

# The Great Dane Club of America, Inc.

## 3rd Quarter 2003



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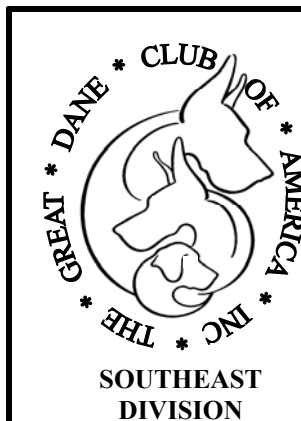
**EXTRA! EXTRA!**  
**READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

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

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ATTENTION MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE CLUBS

Be on the lookout for your final ballots to vote for  
Judges for the 2005 National Specialty...

...you should be receiving them shortly, if you have not already done so!



Plan to attend the 2003  
Great Dane Club of America  
National Specialty and Futurity

October 19-24, 2003

The Wyndham Orlando Resort  
Orlando, Florida

The deadline for rooms, meals, trophies, etc.,  
was September 1st, so hopefully, you sent yours  
in on time! If not and you need assistance,  
check out the GDCA Website at [www.gdca.org](http://www.gdca.org)

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

...to Allison Kay Bauch  
and Shawn Carmody...

They were each awarded a \$1000  
Junior Showmanship Scholarship!

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**MELISSA DRYER**

Melissa was the winner of the  
Southeast Division's Room Raffle!  
Melissa won 6 nights in an Executive  
Suite at the Wyndham...  
a meal package...  
a National Specialty sweatshirt...  
catalogs for all events...  
and \$100 worth of raffle room tickets...

**WAY TO GO, MELISSA!**

# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

## CHERYL GODWIN ☀ EDITOR

1424 Jethrow Way, El Cajon, CA, 92019

Phone: 619-588-5293 Fax: 619-588-7207 Email: [godwin2@cox.net](mailto:godwin2@cox.net)

Dear Members;

Well, folks, it's time for another National...I can't believe how the time flies!

I hope everyone got their reservations in on time...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.

I look forward to seeing you all there!



<p>According to the By-Laws of the Great Dane Club of America, Article V, Section 4, A-G, the Nominated Slate for the GDCA Board of Directors for 2004 shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting, as there was no opposing slate. Your new Board of Directors, effective Wednesday, October 22, 2003, is as follows:</p>			
	<b>Officers:</b>		<b>Directors:</b>
President:	Jane Chopson	2006:	Marilyn Draper
1st Vice President:	Linda Ridder		Lucinda Harwin
2nd Vice President:	Lourdes Carvajal		Kathy Varian
Secretary:	Lynda Moriarty	2005:	Lisa DeRoulet
Treasurer:	Sid Levin		Paul Hardiman
Affiliate Club Rep:	Dianne Powers		Nancy Lerch
AKC Representative:	Chris O'Connell	2004:	Marie Fint
			Cheryl Godwin
			Pookie Kostuk

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Saturday, October 18, 2003, In conjunction with the National Specialty at:

The Wyndham Orlando Resort, International Drive, Orlando, Florida

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](mailto:REdison@desertmuseum.org)

Dear Friends,

As I approach the last few weeks of my presidency, I want to thank you the membership for all of the support and assistance you have given me personally over the past two years. It is in great part because of your love and devotion to our breed that your Board and I have been able to achieve the many accomplishments we have over this time.

I will always be very proud to have served as the GDCA president (although some nights I may have said differently), and will look forward to the years ahead under the very competent leadership of Jane Chopson. I also want to thank each and every member of the Board of Directors, and Chairs of our various committees for their hard work and dedication. It's often not fully understood how much time and personal sacrifice is offered by the many talented people who volunteer their time and resources on behalf of the Great Dane Club of America. We truly are a "breed apart".

I look forward to seeing you at the National Specialty in Orlando, at which time we can experience the wonderful hospitality of the Southeast Division.

All the best,

*Bob*

P.S. Please make sure to watch for your final judges ballot mailed under separate cover.....and VOTE!

**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
Awards:	Jeannette Daley	425-486-4497
	Lisa deRoulet	425-742-7369
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' Education	Judy Harrington	413-267-5236
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...



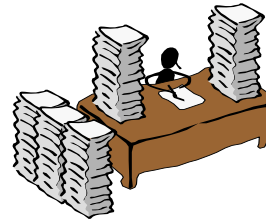
Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions or concerns you may have regarding Club business, the duties of a particular Committee and its members, what role they play in the betterment of our Great Danes, or to volunteer to serve.

## CLUB BUSINESS

<b>The Great Dane Club of America, Inc. ~ Officers and Directors</b>	
President:	Bob Edison, 4561 North Bauxite Way, Tucson, AZ, 85750 ~ 520-749-8734
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Jane Chopson, 166 Canyon Lake Drive, Port Costa, CA, 94569 ~ 510-787-3259
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Linda Ridder, 2933 Archer Lane, Springfield, OH, 45503 ~ 937-342-1535
Corresponding Secretary:	Lynda Moriarty, P.O. Box 410, Wayne, IL, 60184 ~ 630-587-5633
Treasurer:	Sid Levin, 22687 Forest Ridge Drive, Lakeville, MN, 55044 ~ 952-469-2830
AKC Delegate:	Chris O'Connell, 8 School Lane, Lloyd Harbor, NY, 11743 ~ 516-673-8278
Affiliate Club Rep:	Dianne Powers, P.O. Box 216, West Tisbury, MA, 02575 ~ 508-693-1402
Directors:	Lourdes Carvajal, 6800 E. Pony Creek Road, Freeman. MO, 64746 ~ 816-250-2574
	Lisa DeRoulet, P.O. Box 12868, Mill Creek, WA, 98082 ~ 425-742-7369
	Marie Fint, 442 Country View Lane, Garland, TX, 75043 ~ 972-279-1016
	Lisa Foltz, 12631 West Martingale Lane, Homer Glen, IL, 60441 ~ 708-645-1216
	Cheryl Godwin, 1424 Jethrow Way, El Cajon, CA, 92019 ~ 619-588-5293
	Paul Hardiman, 17990 Pesante Road, Salinas, CA, 93907 ~ 831-663-0453
	Lucinda Harwin, 15423 Francis Oaks Way, Los Gatos, CA, 95032 ~ 408-356-7087
	Nancy Lerch, 107 Patricia Road, Georgetown, TX, 78627 ~ 512-259-9607
	Mary Anne Zanetos, 4888 Arthur Place, Columbus, OH, 43220 ~ 614-451-2297

### RECORDING SECRETARY

#### MARILYN DRAPER



The last meeting of the Great Dane Club of America Officers and Board of Directors was held on August 2, 2003, in Chandler, Arizona. Board members present were Jane Chopson, Paul Hardiman, Lourdes Carvajal, Nancy Lerch, Sid Levin, Lynda Moriarty, MaryAnne Zanetos, Lisa Foltz, Dianne Powers, Lucinda Harwin, and Marilyn Draper, Corresponding Secretary. Guests present were Jack Godwin, National Specialty Coordinator, Diane Taylor, Membership Chairman, Pookie Kostuk, Rescue Chairman, John Jarvise, Susan Davis Shaw, Pam Koeper, Valerie Metcalf., Leslie Carney and Estella Levy.

Board members and Committee Chairs submitting reports for the Board Meetings should send a copy to the Recording Secretary at 351 Bay Avenue "Bayscape", Millford, DE, 19963 or [mpdellago@aol.com](mailto:mpdellago@aol.com), at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting date.

The following motions were approved and were unanimous unless otherwise noted:

MOTION: To approve the minutes with a correction:" Jane Chopson suggested discussion for the August meeting of how the GDCA could include people who are not a GDCA club member. She would like to include some kind of affiliation with the GDCA or an affiliate club."

Moved: Lisa Foltz

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Hardiman

MOTION: to approve a the absence of Marie Fint.

Moved: Lisa Foltz

2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

MOTION: To approve the absence of Chris O'Connell.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty

2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

MOTION: To approve the absence of Lisa DeRoulet.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal

2<sup>nd</sup> : MaryAnne Zanetos

MOTION: To approve the absence of Cheryl Godwin.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Lerch

MOTION: To approve the absence of Linda Ridder.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Foltz

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

MOTION: To commend Lisa Foltz for her fine maintenance of the mailing list of the GDCA.

Moved: Linda Moriarty 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Chopson

MOTION: To approve support of the Eukanuba Specialty including an ad and a budget of \$500.00 for the booth and handouts for the event.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

MOTION: To approve \$90.00 for the annual CERF results and the one-time American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists Report.

Moved: Jane Chopson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nancy Lerch

MOTION: To approve the following applicants for membership: Steven Arnold, George and Kathy Beliew, John D. London, Jr. and Linda Lee London, Susan E. Long, Janice S. Senseney, Judith and Stuart John Thurley (foreign).

Recommended: Diane Taylor

MOTION: To recommend to the GDCA Charitable Trust grants for the following 10 organizations:

1. Great Dane Rescue, Inc. AL-\$500.00
2. Great Dane Rescue, Inc.-MI-\$500.00
3. Great Dane Rescue of Ohio, Inc.-\$500.00
4. Great Dane rescue, Inc IN-\$500.00
5. Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League W. VA-\$500.00
6. Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League NY-\$500.00
7. Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League NY-\$500.00
8. Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League DE-\$500.00
9. Dane 911, Illini Great Dane Club IL-\$500.00
10. Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City Rescue MO-\$500.00

Moved: Paul Hardiman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

MOTION: To reduce the room guarantee for the Hotel in Orlando by 10%.

Moved: Lisa Foltz 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

MOTION: To pay the expenses of the Top 20 Judges from the night before their assignment through the awards dinner.

Moved: Nancy Lerch 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Hardiman

MOTION: Not later than September 2, 2003, the South Central Division shall provide to the GDCA Board, a Division Chair, Show Chair, Budget, National and Show Plans.

Moved: Sid Levin 2<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Harwin 2 abstentions

MOTION: To approve the site in Chandler, AZ., for the 2005 National Specialty, hosted by the Western Division.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sid Levin

MOTION: To approve an Education Grant for the Great Dane Club of Arizona of \$500.00 for an addition to their library.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Foltz

MOTION: To approve a \$1,000.00 Education Grant to The Monterey Great Dane Club for a seminar by Dr Hutchinson on reproduction.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

MOTION: To recommend the approval to the GDCA TRUST for a \$1,000.00 Scholarship each for Shawn Carmody and Allison Kay Bauch.

Moved: Jane Chopson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

MOTION: To remove from the Rules and Regulations "No more than one Judge shall have legal residence within the Host Division, excluding Junior Showmanship and Obedience, and Agility.

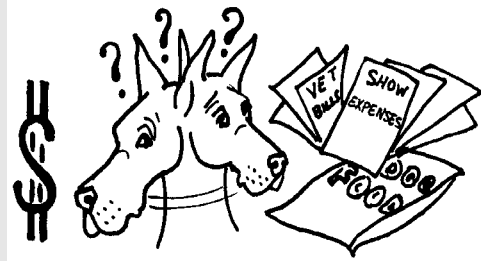
Moved: Jane Chopson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

MOTION: To reimburse the Top Twenty Statistician for any charges incurred in obtaining AKC records.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lynda Moriarty

**TREASURER**

**SID LEVIN**



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

General	\$61,282.33
Futurity #1	1,239.47
Futurity #2	24,309.82
Yearbook	5,429.08
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	<u>36,684.56</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$128,945.26</b>

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.

1996 - 2001 Yearbooks are still available. A limited number will be available at the National. If you would like to reserve any of these and pick them up at the National, please contact me. Also, if you have not notified me yet about reserving your 2002 Yearbooks and would like me to reserve one for you, please give me a call or an email.

2004 Membership dues can be paid at the GDCA Treasurer at the GDCA table at the 2003 National.

Any Affiliate Clubs holding local specialties early in the year should pay their dues prior to the date of that Specialty. Dues invoices will be going out on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Do not hesitate to contact me regarding any of the above information.

1-952-469-2830 ~ [SerendipityDanes@aol.com](mailto:SerendipityDanes@aol.com)

**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](http://www.gdca.org) for all the information regarding this year's National Specialty and Futurity.

The Judges for 2003 are:

SPECIALTY:	Intersex:	Robert Layne	Futurity:	John Gerszewski
	Dogs:	Marilyn Riggins		Nancy Lerch
	Bitches:	Marilyn Draper		
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:		Marilyn Riggins		
OBEDIENCE:		Richard O'Mara		
AGILITY:		Roger Eirman		

**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 the Sheraton San Marcos Resort in Chandler, Arizona. The Board of Directors held its August meeting there and approved the site for 2005.

**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**

Dr. Margaret Slater and her staff at Texas A&M University are currently compiling the final results of the GDCA Health Survey. The data will be ready for my review in mid-August and a final report will be ready for presentation at the GDCA National in October, 2003.

The final tabulations will include a total of 519 households representing 1566 Great Danes. This includes data reported as of October, 2002, plus additional surveys received during the period between October, 2002 and mid-June 2003.

I expect to receive most of the data in the form of tables, along with a rough draft of the text. JP Yousha has generously offered to assist in reviewing the data. Our initial review will focus on aspects critical to setting up the CHIC program, namely: (1) current health screening attitudes and practices, (2) incidence of specific diseases amenable to screening; (3) perceived breed-specific problems not amenable to screening; and (4) proposed components of the CHIC program. We will also review and organize data on additional topics of special interest such as feeding and nutrition, vaccination practices and problems, developmental bone diseases (HOD, OCD, etc.), dilated cardiomyopathy, bloat, cancer, eye problems, fertility issues and other topics suggested by the Board or Dr. Slater. These can be formatted into topical sub-reports which can be used separately or placed on the GDCA website under appropriate topics. Dane World magazine had offered to publish the results of the survey. These will be presented in several installments, with an in-depth look at specific topics in each of 4-6 issues in 2003-2004.

Dr. Slater has agreed to present the results of the survey at the 2003 GDCA National and has made tentative plans to speak at the General Meeting on October 22.

### **JUDGES' EDUCATION ~ JUDY HARRINGTON**

I am putting together information for revamping of the judges educational program and I would like to request that previous Best of Breed winners from National specialties submit color photos or good reproductions of photos for a portion of this program. The material will not be returned and will be considered a contribution to the educational information available to judges at our National and future Institutes.

The photos should be mailed to:      Judy Harrington  
20 Pinnacle Rd., Rte. 1  
Monson, MA 01057  
413-267-5236

**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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**APPLICANT(S)**

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415-389-8377

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THOMAS & TERRY LILLEBERG  
1449 Eliz-Scales Md Road  
Elizabeth IL 61208  
815-858-3811

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DEBRA RAHL  
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Baltimore MD 21223  
410-945-1497

MAUREEN RENDALL  
21926 Placeritos Boulevard  
Newhall CA 91321  
661-254-3473

**SPONSORS**

Diane Collings (2003)  
Lucretia Marcus (2003)

Wayne Custis (2003)  
Jackie Dilworth (2003)

Lisa Foltz (2003)  
Jessie Gerszewski (2003)

Lisa de Roulet (2003)  
Maureen Felker (2003)

Claire Hazlett (2003)  
Sherron Higham-Trejo (2003)

Jeanne Deeming (2003)  
Richard Kostuk (2003)

Sharon Rendall (2003)  
Kathy Varian (2003)

**FIRST LISTING****APPLICANT(S)**

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Santee CA 92071-3902  
619-448-5907

BETH VICKREY  
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Huntington Beach CA 92649  
714-846-72323

THERESA LYNN WILLIAMS  
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Pearland TX 77584  
281-489-9187

**SPONSORS**

Cheryl Godwin (2003)  
Catherine Schaefer (2003)

Joy De Gruccio (2003)  
Beverly Dermody-Hilderley (2003)

Nancy Lerch (2003)  
Clay Stevenson (2003)

**SECOND LISTING****APPLICANT(S)**

Gail Fahmie  
Cornelia Grablicher, M.A.  
Paula Hoffa  
Jan Miner  
Boman Minna (FOREIGN)  
Becky McBride Moser  
Mrs. Vuokko Tienhaara (FOREIGN)

**SPONSORS**

Susan Kinney (2003) , 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)



The following 9 applicants were voted in as new members at the Board meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We welcome them to the Great Dane Club of America and look forward to meeting them and working with them in the future.

Steven Arnold , 4920 Saint Lawrence, Ft. Worth TX 76103 ~ 214-505-4075  
George & Kathy Beliew, 8979 San Timoteo Canyon Road, Redlands CA 92373 ~ 909-792-2122  
John D. & Linda Lee London, 2501 East Newgrove Street, Lancaster CA 93535 ~ 661-946-4434  
Susan E. Long, 567 Crystal Lake Road, Tolland CT 06084 ~ 860-875-0537  
Janice S. Senseney, 7425 West Helena Avenue, Las Vegas NV 89129 ~ 702-645-6757  
Judith & Stuart John Thuriby, Whittington Hill Farm, Darnford Lane, Whittington Staffs W S 14 7JQ  
England

**DIANNE POWERS****AFFILIATE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE**

I am pleased to announce the GDCA Board approved Education Grants for Monterey Bay Great Dane Club (Dr. Hutchinson Program) and the Great Dane Club of Arizona (additions to their lending library). Just as a refresher, I am including the Education/Health Grant guidelines in hopes that your club will take the GDCA up on its generous offer of funding.

On January 27, 2001 the GDCA Board unanimously passed the following motion:

***“That the Board allocate funds to affiliate clubs to support education programs or health related projects. To apply, there should be a proposal including a description of the project and a proposed budget. Projects that include matching funds are particularly encouraged. Requests for GDCA funds shall not exceed \$1,000.00 per club. Proposals should be submitted to the GDCA Affiliate Club Representative in writing.”***

The guidelines are very simple:

1. Submit your proposal on your Affiliate Club letterhead.
2. Include a brief explanation of your project and include a budget.
3. Make sure that your proposal is signed by your affiliate club representative, the club president and the club secretary.
4. Forward it to me (Dianne Powers, P.O. Box 216, West Tisbury, MA 02575) for review. I might contact you for clarification, as I will be presenting the proposal for Board approval and want to make certain that I am clear on your proposal.
5. I will notify you of Board action on your proposal immediately following the Board meeting.

The Delegates' meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 from 4 – 6PM at a location to be announced. Please bring your thoughts, ideas and concerns to that meeting.

See you in Orlando!

## Upcoming Specialty Shows:

**9/5/03** – GDC of Des Moines, Inc. – Des Moines, IA – closing date 8/20/03:

Judges: Conformation—Mrs. M. P. Everton, Sweeps— John Stusek.

**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: Conformation – Mr. R.S. Orseno, Sweeps – Ms. Cindi Bossart

**9/19/03** – GDC of Greater Dallas, Inc. – Forth Worth, TX – closing date 9/3/03:

Judges: Conformation: Arlene Davis, Sweeps: J. P. Yousha.

**9/20/03** – GDC of Lehigh Valley – Kimberton, PA – closing date 9/3/03:

Judges: Conformation – Mrs. Jill Ferrera, Sweeps – Edward E. Loebe.

**9/27/03** – GDC of Michigan – Flint, MI – closing date 9/10/03:

Judges: Conformation: M. J. Cohen, Sweeps: Vicki Marchant.

**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

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EACH APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED  
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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return to: Junior Showmanship Committee:**

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

### MARIE FINT ~ FUTURITY



As of June 15th, Nominations for 2003 are:

Total Bitch nominations: 231

2<sup>nd</sup> puppy nominations: 428 (212 Dogs & 214 Bitches)

Lapsed nominations: 17

The final entry forms have been mailed. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*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):

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Name(s):

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## LOURDES CARVAJAL

### BY LAWS COMMITTEE

The Constitution and By Laws committee presented to the Board, at their August 2, 2003 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, a draft of the revised By Laws which had already been approved by AKC. AKC had very minor suggestions.

The Board has already started revising the draft and will continue to do so. The next discussion about this matter will be during the next Board meeting, October 18, 2003 in Orlando, Florida.

Lourdes Carvajal ~ roch4d@earthlink.net



## CHRIS O'CONNELL

### AKC DELEGATE

The last Delegates' meeting was held on June 10, 2003:

◆President's Report: Al Cheaure:

AKC Registratin Service - There have been some problems converting from Mainframe to the new computer system. Half of all litter applications have been completed in the new system, the remaining processed in Mainframe.

◆Financial Report: Jim Stevens:

- Total revenue for 1st quarter - 13.6 million (1.7 million, or 11% below 2002)
- Total expenses for 1st quarter - 1.1 million (8% greater than 2002)
- Bottom Line - a loss of 1.4 million for 1st quarter (2.9 million below 2002)

◆By-Laws: Proposed amendment to Article 18, Section I, to allow the 4th quarter Delegates' meeting to be held in either December or January, in conjunction with the Invitational, was defeated 132 to 70.

◆Other News:

- Patricia Laurans, AKC Parent Club Committee moved for an official change to AKC Dog Show Rules that would award a three point major to Reserve Winners Dog and/or Bitch at one National Specialty, designated by the Parent Club. The major would be awarded if the number of Dogs and/or Bitches in active competition for their sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major.



**POOKIE KOSTUK**  
♥  
**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 August meeting, the GDCA Board of Directors approved 10 Rescue Grants, totaling \$5,000.00, which will help pay for medical bills for 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 third quarter 2003:

Great Dane Rescue, Inc. AL	\$500.00
Great Dane Rescue, Inc. MI	\$500.00
Great Dane Rescue of Ohio, Inc.	\$500.00
Great Dane rescue, Inc IN	\$500.00
Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League W. VA	\$500.00
Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League NY	\$500.00
Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League NY	\$500.00
Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League DE	\$500.00
Dane 911, Illini Great Dane Club IL	\$500.00
Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City Rescue MO	\$500.00

Please visit the Rescue Booth at the National. We will have great raffle prizes and items for sale to benefit Rescue.

**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

## PURINA PRO CLUB

### Risk of Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy in Great Danes

#### Increases with Overfeeding and Supplementation

Hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD), a rare skeletal disorder of rapidly growing large and giant breed puppies, is more likely to affect Great Dane puppies than any other breed, according to the results from a survey conducted in 1998.<sup>1</sup>

“HOD occurs unexpectedly in puppies 4 to 6 months old,” says Herman Hazewinkel, D.V.M., Ph.D., professor of veterinary medicine at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. “The disease is painful and crippling, affecting both front or both back limbs, or all four.”

The condition may begin with uncharacteristic listlessness, fever, or even partial paralysis, usually in the rear. A puppy may be lame, refuse to stand, lose appetite and weight, and its temperature may skyrocket to 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

When a veterinarian examines the X-ray of a puppy suffering from HOD, he or she sees clinical manifestations exclusive to the disease, Hazewinkel says. “A small, irregular black line appears just above and parallel to the growth plate, but separated from it by a dense band at a distance of 2 to 3 millimeters. The black line represents a fracture or a break in the bone. The dog is more or less suffering from a broken leg, but not just one leg — all legs. The fever probably is from the pain.”

Dogs with HOD have severe swelling near the growth plates, which are warm to the touch. Growth plates, which are located between the tabular part and bony ends of long bones, are responsible for the growth of bones and are softer than other areas of bone. It is the bony ends that swell, not the joints as is often thought. Since the longitudinal growth of bones continues for eight to 12 months, an injury during this time can be devastating. The growth plate is the weak link in the architecture of the bone. Young bone is fragile as it undergoes continuous modeling, being built and resorbed or removed by bone-eating cells called osteoclasts. Researchers speculate that in HOD the osteoclasts are overactive, removing too much bone. Several theories have been studied to explain the process.

#### Seeking Causes of HOD

Hazewinkel, a diplomat of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons and the European College for Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition, has conducted nutritional studies in Great Danes for many years. His research and other dietary studies on rapidly growing puppies suggest high levels of calcium and phosphorus in the diet and free access to food as contributing factors.

A nutritional study on Great Danes in 1974 at Cornell University compared development of dogs that were given free access to food against a control group that was fed normally. Signs of HOD were found in the group with free access to food. Other studies, including one in 1986 at Utrecht University, connected diets high in calcium and phosphorus with development of HOD in young growing Great Danes.

In 1999, a group of scientists at Auburn University also reported a connection between HOD and high calcium and phosphorus intake in Great Danes, even in conjunction with cranio mandibular osteopathy (CMO), a thickening of the jaw bone, in selected cases. “It’s very hard to say if there’s a link between food and HOD, although it can’t all be coincidental,” says Hazewinkel.

## **HOD Treatment**

HOD strikes hard and fast, but usually in three weeks, puppies can walk again spontaneously. However, owners should not allow them to walk, Hazewinkel says. In dogs with severe or chronic HOD, a calcified cuff of new bone may form around the periosteum, the soft tissue layer that covers the bone, adding length and diameter, further hobbling victims.

In mild cases, the bone may remodel to a nearly normal shape. Still, owners should keep dogs quiet and still for the duration, or at least six weeks from the onset, to prevent further damage to the bone. Relapses may occur until the dog is grown.

“There is little an owner can do besides nurse and nurture a puppy with HOD,” Hazewinkel says. “It takes time for a puppy to heal. It is important to provide a clean, soft bed, medicine such as aspirin to suppress fever and, if possible, intravenous fluids to help with hydration. Antibiotics may be indicated. It also is important to provide physical and moral support in the form of tender loving care.”

Dogs that are suffering from canine distemper virus have little recourse but to wait until their body builds up resistance to the virus. Dogs responding quickly to treatment for high fever have a good prognosis; however, they should be kept on fluids. In most cases, the fever eventually goes away.

There are no early warning signals for HOD. Prevention leans heavily on moderation. “Puppies should not be overfed or supplemented,” Hazewinkel says. “Study after study has shown that when you overfeed, you shorten the lifespan. Particularly, do not supplement with calcium and phosphorous or vitamin D.”

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<sup>1</sup> Munjar TA, Austin CC, Breur GJ. Comparison of Risk Factors for HOD, CMO and Canine Distemper Virus Infection. V.C.O.T. 1998; 11:37-43.

### **(Boxed Information)**

#### **Defining Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy (HOD):**

Hypertrophic is a considerable increase in the size of an organ or tissue caused by enlargement of its cellular components. Osteo means bone or bones. Dystrophy means having to do with faulty nutrition.

#### **Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy is Sometimes Called:**

Osteodystrophy I and/or II  
Skeletal Scurvy  
Metaphyseal Osteopathy  
Barlow’s or Moeller-Barlow’s Disease

## **J. P. YOUSHA ~ HEALTH & WELFARE**

I've talked to the head of research at VetGen for vWD (von Willebrand's Disease), and she has agreed to add the Great Dane to the project if we can find some appropriate candidates for testing in the hopes of creating a DNA test in Danes for this disease. VetGen has already developed DNA tests for this disease in several dog breeds. This way individuals can test their dogs and know, through a simple and non-invasive test, if their dog is "clear" (no genes for the disease), a "carrier," (one gene for the disease they can pass on) or "affected (two genes for the disease and in danger of being affected by von Willebrand's Disease--a hereditary bleeding disorder). There is no cost to the GDCA or to the individual owners for this research; VetGen will be paying for the work in anticipation of being able to develop a commercially available DNA test.

Individual Danes defined as affected and carriers only are needed (i.e. entire family units are not necessary at this point in the research). Dogs defined as affected who would ideally suit this project and would be those who have had the vWD blood test (ELISA) with results putting them in the affected range (best with a blood assay score below 20%, but VetGen will also consider dogs in the 20-30% and/or who have had bad bleeding problems). Carrier dogs are generally defined as dogs who score below 70% on the vWD blood assay. For the first phase of the study, VetGen will need whole blood samples ( 3ml whole blood in a purple top tube) as well as DNA samples (they will supply the kits).

Confidentiality is assured: VetGen has a policy that they do not " ever divulge the name of anyone participating, let alone the results, " says their Research Director, Cheryl Hogue. For that reason in fact, they work directly with the owners. To find out more information contact me, or to request swab kits contact:

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Research Coordinator, VetGen  
1-800-483-8436  
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Website: [www.vetgen.com](http://www.vetgen.com)  
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vWD is not a widespread disease in the Great Dane, but it is a devastating disease for those individual dogs who inherit it. And its expression can be completely controlled when there is a DNA test, as carriers can be identified. So I hope those in our breed who have come across this disease can now take advantage of this opportunity to participate in this research. And hopefully we will get the needed samples soon, and, if we are lucky, perhaps the Great Dane will match up with one of the three existing tests for vWD that VetGen has already developed, so as to have a DNA test rapidly available. If that is not the case, then, as long as we have appropriate samples submitted to VetGen, they will then see about developing a new test based on the Great Dane data.

Best Regards,

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## AFFILIATES' CORNER

The Great Dane Club of San Diego invites you to attend their

50th Independent Specialty Show

Friday, November 7, 2003

Horse Park, Del Mar California

Specialty Judge: Ms. Barbara Stogel Parker  
Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Kay Hess

Come and join us for the Sweepstakes and Specialty Show, then for a gala celebration of our 50th!



**From the Editor**

Just a reminder to all the Affiliate Clubs out there...

Please take time each quarter to let us know about your Club, your activities, your Specialty Shows...

Send your Club updates to me and I'll be glad to include them in the bulletin.