding organizations. Though challenging, grant writing can also be personally and professionally rewarding, and donating your time to the GDCA Charitable Trust will be good service for your resume. The Grant Writer will prepare grant proposals, beginning by performing research. To develop the proposals, the Grant Writer will be completely familiar with the GDCA Charitable Trust's programs, goals and financial needs, and will also look into potential funding sources. After compiling all the information needed, the Grant Writer will compose the proposals and send to the Trustees for review and after approval, send out proposals. The Grant Writer must also keep careful records to track proposals. If a grant-making organization requests additional information, the Grant Writer will supply the missing items. On occasion the Grant Writer may have additional duties, which include managing volunteers, working with an executive board, planning fund-raising campaigns and promoting the organization through public relations work.



### *Printing Services*

**Brief Description:** Through the year, we often need the services of a printer to produce items such as Raffle Tickets, Brochures & Handouts, Note Cards, Stationery, Flyers, etc. We are looking for someone that owns a printing company or works at a printing company that would be willing to donate their products and resources to produce these items or to offer us a discount on these services.



### *Accountant*

**Brief Description:** This volunteer will assist the Charitable Trust by performing an Annual Audit for us.

*It takes many pieces of the puzzle to help our Danes,  
so if you have some time or resources that you can  
donate, please contact Linda Ridder: [lindaridder@me.com](mailto:lindaridder@me.com)*

# Current Breed Standings for 2014 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2014 through May 17, 2014

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH GHDD Seamus Lord Of The Dance	D	30	750
2	GCH CH Tue-J's Pacific Category Five	D	23	712
3	GCH CH Alpine's Ice Warrior V Hawthorne	D	17	438
4	GCH CH MK Danes All Aboard The Crazy Train	D	19	432
5	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie For Heaven's Sake	B	15	429
6	GCH CH D.S.S. Kings Ransom JP Mc Laren	D	14	421
7	GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Cause And Effect	D	16	407
8	GCH CH Lobato's Caught Red Handed	B	22	358
9	GCH CH Alpine's Bohemian Rhapsody	D	23	355
10	GCH CH Graycn Lost Creek The Descendant Of Elan	D	12	344
11	GCH CH Journey's Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	B	10	337
12	GCH CH Windycity-Orion's Guitar Hero	D	10	298
13	GCH CH Naples Sanroque Dana Honalulu Lulu	B	9	255
14	GCH CH Anjadane's Regene V. Malvern	D	9	216
15 - Tie	GCH CH Paquestone's We NV The Dasher	D	9	212
15 - Tie	GCH CH B And K Sean's Grand Slam V. Paradise	D	15	212
16	GCH CH Sweet's Firenrain V Saravilla BN CGC	B	12	201
17	GCH CH Anandane's Top Gun "Iceman"	D	9	161
18	GCH CH Divine Acres Ring Leader	D	9	159
19	GCH CH Lyonhearts Queen Of The Nile	B	6	150
20	GCH CH Sunstrike Spellbinder At Karmel CGC	D	4	144

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# Current Group Standings for 2014 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2014 through May 17, 2014

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS Wins	I	II	III	IV	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	<u>GCH CH GHDD Seamus Lord Of The Dance</u>	D	1	2	1	2	2	30	2,436
2	<u>GCH CH Tue-J's Pacific Category Five</u>	D	0	1	2	1	1	23	1,822
3	<u>GCH CH Lobato's Caught Red Handed</u>	B	0	3	2	5	3	22	1,308
4	<u>GCH CH Graycn Lost Creek The Descendant Of Elan</u>	D	0	3	1	2	0	12	1,305
5	<u>GCH CH D.S.S. Kings Ransom JP Mc Laren</u>	D	0	1	0	1	2	14	1,046
6	<u>GCH CH Journey's Gentlemen Prefer Blondes</u>	B	0	1	0	1	1	10	995
7	<u>GCH CH MK Danes All Aboard The Crazy Train</u>	D	0	0	0	2	1	19	871
8	<u>GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie For Heaven's Sake</u>	B	0	4	0	0	0	15	804
9	<u>GCH CH Alpine's Ice Warrior V Hawthorne</u>	D	0	0	0	2	1	17	696
10	<u>GCH CH Alpine's Bohemian Rhapsody</u>	D	0	0	2	0	1	23	685
11	<u>GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Cause And Effect</u>	D	0	0	2	0	0	16	617
12	<u>GCH CH Anjadane's Regene V. Malvern</u>	D	0	0	0	1	2	9	587
13	<u>GCH CH Naples Sanroque Dana Honalulu Lulu</u>	B	0	0	0	2	1	9	579
14	<u>CH Old Mission's Lucid Dream</u>	B	0	0	0	2	2	5	437
15	<u>GCH CH B And K Sean's Grand Slam V. Paradise</u>	D	0	0	0	0	2	15	432
16	<u>GCH CH Double D's Party Like A Rockstar</u>	D	0	0	0	1	1	5	376
17	<u>GCH CH Windycity-Orion's Guitar Hero</u>	D	0	0	0	0	0	10	298
18	<u>CH GMJ Daneridge Leanmeangamblingmchine</u>	D	0	0	1	0	1	5	277
19	<u>GCH CH Birkin's A Cup Above</u>	D	0	0	1	1	1	8	258
20	<u>GCH CH Divine Acres Ring Leader</u>	D	0	0	0	1	1	9	253

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 26, 2014

**MOTIONS**

All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

To excuse the absence of Susan Yotive.  
Moved: Jean Highland 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa Labrie

To approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting as written.  
Moved: Marsh Stoner 2<sup>nd</sup>: Neil O'Sullivan

To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.  
Moved: Cindy Harwin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa Labrie

To accept the late dues payments of the following members:  
Terry Goldman, Kennedy Morgan, Jennifer Robbins, Elmer Robinson, Carmella Jichetti, Kimberly Lerch, Ila Minton, Joshua Burton, Kirsten Kraunsoe, Gay Peck, Vikki Egan, and Jeffrey and Molly Smith.  
Moved: Neil O'Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jean Highlands

To accept the Secretary's report as presented.  
Moved: Teresa Labrie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason Hoke

To accept the revisions to the Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley's by laws.  
Moved: Nancy Ridgway 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dale Tarbox

To accept the revisions to the Great Dane Club of Western Washington's bylaws.  
Moved: Dale Tarbox 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa Labrie

To approve the application packet of the Northwest Inland Great Dane Club.  
Moved: Dale Tarbox 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Ridgway

To approve the appointment of Michael Pacucci as Futurity Chairman pending his membership vote.  
Moved: Cindy Harwin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sue Davis Shaw

To confirm with regret the acceptance of JP Yousha's resignation as Health and Research Chairman.  
Moved: Jean Highlands 2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Cain

To recess the meeting until April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM EST.  
Moved: Nancy Ridgway 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason Hoke

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**Board of Directors Meeting – April 29<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Approved Motions**     *All motions are passed unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

1. To approve the motions from the Board of Director's meeting on 4/26/2014.

Moved: Cindy Harwin     Second: Dale Tarbox

2. The Board recommends that the Charitable Trust fund each of the following scholarship applicants in the amount of \$1660.00 each: Shannon Edwards, Olga Maderych, Rebekha Woodworth, Robert Earl, Tristen Lawrence, Joshua Cave, Alexander Hladik, Summer Reed, Kylie Soafer.

Moved: Teresa LeBrie     Second: Cindy Harwin

3. That Dale Tarbox shall be the chairperson of the Nomination Committee.

Moved: Jean Highlands     Second: Linda Cain

Abstained: Dale Tarbox

4. To accept the proposal for the 2014 National Specialty.

Moved: Jason Hoke     Second: Nancy Ridgway

5. To approve the signing of the contract for the 2017 National Specialty in Chandler Arizona with the proposed language by the hotel.

Moved: Linda Cain     Second: Marsh Stoner

6. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from the South West Great Dane Rescue in the amount of \$500.00

Moved: Jamie Harshfield     Second: Sue Shaw

7. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Dane 911 in the amount of \$500.00

Moved: Nancy Ridgway     Second: Lynda Moriarty

8. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Dane 911 in the amount of \$500.00

Moved: Lynda Moriarty     Second: Jean Highlands

9. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from The Great Dane Rescue of MN & WI in the amount of \$500.00

Moved: Teresa LeBrie     Second: Neil O'Sullivan

10. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from the Ohio Great Dane Rescue in the amount of \$500.00

Moved: Cindy Harwin     Second: Jason Hoke

11. To rescind the motion of January 18, 2014 that states; "Only cash payments will be accepted for corporate sponsorships".

Moved: Neil O'Sullivan     Second: Sue Shaw

12. To approve the full list of published applicants for membership: Paula Sweet & John Lilliston, Susan Larkin, Crystal & Ashley Brooks, Brad & Michelle

Joshnick, Michael Pacucci, Priyanks Deshmukh, Seth & Amber Corduan, Dr. Rakesh Vali, Samuel Rose, Jennifer Bourque, Kristi Sumpter, Christine & Sabrina Holley-Williams and Junior member applicant John Mark Woodworth.

Moved: Teresa LeBrie     Second: Jason Hoke

13. To reinstate the Judges Selection Committee.

Moved: Cindy Harwin     Second: Jamie Harshfield

14. That the Show Chairman of the division hosting the National will sign the Judges Contract.

Moved: Cindy Harwin     Second: Lynda Moriarty

15. To approve the appointment of Mary Ellen Thomas as Judges Selection Chair.

Moved: Jean Highlands     Second: Cindy Harwin

16. To approve the South East Division show proposal for the 2015 National Specialty.

Moved: Jason Hoke     Second: Lynda Moriarty

17. To approve the motions as presented.

Moved: Cindy Harwin     Second: Jason Hoke

18. To adjourn

Moved: Jason Hoke     Second: Jean Highlands



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**AFFILIATE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE-CINDY HARWIN**

Greetings,

WE have a new club in Washington State, The Northwest Inland Great Dane Club. It is a process and a lot of hard work to get a club approved by the GDCA and the AKC. They are waiting approval from the AKC and we expect to have them as an official club soon!

A few clubs have applied for education grants to help with their expenses for programs. If your club could use a grant, just contact me for an application. Please get your new club roster to Kathy Munyan if you haven't already done so.

Anything you want to address at the annual meeting at the National, please let me know...

Wag On,

Cindy Harwin

