

# The Great Dane Club of America, Inc.

## 2nd Quarter 2006



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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 CLUB SECRETARIES  
BY NOW YOU HAVE ALL RECEIVED THE BALLOTS  
TO CAST YOUR FINAL VOTES FOR THE  
2006 NATIONAL SPECIALTY AND FUTURITY JUDGES.  
THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2006...PLEASE VOTE!  
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### GDCA HEALTH SURVEY

The results of the health survey were presented at the GDCA National in Orlando and will be posted on the GDCA Website and published in installations in Dane World. I am available to speak to Dane clubs on the survey. Clubs wishing to do so can contact me directly.

Mary Anne Zanetos  
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The Midwest Division invites you to the

**2006 Great Dane Club of America  
National Specialty Show and Futurity**

**October 14 - 21, 2006  
Topeka, Kansas**

Please check the GDCA Website at  
[www.gdca.org](http://www.gdca.org)  
for all the information you need.

# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

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Dear Members;

There are lot's of things going on...be sure and check your mailboxes for the ballot to elect Judges for the 2008 National Specialty and Futurity. You don't want to miss the September 15th deadline! The list of finalists is on page 20.

Be sure and check the GDCA Website at [www.gdca.org](http://www.gdca.org) for all the information you will need to attend the 2006 National Specialty and Futurity in Topeka, Kansas.

I would like to hear from more Affiliate Clubs with news of what's going on in their little parts of the world. Send me your news so I can share with the membership.

The next board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2006,at:

The Executive Inn  
1 Executive Boulevard  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
270-926-8000

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

Until next quarter;

*Cheryl*



**P.S.**

On page 4 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

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LINDA RIDDER ☀ PRESIDENT

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Dear Members,

I would like to thank you for your generous response to the Harle Gene Project. The Charitable Trust has received many donations and they have all had an impact on our ability to fund this important research.

Our affiliate clubs have also stepped up in strong leadership roles. Many clubs have made donations and are planning fundraising events to benefit the Harle Gene Project. I would like to commend the Illini Great Dane Club who recently made a substantial donation toward the Project. All of your contributions are deeply appreciated as we must all work together to make this a reality.

At the recent Board Meeting, Jay Miller was appointed chairman of the new Fundraising Committee. Jay will be a great asset in organizing our efforts to fund not only the HGP – but also possible upcoming projects such as Cardiomyopathy research. You can reach Jay at 770-253-5350 or [jjm64@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjm64@bellsouth.net).

I would like to point out two beneficial GDCA programs that are offered to our members and affiliate clubs that are not currently being utilized to their potential:

**\$1,000 College Scholarship:** Many members seem to be unaware that the GDCA offers \$1,000 college scholarships. I would like to see more of our young people apply for this advantageous program. The application process is easy. Please contact Jessie Gerszewski at [JJGersz@ElanDanes.com](mailto:JJGersz@ElanDanes.com) for details.

**Affiliate Club Educational Grants:** Dianne Powers, Affiliate Club Representative, reported to the Board that only eleven clubs have taken advantage of educational grants since the inception of the program in 2001 for a total of \$9,264.00 in grants. She suggested that we lift the lifetime limit of \$1,000 per club as originally imposed and encourage educational grants. This motion was duly passed with a program review after the sum of \$40,000 has been granted. It is a major responsibility of clubs to provide continuing educational programs to its members and the Dane fancy. I strongly urge you to discuss ideas with your club and to use this wonderful program to promote the welfare and understanding of our breed. Several clubs have worked together to produce successful educational programs. Please contact Dianne Powers at [powersd@adelphia.net](mailto:powersd@adelphia.net) to apply for a grant.

In closing, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to our fellow board member, Pookie Kostuk, on the loss of her husband Rich. Rich was a dear friend and supporter to the Dane community and will be missed. Pookie has requested that donations be made to the Charitable Trust General Fund in his memory.

I hope you and your Danes have a wonderful summer!

*Linda*

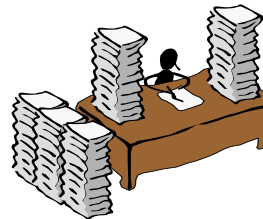
# CLUB BUSINESS

The **Great Dane Club of America, Inc. ~ Officers and Directors**

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## RECORDING SECRETARY

**SUE SHAW**



Board members and Committee Chairs submitting reports for the Board Meetings should send a copy to the Recording Secretary at 52 East Street, Hanover, MA, 02239 or [davidane@worldnet.att.net](mailto:davidane@worldnet.att.net) at least two weeks prior to the next Board meeting.

**GDCA Board Meeting  
May 6, 2006  
Baltimore, Maryland**

Board members present:

Linda Ridder, Susan Davis Shaw, Dianne Powers, Joe Longo, Lynda Moriarty, Dave Miller, Tom Sandenaw, Sid Levin, Pookie Kostuk, Lourdes Carvajal, Charles Crawford, Dale Desjardins.

Guests present: Dr. Neil O'Sullivan, Diane Taylor, Carol Grossman.

All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted:

To excuse the absence of Warren Benoit.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Crawford

To excuse the absence of Cindy Harwin.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal

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

To excuse the absences of Jane Chopson and Kathy Varian.

Moved: Chuck Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

3 voted opposed – motion passes

To approve the minutes of the January 28, 2006 meeting as written.

Moved: Pookie Kostuk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

To support the 2006 Eukanuba show in Long Beach, CA, as we have done in the past (trophy donation, catalog ad).

Moved: Pookie Kostuk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

To reinstate the memberships of Pat Haltmeier, Jay and Joyce Haas, Sallie Cummings, and Deborah Zalyski.

Moved: Sid Levin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

To approve the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

To approve the revised by-laws of the Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund an educational grant to the Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley in the amount of \$846.50.

Moved: Sid Levin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pookie Kostuk

To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund an educational grant to the Great Dane Club of New England in the amount of \$400.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund an educational grant to the Great Dane Club of Oxford in the amount of \$400.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

To lift the lifetime cap of \$1,000 on educational grants to affiliate clubs. The board will review this policy after the grant total reaches the \$40,000 mark. Grants in excess of \$1,000 will be reviewed as presented.

Moved: Sid Levin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

To ask the Canine Health Foundation to release \$5000 to the Dilatated Cardiomyopathy Project at the University of Pennsylvania.

Moved: Sid Levin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

To request that the Charitable Trust approve a scholarship grant to Kristin W. Heiden. Money to be sent to the college of her choice.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

That the Membership Chairman accept only completed applications (with completed sponsorship forms) and, if a sponsor withdraws, that the application be returned to the applicant.

Moved: Pookie Kostuk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Sandenaw

That the Membership Chairman submit the sponsorship form to the Internet Chair so that it may be placed on the GDCA web site.

Moved: Sid Levin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Sandenaw

That the Membership Chairman present all applicants for a vote at the next board meeting whose names were published in the bulletin and received no comments during the 45 day comment period.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Sandenaw

To vote into GDCA membership the following applicants:

Heather Budd (Canada)

Moved: Chuck Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lourdes Carvajal

Joshua Hudson Burton

Moved: Chuck Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

Valerie Clows

Moved: Pookie Kostuk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Crawford

Delayne Corle Moved: Lourdes Carvajal	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dale Desjardins
Wendy Cox Moved: Dianne Powers	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Chuck Crawford
Terri Dilliston Moved: Lourdes Carvajal	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dale Desjardins
Kimberly E. Hall Moved: Dianne Powers	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lourdes Carvajal
James M. Howey Moved: David Miller	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lourdes Carvajal
Darcy Hudman Moved: Lourdes Carvajal	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Longo
Douglas F. & Kristin V. Kish Moved: Chuck Crawford	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dianne Powers
Kathleen Kurtz Moved: Lourdes Carvajal	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pookie Kostuk
Karen L. Jaidl Lozinski Moved: Pookie Kostuk	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dianne Powers
Nikol Marsh Moved: Joe Longo	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lourdes Carvajal
Yukato Natori (Foreign) Moved: Dianne Powers	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Susan Shaw
George Petzke & Sherry Egan Petzke Moved: Dianne Powers	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lourdes Carvajal
Alan Poston Moved: Pookie Kostuk	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dianne Powers
Joe & Carmen Richards Moved: Dianne Powers	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Tom Sandenaw
Susan & Albert "Putt" Richards Moved: Pookie Kostuk	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lourdes Carvajal
Teija Salmi-Aalto (Foreign) Moved: Lourdes Carvajal	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dianne Powers
Hitoshi & Yuri Sayama (Foreign) Moved: Lynda Moriarty	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dianne Powers
Edna Taylor Moved: Dave Miller	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Tom Sandenaw
Gerard Thompson Moved: Lourdes Carvajal	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Susan Shaw
Mark & Mary Ellen Young (pending receipt of dues) Moved: Sid Levin	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Chuck Crawford

Amanda Kehoe  
Moved: Dave Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

Kathryn & Conley Netser  
Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pookie Kostuk

Kyle Preston  
Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

Dina Whitehouse  
Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pookie Kostuk

Beth Wise  
Moved: Joe Longo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

Linda Reese  
Moved: Chuck Crawford  
This motion died for lack of a second.

Teresa Lynn Williams  
Moved: Dianne Powers  
This motion died for lack of a second.

Catherine & Robert Roh  
Moved: Lourdes Carvajal  
This motion died for lack of a second.

The following motions reflect changes in wording in the National Specialty Rules and Regulations.

### Top 20

The Top 20 Winner will be allowed to order additional rosettes, sterling silver pins, gold pins, and trophies up to the number of actual owners at the time of the event at their expense. Top 20 participants will be allowed to order additional rosettes and silver pins at their expense up to the number of actual owners of record at the time of the event.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pookie Kostuk

Requests for additional duplicate or replacement pins, trophies, rosettes must be made to the board in writing.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Shaw

There shall be no restrictions on owners of dogs eligible for this (Top 20) competition.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Crawford

Only the owner's letter will contain a ballot. Owners and co-owners will decide which judge to nominate and return the ballot.

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

### National Specialty – Page 3 - Timing

A copy of the division's proposed contract with the hotel must be submitted to the GDCA board 30 days prior to requesting board approval. This hotel contract must be reviewed by legal counsel prior to signature.

Moved: Dianne Powers 2<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Shaw

To name Mary Lou Carmody as co-chair of the Top 20.

Moved: Dave Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Longo

To order new molds and to order trophies from Stas Scorobogaty.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Sandenaw

To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund the following 18 Rescue Grants:

- 1. GDC of San Diego (1) \$500
  - 2. Heart of Ohio GDC (1) \$500
  - 3. GDC of Mid South (1) \$500
  - 4. Heart of MN GDC (1) \$500
  - 5. GDC of Met Washington (1) \$500
  - 6. GDC of Met Washington (2) \$500
  - 7. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NC (1) \$500
  - 8. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NC (2) \$500
  - 9. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NJ (1) \$500
  - 10. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NJ (2) \$500
  - 11. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League MD (1) \$500
  - 12. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League MD (2) \$500
  - 13. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NY (1) \$500
  - 14. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NY (2) \$500
  - 15. Pam Ehlers GDR Inc. AL (1) \$500
  - 16. Pam Ehlers GDR Inc. AL (2) \$500
  - 17. Sandy Boutin GDR Inc. MI (1) \$500
  - 18. Sandy Boutin GDR Inc. MI (2) \$500
- Moved: Lynda Moriarty 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers

To order 200 Yearbooks.

Moved: Pookie Kostuk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dale Desjardins

To add a special committee to be called Fund Raising.

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

To ask Jay Miller if she will chair the Fund Raising Committee.

Moved: Lourdes Carvajal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lynda Moriarty

That exhibiting at a dog show is not an excusable absence from a board meeting.

Moved: Joe Longo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dianne Powers



**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. Complete the form and forward it to:



*Sid Levin, 22687 Forest Ridge Drive, Lakeville, MN, 55044, SerendipityDanes@aol.com*



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_



Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Fax: \_\_\_\_\_



Email: \_\_\_\_\_





## CAROL GROSSMAN ~ NATIONAL SPECIALTY COORDINATOR

**2006** - Midwest Division, chaired by Lourdes Carvajal has successfully filled all Committee Chair positions and their plans are in full swing for another Midwest extravaganza. Anyone wishing to pledge their time or resources to this effort please get in touch with Lourdes.

<b>SPECIALTY:</b>	Intersex:	Pat Ciampa	<b>Futurity:</b>	Sue Davis Shaw
	Dogs:	Marilyn Riggins		Linda Tonnancour
	Bitches:	Leon Reimert		

**2007** - Northeast Division proposal was presented and approved by the Board. All is a go for Lancaster, PA.

<b>SPECIALTY:</b>	Intersex:	Lowell Davis	<b>Futurity:</b>	Marie Somershoe
	Dogs:	Gina Jaebloon		Doug Toomey
	Bitches:	Lourdes Carvajal		

**2008** - Central Division, headed by Joe Longo, is looking at sites. Of course, the Drawbridge is always a possible consideration as I am sure everyone will agree it was a great location.

Look for your final ballot in the mail very soon to vote for the Judges for this National Specialty and Futurity.

Please address all inquiries to me at:  
[cgrossman@purina.com](mailto:cgrossman@purina.com) or 702-260-7577.



## AFFILIATES' CORNER



The Heart of Illinois Great Dane Club is proud to announce its AKC Sanctioned B Match, to be held at the Champaign County Fairgrounds, N. Orchard Street, Urbana, Illinois.

This event is Saturday, July 1, 2006, approximately 1/2 hour after the Best in Show judging at the Champaign Kennel Club.

The Judge for this match is Miss Nicole Coneen.

For further information please contact the Chairpersons, Karen McCance at 309-837-6907 or Sara Luttrell DMV at 309-745-3683

This event is open to all AKC recognized Great Danes, age 3 months to adult. Entries will be taken at the door.



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NATIONAL SPECIALTY AND FUTURITY**  
*Hosted by the Midwest Division*

*Kansas Expo Center and Capitol Plaza Hotel*

*TOPEKA, KANSAS*

*OCTOBER 16 through OCTOBER 21, 2006*

**JUDGES**

INTERSEX: PAT CIAMPA

DOGS: LEON REIMERT

BITCHES: MARILYN RIGGINS

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:

MARILYN RIGGINS

OBEDIENCE: LOUISE BOTKO

AGILITY: MELODY JANSEN

RALLY: JAIMIE SIEVEKING

**FUTURITY**

SUSAN DAVIS SHAW

LINDA TONNANCOUR

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
OF EVENTS 2006****Sunday, October 15**

GDC of Greater Kansas City  
Independent Specialty  
Free Night

**Monday, October 16**

Obedience & Rally  
Education  
GDCA Board Meeting -1st.  
Welcoming Party

**Tuesday, October 17**

Futurity  
Education  
Affiliate Clubs Meeting  
Theme Party

**Wednesday, October 18**

Futurity  
Agility  
Health Screening  
Rescue Meeting  
National Specialty  
Coordinator's Meeting  
Judges Education  
Top 20 Dinner  
Top 20 Event

**Thursday, October 19**

Conformation Judging  
Health Screening  
General Membership Meeting  
Parades  
Free Night

**Friday, October 20**

Conformation Judging  
GDCA Board Meeting-2nd.  
Junior Showmanship Party  
Auction Dinner & Auction

**Saturday, October 21**

Junior Showmanship Judging  
Conformation Judging Intersex  
Awards Banquet

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**GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**Lourdes Carvajal, Administrator**  
**roch4d@earthlink.net**

With great joy the Charitable Trust has, with fifty per cent help from the GDCA, signed a contract with the University of Texas A and M to proceed with the study on the Harlequin Gene. Total cost \$50,000.00. This project is not only about color cosmetics on our Harlequins, but most important, about health. The Harlequin gene is exclusive to our Breed, so we needed to take a forward step towards the future of our Great Danes. Another benefit to this study will be that it will add another isolated gene added towards establishing in the future a full genome for our Great Danes. The outpouring of individual and Affiliate Club specific donations has made it possible and our immense gratitude goes to all.

In addition the Charitable Trust has covered Rescue grants and Scholarships during this second quarter. For specific information, please visit [www.gdca.org](http://www.gdca.org) and link into news from the GDCA Charitable Trust.

**Update from TAMU on the Harlequin Gene Project.**

**Summary of Harlequin project**

The goal of this research is to identify the gene that is responsible for the harlequin coat pattern. We have assembled four small, unrelated pedigrees comprised of 40 Great Danes. These pedigrees include 23 harlequins and 11 merles, the only coat color that unequivocally indicates that the dog does not carry the harlequin gene. For all dogs, blood samples were collected and used to isolate DNA. These samples are being used in a linkage approach to find the gene.

Presently, we are collecting genotypes for naturally occurring molecular signposts that are found throughout the canine genome. This process requires 70 reactions for each dog; 2800 reactions are required to complete the linkage analysis. The products of the reactions will be analyzed using computer software which will allow us to determine genotypes. We are looking for differences between the genotypes of harlequin dogs and merle dogs. A statistic will be calculated to determine how significant any observed differences are. When a significant difference is found, that region will be analyzed for genes that are important in pigmentation. Sequence from candidate genes will be collected for a harlequin dog and a merle dog and compared. Any sequence differences will be evaluated to determine if it is responsible for the harlequin coat pattern.

Keith E. Murphy, Ph.D.  
Professor  
Department of Veterinary Pathobiology  
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77843-4467

**GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
November 2005 through April 2006**

	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>November 2005 through April 2006</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Cardiac Clinic	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,967.86
General Donations	\$ 53,161.45	\$ 73,389.37
Harlequin Gene Pro- ject	\$ 29,260.00	\$ 33,180.00
Interest	\$ 24.70	\$ 87.40
National Raffle (3 items)		
Research Donations		\$ 250.00
Rescue Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 82,946.15</b>	<b>\$ 110,174.63</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Cardiac Clinic		\$ 968.20
Education Grants		\$ 500.00
Banking		\$ 27.01
Harlequin Gene Pro- ject	\$12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Rescue Grants		\$ 13,788.24
Scholarships		\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,783.45</b>
<b>Disbursements o/u in- come</b>	<b>\$ 70,446.15</b>	<b>\$ 80,391.18</b>
<b>Balance Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$ 44,803.44</b>	<b>\$ 34,858.41</b>
<b>Balance End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 115,249.59</b>	<b>\$ 115,249.59</b>

## DIANNE POWERS

### AFFILIATE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE

At We have exciting news from the May 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. In an effort to encourage continuing education at the Affiliate level the Board voted to lift the lifetime cap of \$1,000.00 for educational grants. This will allow the few clubs who have reached that limit to continue their requests for grant funding. Please take advantage of this program. The process for requesting funding is as follows:

The guidelines are very simple:

- ▶ Submit your proposal on your Affiliate Club letterhead.
- ▶ Include a brief explanation of your project and include a budget.
- ▶ Make sure that your proposal is signed by your affiliate club representative, the club president and the club secretary.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ I will notify you of Board action on your proposal immediately following the Board meeting.

In other news, congratulations to the Heart of Minnesota for being the first club to report final approval of their amended by-laws by the AKC. The Board approved the final revisions to the Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City by-laws, so they are now off to the AKC. There are several clubs with revisions in the works and hopefully by the August meeting there will be some additional approvals.

Education grants were approved for the Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley, Great Dane Club of New England and The Great Dane Club of Oxford.

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***    **AND**  
***P.O. Box 216***  
***West Tisbury, MA, 02575***

***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.

**TREASURER****SID LEVIN**

As of April 30, 2006, the balances in the GDCA accounts are as follows:

General	\$110,978.27
Futurity #1	7,059.31
Futurity #2	8,888.11
<u>Yearbook</u>	<u>4,044.09</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	\$130,920.28

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

22687 Forest Ridge Drive  
 Lakeville, MN 55044  
 Telephone 952-469-2830  
 Fax 952-985-5979  
 E-mail SerendipityDanes@aol.com

**FUTURITY ~ DAVID MILLER**

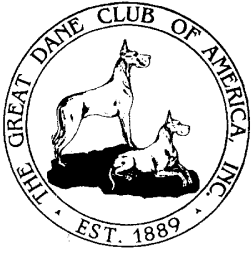
The 2006 Futurity numbers through the 1st of May are as follows:

Litters nominated: 191  
 Puppy Dogs-215  
 Puppy Bitches-189  
 Total puppies nominated : 404

63% Fawn & Brindle, 20.5% Harl & Mantle, 14.2% Black, 2.3% Blue

If you need information or Futurity Nomination Forms, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can now download the forms from the website at [www.gdca.org](http://www.gdca.org)

770-460-1273 or [DRM6961@bellsouth.net](mailto:DRM6961@bellsouth.net)



## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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**



**POOKIE KOSTUK**  
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**GDCA RESCUE**

This quarter we had 18 rescue grants approved which helped the medical needs of 69 dogs.

1. GDC of San Diego	(1) \$500.00
2. Heart of OH GDC	(1) \$500.00
3. GDC of Mid South	(1) \$436.00
4. Heart of MN GDC	(1) \$100.78
5. GDC of Met Washington	(1) \$500.00
6. GDC of Met Washington	(2) \$500.00
7. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NC	(1) \$500.00
8. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NC	(2) \$500.00
9. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NJ	(1) \$500.00
10. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NJ	(2) \$500.00
11. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League MD	(1) \$500.00
12. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League MD	(2) \$500.00
13. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NY	(1) \$500.00
14. Mid Atlantic GD Rescue League NY	(2) \$500.00
15. Pam Ehlers GDR Inc AL	(1) \$500.00
16. Pam Ehlers GDR Inc AL	(2) \$500.00
17. Sandy Boutin GDR Inc MI	(1) \$500.00
18. Sandy Boutin GDR Inc MI	(2) \$500.00

As you can see this quarter there was a huge call for help from our rescues for medical needs across the country. Please help us continue this work by supporting the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust.

Don't forget to save your Purina weight circles, Rescue can use them so don't throw them away.

If you either feed or know of someone who feeds Purina and is not part of this program don't let those weight circles go to waste. Every circle sent in will add up and be a big help to rescue.

Pookie Kostuk ~ 203-272-8292 ~ [parkdanes@aol.com](mailto:parkdanes@aol.com)

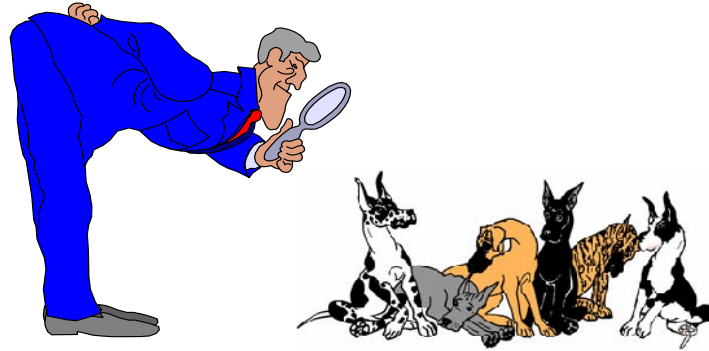
**GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA ~ COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Advisory Board:	Bob Edison	520-749-8734
Awards:	Lisa deRoulet	425-742-7369
Breeder Referral:	Nancy Lerch	512-259-9607
Budget & Finance:	Lisa Foltz	708-645-1216
By-Laws:	Lourdes Carvajal	816-250-2574
Championship Awards:	Dale Desjardins	203-266-5187
Companion Events:	Sandra Schneider	209-748-5632
Corporate Sponsorship:	Joe Longo	440-974-0221
Fundraising:	Jay Miller	770-253-5350
Futurity Statistician:	David Miller	770-460-1273
GDCA Website:	Nancy Lerch	512-259-9607
Historical Committee:	Norvel Benoit	504-764-8371
Health & Research:	Neil O'Sullivan	515-677-2122
Health Survey:	Mary Anne Zanetos	614-451-2297
Judges' Education	Judy Harrington	413-267-5236
Judges' Selection:	Lynn Brown Quick	520-742-6905
Junior Showmanship:	Jessie Gerszewski	608-798-3749
Legislation:	Tom Sandenaw	505-522-7500
Membership:	Diane Taylor	203-938-3152
National Specialty Coordinator:	Carol Grossman	702-260-7577
Newsletter:	Cheryl Godwin	619-588-5293
Pedigree Bank:	Kathy Varian	661-269-5988
Rescue:	Pookie Kostuk	203-272-8292
Standards Committee:	Bob Edison	520-749-8734
Top 20 Statistician:	Rita Suddarth	540-439-9737
Yearbook:	Lora Thill	760-434-2452

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.



## LYNN BROWN QUICK ~ JUDGES' SELECTION

Dear Great Dane Club of America Member or Affiliate Club Secretary:

By now, you have received your final ballot for our 2008 National Specialty judges. Please make your final selections from the following lists of individuals who received the most nominations in the first round.

Due to a tie, 11 names are on the specialty judge ballot list. The eligible judges selected through the first phase of the nomination process are:

### Specialty:

Donald Carmody  
Dana Cline  
Cathy De la Garza  
Lisa DeRoulet  
Karen Desjardins  
Connie Hunter  
Betty Lewis  
Margaret Shappard  
Dale Suzanne Tarbox  
Jane Treiber  
Susan Yotive

### Futurity:

Tiffany Cross  
Georgia Hymmen  
Francette Lass  
Sue Mahany  
Lorraine Matherly  
Peggy McQuillon  
David Miller  
Monica Stavenborn  
Louise Van Alstyne  
Mark Van Alstyne

Please return your final ballots before midnight, Sept. 15, 2006. Where there are two voting members in a household, each ballot will be mailed to you separately. Be sure you vote on your own ballot. **Each ballot is numbered and must be signed by the person to whom it is addressed.** The accountant will check the ballots against a master list. **Each affiliate club's ballot must be signed by the corresponding secretary.**

The results of this final vote will be announced at the GDCA's annual meeting in October in Topeka, Kansas.

Mail or fax your ballot to arrive before midnight, Sept. 15, 2006, to: Harvey D. Jansen, CPA  
2930 N. Swan Rd.  
Suite 210  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
Fax: 520/325-9578

**NOTICE: THIS IS NOT YOUR BALLOT. IF YOU WERE A MEMBER AS OF MAY 2006, YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT IN THE MAIL. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT, CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY.**

Lynn Brown-Quick  
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