



Second Quarter GDCA Bulletin

Dear GDCA Member:

Bulletin

Attached please find the Second Quarter 2015 GDCA Bulletin. [Click here to view and download!](#) This document will also be available on the newly updated GDCA website. If you have not visited the site recently, please do so. You will find the entire site has changed and we hope it is now easier to find the section you are looking for.

2015 National Specialty

The Southeast Division will host our 2015 GDCA National Specialty at The Sheraton Myrtle Beach Hotel and Convention Center in Myrtle Beach SC. The week of 10/26 -10/31 2015. Visit their site at [this link!](#)

2016 National Specialty

Will be hosted by the South Central Division. The Board visited the The RenaissanceTulsa Hotel and Convention Center, in Tulsa OK on July 26, 2014 and approved this site for the 2016 National!

OFA Champion of Health

The OFA Champion of Health program was introduced in 2005 when they featured the AKC/Eukanuba BIS winning Bloodhound, Ch. Heather's Knock On Wood. "Knotty" had not only just won one of America's most prestigious shows, but had a full complement of health certifications as well. In the following months, the OFA featured a number of other dogs that had significant achievements in the ring, in the field, or as producers, AND had the breed specific appropriate health clearances. They continued this program with a newly spotlighted dog each month.

In 2006, OFA expanded the program to all CHIC participating parent clubs, with the creation of an OFA sponsored annual "Champion for Health" award. The award consists of an engraved silver medallion and a \$100 donation to the AKC Canine Health Foundation in the name of the honored dog. It is intended that the award be announced and given at the club's annual awards banquet.

The GDCA has been participating since in this program since its inception. We collect nominations and the Board of Director's forward one to three dogs to OFA for final selection. Each nomination should include a brief write-up of the dog's accomplishments as well as a record of its health certifications. This is not a popularity contest and that health contributions remain the number one criteria in the selection

process. The OFA reserves the right to withhold the award based on a lack of suitable nominees.

Please send nomination letters to Lynda Moriarty @ mor427@sbcglobal.net

The deadline to submit nominations is July 15, 2015.

Amazon Smiles Program

Amazon has a wonderful program called "Amazon Smile" which contributes 0.5% back to charitable organizations that have registered with their program. The Charitable Trust just recently registered and you can help us and our Danes every time you shop at Amazon. When you are ready to shop, please go to this link: [Amazon Smiles GDCACT](#).

This link is assigned to the GDCA CT and once you go to this link, sign into your Amazon account as usual to begin shopping, or if it is your first time shopping with Amazon, follow the prompts to create an account. Just that easy, just that quick! With the Christmas Season approaching, this is a great time to shop and give back at the same time. Please share this with all of your "non-dog" friends as well. As we receive contributions back from Amazon, we will keep everyone posted on how well the program is doing. Thank you in advance for shopping online, til you drop!

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To encourage and promote the quality in breeding of purebred Great Danes and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.