

Great Dane Club of America



From the President.

Dears Friends and Fellow GDCA Members;

In last Quarters bulletin I told you about a very exciting research project which we could initiate yet this year. Several weeks ago we were presented with the project outline and the projected two year cost. Dr. Leigh Anne Clark and her associates at Clemson University have started to sequence the Collie Genome. The collie project began some months ago and is very ambitious as they are going to look for a number of genetic markers for diseases that affect their breed along with the basic

project. This project had a price tag of \$125,000.00 and a two year completion date. Our project will be less ambitious as we are going to target only DCM while Sequencing the Great Dane Genome. The Charitable trust will own the rights to this research when it is complete and its existence will help

every research project currently underway on diseases that affect our guys. I mention the Collie project only because the work they are doing there will help our project along, you might say they are paving the way. The projected two year cost is about \$50,000.00. Dr. Clark has been asked to come to Pine Bluff and speak at the General Meeting about this project. You all will recall it was Dr. Clark's team who finished the Harlequin Gene project last year.

I am asking the community for your financial support for this project. Please donate what you can to the charitable trust. This could be the beginning of finding a solution to the worst health problems facing our breed. If

there is enough support perhaps we can expand the project to include other areas.

The results of the voting for the proposed changes to our standard where published today on our website as I am writing this and I am glad that so many of you voted. It is now up to all of us to make sure this change gets out to the judging community at large. This month the books where closed on the 2009 national and the members of the South East Division wanted to thank all of our friends everywhere for coming to Chattanooga and making our national a success. We were able to pay the GDCA and our member clubs back for the loss we suffered in 2003 and make a profit. We hope to see all of you again in 2015.

The next board meeting will be on October 17th in Pine Bluff. As always we welcome all members to these meetings. It is such a pleasure to hear from so many of you with your ideas for a better Dane community.

Dave



**Great Dane Club of America
Board Meeting
July 24, 2010
Boston, MA**

Members in attendance: Jean Highlands, Lynda Moriarty, Nancy Ridgway, Paul Hardiman, Chuck Crawford, Sue Davis Shaw, Dave Miller and by conference call Linda Ridder, Jane Chopson, Dianne Powers, Cindy Harwin, and Rita Suddarth

Guests: Robin Liner, Tina Turcotte, Oliver Lajeunesse, Dana W. Shaw

All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

MOTION
To approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting as presented.
Moved: Chuck Crawford
2nd: Cindy Harwin

MOTION
To approve the Treasurer’s report as presented.
Moved: Dianne Powers
2nd: Cindy Harwin

MOTION
To approve the revised by laws from the Illini Great Dane Club.
Moved: Lynda Moriarty
2nd: Chuck Crawford

MOTION
The following applicants were voted into membership:

Dana Litzinger
Moved: Paul Hardiman
2nd: Chuck Crawford

Lyn Moser
Moved: Paul Hardiman
2nd: Nancy Ridgway

Denise Matulich
Moved: Paul Hardiman
2nd: Chuck Crawford

Yvonne Weed
Moved: Sue Davis Shaw
2nd: Nancy Ridgway

Sonya Moore
Moved: Paul Hardiman
2nd: Nancy Ridgway

MOTION
To close out the 2009 financials and pay the clubs.
Moved: Linda Ridder
2nd: Paul Hardiman

MOTION
To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund an extra \$1,500 to the Great Dane Club of Louisiana to cover unforeseen circumstances relating to the oil spill.
Moved: Linda Ridder
2nd: Nancy Ridgway

MOTION
To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund an insurance grant in the amount of \$500 to the Great Dane Club of New England.

Moved: Chuck Crawford
2nd: Sue Davis Shaw

MOTION
To recommend to the Charitable Trust that they fund an insurance grant in the amount of \$500 to the Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City.
Moved: Chuck Crawford
2nd: Cindy Harwin

MOTION
To recommend to the Charitable Trust that the fund rescue grants as recommended by the Rescue Chairman:
Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City, Inc.
\$500

Upper Mid West Great Dane Rescue
\$500

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
New York – 2 grants
\$1,000

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
Pennsylvania – 2 grants
\$1,000

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
– Maryland – 2 grants
\$1,000

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
– Virginia – 2 grants
\$1,000

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
– New Jersey – 2 grants
\$1,000

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
– West Virginia – 2 grants
\$1,000

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue
– North Carolina – 2 grants
\$1,000

Great Dane Rescue of MN & WI
– 1 grant \$500

John & Cynthia Neet – San Diego – 2 grants \$1000

Great Dane Club of Louisiana –
2 grants \$1000

Moved: Chuck Crawford
2nd: Paul Hardiman

MOTION

That the GDCA will purchase a brick to honor all Great Dane champions.

Moved: Cindy Harwin
2nd: Dianne Powers

MOTION

To excuse the absences of all those listed as absent on the agenda who are not present (Tom Sandenaw, Joe Longo, Jane Treiber) except those participating in the meeting by conference call and considered present (Linda Ridder, Dianne Powers, Cindy Harwin, Jane Chopson, Rita Suddarth). Doug Toomey's absence is not excused because he is at a dog show.

Moved: Chuck Crawford
2nd: Jean Highlands

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davis Shaw
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AFFILIATE CLUB REPORT

Illini Great Dane Club has submitted a very well crafted set of by-laws and I would like the Board's vote to approve them.

There are 3 clubs actively working on their bylaws and I hope to have those for our October meeting.

This will be my last Bulletin report and I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the Affiliate Club Delegates for affording me the opportunity to work with each of you. I have enjoyed the past 9 years and will miss working with you. I am certain that my successor will find all of you the greatest group to work with.

Bill Stebbins has been working hard on his "Helping Our Own" program. What follows is a recent letter from him.

Helping Our Own

To all Affiliate Clubs,

Attached please find the first mailing of individuals that have registered for our new "Helping Our Own" program. As a reminder, this program is to give our affiliate clubs a list of names of those Dane breeders that have aspirations to become judges in order that they can obtain Sweeps assignments.

Please use this list as you determine individuals to judge your future Sweepstakes. This list will be updated periodically and sent to your clubs. Dianne Powers will be inserting this same information into her next Affiliate Club Bulletin since there are about 13 clubs for which we do not have an e-mail address contact. In this way we know that every club has received this information.

If there are individuals in your club (or that you know) that could use the benefits of this program, please ask them to send me all of their contact information (including kennel name). In order to qualify they need to have completed the BASIC requirements of the AKC which are...

12 years in the breed

5 litters

4 champions

Here's hoping we can, in fact, help our own.

Bill Stebbins

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The Board of Directors
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We welcome them to the
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Newsletter Report
Nancy Lerch

The monthly Newsletter subscribers for the GDCA has risen to 928, which is very good news (people want to keep up to speed on things). As usual, the GDCA website is still doing very well in search engines, so finding the site for visitors is a non-issue.

The following stats are typical for the GDCA for June.

June, 2010
 Visits: 31,156 - Average 1038 per day

Popularity by sections:

1. Home page - expected
2. Breeder list
3. Great Dane Clubs
4. Health and Welfare
5. Photo Gallery
6. Rescue
7. Before you choose a Great Dane
8. Illustrated Standard
9. Veteran's Gallery
10. Great Dane purchase

Adding the Yearbook to the website will be a terrific asset and certainly will bring even more attention to the website. I hope you approve moving forward with this venture.

Lastly I must once again thank Paul Mumford who has shown to be an invaluable asset to me and the GDCA. His expertise and knowledge has made this website very successful for the Club and I believe has possibly made me look good.

GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA	TREASURE'S REPORT
Jean Highlands	Treasurer
MARCH 31, 2010	CASH BALANCE
ANCHOR BANK CHECKING	\$16,768.15
CHASE BANK CHECKING	\$9,142.16
CHASE BANK SAVINGS	\$2,000.62
NATIONAL CITY BANK CHECKING	\$35,577.14
NATIONAL CITY BANK SAVINGS	\$58,604.39
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$122,092.46
I/1/2010 - 3/31/2010	1ST QTR P&L
INCOME	\$47,285.12
INTEREST INCOME	\$164.68
EXPENSE	-\$33,212.09
QUARTERLY NET INCOME	\$14,237.71

Hormonal Cream Causing Problems in Dogs

The spreading popularity of topical hormone treatments in people — especially but not exclusively menopausal women — is having unintended medical consequences for the users' pets.

Spayed dogs and young female puppies are showing up in veterinary exam rooms with markedly swollen vulvas as if they are in heat. Male dogs present with enlarged mammary glands and abnormally small penises. Animals of both genders experience fur loss.

The phenomenon frequently stumps veterinary practitioners; sometimes patients go undiagnosed for weeks or months because clinicians don't recognize the connection. Medical doctors in the human realm likewise are unfamiliar with the situation, a Veterinary Information Network (VIN) News Service inquiry found.

The problem appears to stem from the use by pet owners of hormone replacement treatments in the form of lotions, gels or sprays that are applied to the

arms — especially inner elbows and wrists — or legs. The users then handle and snuggle their animals, unwittingly transferring the drug to the pets.

Symptoms of hormonal imbalance also may occur in pets that ingest the medications, either by licking where product was applied or eating an improperly stored or discarded transdermal patch or similar item.

full article
<http://news.vin.com/VINNews.aspx?articleId=15950>

GDCA Charitable Trust

For the 3rd quarter May – July 2010 the CT collected over \$4000 from our generous donors and provided \$13,000 in support to 13 Great Dane rescue groups. In addition, the CT has sponsored 5 scholarships to deserving college students.

Terry Wagner

FUTURITY REPORT



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As of July 22, 2010

Litters	275	
Dogs	199	
Bitches	195	
Puppies		394

Final Nomination papers are in the mail.

The literature on Bloat points in many directions which has not brought breeders any closer to a solution. For these reasons we have developed a new survey that focuses on some of the factors that might contribute to its occurrence.

We need breeders: That had a dog that bloated and/or a dog that did not bloat. This survey is the joint effort of Dr. Carmen Battaglia PHd of the AKC and Dr. Cindy Otto DVM, Univ. Penn, Vet School.

Our goal is to look at conditions that are relevant to the further study of this disease. Your contribution is appreciated. A summary of the results and findings will be posted on our website www.breedingbetterdogs.com in November 2010.

Click here to complete the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WS2VKFP> "

Thanks for any help that you can give to this effort



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

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The following applicants have been approved by the Membership Committee for publication in the GDCA Bulletin. The Membership Chairman must receive comments con-

cerning these applicants during the forty-five (45) day period following publication.

Any comments received after October 11, 2010 will not be accepted.

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The Vote Is In!

The Harlequin Proposal Passed

The Length of Leg Proposal Failed

Thank all of you took the time to vote and participate in the future well being of our beloved Great Danes

Check out the website for more detailed results



THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

...supporting Great Dane welfare in **Rescue** efforts, **Educational** programs through Affiliate Clubs, **Medical Research** and **Scholarships** and any initiative that creates a greater awareness of breed specific problems in an effort to improve the life and quality of Great Danes.

You can participate in the welfare of the Breed with a tax deductible donation of any amount as a gift in memory of a loved and lost Great Dane, or a friend; a gift to honor a person or a faithful companion or a monthly pledge.

Letters will be sent to every donor and acknowledgment cards will be mailed to those you honor with your contribution.

Make check payable to: **The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust** and mail to:
Terry Wagner, Administrator
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Name of donor: _____

Address of donor: _____

Telephone and or e-mail of donor: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Address of recipient: _____

Amount: _____ Monthly Pledge: _____

Trustees: Jane Chopson; Paul Hardiman; Don Carmody; Jay Miller; Linda Ridder; Linda Tonnancour; Lisa Foltz, Treasurer; Terry Wagner, Administrator

THANK YOU FOR HONORING THE BREED!

Top 20 – Current Breed & Group Standings
Reported by Statistician – Rita K. Suddarth

Current Breed Standings (1/1/10 – 6/30/10)

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/BISS Wins	Total De- feated
1	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	43	1,232
2	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	37	731
3	GCH CH Jerdans Gone With The Wind	B	26	714
4	GCH CH Shalako Conspiracy Of Rondomar	B	20	598
5	CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Magic Dragon	D	25	588
6	CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	27	452
7	CH Summerfield's Lady Of Hope	B	22	396
8	GCH CH Shoreline-East-West Playit Again Sam	D	14	384
9	CH Double D Daynakin Party Brew	D	12	373
10	CH Rainmaster's She's A Show Girl	B	10	354
11	GCH Holledanes Kid Rio V Sligo	D	11	301
12	CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	13	268
13	CH Rosendane's Just Like Heaven	B	11	250
14	GCH Coleridge's Just Doin It In Black	D	21	234
15	CH Roserun's Bamboo Tiger	D	23	233
16	CH Danemar's Renaissance Man	D	6	228
17	GCH Bayside Just A Gentleman	D	11	213
18	CH Bayside's Just Because I Can	D	16	211
19	CH Shoreline's Som'Thing T' Talk Abt	D	11	208
20	CH Maitau Cosmics Eye'M A Star In Style	B	12	172

Current Group Standings (1/1/10 – 6/30/10)

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	0	3	3	2	4	43	2,880
2	GCH Lobato's Code Red	D	0	1	5	5	4	37	2,797
3	GCH Shalako Conspiracy Of Rondomar	B	0	1	0	4	4	20	1,816
4	GCH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Magic Dragon	D	0	2	1	4	1	25	1,595
5	CH Echolane-Darlin's Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt	D	0	1	4	0	3	27	1,535
6	GCH Jerdans Gone With The Wind	B	0	0	1	1	0	26	923
7	GCH Shoreline-East-West Playit Again Sam	D	0	1	2	1	1	14	914
8	CH Summerfield's Lady Of Hope	B	0	1	2	2	1	22	895
9	CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	0	0	0	1	2	13	626
10	CH Rainmaster's She's A Show Girl	B	0	1	0	0	0	10	574
11	GCH Shoreline's Som'Thing T' Talk Abt	D	0	0	0	0	2	11	554
12	GCH Coleridge's Just Doin' It In Black	D	0	1	1	0	1	21	544
13	GCH Holledanes Kid Rio V Sligo	D	0	0	0	1	1	11	542
14	CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie Easy Does It V Sarjack	B	0	0	3	0	0	6	537
15	CH Roserun's Bamboo Tiger	D	0	1	1	1	2	23	517
16	CH Sasdania's The Prophecy	D	0	1	0	0	1	5	476
17	CH Bayside's Just Because I Can	D	0	1	0	2	2	16	470
18	CH Glaciers Usual Suspect	D	0	0	0	1	1	9	444
19	CH Rosendane's Just Like Heaven	B	0	0	0	0	1	11	443
20	CH Double D Daynakin Party Brew	D	0	0	0	1	0	12	431



Polecat Perfume

It's the season!

Ingredients:

- 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon dish-washing detergent

Mixing the three ingredients creates an effervescing action that oxidizes and allows skunk spray to be washed away. This process breaks down and neutralizes the oils that bind the skunk's scent to pets. This recipe is safe for pets, humans and the Environment, however you do want to keep the wash out of the eyes and mouth.

Directions:

Things you will need:

- 1) 1/2 Gallon or larger bucket to mix the Polecat Perfume in.
- 2) Access to plenty of rinse water.
- 3) The will and compassion to get beyond the skunk smell and to know that things will be better in a few minutes.

Wash Procedure

- 1) Prepare your pet or item to be de-skunked by having a bucket for mixing the Polecat Perfume recipe as well as access to plenty of warm rinse water. Pre-washing your pet produces the best results. An exceptionally dirty dog (muddy, oily or otherwise) will require more Polecat Perfume to overcome the excessive dirt. For best results wash your pet with Bud's Suds original or Tea Tree & Oat soap before application of the Polecat Perfume recipe. Following this simple step allows the active ingredients to break down and neutralize the skunk spray. Once the Polecat Perfume is thoroughly rinsed away, carrying the skunk odor with it, good Bud's Suds wash and rinse will complete the task.
- 2) Mix the three components, the 3% hydrogen peroxide, baking soda and dish-washing detergent together in your bucket. Important: mixing must take place in an open container. Any attempt to contain the activation could cause the container to burst due to the effervescing action of the three ingredients.
- 3) Immediately apply and work the mixture into the pet's fur and any other items that may have come into contact with the skunk spray, collars, leashes, etc. The reaction created by mixing the components together lasts about three minutes. Allow the mixture to set on the item being washed, working it constantly into the fur for 7-10 minutes. Once you are satisfied with the wash, you will need to rinse the pet well. As with any shampoo, we recommend flushing the eyes with plenty of water if the mixture comes into contact.

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Calendar of Events

October 17, 2010
Great Dane Club of Oklahoma
Great Dane Club of Louisiana
Independent Specialty

October 18-23, 2010
Great Dane Club of America
South Central Division Specialty
(Futurity, Performance, Top 20,
and Conformation)

Pine Bluff, Arkansas



The
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National Specialty

See Ya'll There!
