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### New President's Message Looking forward to a great year!

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Welcome New Members: Gary & Debi Romerosa!

My hats off to all the past presidents who took on, and over came, the many challenges facing our club through the years . The most recent of them is Nancy Hawkes., and then also, Acting President -- "jump in with both feet first" -- Pete Fredotovich, who did a bang up job catching the ball and carrying it to the finish line for a touchdown (a super bowl analogy seems appropriate this time of year). I want to extend a huge thank you to both of them and wish Nancy good health. Pete was re-elected as V.P. at the last election meeting. Continued on the next page



# valinor pups

**On January 17, 2011** we welcomed five new additions to the Valinor family. The all-black litter of three girls and two boys were whelped out of Ch. Valinor's Southern Rock CND "Bubba" (BIS/BISS Ch. Servadei Electa Kahn Son of Thor X Ch. Valinor's I'll Take You There) and Valinor's Pink Martini "Marti" (BISS Ch. Valinor-**Cheshire's For the Ride** X Ch. WSIWYG-Valinor **River of Dreams). Breeders are Everett** Van Dyken and Jan Purdy.

#### President's Message Continued...

I want to welcome newly elected Recording Secretary, Laura Craig. Mabel Labiak leaves us as past Recording Secretary and I want to express my gratitude to her for an outstanding job. Mabel, too, leaves behind some big shoes to fill, however, I know that Laura is one who can meet the challenge with her excellent skills.

Bill Labiak remains our Treasurer, a very fortunate thing for our club. I'm thrilled that he is willing to remain in office. Also, I'm very happy to still have on board Everett Van Dyken as Corresponding Secretary; Jane Chopson as GDCA Delegate; and Directors, Pat Dousman, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner . I want to acknowledge the HUGE wealth of knowledge and experience within this group.

Melissa Pevy joined the Board this year for the first time. She will also being taking over my position as Editor of the Barker newsletter after this issue. I look forward to having her on the team. It has been my pleasure to serve as Editor for the past 3 years. I appointed Jenny Kenton to serve another year on the board, filling my old position. She is also our new Education chairman. We have a lot to look forward to and we are working on some interesting ideas. I want to extend an enormous thank you to Barbara Moffett for her amazing and successful tenure as Education Chair in past years. The club benefited tremendously from Barbara's hard work and dedication to Education during that time.

Brittany Williams was also elected to the board this year. Having grown up in the club, she brings a lot to the table and with a different perspective. I find her witty sense of humor entertaining, even when she is making fun of her mother.

Kate Jackson remains our Web Mistress. She keeps all of us "in the know" and our members lean on her for disseminating important and relevant information. Kate is always on the ball. Pat Dousman is continuing on as our Membership Chair. She, too, is always on the ball, crossing all the "T's" and dotting all the "i's", double checking that we have the information we need. Ceil Wardner is heading our Ways and Means committee. Ceil did a fantastic job as chairman of this committee in the past. With her expertise, she'll be leading the club through various fund raising activities. Melissa Pevy is chairing the Disciplinary Board. So, I recommend that you be nice to her.

### YOU are a member of one of the oldest & largest Dane clubs in the country!

I want to welcome all our new members. Gary and Debbie Romerosa are our newest (and we've already put them to work!). I also want to extend a warm "glad you're here" hug to all the rest. Each one of you is a treasured member of this club (and I have a current membership rooster in front of me, I see all the names). Being a member of this club is a lot to be proud of. I am proud and glad to be a member with you.

### 2011 GDCA National

It's our turn again! The GDCA National comes to our region this year, hosted by the Western Division, which we, the GDCNC, are a part of. This happens only once every 6 years. I hope that you can take advantage of it's relatively close proximity and be a part of this incredible event which will be held in Litchfield Park, Arizona – whether it be to show your dog, help on a committee, OR both! National committee chairs need our help. I am including a list of committee chairs in this issue of the Barker. Please take a look and see if there are any committees that you'd like to join. As the National General Education Committee Chair, I know I need a lot of help and many hands. PLEASE let me know if you'd like to join in on the fun!

The National will be held Oct. 29th-Nov.4 th. If you don't already have an event package, please let me know and I will get one to you. I hope that the GDCNC will be well represented at the National this year. You don't need to have a dog to participate, there's lots to do!

### 2011 GDCNC Specialty shows

Our specialty shows are just around the corner! Lots of help is needed there as well. We need every member to join in and make this successful. Our club is known for putting on one of the finest Specialty shows, but it takes our whole "village" to make it work and run well. Don't be shy. It's okay if you don't know what to do – we'll guide you along! Pete Fredotovich, our show chair, along with the support of the assist. show chairs and committee heads, are working diligently to orchestrate a superb show. More information will be coming in the next issue of the Barker.

Pete will be hosting a hot dog BBQ after our match on Fri. Please bring a dish or item to go along with it. Royce Farms will catering our dinner Sat. evening. Please bring a dessert to share.

## This club is YOUR club!

I am honored to serve you and this club as President. I want to ask that you contact me (or any board member) with your ideas, thoughts, concerns, or anything that tickles your fancy. I will bring these items to the board for discussion and a vote, if needed. I hope to see you at our future meetings, but I also understand that our large territory does not make it feasible for all members to attend the meetings. So, email me your thoughts, if you'd like. I am here for you and my eyes and ears are open. Let's talk. I know it is impossible to make a 100% of the people happy 100% of the time, but I hope that we can work together to find some happy compromises. I have already received communications from some of you since taking office. I'm so glad to have the opportunity to hear your ideas and opinions. I welcome everyone to do the same. I'm hoping through you and the rest of the membership, we can continue to move forward.

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Our strength as a club comes from a willingness to work together, to make compromises, to practice tolerance and acceptance, and a desire to stand united as one. Every single member has something to offer. We have a great group of people in this club. We are a great club. We ARE the Great Dane Club of Northern Calif. and together we can accomplish great things.

Sincerely yours, Denise Williams, President

# Those TWO Legged Pups...

Jon and Jenny are pleased to announce a new member to our family (a two-legged version, much to our parent's relief). She was born 4:13pm on January 5. She tried very hard to be with us on Christmas (8 weeks early), however with some help from the fine perinatologists at Mercy San Juan hospital we convinced her to stay inside mom for another couple of weeks. I guess we are already correcting bad behavior, even before she is born. She weighed 4 lbs 4 oz and is 15.7" long, so her short term home will be the NICU. Baby is doing fine. Her lungs are good and strong and she is maintaining temperature by herself, so she is self-sustaining, just small. Mom is doing good as well. She is up and semi-mobile and glad that portion of the process is behind us.

As of today, we haven't decided on a name. We are trying a couple different ones out on her and getting her inputs. We will let you know when we do...

We want to thank all of you for your thoughts, well-wishes, and support during this process. We look forward to showing her to all of you very soon.

-Jon &Jenny Kenton

## KC Danes Litter Announcement

KC Danes is pleased to announce the arrival of their Futurity nominated "River Ride" litter.

Born 1/18/11 • 3 – Boys and 4 – Girls Out of - BISS Ch. Lores Joyride and Ch. KC Danes Delany River

### **Educate Yourself...**



### **Pat Hastings'** *Puppy Puzzle Plus Presentation*

Presented by the Dalmatian Club of Northern California

Many people have expressed an interest in a need for a condensed version of the Hastings's "Tricks of the Trade" seminar. *HERE IT IS*! This new full day seminar includes the Puppy Puzzle Presentation, plus an extended question-and-answer session on any and all issues related to raising, teaching, conditioning, and caring for show dogs.

When: Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 8:30 am until we are done! Doors open at 8 am

Where: Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club 1027A Detroit Avenue Concord, California 94518

Early bird discount registration: \$90 until 3/18/11 Registration fees \$120 after 3/18/11 – <u>no refunds after 3/18/11</u> *includes continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack.* 

Contact dcncseminar@yahoo.com for further information.

Mail registration and payment (payable to DCNC) to:

### **DCNC** Seminar

2328 Windy Springs Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Phone #:	_ Email:

### GDCNC Annual Members' Meeting:

January 15, 2011

A Quorum of Members was established. Those in attendance included officers and board members: Pete Fredotovich, Laura Craig, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Pat Dousman, Ceil Wardner and Denise Williams.

Jane Chopson, Everett Van Dyken and Jenny Kenton were excused.

Members in attendance included: Megan Hundley,Brenda Howard, Tom Weisser, Melissa Pevy, Brittany Williams, Timmi Williams, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser and Renee Boden.

Guests in attendance included: Terry Toops, Gary Romerosa and Debi Romerosa.

The meeting was called to order January 15, 2011, at 11:11 a.m. by Pete Fredotovich, Acting President.

### STATEMENT FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT

Pete Fredotovich, Acting President, thanked Nancy Hawkes for the outstanding job she did while President of the GDCNC. He additionally thanked the Board and members of the GDCNC for their continued support while he steps in to fill the "big" shoes left by Nancy.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Terry Toops, Ethan, Terin and Cameron were introduced. Debi and Gary Romerosa arrived later.

#### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Bill Labiak, seconded by Dana Wardner, the minutes of November 20, 2010 were approved as presented. Passed.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Gridley show date/GDCNC meeting date

#### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Pete Fredotovich, Acting President, reported that the newly elected president will appoint standing committee chairs following this 2011 election, as none were appointed in 2010. All committees will now be listed on the agenda whether there is anything to report or not.

#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Pete Fredotovich reported for Everett Van Dyken

#### ncoming:

 Pat Hastings puppy puzzle seminar April 3

Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers
 B-Match March 12

Need a minimum order of six if anyone wants to order a fleece vest (for humans)
Show correspondence—to be

discussed during Show Committee report Outgoing: None

#### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

a) Paid Members: There are 80 paid members in the GDCNC.b) Bill Labiak reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2010.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

a) Standing Committees
1) Education: Barbara Moffett; no report
2) Membership: Pat Dousman; no new member applications
3) Ways and Means: Pete Fredotovich; nothing to report
4) Web Site: Kate Jackson; no report
5) Disciplinary: no report
b) Show: Pete Fredotovich discussed:
need of help for transportation and hospitality
plans to meet in either February or March with show committees
c) Finance: no report

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None NEW BUSINESS

a) Election of New Members; Gary and Debi Romersoa—On a motion by Timmi Williams, seconded by Denise Williams, Gary and Debi Romerosa were voted in as new members to the GDCNC. Passed. b) New Members Listed on Web Site— Currently new members are not seconded by Tom Weisser, that verbiage be added to the new member application with an option to be listed on the GDCNC web site if voted in. Passed. GDCNC Annual Members. Meeting 01/15/11

c) Meeting Schedule—The June 18 show in Gridley has been moved to June 4. The GDCNC June 4 meeting has been changed to June 25 at Royce Farms.

#### **2011 MEETING SHEDULE**

(and other pertinent events)

**February 26 11:00 a.m.** Royce Farms Open meeting

March 19 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting

**April 30 – May 1** Sycamore Lane GDCNC Specialty

June 25 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting

August 13 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting

**November 19 11:00 a.m.** Royce Farms Board only

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

No write-in applications were received by the Corresponding Secretary. Ballots were distributed to each eligible GDCNC member. Kathryn Netser and Timmi Williams counted the ballots.

The final tallies stand as follows: President **Denise Williams** Vice President Peter Fredotovich Treasurer **Bill Labiak Corresponding Secretary Everett Van Dyken Recording Secretary** Laura Craig Board Members (3) for 2-year terms: Pat Dousman Melissa Pevy **Brittany Williams** Board Members (1) for 1-year term: Dana Wardner

Pete Fredotovich, Acting President, acknowledged Denise Williams as the new President of the GDCNC and turned over the meeting to her.

Denise thanked all Board members, both incoming and outgoing.

Denise Williams appointed Jenny Kenton to serve out the one-year term left vacant by the election of Denise as President on a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Timmi Williams. Passed.

Denise Williams appointed Melissa Pevy as Newsletter Editor on a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Timmi Williams. Passed.

#### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Denise Williams appointed the Chairpersons of Standing Committees as follows:

Education	Jenny Kenton	
Membership	Pat Dousman	
Ways and Means	Ceil Wardner	
Web Site	Kate Jackson	
Disciplinary	Melissa Pevy	
(w/members Timmi Williams and Gary Romerosa)		

On a motion by Bill Labiak, seconded by Pete Fredotovich, the Standing Committee Chairpersons were appointed as noted above. Passed.

An Internal Audit Committee, consisting of Pete Fredotovich, Megan Hundley and Timmi Williams, was appointed by the President, Denise Williams, to review the GDCNC financials for the year 2010. They will meet with the Treasurer, Bill Labiak, at an agreed upon date, time and location.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Mabel Labiak, *Recording Secretary* 

# **Members!**

**GDCNC Sepecialty Show Weekend** 

Please bring a dish for the Hot Dog BBQ after the match Friday & a dessert for the Dinner on Saturday.

# **Congrats** to ALL the New Champs!

## 2010 - TITLES

### **New AKC Champions**

AM/UKC/INT'L CH. CAME Golden Deity V Olympus

- CH. Danemark's Royal Affair V Al Dawn
- CH. De Joie's Springtime Passion
- CH. Destiny's One Kool Kat
- CH. Devine Acres Sugar And Spice Girl
- CH. Echo's California Coal In Texas
- CH. Echo's Stanley Cup Runneth Over
- CH. KC Danes Delaney River
- CH. Kenyon's Titan Sun Of Magnum RN
- CH. Sasdania-Vitag's Deal No Deal Alto Gavea
- CH. Valinors Southern Rock V CND

### **New AKC Grand Champions**

- GCH. Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise
- GCH. Devine Acres Sugar And Spice Girl

### **BISS Title**

BISS GCH. Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise

### **International Champions**

AM/INT'L CH. KC Danes Mackenzie River INT'L CH. Lampes Prima Mia

# **Congrats** to ALL the New Champs!

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### **BISS Title**

INT'L CH.. Valinor's Isis Rocks the River NAT'L/INT'L Puppy Ch. CAME-Olympus` Athena

International BIS Title BISS GCH/BIS INT'L CH. Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise

### **UKC Champions**

UCK CH. Destiny's Pocketful Of Miracles UKC CH. Destiny's Some Like It Hot UKC CH. Sasdania-Vitag's Deal No Deal Alto Gavea

### **UKC BIS & BPIS Title**

BIS UKC Puppy/NAT'L/INT'L CH. WCK-Olympus Chariot of Fire BPIS UCK Four D's Rainmaster Explosion At Danu CD, Obedience, Rally Titles Elphaba's Wicked Dream CD, RE Chanoz Breath of Heaven V DBM RN

### **Canine Good Citizen Titles**

Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry In Motion CGC CH. Sasdania-Vitag's Deal No Deal Alto Gavea CGC Lampes Prima Mia CGC Valinor's Black Diamond In The Ruff CGC Valinor's Isis Rocks The River CGC

### Are you interested in getting a view from the judges perspective?

Are you interested in getting a view from the judges perspective? Have you bred AKC champions? Do you feel like you are confident in your abilities to select winners from a group of puppies? Then the GDCNC Match ring may be the place for you! If you are interested in being added to a list of potential match judges, please send an email to Laura Munro at:

laura@daneaffaire.com.



### Atlas Kids are Having Fun!

### "Apollo"

We'd like to annouce our newest Champion: AM/BIS UKC Puppy/Int'I CH. WCK-Olympus' Chariot of Fire, finished at the WVGDC Specialty Show with a 4pt major under Ms. Naida Parker. Apollo is out of ATLAS MBISS AM/In'tI CH. Olympus' Pillar of the Heavens x Am/UKC CH. Danosaur's Charolette v WCK Bred By Mel Eso & Owned By Denise & Brittany Williams, Terry Toops, & Mel Eso.

#### "Athena"

(RBIS Nat'l/Int'l Puppy CH. CaMé Olympus' Athena) Won a 4pt RWB at the WVGDC Specialty Show under Ms. Naida. This makes her 11th Reserve win. She also won BOS in Sweeps at the specialty show. She is out of ATLAS x Jazz Way To Go Oscar Kids!

The recent 6 Portland **Rose City Classic shows** were great ones for us. Oscars son Brew, Am/Can Ch Double D Daynakin Party Brew. won Best of Breed at both Specialties giving him his 10th and 11th Specialty wins. Brew went on to win 5 of the 6 Breeds. The Oscar /Holly puppies bred By DJ Smith, Angie Smith and Jane Chopson did very well. Double D No More Mr Ice Guy and Double D Daynakin Whats New Pussycat finished thier Championships giving Oscar his 43rd and 44th American Champions and giving thier mother Holly her 2nd and 3rd Champions. Two more from the litter DoubleD Fire and Ice and Double D Ice Storm at Ruatha also won majors. Double D the Icebreaker J was only entered at Specialties and they were his first shows. Handled by DJ he was Reserve Dog and

Best Bred By in the second Specialty. Not to be outdone thier brother Ch Double D Fireheart Whats in Your Wallet v Hauer picked up 3 of the big Select Dogs wins.

litter. Owned By Jayne Peterson, Stephan Sam, & Denise Williams

#### "Hummer"

(CAN CH. CaMé Heavenly Phenomenon) out of the Atlas x Jazz litter is now a canadian champion. We are so proud of this big boy. Huge congrats to his breeder, owner & handler Isabelle Messier for doing a suberb job with her Atlas & Midas pups.

### Another 2 Wins for Sean

Vinners

Sean went down to Ventura for the four shows down there instead of going to Portland. We were able to get 2 Breeds out of the four. The very nice brag was that out of the two breeds we were able to get a Group One and a Group Three. What a thrilling weekend.

# **Congrats** to ALL the New Champs!

### **Stud Dogs of Titled Get**

AM/CAN CH Laurado's Dragonfly – Stud Dog Kahn CH. Laurado's Firefly Dreams – Stud Dog Kahn Ch. Laurado's Flight Of Fancy – Stud Dog Kahn Ch. Valinors Southern Rock V CND – Stud Dog Kahn AM/UKC/INT'L CH. CAME Golden Deity V Olympus – Stud Dog Midas BIS/MBISS/NAT'L BISS CAN GCH/AM CH. CAME California Dream CGN AOM – Stud Dog Midas CH. Destiny's One Kool Kat – Stud Dog Riley UKC CH. Destiny's Pocketful of Miracles – Stud Dog Riley UKC CH. Destiny's Some Like It Hot – Stud Dog Riley MBPIS/MBPISS CAN/AM CH. CAME Sunshine Of My Heart – Stud Dog Atlas



# 2012 GDCNC Judges Ballot

Judge candidates for GDCNC 2012 Specialty Shows Top 11 (Tie for 10th place)

Please choose two judges from the list. Return ballot to Denise Williams, or you may mail the ballot in by **March 31st, 2011** Denise Williams: 2689 Cheyenne Ct., Ione, CA 95640

Kathy Billiew Alice Bonne Katie Edwards Jill Ferrera Gina Gaeblon Dr. Ralph Graff Treasure Hauer-Wylie Carolyn Mobley William Stebbins Carolyn Thomas Mary Ann Wilson

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2)

Member Name:

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association



Sign:

### AKC Sanctioned B – Match & Obedience Workshop

### Saturday, March 12, 2011

Dixon May Fairgrounds 655 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Dixon, CA

### **B-Match**

Puppy Classes: 4 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months; Adult Classes: 12 to 18 months, Open Junior Showmanship: Novice Classes – 9 to 12 years, 12 to 15 years, 15 to 18 years Open Classes – 9 to 12 years, 12 to 15 years, 15 to 18 years

Pre-Entries: \$8; additional entry of same dog, \$6. Pre-Entries close March 1, 2010 Day of Match Entries (8:00 to 9:30 a.m.): \$10; additional entry of same dog, \$8. Junior Showmanship entry fees: \$2.00 – day of Match or pre-entry

> Obedience Workshop Pre-Novice • Novice • Open • Utility PRE-ENTRY ONLY!!! Entries will be limited to 150 Entries close March 1, 2011 Entry Fee: \$8, additional entry of same dog \$6

Breed		Sex	DOB	
Dog's Name/Call Name		AKC#		
Owner(s)		Phone		
Junior Name		Junior DOE	Junior DOB	
Address		eMail		
Conf Class 1	Conf Class 2	Fee 1	Fee 2	
Junior Class		Fee		
Obd Class 1	Obd Class 2	Fee 1	Fee 2	
Obd Class 3	Obd Class 4	Fee 3	Fee 4	
		Total Fees		

# Report

### 2011 Western Division National From your Western Division Representative, Denise Williams

Mandated by the GDCA National Specialty Rules & Regulations "The Board of Directors also confirms that financial arrangements will be that all profits remain in the Division will be distributed to the Divisions' Clubs in accordance with their contributions. The GDA and the Hosting Division's will share losses equally. All clubs in the Hosting Division will share equally in the Division's portion of any losses." As in prior National Specialties, a percentage of the profits (to be determined after financial reconciliation of the current event) will be set aside & invested for future Western Division Nationals. Additionally, a percentage of the profits (also to be determined after financial reconciliation of the current event) will be donated to a Great Dane related charty.

### Western Division Requirements:

- 1. Atleast one full page ad in the National Catalog
- 2. At least \$100 donation to the Trophy Fund
- 3. At least a \$25 dontation to the Hospitality Room
- 4. One item to the Welcome Bag
- 5. Each Club must supply workers for the various committees requiring manpower during the week long event.
- 6. One or more auction donations

7. One or more raffle donations, including a gift basket highlightinh interests and/or local of your club

8. Each club to designate an onsite coordinator as the point of contact at the event.

# **Contacts** 2011 Western Division National Committees

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# ATTN:

## Contra Costa County Considering Mandatory Spay & Neuter On 1st Impound

Please share this information with your club members who live in the Contra Costa County, CA area.

(The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Public Protection Committee is in the process of researching an ordinance that would require all dogs that are impounded be sterilized before they are returned to their owners, even on a first offense. This is unreasonable as even responsible owners can have an animal escape due to a mistake by a meter reader, gardener, friend or relative leaving a gate open. We agree that steps should be taken to address owners who habitually allow their animals to run at-large, but such a severe response is not justified by a single incident.

The animal services director is expected to report back to the committee sometime in January. Responsible dog owners are encouraged to contact their supervisors and oppose this one-strike policy.

### What You Can Do

Contact the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and ask them not to proceed in drafting an ordinance which mandates sterilization for a single impoundment.

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# Health Study

Letter from Angela Rhoades, Reseach Technician at the Neurogenetics & Canine Behavior

I am writing on behalf of the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, MI and the Program for Canine Health & Performance. Perhaps you've heard of us, as we have some exciting research going on in the world of dogs! Our goal is to improve the health of dogs by investigating different diseases and traits, with the goal of eventually developing treatments or diagnostics to help breeders improve their lines.

We are actively looking into the genetics of the Great Dane; program director Dr. Mark Neff is currently following up some leads in the areas of Wobbler's Syndrome and osteosarcoma. We are very interested in expanding our studies and are looking to owners and breeders for any help they can provide. It was recommended that we contact breeders approved by the Great Dane Club of America; I hope you don't mind my contacting you.

Our research projects are completely driven by owner-donated samples, from which we hope to analyze genetic differences between affected and control populations. We are looking for as many Great Dane samples as possible, whether they are affected (with Wobbler's or osteosarcoma), healthy, or afflicted with other conditions. All that is required is a simple, painless cheek swab which can be collected at home and returned to our lab with no cost to the owner. Everything is completely confidential.

We are hoping that as a breeder and lover of Great Danes, you may be willing to help this research by submitting samples from your own dogs and/or putting us in touch with other owners you may know. We are also happy to ship you extra kits to distribute to owners near you. Our goal is to collect hundreds or even thousands of Great Dane DNA swabs to help forward the studies.

Please let me know if you can help, and I will be happy to talk to you further if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

### Angela Rhoades Research Technician, Laboratory of Neurogenetics & Canine Behavior

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# From the **Editor**

And now, the time has come to pass the torch. This is my final issue as the Editor. To make it extra special, Brittany joined me & did the layout with her super graphic design skills. I hope you enjoy it. Brittany & I know Melissa Pevy will do a fantastic job as our new editor!



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## 2010 GDCNC Board & Officers

The 2008 GDCNC Officers & Board were elected at the Club's Annual Meeting in January. The note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

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### Mark Your Calendar!

**February 26 11:00 a.m.** Royce Farms Open meeting

March 19 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting

**April 30 – May 1** Sycamore Lane GDCNC Specialty

June 25 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting

August 13 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting

November 19 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Board only