

February-March 2003



GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

The Great Dane Club of Northern California's

Back-to-Back Specialty Shows

April 26th & 27th, 2003

**Sycamore Lane Kennels
Lodi, California**

Saturday, April 26th:

Obedience Judge: Lois Seibak

Conformation Judge: Helen Briscoe

***Dinner, Auction & Program
to follow Saturday's show!!!***

Sunday, April 27th:

Sweeps Judge: Ron Acena

Junior Showmanship Judge: Cathy De La Garza

Conformation Judge: Cathy De La Garza

See the Premium List for more information.

Details will soon be available online at www.greatdaneclub.org.



Show Set-Up BBQ

We'll be getting the show site set up on Friday afternoon (4/25), starting about 3pm. Many hands make light work – how 'bout lending yours to help??? We'll celebrate a job well done with a casual BBQ that offers great food and great camaraderie. We'll provide the chicken, utensils & drinks; you bring the energy to help with set-up and a dish to share.

From the President...

First, a big thank you to Kate for taking over the newsletter editor job and for approaching the task with such gusto. Hand-in-hand with that goes a very BIG thank you to Ceil Wardner for doing such an outstanding job as our past newsletter editor. Now we need to groom her for taking over the office of President...right Ceil?

Thank you to everybody who made it to our annual meeting in Stockton last month. It is a lot like trying to build a major... but we built one! Thanks to the long-distance travelers: Judy Benjamin (Lake County) and Jean Bell (Monterey County) and Pete Sorenson (Colusa County). I also wanted to thank Tami Welch for volunteering to drive down after her son's basketball game if she was needed to make a quorum. Thanks for all the support! We had a good time talking out details and plans for the upcoming specialties over a great lunch.

We have all our committee chair people in place and now we move on to the nitty gritty. Even if you are not involved with a particular committee, please help to put on another successful specialty by volunteering to help with the raffle (Lorraine Matherly), clean-up (Chuck English and Timmi Williams), dinner set-up and decorations (Ann English, Gail Hunt). I personally want to make a plea for a lot more of you to stick around on Sunday after the show to help break down the set up. The show is planned to end earlier than last year. Without sounding like I am whining, most of the committee members have put in an excess of three days of work on the shows and we are all tired. So remember that "many hands make light work" before you consider packing up your own things. Your effort would very much be appreciated!

At our regular club meetings, we will be introducing (reintroducing) the open forum for discussion of set topics. One meeting's forum will devoted to ear taping; another juvenile cataracts, another will be devoted to heart-related problems. We will try to get the word out in advance as to what the topic will be and we also will have a discussion leader or leaders. We hope that many of you will be able to share your personal expertise and insight and learn from your peers at the same time. This month is devoted to the specialties. March's topic will be announced and May's topic is on heart-related problems led by Michele Andreeta. Stay tuned!

I am excited about starting another year of shows. The momentum is slowly building! It is great to see old and new faces around the ring and all those beautiful Great Danes out there. I hope to see many more of you soon.

My best to all of you,
Everett



Financial Report: January 1st to 31st

Checking Balance

Beginning: \$2,112.06

Ending: \$2,101.89

Specialty Committee Chairs

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| Show Chairman | Everett Van Dyken |
| Assistant Show Chairman | Pete Sorenson |
| Obedience Chairperson | Sue Dubie-Holbrook |
| Advertising/Catalog | Kate Jackson |
| Announcer | Conley Netser |
| Auction/Program | Jane Chopson |
| Challenge Trophies | Paul Picciau |
| Decorations | Gail Hunt |
| Grounds | Chuck English |
| Health Clinic | Terri Burley-Hammond, DVM |
| Hospitality | Denise Williams |
| Judges' Liaison | Mabel Labiak |
| Lodging | Judy Sears |
| Maintenance | Timmi Williams |
| Meals | Ann English; Paul Picciau |
| Parades | Lorie Spencer |
| Parking | Sycamore Lane Kennels |
| Raffle | Lorraine Matherly |
| Ribbons | Ceil Wardner |
| Trailer | Dana Wardner |
| Trophies | Lucretia Marcus |
| Vendors | Pete Sorenson |
| Welcome | Kathleen Davis |

How Can YOU Support YOUR Club?

- ❖ Volunteer to serve on a Specialty committee. Contact any of the committee chairpeople listed elsewhere in this newsletter!
- ❖ Donate \$\$\$ for Specialty trophies. Contact Lucretia at (925) 831-6172 or email bellemarc@sbcglobal.net.
- ❖ Donate items for the Specialty raffle – or offer a couple hours to sell tickets & oversee the raffle table at the Specialty. Contact Lorraine at lorraine@loredane.com.
- ❖ Advertise in the Specialty catalog. Full page ads are only \$35!!! Contact kate@qantel.com for details.
- ❖ Enter your dog(s) in the Parade of Title Holders, Veteran's parade, Sweeps and regular show classes at the Specialties.
- ❖ Recruit other Dane lovers to become GDCNC members.

Membership Update!!!

Second Publishing:

- Elizabeth Artle
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Molly Johnson-Smith

First Publishing:

- James Curnett
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Molly Johnson-Smith
- Mick Galvin
Sponsored by Kate Jackson and Lucretia Marcus
- Mabel Labiak
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Ann English



The Specialty will be here before we know it! Let's join together and make this raffle the best, biggest fund raiser ever! I will be making a poster with a list of the names of all who donate (**everything counts!**) and displaying it at the raffle table. I'm hoping for a LONG list! Please contact Lorraine (lorraine@loredane.com) as soon as possible to let me know what you are donating! Thank you for your help.

Something to Remember

by Terry Russo

This was posted on the showdanes email list several months ago. Permission to cross-post this lovely piece was given by Terry Russo.

I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class. Not one person applauded. Not one person came up and said anything. Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat. Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions:

"It was nice to see him out there." Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy." Or tell his owners that you are glad that they brought him. Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owners and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring.

My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veterans, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you.

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man). I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said, "Terry. I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him." As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up to me in tears, with hugs and apologies. I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done. Was it worth it?

When *Mr. Smith* took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained - and applauded and "whooped and hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners. If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day. Was it worth it? You tell me...

Rumors

by Renee Broden

Congratulations! Someone is spreading rumors about you, your dogs and/or your breeding program on the Internet. You're the topic of discussion boards, chat rooms, emails, instant messages or by word of mouth. You must be doing something right. You are so important that you are the center of this person's universe & they have nothing better to do then spread evil gossip and stories (health, conformation & temperament). Isn't the dog show/breeding sport grand? I know this is competitive breed, but gee, I think it brings out the uglies in some people.



Shouldn't we act like ambassadors to the breed? Don't these people understand that they are setting a bad example & are scaring newcomers away? And we often wonder why people turn into back yard breeders. Note- Of course, most of us do spread the truth about puppymillers & backyard breeders that never step foot in the show ring and don't have a clue what a quality dane looks like.

Consider the source before passing on these stories. Ask yourself-

- 1) Is this a rumor or a fact? Did you ask them how they know this to be a fact? Do they have proof?
- 2) Did I see this with my own eyes or is it hearsay?
- 3) Did these people have a falling out & this person is just trying to win people over to their corner?
- 4) Did you confront the person that the rumor is about? Most people will be forthcoming with the truth if asked. And I think that's the fair thing to do!

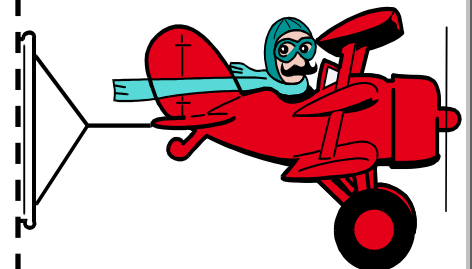
Rumor spreading hurts all parties involved including the person spreading theses stories! Soon people will learn about their unsportsmanlike ways and will soon avoid them.

Best thing to do, DON'T get mixed up in the drama!! Don't believe everything you hear or read!!

Get the facts first, because in most states it's unlawful to slander (spoken gossip) or liable (written gossip) someone else and/or their property (dogs, puppies, kennel & breeding programs). You could end up in Court because you were spreading rumors that were presented as fact which caused damage to the other party which is defamation!

Specialty Catalog Advertising

We want the GDCNC's Specialty show catalog to be an informative and fun publication – and advertise those wins, puppies and upcoming litters. Ads are just \$35.00 for a full page with one photo; \$10.00 for business card ads. Outdoor pictures reproduce best. Pictures will be returned at the show. Ad material can be submitted anytime between now and April 2nd – that's the deadline for advertising copy. Please make checks payable to Diane E. Heldebrant. Send your advertising copy and pictures to Diane Heldebrant, 2406 Watson St, Sacramento, CA 95864



Brag's!!!

New Champion: CH Lagarada's Genuine Gold of Lore (Tyler) finished at 14 months completely owner/handled on Friday the 13th of December 2002. Bred by Fran Lass; owned by Lorraine Matherly.

Lore's Mr. Nice Guy (Cooper) was WD for his last single at San Mateo on January 12, 2003 handled by Sonda Petersen. Breeder: Lorraine Matherly. Owned by Lorraine and Jacqueline Tom. Cooper needs a 3-point major to finish.

Lore's Heartthrob was RWD to his cousin on January 12, 2003 at San Mateo, breeder/owner/handled by Lorraine. Cooper (yes, there are two) is co-bred and co-owned by Lorraine and Louis and Dale Bassano. This Cooper needs a 3-point major and two singles to finish.

Lore's The Works V Ironwood (Hero) went WD for his second 4-point major at the Great Dane Club of Tucson, breeder/owner/handled by Lorraine on January 19, 2003. Hero is co-bred by Pamela Gray and Lorraine. Hero needs six singles to finish.

Coleridge's Steel the Show took Winner's Bitch at the Cow Palace on February 1st at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show. Bev and Paul Heijn are very proud of their Diva!

Belldane's Louie Louie has had quite the year thus far! We started the year off with a trip to Portland where Louie took two 5 point major reserves at the Willamette Valley Great Dane Club's Specialties under judges Lourdes Carvajal and Nikki Riggsby. He was then awarded his first major by Ms. Charlotte Clem McGowan. At the benched Golden Gate KC show all of the Danes were perfect ambassadors and Louie went WD/BOW under Ms. Patricia W. Laurans. We finished February with a very nice WD/BOW under Mrs. Katie Gammil and a reserve under Mrs. Jeanne D. Zuver. Louie was expertly handled in Oregon by Larry Schram and in California by Denise Williams.

Time is short and getting shorter to contribute to the trophy fund for the April specialties. If you haven't already sent in your trophy donation, please do so ASAP. We still need \$\$\$ for many class trophies!!! Please contact Lucretia at (925) 831-6172 or email bellemarc@sbcglobal.net to help!

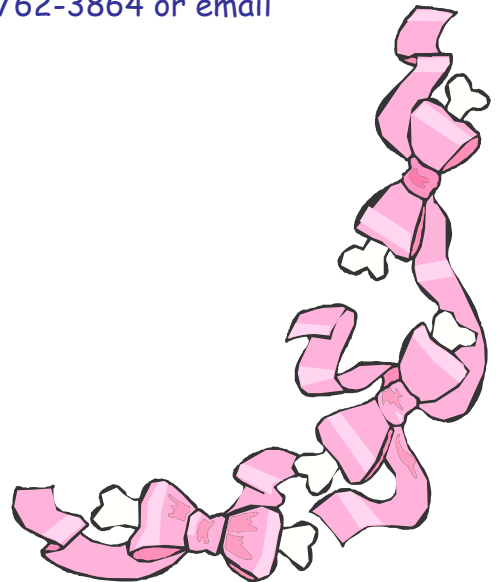
Litterbox

Ch Rockingdanes Nvr A Dull Moment x Blanton's Country Affaire, "Joey" and "Cody", proudly announce the birth of 1 fawn girl, 2 fawn boys, 1 brindle boy and 4 brindle girls. Mom and babies are doing fine. Dad is sending out cigars. Contact Laura at daneaffr@surewest.net for more information.

Kitty Kenyon is thrilled to announce her all-black Valentine's Day litter (Ch. Echo's Speaker of the House "Sevy" x Kenyon's Wyatt Katalina Janeway "Katie")! Proud Mom Katie and babies (6 boys and 4 girls) are all doing well. Interested parties can email dockitty99@aol.com or phone 559-875-2922 (office) or 559-325-2703 (home).

KC Danes is pleased to announce the arrival of a beautiful fawn litter on January 29th. One boy and two girls were born to Ch. Oneida's Nash Bridges "Nash" (BIS BISS Ch Dana's Tallbrook Town Crier x Ch. Oneida's Current Affair) and Ch. Sherons Betty D Grandy "Betty" (BISS AM/CAN Ch Penadane Daynakin Solitary Man x Ch. Sherons Captive Heart Grandy). Both Mom and babies are doing great.

Two Show Quality Fawn Males are available to good homes. They were born on November 3, 2002. The parents are Int. Ch. Paradise's Prime Vintage x Multiple Best of Breed Am. & Int. Ch. Paradise's U Lil Devil U. Please inquire at (707) 762-3864 or email vparadise@aol.com.



GREAT DANE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

Present: Everett Van Dyken, Bev Heijn, Ceil Wardner, Dana Wardner, Ann English, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Paul Picciau, Lucretia Marcus

Absent Excused: Denise Williams, Bobbie Malloy, Jane Chopson, Timmie Williams

M/S/P – To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2002 meeting as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – See Attached.

Education – Everett reported that Michele Andreeta is interested in organizing health forums, to be held at meetings, or possibly at the specialty. There was discussion and agreement to tentatively schedule the first forum for the May 17 meeting. The subject of the first forum will be cardiac disease.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – See attached.

Membership:

M/S/P: To approve the membership of Lorrie Spencer.

Received applications from:

Mick Galvin, (Sponsored by Kate Jackson and Lucretia Marcus)

Elizabeth Artle and James Curnutt (Sponsored by Molly Johnson-Smith and Everett Van Dyken)

Public Address system: As previously approved, Chuck English will buy a system from RadioShack, with the price not to exceed \$500.

Christmas Brunch: Ann English needs to book the Pleasanton Hotel for this year's awards banquet, if the club wants to hold it there again. The date will be December 7. Costs should be similar to last year.

M/S/P: To have Ann book the Pleasanton Hotel for December 2003 Awards brunch.

Election –

M/S/P: To take a voice vote for the slate as previously presented by the Nominating committee.

The slate was elected as follows:

President: Everett Van Dyken

Vice President: Ceil Wardner

Recording Secretary: Timmi Williams

Corresponding Secretary: Paul Picciau

Treasurer: Dana Wardner

BOARD: Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Judy Benjamin

Newsletter: Kate Jackson will be taking over the newsletter editor job.

Show Report:

Everett shared an Example of an Award of Merit, and there was discussion regarding the GDCNC offering Awards of Merit at our specialties.

M/S/P: To have Awards of Merit available for up to 10% of the Best of Breed entries at our specialty.

M/S/P: To have Everett buy the Awards of Merit, for a price not to exceed \$15 each.

Catalog: Kate Jackson reported on the Catalog ad pricing, which is \$35 for a full page, and \$10 for a Business Card sized ad. All ads will be Black and White. Since Diane Heldebrant is going to be our Show Secretary, all catalog ad money will be sent to her and she will produce the catalog.

Food: Pete Sorenson is exploring various possibilities for lunch vendors, and Ann English is coordinating the meal logistics. Price to exhibitors will be approximately \$45 to \$50 for the Meal Package, consisting of Lunches Saturday and Sunday, and the Dinner Saturday evening.

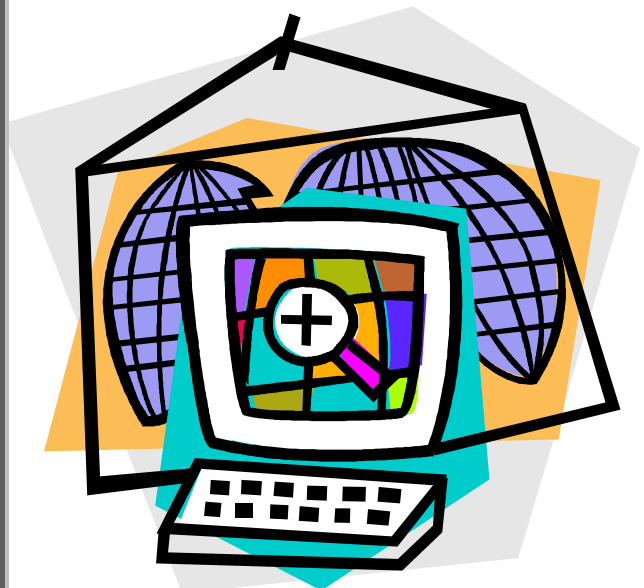
Ways and Means: Ceil Wardner has Sees candy available still. Bill Labiak shared Christmas cards he had done with his dogs at the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. They did them as a fund raiser, with the photos mounted in decorative paper frames. GDCNC could do a similar activity, possibly at the specialty. Kate Jackson volunteered to be the photographer, ideally with the photo sessions held only for a limited time, at a set location on the show grounds. More discussion to follow.

Website: Kate reminded everyone of the GDCNC's website: www.greatdaneclub.org, and told us that there is a DVD of the specialty available for purchase on the site.

Adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Heijn, Recording Secretary

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Don't forget to visit our Club's website!
Even better, tell Kate (kate@qantel.com)
that YOU want to be listed on the
"Members" page! The more of us listed, the
stronger our club looks to the world! And,
since there are links to members' email
addresses (and websites, if they have one)
it's a real convenience to use the "Members"
page to contact your GDCNC friends!!!

2003 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2003 GDCNC Board was voted into office at the annual meeting in January. Incumbent officers were re-elected, and Judy Benjamin, Conley Netser and Kathryn Netser were newly-elected. Big thanks to retiring recording secretary Bev Heijn and board members Bobbie Malloy and Denise Williams!!!

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Calendar

March 29th:

Meeting
Prudential Building
Castro Valley

April 26th & 27th:

Specialty Shows

May 17th:

Meeting & Discussion
Forum: Heart Problems
(led by Michele Andreetta)
Prudential Building
Castro Valley

June 28th:

Meeting & Discussion
Forum
Topic TBA
Prudential Building
Castro Valley



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