



The GDCNC Barker

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President's Message



Dane Friends

Our Specialty show is quickly approaching, just 60 more days. The show committee has been hard at work making plans and gathering the resources needed to make the show a fun filled weekend for our visitors, exhibitors and club members.

But we need your help to bring this all together. We need folks to sign up for one hour shifts to help out at the hospitality, raffle and welcome tables on Saturday and Sunday.

I am keeping track of the sign ups, you can email, phone or snail mail, to let me know which shifts you are available for. Shifts start at 8:00 am and run through 3:00 pm and are one hour long.

On Saturday we are planning a Picnic style BBQ

catered by Royce Farms and for desert we will have a pot luck buffet, so we are asking that you wake up your inner pastry chef and bring your best dessert to share. If your dish needs to be kept cold we, can do that just let me know. Drop me an email or phone call and let me know what you will be bringing.

Hope to see you at our last meeting before the show. March 20th 11:00 am at Royce Farms Restaurant in Lodi.

Nancy Hawkes



From our Raffle Chair, Laura Craig:

It's that time of the year again for our annual specialty on the beautiful grounds at Sycamore Kennels in Lodi. So what would a specialty be without a wonderful raffle...well it wouldn't so we are working on some awesome things for our raffle. We have so far 2 42" exercise pens with gates, beds, custom stepping stone and so much more. But with that we need your donation too. So bring that stuff that has been collection dust or something you would like to share. I will be collecting items on Friday as well as Saturday morning. So if you have something and you are bringing Saturday morning please let me know so I can make room for it. Also if you have sometime you can set aside and help out at the table during the specialty that would be great, please et me know. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon. Please email me at jcvclaura@sbcglobal.net or redrock@dishmail.net if you have a raffle item or any questions.

Memorial

From Peter Keightley-Pugh:

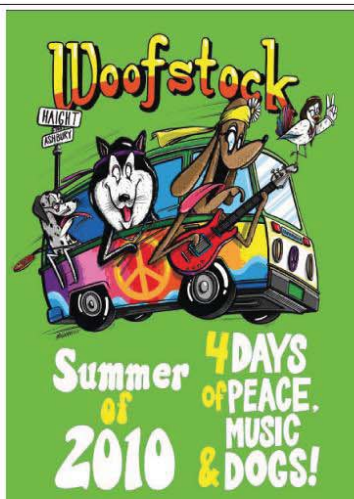
We had to put to sleep our female Sadie on Friday 26th Feb. She was 8 years old and my wife Robin's soul mate and she will be sorely missed.

We also have a new addition to our Family,

an 8 week old KYI-LEO
called Munchkin.

Dude is already in love with her. She is tiny and will never be more than 8 inches at the shoulder.

Quite a change, Robin really wanted a proper lap dog



WOOFSTOCK 2010

June 10,11,12,13th WELCOMES:

Great Dane Club of Northern CA

Join us Saturday night for our second annual
"BLUES BASH" & BBQ DINNER
"The Blues Healers" will play 30 minutes after
 BIS until 10:00 pm. Dinner served at 7:00 pm

BBQ Dinner catered by Back Forty BBQ - Presold tickets

Menu: BBQ Pork Ribs, Chicken, Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes. **PRICE \$17.00**
 Cake for desert - courtesy of WOOFSTOCK. Orders must be placed by June 5th!
 Please send checks to: Keven Birdwell, 411 Brigham Place, Danville, CA 94526 (925) 743-0880

Judges: Entries close: May 26th Superintendant: MBF www.infodog.com
 Thursday: Bob Busby
 Friday: Doris Cozart
 Saturday: Laurie Maulucci *****Sweeps: Phil Freilich
 Sunday: Treasure Hauer-Wylie

HEALTH CLINICS AVAILABLE SAT & SUN: BAER Hearing, Cardio & Cerf

Tie dyed logo items available for sale. Our logo changes each year. Collect them all.

Saturday is "Tie-Dye Day"! ***Best Costume Contest on Saturday!***
 Judging held prior to the groups on Saturday. Prizes awarded for best costumes:
\$100 for Best Male and Best Female \$25 for Best Dog!

All rings tented, music throughout the day, mardi gras "peace beads" for BOB!



Remember when dog shows were FUN??
 Come and have some FUN at WOOFSTOCK!

MAJORS! MAJORS! MAJORS!



GDCNC Board Meeting: February 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order February 13, 2010, at 11:12 a.m. by Nancy Hawkes. In attendance were officers and board members Nancy Hawkes, Pete Fredotovich, Everett Van Dyken, Mabel Labiak, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Terry Toops, Pat Dousman, Jenny Kenton, and Denise Williams. Bill Labiak, Jane Chopson and Ceil Wardner were excused.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS—Monika Helgemo and Tiffany Odell were introduced by Bari Costello.

MINUTES—On a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Pat Dousman, the minutes of January 9, 2010 were approved as presented. Passed.

GUEST SPEAKER—Monika Helgemo is Supervisor of Animal Control at the Antioch Animal Services. She addressed the club regarding the California Federation of Dog Clubs. She did extensive research about the club and concluded that the California Federation of Dog Clubs is a good investment for any club to join. In order to use the organization to the best advantage, the joining club must get involved in what they have to offer. Their primary focus right now is legislative.

Everett Van Dyken made a motion, seconded by Bari Costello, for the GDCNC to join the California Federation of Dog Clubs.

Discussion ensued regarding current involvement with Pet Pac, whose main focus is legislative, so why diversify? Pet Pac, CDOC and California Federation of Dog Clubs are all good organizations. On a vote of 5 for; 7 opposed; the motion was denied.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS— CDOC and Pet Pac
BBQ or potluck

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—President Nancy Hawkes thanked Brittany Williams for her excellent contributions in publishing *The Barker*.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Incoming:

- Concerned Dog Owners of California (CDOC)—request for donation.

Outgoing:

- None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Bill Labiak's absence, Nancy Hawkes gave a review of the financial report for January 2010.

GDCNC financial information is available to club members on request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Membership: Pat Dousman—One pending membership, Brenda Howard, to be published 2nd time in the next *Barker*.

On a motion by Pat Dousman, seconded by Jenny Kenton, the Board voted to accept Darla

Sorensen and Tom Weisser as new members. Passed.

b) Finance: Pete Fredotovich advised that the Finance Committee had been postponed; nothing to report at this time.

c) Show: Everett Van Dyken stated that the premium list is coming out in the next week.

The Show Committee is working on judges □ transportation.

The Raffle Committee will be requesting a check.

Need raffle donations—baskets are good.

Terry Toops, Pete Fredotovich and Nancy Hawkes will work on welcome bags.

DO NOT ARRIVE AT SYCAMORE LANES PRIOR TO NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010. THANK YOU!

There was some discussion regarding selling catalogs instead of putting them in welcome bags—this would need to be noted in the premium list. The Finance Committee will research the best way to give out catalogs.

Raffle: Denise Williams, for Laura Craig, requested that members send a list of raffle items they wish to donate to Denise at:

olympusdanes@olympusdanes.com .

Potluck/BBQ: Pete Fredotovich advised that Royce Farms can provide a BBQ for as low as \$12/person. A minimum of 50 people is required. This fee includes Royce Farms staff, utensils, sodas,

coffee, one entrée, green salad, bread and butter, and a side dish (beans or pasta).

Everett Van Dyken made a motion to hire Royce Farms to prepare and serve the Saturday evening BBQ at a cost of \$12/person. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Terry Toops, the Board agreed to solicit Royce Farms to prepare and serve the Saturday evening BBQ at a cost of \$15/person with the menu including a choice of 2 entrées (chicken or tri-tip), green salad, bread and butter, vegetarian pasta, sodas, coffee, utensils and staff; GDCNC members will bring desserts.

Passed.

On a motion by Jenny Kenton, seconded by Everett Van Dyken, the Board agreed to charge attendees the actual cost of the dinner at \$15/person to be noted in the premium list. Passed.

On a motion by Barbara Kreszyn, seconded by Denise Williams, the Board agreed to begin the BBQ dinner at 4:30 p.m.
Passed.

Nancy Hawkes will get the lunch information to Everett VanDyken for the premium list.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding which organization(s) the GDCNC should

support: Concerned Dog Owners of California (CDOC), Pet-Pac, or California Federation of Dog Clubs. The decision on which organization to support is tabled until after the show.

**2010 MEETING SCHEDULE
(and other pertinent events)**

*March 20 at 11:00 a.m.
Royce Farms*

*April 30, May 1-2
Specialty*

*June 26 at 11:00 a.m.
Royce Farms
9:30am Finance
Committee meeting.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Mabel Labiak, Recording Secretary

Puppy Available

Timmi Williams reports that she has one male fawn puppy available to a show home (preferably). He is by Moredane's What Dreams are Made of and Ch. Echo's Annie got her guns. His ears are already cropped. He was born on December 9.

Pending membership

Brenda Howard

Sponsored by:
Denise Williams & Laura Craig
2nd Publishing.

**Welcome New Club
Members!**

V. Thomas(Tom) Weisser

Sponsored by:
Sharon McCrary & Teri Hammond

Darla Sorensen

Sponsored by:
Denise Williams & Kathryn Netser

Submitted by Jane Chopson
**UC Davis Canine Genetics Analysis
Project seeking DNA samples from
Great Danes**

FYI--

UC Davis is collecting DNA from Bearded Collies, Great Danes, Leonbergers, Portuguese Water Dogs, Standard Poodles and West Highland White Terriers for a research study of Canine Addison's Disease.

****PLEASE NOTE:** These studies request DNA samples from ANY and ALL representatives of the breeds listed above: Affected, UNAaffected, Related and UNrelated to dogs that have been diagnosed with Addison's Disease! To request DNA collection kits from UC Davis, click on this link:
<http://cgap.ucdavis.edu/>



Great Dane Club of California

2010 Spring Puppy Match – Saturday, March 27, 2010

- AKC Sanctioned Breed Match (Great Danes Only)
- Canine Good Citizen Test (All breeds welcome – Rabies certificate required)

When: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Where: Arcadia Park, Arcadia, CA 91006 (Santa Anita Ave. at Huntington Drive). Take the 210 (Foothill Fwy) to Santa Anita to the park on the SW corner of Huntington Drive & Santa Anita.

Time: 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. – Canine Good Citizen (CGC) entry registration
 9:00 A.M. – Canine Good Citizen Class ALL BREEDS ACCEPTED
 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon – Conformation entry registration
 12 Noon – FREE Handling Class & Lunch
 1:00 P.M. – Great Dane Conformation Judging

Judge: Susan Nikkel

Awards: There will be ribbons for 1st thru 4th place in all classes, rosettes and trophies for Best in Match, Best Adult, BOS Adult, Best Sr. Puppy, BOS Sr. Puppy, and Best Jr. Puppy, BOS Jr. Puppy winners.

Lunch: Lunch will be provided. We are asking for donations of \$5.00 per person to defray costs.

Entries: Pre-entries are \$10.00 per class and must be received no later than Friday, March 19, 2010. Make check payable to: GDCC and mail to Leah Hayes, 6719 Balcom Ave., Reseda, CA 91335. Day of Match entry is \$12.00. Additional classes - CGC (same dog) are \$8.00.

Contact: For more information contact Puppy Match Chairman Robert Hayes or First Vice-President Leah Hayes at (818) 344-0719.

MATCH CLASSES - CLASS DIVISION FOR BOTH DOGS & BITCHES			
3-5 Month	Fawn & Brindle	3-5 Month	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle
5-7 Month	Fawn & Brindle	5-7 Month	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle
7-9 Month	Fawn & Brindle	7-9 Month	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle
9-12 Month	Fawn & Brindle	9-12 Month	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle
12-15 Month	Fawn & Brindle	12-15 Month	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle
15-18 Month	Fawn & Brindle	15-18 Month	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle
OPEN	Fawn & Brindle	OPEN	Black, Blue, Harlequin & Mantle

** As this event is located in a public park,

GDCC encourages exhibitors insure that all puppies are up-to-date with vaccinations.

March 27, 2010 Puppy Match Entry Form		
No Dogs with Major Points	No Tape on Ears	Pre-entry deadline: March 19, 2010
AKC Name:		
Class:	Color:	Sex: () Dog () Bitch
Sire's AKC Name:		AKC #:
Dam's AKC Name:		Birth date:
Breeder (s):		Owner (s)
Owner (s) Address:		
Canine Good Citizen Test (pre-entries only) <input type="checkbox"/>		Rabies Certificate (required for CGC, please enclose a copy) <input type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury or death of dog.		
Signature of owner/agent:		Date:

From AKC – submitted by Kathryn Netser

Grand Champion

On May 12, 2010 the Grand Championship competition will start concurrent with the implementation of the 2010-2011 Schedule of Points. Competition for this new title will be judged concurrently with Best of Breed competition at both all-breed and specialty shows.

Why does AKC offer Grand Champion?

- For many owners there is little incentive to continue to exhibit dogs that have completed their championship title. All exhibitors do not have the financial means or desire to extensively campaign a dog in pursuit of top rankings. This title permits quality dogs to be recognized without extensive travel as the Grand Champion title can be earned at all shows with Best of Breed competition.

How does a dog earn the Grand Champion title?

- Only Champions are eligible to earn Grand Championship points. (This includes dogs that are “moved up” to Best of Breed competition from completing the requirements for their CH title at a previous show.)
- Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch are eligible to earn Grand Championship Points. Select Dog and Select Bitch are Champions

that were recognized as the top quality of their sex after BOB and BOS have been awarded. Judges need not award Grand Championship points to dogs that in their opinion are not worthy of the award.

- Grand Championship points are earned using the same schedule of points as is used for Championship points and the title requires:
 - Twenty five Grand Championship points including,
 - three “majors” (three or more points) won under three different judges,
 - and at least one or more of these points won under a fourth judge.
 - They must also have defeated at least one other AKC Champion at three shows.

How are Grand Championship points determined?

- Grand Championship Points are determined using the schedule of points for each breed in each division. However, all dogs defeated by BOB, BOS, Select Dog or Select Bitch will be counted in the computation. Grand Champion points may be

awarded to eligible dogs as follows:

- Best of Breed – All dogs of the both sexes in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted.
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed - All dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted.
- Select Dog or Select Bitch – One dog less that the number of dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted.
- Champions of Record including champions that are non-regular class winners or dogs that have been “moved up” to Best of Breed competition for the show are the only dogs eligible for Grand Championship points. Although class dogs can win BOB or BOS, they have not yet obtained their CH title and are not eligible for Grand Champion competition. *(Dogs entered in non-regular classes are not counted in the computation of Championship or Grand Championship points.)*

How does the Grand Champion competition affect the show-giving club?

- Based on the enthusiastic exhibitors' comments, we anticipate a significant increase in the entry of champions competing for Grand Championship points at both all-breed and specialty shows. The only increased expense will be one additional ribbon if three champions are entered or two additional if four or more AKC champions are entered in Best of Breed competition in that breed or variety. AKC will be sending email to the owners of all dogs that have finished since 1/1/2007 to inform them of this new opportunity to showcase their dogs.

The Winners Circle

New Champ !!

Adelaide Great Danes is pleased to announce a new Champion is in the house. Cinnamon finished going WB/BOW under respected breeder judge Linda Tonnancour at the Willamette Valley Great Dane Club Specialty in January at the Rose City Classic. Cinnamon is now: CH Divine Acres Sugar and Spice Girl Cinnamon is out of CH Rojon's Dynast O'Norhtwind & CH Divine Acres Daddy's Girl. Cinnamon finished her championship at 21 months and with her biggest fan on her side: Owner-Handler Jenny Kenton.

"Sean"

Ch. Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise, took the breed at the Golden Gate K. C. shows both days and a Best of Breed at the Fresno Show on Sunday. He also took 4 Best of Breeds, a Group 2, 2 Group 1's and a Best In Show on his way to his International Championship in January. He also took an Award of Merit at the Santa Clara show on Monday.

Destiny Great Danes is proud to announce, Summer (Destiny's Some Like it Hot) decided to end the 2009 year on fire.

In November she earned her UKC Champion title taking 5 Best of Breed wins, along with a group 1, a group 2, and a group 3. Then went on to the San Mateo Cluster By the Bay and Went Back WB Thank You judge J. Luna, to back WB/Best Opp Thank You Judge J. Tacker to back WB/BOW thank you Judge N.L. Patton.

Not to Be outdone sister Mia (Destiny's Pocketfull Of Miracles)

Took A MAJOR reserve at the Napa shows and went on to earn several Points towards her UKC title also taking a Best Of Breed Win. Look for these girls in the ring this year.

New Champ for Olympus!!

Artemis, also "Artie" to her friends, finished at the Santa Clara K.C. show under Mrs. Peggy Conger winning WB/BOW for 2 pts. She is now officially Am/Int'l/UKC CH. CaMe Golden Deity v Olymp. She is out of "Midas" (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) and "Maya" (Can. CH. Aristodane Opium De LaDoguerie. Bred by Isabelle Messier.

The KC Dane Kids –

Laney (KC Danes Delaney River) is off to a great start taking Winners at the Simi valley under judge Shirley Limoges and Reserve Winners along with Best Bred By Exhibitor and a Bred By Exhibitor Group 1 placement under judges Don Dvorak and Michael Brophy. And then on to take back to back winners at the Sun Maid KC show under judges Jean Fournier and Annella Cooper.

Laney's brother Mack (Ch. KC Danes Mackenzie River) has been racking up the Best Opposite Sex wins, three in Santa Barbara, one in Fresno and back to back in Santa Clara.

These gorgeous pups are out of Ch. Sarjacks Ain't Whistlin Dixie ROM & Ch. KC Danes Mystic River. Bred by Susan Douglas and Kathryn Netser and presented by Kathryn. Mack lives with the Douglas's and momma Katie and Laney is loved by the Netser household.

Mark your calendar!

March 20th

Meeting: 11am Royce Farms

April 30, May 1st and 2nd

GDCNC Specialty Show

June 26th

Meeting: 11 am

Royce Farms

9:30am Finance Committee meeting.

Article submitted by Melissa Pevy

Spring Training For Your Dog

For our four-legged friends, winter means sleeping by the fire, short walks, and a slower pace to the day-to-day happenings of life. Often it means gaining a few extra pounds and losing a little muscle tone. It can also mean less time using their basic obedience commands around the off-lead park or during on-leash street walks.

Then spring hits and it is all about getting outside and having fun for both the furry members of the household as well as the two-legged, non-furry variety. How many of us humans overdo our first long walk on the first warm, sunny day of spring? How many of us look and feel as fit and toned in shorts as we did six months prior, before bundling up in sweaters and long johns? Those short days and times sitting by the fire reading a good book took their toll on our health and [fitness level](#), and the first few weeks of spring usually come with a

series of aches, [pains](#), and injuries.

It is no different for our dogs except often, the [injuries](#) are far more serious. Easing your dog into spring can alleviate those sore, stiff muscles and help guarantee your dog does not suffer any unnecessary accidents!

Obedience Training 'Refresher'

Why do dogs need an obedience 'refresher' after the long, sedentary winter? Even an older dog who has many years of training under their collar can lose their 'edge' when it comes to obedience if they have not used it for a while. 'Sits' are slow, 'stay' means only for a moment or two, and 'come' is easily ignored, at least until the human resorts to bribery. And this is all while you are still in the house!

Now add the fun and excitement of a green grass on a sunny day and there is no way your dog is going to be spot on with their commands! Even the best-trained, most obedient dog may think twice about coming when called if they are in the middle of a good tear around with their long-lost doggy friends at the off-leash park! And do not bother to try to explain that you have to get to work – most dogs do not understand the human need to leave the house and punch a clock.

Do you need to take your pooch back to class? In the case of a one or two year old dog, it is actually an excellent idea! January or February is a perfect time to 'upgrade' your dog's obedience level as not only does it help prime him for the upcoming spring, it gets you both out of

the house one evening a week and working together to strengthen your bond. For most people, the hectic schedule of the holidays is over and yet you are not quite into BBQ and family picnic season. Then when spring approaches, you can trust that your dog is on top of his obedience commands and already mentally prepared for the coming of spring!

Fitness for the Couch Potato

Even young dogs can become couch potatoes during the winter, usually because we become couch potatoes! Depending on where you live, snow levels and severe cold may hinder how long you want to be outside or you may see so much rain each winter that you wonder how no one ever drowns. Some of us combat our own couch potato tendencies to get soft by heading to the gym but most fitness clubs do not allow dogs on the equipment and few of us can afford a doggy treadmill.

Ease your dog into an [exercise routine](#) gradually by incrementally increasing the length and speed of each walk, much like any beginner exerciser would do for their own [fitness routine](#).

Sometimes we have to think for our dogs – they do not know our plans! For example, are you planning on taking your dog for a long hike in an off-leash area? Keep him on-lead for the first mile or two until he calms down enough that he will be able to maintain his pace for the full distance. Taking him swimming? Take turns giving him [water](#) throws and beach throws for the first few sessions to ease him into the more strenuous swimming as rescuing your

tuckered out dog is far more difficult from the water than it is on shore.

Common sense is vital during spring training your dog. Too often the number of dogs brought into veterinary emergency rooms from torn knee ligaments or hit by cars spikes during the spring months only to flatten back down again when the novelty of warm weather wears off. Make sure your dog stays healthy and injury free by double-checking that collars and leashes are in good repair, that tags are current, and that you remember to bring water on each walk or K9 first aid kit on hikes while easing him into exercise.

Enjoy spring with your dog happy and healthy by your side!

<http://www.articlesbase.com/pets-articles/spring-training-for-your-dog-1876774.html>

2010 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2010 GDCNC Officers & Board were elected at the club's Annual Meeting in January. Note in parentheses following each name is the expiration year of the person's term.

Nancy Hawkes	President (2011)	Hawkes9@yahoo.com
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Ceil Wardner	(2012)	cnddanes@caltel.com
Jenny Kenton	(2011)	Jayhawkgirl97@yahoo.com
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