

The Great Dane Club of America, Inc.

2nd Quarter 2003



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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE CLUBS

It is time to nominate Judges for the 2005 National Specialty and Futurity to be hosted by the Western Division

You received the list of eligible Judges in the first quarter bulletin and a follow-up postcard from the Judges' Committee

Complete the ballot on page 19 ~ DEADLINE JUNE 13, 2003



Plan to attend the 2003

Great Dane Club of America
National Specialty and Futurity

October 19-24, 2003

The Wyndham Orlando Resort
Orlando, Florida

Check out the GDCA Website at www.gdca.org
for all the forms you will need to reserve your
rooms, meals, seminars and more!

ATTENTION JUNIORS

Turn to page 14 for a copy
of the Junior Showmanship
Scholarship Application

You will be happy to see that the
rules have changed and we no
longer award only once a year.

Each application will be reviewed
for approval by the Board as soon
as it is received!



THE EDITOR'S PAGE

CHERYL GODWIN ☀ EDITOR

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Dear Members;

Another quarter has come and gone and it is time for another issue of the bulletin...how time flies!

I want to encourage everyone to make their reservations for the 2003 National Specialty. The Wyndham Resort in Orlando is a beautiful site and the Division members are working very hard to make sure we have a great show and entertaining special events. You will find all the information you need about the schedule, the Judges, the hotel, etc, on the Parent Club Website at www.gdca.org.



I look forward to seeing you all there!

ACTION ITEMS IN THIS ISSUE

 **Nomination ballot for the Judges for the 2005 National Specialty and Futurity ~ Page 19**

 **Junior Showmanship Scholarship Application form ~ Page 14**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Saturday, August 2, 2003, in Chandler, Arizona, at the proposed site for the 2005 National Specialty:

The Sheraton San Marcos Resort, One San Marcos Place, Chandler, Arizona, 85225 ~ 1-480-812-0900.

All meetings are open to the membership and we welcome you to join us.

Cheryl

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB EDISON ☀ PRESIDENT

4561 North Bauxite Way, Tucson, AZ, 85750

Phone: 520-749-8734 Fax: 520-883-2500 Email: REdison@desertmuseum.org

Dear Members,

I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many Great Dane fanciers involved in performance events, and the great strides they have made in recent years. When our breed Standard was developed long ago by the early stewards of our breed, significant emphasis was placed on the dogs massive frame and elegance, beautiful head and easy gait, encapsulating an animal soon to be recognized as the "Apollo of Dogdom". Unfortunately, not as much attention was given to intelligence and overall physical agility. Our club has operated with this vision for many decades, striving for that beautiful profile we all care so much about...our wonderful long expressive heads and characteristic movement. However, today due in great part to a worldwide interest on "the whole dog", and his/her relationship with humankind, increased commitment is being placed on aptitude and capability, both in breeding and training.

For me, it is most exciting to see these interests manifest in the new opportunities provided through the various AKC Performance Events, now held on a regular basis. And like other highly intelligent breeds, our Great Danes are excelling in many activities once considered by many to be outside of their capability.

This is a truly wonderful and exciting time in the history of our breed, and as President of the GDCA I heartily endorse all of the agility and obedience activities offered at dog events throughout the country. Next time you are fortunate enough to be sitting ringside and observe a Great Dane and its owner in performance event, I encourage you to applaud loudly and reflect on how far we have come!

Many thanks to Dane World Magazine for the recent coverage they have given to this new, and vital part of our sport of dogs.

See you at the shows,

Bob

P.S.

On page 5 of this bulletin you will find a list of the Officers and Directors of the GDCA. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns you may have.

GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA ~ COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Advisory Board:	Linda Tonnancour	714-961-0590
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Breeder Referral:	Ruth Piatoff	315-699-3944
Budget & Finance:	Lisa Foltz	708-645-1216
By-Laws:	Lourdes Carvajal	816-250-2574
Championship Awards:	Bud & Jodie Keim	520-445-5236
Color Research:	Neil O'Sullivan	515-677-2122
Corporate Sponsorship:	Don Carmody	319-986-2285
Judges' Education:	Judy Harrington	413-267-5236
Futurity Statistician 2003:	Marie Fint	972-279-1016
GDCA Website:	Nancy Lerch	512-259-9607
Historical Committee:	Norvel Benoit	504-764-8371
Health & Welfare:	J. P. Yousha	915-585-3847
Health Survey:	Mary Anne Zanetos	614-451-2297
Judges' Selection:	Lynn Brown Quick	520-622-8730
Junior Showmanship:	Jessie Gerszewski	608-798-3749
Legislation:	Tom Sandenaw	505-522-7500
Membership:	Diane Taylor	203-938-3152
National Specialty Coordinator:	Jack Godwin	619-588-5293
Newsletter:	Cheryl Godwin	619-588-5293
Obedience/Agility:	Theresa La Brie	607-336-9226
Rescue:	Pookie Kostuk	203-272-8292
Standards Committee	Jackie White	323-650-8047
Top 20 Statistician:	Rita Suddarth	540-439-9737
Yearbook:	Jeannette Daley	425-486-4497

Have a question...



Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions or concerns you may have regarding Club business, the duties of a particular Committee and its members, what role they play in the betterment of our Great Danes, or to volunteer to serve.

MOTION: That the following people be approved for Membership in the GDCA: Linda Arndt, Carole Brakhage, Dawn M. Buckland, Linda S. Cain, Kari Caraher, C.E.T. Carey, Susan & Larry Eltoft, Kimberly Feldman, Larry & Margo Gaither, Kathleen M. Gricius, Lee Hartline, Rosemary Hubrich (foreign), Brenda J. Humes, Tanya King, Judith E. Lascola, Patricia and Richard McComb, Joseph and Patricia McGoldrick, Theodore and Cindy Kelly-Magnus, Cindy & Glen Niske, Louise Peterson, Thomas F. Riley MD, Bill and LuAnn Waggoner, Lisa Alane Williams and Joan C. Wolke, .

Moved: Diane Taylor

MOTION: To nominate Fred and Jean Meyer and Marcia Riccio as Honorary Members of the GDCA.

Moved: Paul Hardiman 2nd: Marie Fint

MOTION: To approve the Central Division's Financial Report.

Moved: Marie Fint 2nd: Jane Chopson

MOTION: To accept the Showsite in Topeka, Kansas, for the 2006 National.

Moved: Linda Ridder 2nd: Jane Chopson

MOTION: A person is eligible for a GDCA award who is a member during the year it is achieved or the year it is awarded.

Moved: Jane Chopson 2nd: Lourdes Carvajal

TREASURER

SID LEVIN



As of March 31, 2003, the balances in the GDCA are as follows:

accounts

General	\$53,938.61
Futurity #1	3,544.62
Futurity #2	25,213.12
Yearbook	5,082.98
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	<u>36,684.56</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	\$124,463.89

Of this amount, \$29,921.59 is already allocated; \$9,170.14 to the GDCA Health Survey, \$23,825.38 to the GDCA Charitable Trust, and \$16,751.45 to the Affiliate Club Educational and Health Program Assistance Fund.

The Great Dane Club of America has a limited supply of GDCA Yearbooks available for sale to any club members who might be interested in purchasing them. The inventory is as follows:

<u>year</u>	<u># available</u>	<u>price with priority shipping</u>
1995	2	\$15.00
1996	40	\$15.00
1997	26	\$15.00
1998	77	\$15.00
1999	118	\$15.00
2000	32	\$15.00
2001	85	\$25.00

Anyone interested in purchasing a yearbook should call me at 952-469-2830 or e-mail at SerendipityDanes@aol.com to confirm availability before sending payment.

JACK GODWIN**NATIONAL SPECIALTY COORDINATOR****2003**

The Southeast Division is hosting the GDCA National Specialty at the Wyndham Resort in Orlando, Florida, October 19 - 24, 2003. Chris O'Connell, Division Chair and Terry Goldman, Show Chairman, are working diligently with their Committees preparing for another Great National. Please go to the GDCA's website at www.gdca.org for all the information you need to reserve rooms, meal packages, RV parking, etc.

The Judges for 2003 are:

SPECIALTY:	Intersex:	Robert Layne	Futurity:	John Gerszewski
	Dogs:	Marilyn Riggins		Nancy Lerch
	Bitches:	Marilyn Draper		

2004

The South Central Division is hosting the 2004 National Specialty at the Green Oaks Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Judges for 2004 are:

SPECIALTY:	Intersex:	Edward Lyons	Futurity:	Pat Haltmeier
	Dogs:	Donald Booxbaum		Lynda Moriarty
	Bitches:	Anita Dunne		

2005

The 2005 National will be hosted by the Western Division. Jackie White, Division Chair, and the Club Representatives have chosen a site, which will be the location of the next Board meeting on August 2nd. Please feel free to join the Board at the Sheraton San Marcos Resort in Chandler, Arizona.

2006

The Board visited the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas, for the April Board meeting and approved it as the site for the 2006 National Specialty. The Midwest always shows us a great time and 2006 will be no exception.



MARY ANNE ZANETOS

GDCA HEALTH SURVEY

**Progress Report: GDCA Health Survey
March 17, 2003**

In mid-December, I sent a short questionnaire to all affiliate club delegates. The purpose was to determine the reasons for the low response rate on the part of many affiliate club members and solicit ideas on how we might address these problems and/or increase participation with a second mailing of surveys. The questions asked were:

1. Who in your club was responsible for distributing the survey?
2. Did you have a special presentation on the survey? Yes No
3. Did your club mail surveys to members who do not attend meetings? Yes No
4. Did the surveys actually reach all members of your club? Why or why not?
5. Did your club do any follow up to encourage members to return their surveys?
If so, please describe: _____
6. Were there concerns about the survey that the GDCA could have addressed better?
7. Do you believe there are members of your club who missed out on the survey who would like to participate now? If so, how many?
Additional comments: _____

Of the 51 clubs, only 16 responded. Of those, 13 identified specific issues they thought reduced participation on the part of their members. These included concerns about confidentiality, complexity of the questions, length of the survey, and relevance to current health problems in Great Danes or their own Great Danes.

Six clubs requested additional surveys, mostly for new members, and these were sent by Texas A&M University. There was some delay due to the need to print more surveys, but all had them by March 20th. These respondents were given until April 25th to complete and return them.

Data analysis will commence on or about May 1 and will include all surveys returned as of that date. Final results will be presented at the 2003 GDCA National Specialty.

DIANE TAYLOR

MEMBERSHIP



Letters or comments concerning the approval or disapproval of applicants should be directed, in writing, to:

Mrs. Diane Taylor, 43 Umpawaug Road, West Redding, CT, 06896

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Linda Springthorpe (2003)

Michael Boa (2003)
Leslie Carney (2003)

Gary Gale (2001)
Bud Keim (2001)

Lynette Pizzino (2002)
Andrew Van Boxel (2002)

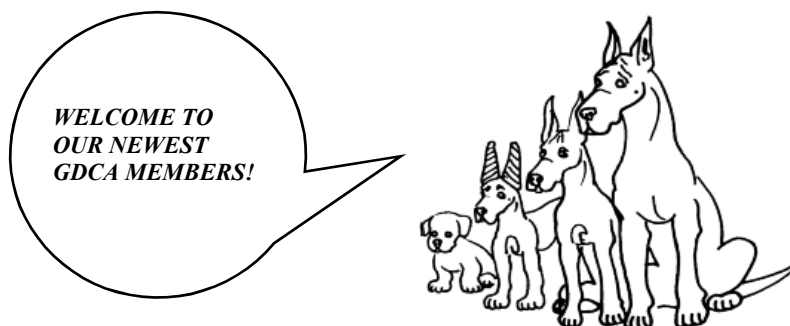
Marjorie Askew (2002)
Tootie Longo (2002)

Sandra Suarez Boutin (2002)
Lyn Richards (2002)

Teresa LaBrie (2001)
Marjorie Askew (2001)

SECOND LISTING

APPLICANT(S)	SPONSORS
Steven Arnold	Richard Fint (2002) & Gisela Wood (2002)
George & Kathy Beliew	Elizabeth Matchett (2002) & Brucie Mitchell (2002)
John D. & Linda Lee London	Cathy Schaefer (2002) & Kathy Varian (2002)
Susan E. Long	Ray Streeter (2001) & Laurel Malvezzi (2002)
Janice S. Senseney	Judith Murdock (2002) & Patricia Schemp (2002)
Judith & Stuart John Thuriby	Eric Bailey (2002) & Freda Lewis (2002)



The following 31 applicants were voted in as new members at the Board meeting on January 17th. We welcome them to the Great Dane Club of America and look forward to meeting them and working with them in the future.

Linda Arndt, 9000 East Susan Lane, Albany IN 47320 ~ 765-789-4519
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 C. E. T. Carey, 5 Gingerbread Road, Malvern PA 19355-2849 ~ 610-578-0404
 Susan & Larry Eltoft, 1504 Indian Meadows Drive, Franklin TN 37064 ~ 615-599-6607
 Kimberly Feldman, 6 East Drive, Ft. Mitchell KY 41017 ~ 859-578-0815
 Larry & Margo Gaither, 7640-B Broadway, Houston TX 77061-1606 ~ 713-645-3375
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 Rosemary Hubrich (Foreign), Post Office Box 452, Kumeu 1250 New Zealand ~ 649-420-8575
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 Judith E. Lascola, 2014 Country Club Hills Drive, North Augusta SC 29860 ~ 803-819-1290
 Theodore J. & Cindy Kelly-Magnus, Post Office Box 82, Alexandria OH 43001 ~ 740-967-3267
 Patricia & Richard McComb, 2653 Hartford Lane, Lancaster TX 75134 ~ 972-227-5330
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 Cindy & Glenn Niske, 2060 Congress Road, Hopkins SC 29061 ~ 803-783-5229
 Louise Peterson, 1925 Tess Trace, Guffey CO 80820 ~ 719-689-0219
 Thomas F. Riley M.D., 63 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo NY 17214 ~ 716-831-9201
 Bill & LuAnn Waggoner, 11944 Gay Glen Road, Maryland Heights MO 63043 ~ 314-739-5011
 Lisa Alane Williams, 7000 Railroad Drive, Appleton NY 14008 ~ 716-778-7426
 Joan C. Wolke, 39184 Daily Road, Fallbrook CA 92028 ~ 760-451-2313

DIANNE POWERS**AFFILIATE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE**

At the April 5, 2003 Board meeting an education grant was approved for the Great Dane Club of Cleveland. This is the first grant request for 2003. Please remember that the Board will allocate funds to affiliate clubs to support education programs or health related projects. I encourage each club to look at their schedule and try to put together programs that qualify for this funding. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me.

The By-laws sub-committee met briefly on the 4th of April and we have been in contact by email. We are currently working on updates and amendments to the GDCA by-laws. I will repeat my request that you contact me with any suggestions your club may have.

Specialty Show Calendar (June -October):

6/7/03 – GDC of California – Claremont, CA – closing date 5/21/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Elizabeth Matchett, Sweeps – Not listed, Jr. Show – Robert S. Matchett

6/8/03 – GDC of California – Claremont, CA – closing date 5/21/03:

Judges: Confirmation, Jr. Show – Leon E. Reimert

6/20/03 – Heart of Ohio GDC – Bellville, OH – closing date 6/4/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Collette Jacobsen

6/21/03 – Heart of Ohio GDC – Bellville, OH – closing date 6/4/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mr. William P. Shelton

6/22/03 – GDC of Cleveland – Bellville, OH – closing date 6/4/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mr. Laurence Morgan-Evans

7/4/03 – GDC of Western New York – Hamlin, NY – closing date 6/18/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Stephen J. Hubbell, Sweeps – Mrs. Ann Barbash, Jr. Show – Steven Barbash

7/9/03 – Heart of Texas GDC – San Antonio, TX – closing date 6/25/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Hazel Gregory

7/11/03 – Alamo GDC – San Antonio, TX – closing date 6/25/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mr. Robert S. Matchett

7/17/03 – GDC of Greater Houston, Inc. – Houston, TX – closing date – 6/27/03:

Judges: Not listed

7/25/03 – GDC of Milwaukee, Inc. – Waukesha, WI – closing date – 7/9/03:

Judges: Confirmatin – Mrs. Linda Ridder, Sweeps – Not listed, Jr. Show – Gary Bassett

8/15/03 – GDC of Western Washington – Enumclaw, WA – closing date 7/30/03:

Judges: Confirmation/Jr. Show – Robert J. Edison, Sweeps – not listed, Obedience – Allen J. Immerman

8/21/03 – Heart of Minnesota GDC – Lake Elmo, MN – closing date 8/6/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Dr. Fred C. Bock, II

8/22/03 – GDC of Cleveland – Chagrin Falls, OH – closing date 8/6/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Sharon (Fulford) Hennessey

8/22/03 – Heart of Minnesota GDC – Lake Elmo, MN – closing date 8/6/03:

Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Lisa DeRoulet, Sweeps – not listed

8/23/03 – GDC of Oxford, Inc. – W. Springfield, MA – closing date 8/6/03:

Judges: Not listed

8/30/03 – GDC of Kentuckiana – Lexington, KY – closing date 8/13/03: Judges: not listed

9/5/03 – GDC of Des Moines, Inc. – Des Moines, IA – closing date 8/20/03: Judges: not listed

9/18/03 – GDC of the Mid South – Atlanta, GA – closing date 9/3/03: Judges: Not listed

9/19/03 – GDC of South Florida, Inc. – West Palm Beach, FL – closing date – 9/3/03:
Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Grace A. Black, Sweeps – Mr. Wayne Custis

9/19/03 – GDC of Greater Dallas, Inc. – Forth Worth, TX – closing date 9/3/03: Judges: Not listed

9/20/03 – GDC of Lehigh Valley – Kimberton, PA – closing date 9/3/03:
Judges: Confirmation – Mrs. Jill Ferrera, Sweeps – Edward E. Loebe

9/21/03 – GDC of Lehigh Valley – pending

9/27/03 – GDC of Michigan – Flint, MI – closing date 9/10/03: Judges: Not listed

10/18/03 – GDC of Mid-Florida – Orlando, FL – closing date 10/1/03:
Judges: Bitches, Edward F. Lyons, Jr, Dogs/Breed – Dale Suzanne Tarbox

According to the By-Laws, Affiliate Clubs are required to keep their current Officer and Membership listings on file with the GDCA. Any time there is a change in your Officers, Directors and/or Members you must immediately notify:

Dianne Powers
Affiliate Delegate Representative
P.O. Box 216
West Tisbury, MA, 02575

AND

Sid Levin
Treasurer
22687 Forest Ridge Drive
Lakeville, MN, 55044



The Affiliates' Corner was originally meant to be used by the Affiliate Clubs to let the rest of the Dane community know what was going on in their little corners of the world. In the beginning, there were some Clubs who responded with articles about their Club, Membership, Specialties, etc. I encourage Clubs to send articles to Cheryl Godwin, Editor, for publication in the quarterly GDCA bulletin.

I encourage you to have your Club Delegates keep me informed of issues of interest or concern that you would like brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. I am your Representative and your voice to the Board. Please don't hesitate to contact me.



**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

The GDCA Board of Directors is pleased to provide this application for a Junior Showmanship Scholarship.

The amount of the award is \$1,000 per year, per student.

The criteria for awarding scholarships include the following:

1. Applicant's need
2. Applicant's academic achievement and potential
3. Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the GDCA or an Affiliate Club
4. Applicant's involvement in the fancy
 - includes those Juniors whose family owns Great Danes but choose to show another breed
 - includes those Juniors who are involved in 4H, rescue, therapy, obedience, etc.

Use additional pages as needed

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: NONE:
EACH APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED
AT THE BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING ITS RECEIPT**

Please Print or Type

1. NAME _____ AGE ____ BIRTH DATE _____

2. ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

3. PHONE _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

4. High School or Institution currently attending _____

5. Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

6. Grade Point Average _____ Please attach copies of transcripts.

7. Have you ever been suspended, on probation, or dismissed from school? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, explain _____

8. List significant academic achievements and/or accomplishments in the sport of dogs: _____

9. List extra curricular contributions: _____

10. Which college(s) or school(s) have you been accepted or submitted applications to? _____

11. On a separate sheet, write a brief essay including a description of your experiences and interests in pure bred dogs, also include what you perceive as your future role in the fancy.

12. List the following for the upcoming academic year:

EXPENSES		INCOME	
Tuition & Fees	_____	Aid from Parents	_____
Books, instructional equipment/material	_____	Aid from relatives	_____
Room & Board	_____	Personal income	_____
Other (specify)	_____	Scholarships or Grants	_____
_____	_____	Loans (describe)	_____
_____	_____	Other (specify)	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	_____	Total:	_____

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship, furthermore, I hereby authorize the Junior Showmanship Committee of the Great Dane Club of America to communicate with the financial aid officer or guidance counselor, if necessary, with regard to my application. If additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Institution of Higher Education.

Signature _____ Date _____

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: NONE:
EACH APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED
AT THE BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING ITS RECEIPT**

Return to: Junior Showmanship Committee:

**Jessie Gerszewski
5818 Hwy KP
Mazomanie, Wi 53560**

MARIE FINT ~ FUTURITY



As of April 5th, Nominations for 2003 are:

Total Bitch nominations: 173

2nd puppy nominations: 321 (164 Dogs & 157 Bitches)

Lapsed nominations: 17

Please contact me for information or nomination forms:

*442 Country View Lane, Garland, TX, 75043
972-279-1016 or TXGdane@aol.com*



CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM



Please copy and use this form as needed to keep the GDCA's records current.



If we do not have your correct mailing address on file you could miss out on important mailings such as Ballots for Judges' Selection and other important ballot issues as well as your quarterly bulletin. Complete the form and forward it to:



Lisa Foltz 12631 West Martingale Lane, Homer Glen, IL, 60441



Name(s):



Name(s):



Address:



Address:



Address:



Address:



Phone:



Fax:



Fax:



Email:



Email:





LOURDES CARVAJAL

BY LAWS COMMITTEE

The By Laws Committee has been constituted and the members are:
Sid Levin, Dianne Powers and Pookie Kostuk.

We have been working on the revision of the existing by laws with the intent to bring them up to date and actualize its structure.

I am encouraging Members and Affiliate Clubs to contact me with suggestions in those areas that you might feel need attention. This will be a lengthy process because of all the procedural matters to follow before amendments to the existing by laws can be approved.

Please, contact me as soon as possible.

Lourdes Carvajal ~ roch4d@earthlink.net



CHRIS O'CONNELL

AKC DELEGATE

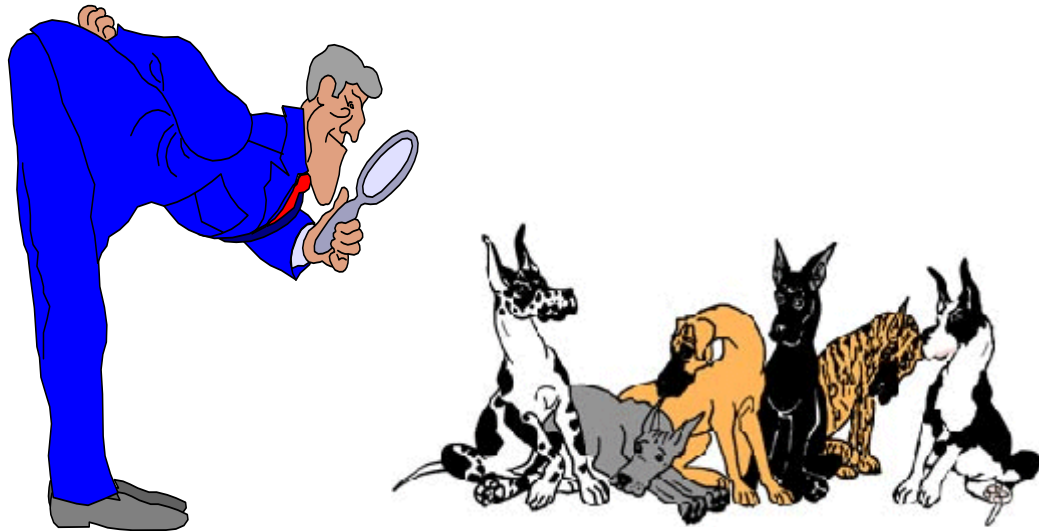
The last Delegates' meeting was held on March 11, 2003:

◆Election Results, Class of 2007:

- Mrs. Patti Strand 239 votes
- Dr. Carmen Battaglia 225 votes
- Dr. Patricia Naines 203 votes
- Robert L. Kelly 194 votes

◆The Greater Hickory Kennel Club of Tennessee was voted in to AKC Membership

◆Effective January 1, 2004, the AKC will collect a \$1.50 AKC Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog in all AKC licensed and member dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, field trials and hunting tests. The current \$.50 recording fee will continue to be collected.



LYNN BROWN QUICK

JUDGES' SELECTION

You received the list of eligible Judges in the first quarter bulletin and a follow-up postcard from the Judges' Committee. On the following pages you will find the ballot to nominate Judges for the 2005 National Specialty and Futurity. Please return your ballot by June 13, 2003.

The GDCA Board of Directors recommends the following guidelines be kept in mind when selecting Judges for the National Specialty:

"The ideal Judge to judge the GDCA National Specialty is licensed to judge Great Danes, would have completed provisional assignments in Great Danes, should have judged at least one Great Dane Specialty and has demonstrated a long time interest in the breed."



Those Judges selected MUST agree not to judge Great Danes for at least six months prior to the National Specialty with the exception of those judging Obedience, Agility and Junior Showmanship, who must adhere to the AKC policy on timing and distance.

Eligibility requirements for Futurity Judges:

1. Must be a member of the GDCA or an Affiliate Club.
2. Must have been in the breed for at least eight years.
3. Must be the breeder of record of at least three litters of Great Danes.
4. Must be the breeder or owner of record of at least two Great Dane Champions.
5. AKC Judges are eligible to judge the Futurity
6. Must agree not to judge Great Danes for at least six months prior to the National Specialty.

!!!AS A MEMBER OF THE GDCA, EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!!!

Submit 4 names from the list of Great Dane Judges and submit 2 names of your choice for consideration to judge the Futurity. Names you submit must meet the eligibility requirements. Please return your nominations (mail or fax) to the accountant **to be received no later than JUNE 13, 2003**. Households with more than one voting member have the right to cast one ballot for each voting member. Each ballot must be signed by the voting member and will be checked against a master list by the accountant. Each Affiliate Club's ballot must be signed by the recording secretary. Please photocopy this ballot as needed for the number of voting members in your household.

JUDGES' NOMINATION BALLOT FOR THE 2005 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Individual members print name here: _____

Affiliate Clubs print name here: _____

Conformation judges (choose 4 different names from the list of Great Dane judges):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Futurity judges (nominate 2 different people):

1. _____
2. _____

Signature of Member or Affiliate Club Corresponding Secretary:

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 Tucson, AZ, 85711-2127

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REMEMBER ~ YOUR VOTE MATTERS!!

IF YOU DON'T EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE, YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE RESULTS...SO MAKE SURE YOUR NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY THE ACCOUNTANT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 13, 2003, BY MAIL OR FAX.



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GDCA RESCUE

This year because of the economy and war rescues all over the country are getting more Great Danes turned in than ever before. Any help or support you can give your local rescues would be appreciated.

Please take a look at our list of rescues on the GDCA web site and if your area rescue is not on the list please have them contact me.

At its April meeting, the GDCA Board of Directors approved 16 Rescue Grants, totaling \$7,500.00, which will help pay for medical bills on 68 Great Danes in need. Your generous donations to the GDCA Charitable Trust will help us to aid in their health and placement.

Following is a list of those Rescue groups awarded grants for the second quarter 2003:

\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane rescue League, Inc (West Virginia)
\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue, Inc. (Virginia)
\$500.00:	Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue, Inc.(Virginia, 2 nd grant)
\$500.00:	Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, Inc. (Pennsylvania)
\$500.00:	Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, Inc. (Pennsylvania, 2 nd grant)
\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue league, Inc. (North Carolina)
\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue league, Inc.(North Carolina, 2 nd grant)
\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue league, Inc. (New Jersey)
\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue league, Inc. (New Jersey, 2nd grant)
\$500.00:	Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue league, Inc. (Maryland)
\$500.00:	Mod-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue league, Inc. (Maryland, 2 nd grant)
\$500.00:	Great Dane Rescue, Inc (Alabama)
\$500.00:	Great Dane Club of San Diego
\$500.00:	San Gabriel Valley Great Dane Rescue
\$500.00:	The Great Dane Foundation (Texas)
\$500.00:	The Great Dane Foundation (Texas, 2 nd grant)

RITA SUDDARTH ~ TOP 20**Top 20 - 2003**

Final Standings for the 2002 Show Year
for
Events from 1 January – 31 December 2002

RANK	NAME	SEX	WINS	TOTAL
			BOB/V	DEFEATED
1	CH Keystone's To Protect And Serve	D	100	3,069
2	CH Jerdans Princess Ty	B	49	1,493
3	CH Raintree-Erinwoods Dixie Legend	D	57	1,430
4	CH Tally Ho Wil-Tor's Nefretiti	B	52	1,331
5	CH Dreamspinner's Antiquity	B	19	1,278
6	CH Don-Lu's Forget Me Not	B	55	1,240
7	CH Bellemarc's The Painter Of Light	D	39	1,086
8	CH Goldstrike's Lady In Red CD	B	26	981
9	CH D.S.S. Kings Ransom JP Berlinetta	B	29	853
10	CH CPC's California Dreamin'	D	19	801
11	CH Lobato's Anything Goes	B	38	795
12	CH Dynkn Dind Fivestarattraction	D	49	765
13	CH Calypso's Disco By The Bay	D	30	605
14	CH Avanti's All For One Elan	D	16	555
15	CH Tesigor's Benevolent Beau	D	9	434
16	CH Maitau's For Your Eyes Only	B	23	376
17	CH Winstar-Surfside Heaven Sake	B	7	358
18	CH K-D Dane Evrybdy Luvs Raymond	D	24	318
19	CH Fallcreek's Canyon Crest	D	20	311
20	CH Harlwood Dressed For Success	D	22	310

Understanding Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Great Danes

When a Great Dane is diagnosed with dilated Cardiomyopathy, the implication of subsequent abnormalities, such as congestive heart failure, also becomes a concern. Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) is prevalent among giant breed dogs, such as Great Danes. In fact, the breed may be second only to Doberman Pinschers in its vulnerability to this condition.¹ While experts agree that the disease is hereditary in some breeds, until recently there's been a question whether that's also the case with Great Danes.

A preliminary answer to that question comes from research led by Kathryn Meurs, D.V.M., Ph.D., associate professor of cardiovascular medicine at The Ohio State University. She and her colleagues have analyzed the pedigrees of 43 Great Danes with DCM and determined that — as with other breeds — the condition is genetically based.

Knowledge of whether DCM in Great Danes is truly hereditary — and if so, what the culprit gene is and how it's transmitted — will go a long way toward helping veterinarians diagnose the disease early enough for treatment to have the best chance for success. Such screenings also will help breeders eliminate affected lines — and with them, the disease — from their breeding programs.

The Heart of the Matter

To understand DCM, it is important to understand how the heart works. The heart is like a house with four rooms, or chambers. In the upper half of the heart are two chambers: the right and left atriums. The lower portion contains the right and left ventricles. These four chambers work together to pump blood through the body. Blood enters the heart at the right atrium, where it is stored briefly before being pumped down into the right ventricle, which in turn pumps blood into the lungs. In the lungs, the blood receives oxygen before flowing back to the heart, this time to the left atrium. The blood stays in the left atrium for a few seconds before being pumped down into the left ventricle. From there, the blood is pumped throughout the rest of the body.

Valves regulate the flow of blood to help the heart work efficiently. These valves, located between the atrium and ventricle on each side of the heart, serve as doors between the two areas. When either atrium fills with blood, the valve between the atrium and the ventricle closes to prevent blood from entering the ventricle prematurely. When the valve opens, the blood passes down to the ventricle; once the blood reaches the ventricle, the valve closes again to prevent the blood from flowing back into the atrium. This movement of blood through the body requires muscle power from the heart, particularly from the left side. In fact, the heart is made of a special type of smooth muscle called myocardium. Thus, the term Dilated Cardiomyopathy literally means “enlarged heart muscle disease.”²

DCM Symptoms

A Great Dane's DCM begins long before the dog shows symptoms. The disease starts when individual heart cells waste away and are replaced by scar tissue. As the condition progresses, the accumulated scar tissue causes the heart to lose its capacity to pump blood throughout the body. As the heart's pumping capacity deteriorates, a Great Dane begins to exhibit classic symptoms of congestive heart failure: coughing, exercise intolerance and weight loss.³

These symptoms occur because the scar tissue in the heart reduces the organ's pumping efficiency. Consequently, the volume of blood and pressure within the heart increases. This increased blood and pressure, combined with the heart's effort to compensate for lost pumping vigor, causes the organ to enlarge; however, the enlargement doesn't fully offset the heart's deteriorating efficiency. Eventually the accumulated blood backs up into the lungs, causing coughing and labored breathing characteristic of heart failure. Without treatment, a dog eventually dies.

Great Danes with DCM also may develop a dangerous complication: a disruption in their heartbeat, called an arrhythmia. These disruptions occur when the scar tissue that replaces the atrophied myocardium disrupts the electrical impulse traveling from the brain to the heart to start each heartbeat. These interruptions generally are expressed as premature ventricular contractions (PVC) or atrial fibrillation (AF). With a PVC, the ventricle beats earlier than it should; with an AF, a storm of electrical energy causes the upper chambers of the heart to quiver or vibrate. Either way, aggressive arrhythmias can be fatal unless the heart's normal rhythm is resumed quickly.

Right now, there is no cure for DCM. Once symptoms become apparent, treatment focuses on controlling symptoms. Veterinarians dealing with this condition try to achieve two goals: control the signs of heart failure and improve the heart's function. For the latter goal, medications such as Lanoxin® can improve the heart's contracting ability, and vasodilators such as Vasotec® and Enacard® can reduce stress on the heart. To deal with heart failure, veterinarians rely on diuretics such as Lasix®, which help to control the amount of fluid that accumulates in the lungs.

The prognosis for dogs with DCM is generally poor, although Great Danes that receive treatment are known to survive longer than other breeds with the disease, particularly Dobermans. Still, the key to helping a Great Dane with DCM is to diagnose the disease before symptoms of heart failure develop or before arrhythmia causes sudden death.

Dealing with DCM

The first step toward dealing proactively with DCM in Great Danes is to have the heart checked annually by a veterinarian. That checkup should include an electrocardiogram (ECG).¹ The ECG makes an electronic recording of the heart's action and may detect the presence of arrhythmias. If the ECG indicates the presence of abnormalities, the next step is an echocardiogram. This ultrasound examination of the heart can confirm a possible DCM diagnosis.¹

Future prospects for early DCM screening could improve significantly now that scientists are beginning to understand how the disease is transmitted in Great Danes. A grant from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation is supporting the research of Meurs and her team at The Ohio State University.

Most significantly, Meurs and her group have been able to make a preliminary determination that DCM in Great Danes probably is an X-linked recessive trait.¹ This determination not only makes possible specific breeding recommendations, it also provides valuable clues in identifying the specific gene or genes that cause DCM in the Great Dane.

In an article published in the March 2001 issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, Meurs explains that an X-linked recessive trait is one that: a sire cannot transmit to male offspring; results in a higher proportion of affected males than affected females; and results in affected females having an affected sire and an affected or carrier dam. Consequently, Meurs recommends that Great Danes with DCM not be used for breeding and that female offspring of affected dogs be used with caution. She also notes that the male offspring of affected females have a relatively higher risk of developing DCM and that such offspring should be evaluated regularly for early signs of the condition.¹

The preliminary determination that DCM is an X-linked recessive trait in Great Danes also offers a possible clue in the hunt for the gene that carries the trait. Meurs notes that in human beings, changes in the dystrophin gene have been implicated in the development of X-linked DCM.¹ Meanwhile, Meurs and her team are continuing their effort to understand DCM in Great Danes. She is evaluating additional dogs — her evaluation pool now includes 26 Danes — and she is collecting DNA samples from each. In addition, she is performing the first molecular evaluation of the Great Dane's dystrophin gene to determine whether this gene indeed carries the DCM trait from one generation to the next. All these developments may mean that soon Great Dane breeders and owners may be able to eliminate DCM from their bloodlines. By finding the culprit gene, scientists will be able to develop DNA testing for dilated cardiomyopathy that will enable early screening for this disease and new hope for breeders and owners of Great Danes.

¹ Meurs K, et al. Clinical features of dilated cardiomyopathy in Great Danes and results of a pedigree analysis: 17 cases (1990-2000). *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. 2001; 218:5, p. 729-732.

² Siemens L. Dilated Cardiomyopathy in the Doberman Pinscher. *Doberman Quarterly*. Winter 1998.

³ Dilated Cardiomyopathy: What Can Be Done Now? Doberman Pinscher Foundation of America. <http://www.dpfa.org/dcm.html>.

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Boxed Sidebar

Symptoms of Dilated Cardiomyopathy :

- Interruption of heart rhythm (arrhythmia) shown on electrocardiogram
- Exercise intolerance
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Cough
- Distended abdomen