



# GDCNC Barker



## New By-laws Effective Immediately

At our January 14, 2006 meeting the new GDCNC By-laws were approved with one minor revision: the quorum for meetings was dropped from 20% to 15% as approved by the American Kennel Club. The approval culminates eight years of effort on the part of the By-laws Committee.

In 1998, our then Club President Terry Toops called a committee together to study the revision of the 1991 By-laws. That committee consisted of Ron Ring, Carol Ring, Nicki Stanke, Paul Piccau and Everett Van Dyken. After much reflection, effort, and continual revisions of revisions, the By-laws were voted on and approved by the membership in 2001.

They were sent into the parent club but languished while the GDCA revised its own By-laws. When the new GDCA By-laws were approved earlier this year, our By-laws were also approved and subsequently submitted to the American Kennel Club. The AKC proposed several changes, including electronic voting, the issue of quorums, and a handful of superficial changes. As a result of the AKC-dictated changes, the GDCNC membership needed to vote for approval of the proposed By-laws once again.

FINALLY!!! We now have that approval and will be operating under the guidelines of the new By-laws commencing immediately. You are encouraged to read through the By-laws. Be sure to change the quorum percentage to 15% on the copy sent to you in December.

We will be working on formatting and printing our new Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics soon so that we can distribute them to all club members and to those who apply for membership.

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## Specialty Set-Up and Committees

Last year, while Specialty committee members were organizing the ring and getting the grounds show-worthy, other exhibitors set up their personal canopies and pens, leaving lots of hard-working committee folks scrambling for space. For this year's GDCNC Specialty Shows, to be held April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, we are changing how setup space is allocated. Setup space will be reserved for the committee chairpersons who have volunteered to make the event a special one. Remaining space will be available on a first come, first served basis to the other exhibitors.

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## Trophy Donations

Our trophy chairperson this year is Lorrie Spencer. While it's her first time as Trophy Chair, we're confident that she'll do a great job! Please respond generously to her efforts to raise money for the trophies and prizes to be offered at this year's Specialty Shows. Lorrie will be using the following categories for donations:

- ◇ *Diamond Level* is for donations exceeding \$200
- ◇ *Platinum Level* is for donations of \$100 to \$199
- ◇ *Gold Level* is for donations of \$50 to \$99
- ◇ *Silver Level* is for donations of \$25 to \$49
- ◇ *Bronze Level* is for donations up to \$24



Please send in your contributions in early so your generosity can be acknowledged in the Specialty catalog. To contribute, make your checks payable to GDCNC and mail to Lorrie's home address:

Lorrie Spencer  
639 Cement Hill Road  
Fairfield, CA 94533-1331

## Specialty Set-Up and Committees

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Most of the show committees now have chairpersons, but we could still use the additional help. Most significantly, **we need a second ring steward to help Bill with those duties.** If that or something else piques your interest and you can contribute, please let the appropriate committee chairperson know:

Show Chair: Everett Van Dyken

Assistant Show Chairs: Kate Jackson, Kathryn Netser

Auction: Jane Chopson

Catalog Advertising: Pamela Preston

Challenge Trophies: Elizabeth Artle, Jim Cumutt

Decorations: Lisa Ellison

Grounds: Conley Netser

Hospitality: Peter Fredotovich

Judge's Liaison: Mabel Labiak

Lodging: **Open**

Match: Kathryn Netser

Match Secretary: Laura Munro

Meals: Paul Picdau

Parades: **Open**

Parking: Sycamore Lane Kennels

Raffle: Laura Craig, Timmi Williams

Ribbons: Everett Van Dyken

Ring Steward: Bill Labiak

Sanitation: Ceil Wardner

Setup Hospitality: Dale Bassano

Sound System: Mick Galvin

Sweepstakes: Donnell Giambastiani

Trailer: Dana Wardner

Trophies: Lorie Spencer

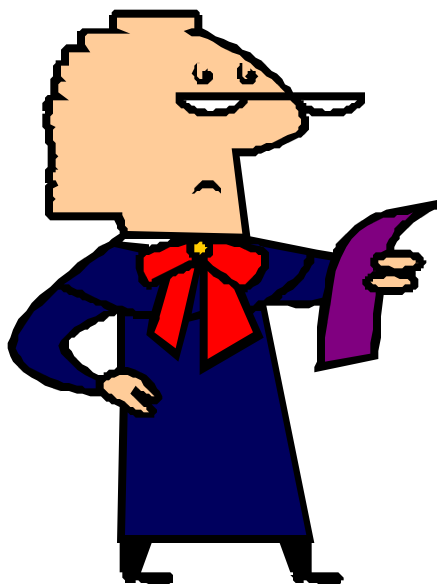
Vendors: Pete Sorenson

Welcome: Nancy Hawkes, Paul Keeslar

## Do You Know A Judge?

Dear Members,

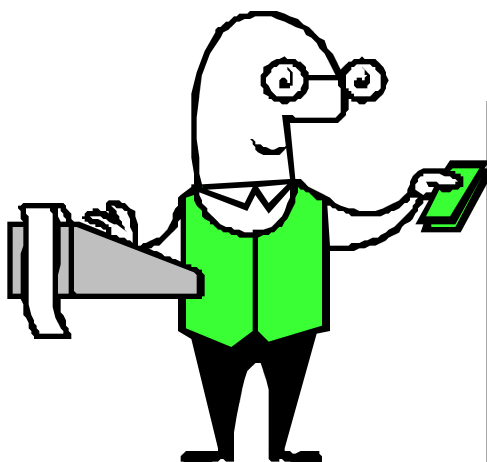
*I have nearly depleted the list of judges for our Specialties and would like some input from you. By the way, I am currently working on judges for our 2008 shows. I'm looking for judges that will draw well (i.e., we want a large number of exhibitors) and that would be reasonable to hire. They could be judges that you like because they put up your dog, but try to keep a focus on their appeal to others.*



*I am also looking for judges for our Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes judges do not need to be AKC-licensed, but should have experience with Great Danes and have had some judging experience (matches, etc.). This year we will have two sweepstakes, so obviously I need more names.*

*I would appreciate your input on adding to my list of judges for both conformation and sweepstakes. Please indicate why you feel this judge would be good or provide some sort of information to help in my selection process. Please send them to me via email or in a written note so I don't need to rely on my memory.*

*Thanks in advance,  
Everett, GDCNC Show Chair*



### FINANCIAL REPORT

**Account balance information  
is available to members  
on request**

## ***From the Desk of the President***

*Dear Dane Friends,*

*Phew! Still reeling that an entire year has come and gone so quickly! Happy 2006 to everyone!*

*What an incredible turnout we had at our annual meeting a couple of weeks ago – over 30 members!!! It was great to see so many of you at this very important meeting. We approved Club Bylaws (more on that elsewhere in the Barker) and elected our new Board. I would like to welcome new Board members Connie Andronico, Pete Fredotovich and re-elected Board Member Conley Netser. During the closed Board meeting that followed the annual meeting, Paul Picciau resigned from his position as Corresponding Secretary. With the Board's approval, Everett Van Dyken was appointed as our new Corresponding Secretary. We are sorry to see Paul vacate this position, but wish to thank him for all of the hard work and energy he put into it.*

*I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new Club members that were voted in at the annual meeting: Pat Gallup, Paul & Agneta Keesler and Pepper Riddle. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to introduce yourselves to our newest GDCNC members.*

*Our annual holiday brunch at the Pleasanton Hotel was a huge success as usual – thank you, Ann, for making all the arrangements! There was great food and company and fun for all – a memorable event that you'll want to be sure to attend every year.*

*Congratulations to all the winners at the Turkey Circuit and San Mateo shows – a great way to end 2005. And to those of you who did so well at the Rose City Classic in Portland a couple of weeks ago, big congrats, too, for starting 2006 out with a bang!*

*I hope you take the time to read the inspiring short story "Owner/Handler and Top Bill" written by Fay Rogstad in this issue of the Barker. This is a wonderfully written, inspirational story. Thank you again, Fay, for allowing the GDCNC to print your story in our newsletter.*

*Our annual back-to-back Specialties are coming up quickly and there is much to be done. If you would like to provide some of your time and energy and have not already signed up for a committee, please contact Everett Van Dyken, Show Chair, to see where you can help out.*

*Our next meeting is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at Royce Farms – hope to see a bunch of you there!*

*Your Humble President,*

*Kathryn Netser*

## **GDCNC Board Meeting: November 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order on November 19, 2005 at 11:08 a.m. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Ceil Wardner, Dana Wardner, Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dobie-Holbrook, Conley Netser, Mabel Labiak, Ann English. Excused were Paul Picciau, Judy Benjamin, Lucretia Marcus and Jane Chopson. Guest: Bill Labiak

The minutes were approved as amended (Excused board members: Judy Benjamin and Paul Picciau).

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- Incoming E-Mail from Lucretia RE: October 29 minutes and resignation from the board notice
- Incoming E-Mail from Lucretia RE: thanks for support for the National
- Outgoing E-Mail from Everett to AKC RE: Status of By-Laws Approval

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

#### **Nominating Committee:**

The nominating committee presented a letter to the board with the list of dub members in good standing who have been considered for candidates to the board. The members are: Connie Andronico, Elizabeth Artle, Ann English, Peter Fredotovich, Donnell Giambastiani, and Conley Netser. These candidates will run for the board seats being vacated by Ann English, Lucretia Marcus and Conley Netser.

#### **Education:**

Terry Toops is going to check into a handling seminar at Sycamore Lane Kennels.

#### **Membership:**

- Pat Gallup, Paul & Agneeta Keesler, and Pepper Riddle have been approved for membership.
- Bob Gallup has been published one time Nov/Dec 2005 issue and needs to be published again.

#### **Show:**

Auction monies – tabled to another meeting

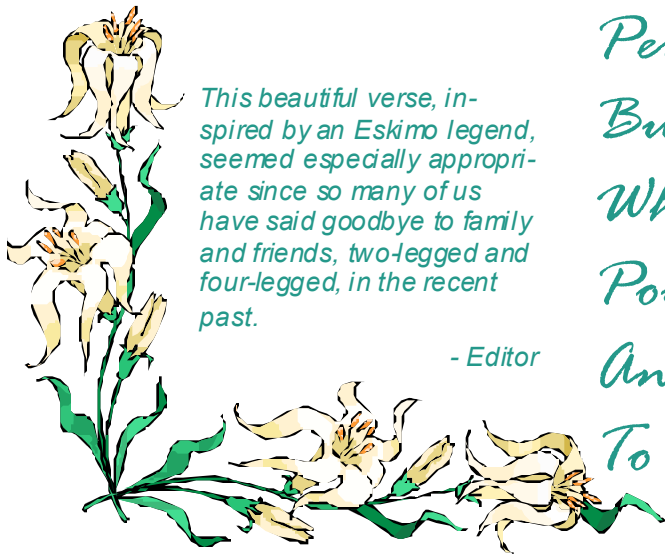
### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Standing rules:**

Everett presented Nine (9) standing rules to be corrected and approved by the board.

1. Membership dues are to be \$25 paid annually (proposed) M/S/P
2. Initial membership fees to include a non-refundable \$10 processing fee along with the annual fee of \$25 (proposed) amended (per application) M/S/P
3. Members whose partner is also a member shall pay \$40 as a couple (proposed) amended (annually) M/S/P
4. All members shall receive a copy of the dub Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics upon approval of membership (proposed) amended (Constitution & Code of Ethics when applying for membership) M/S/P
5. Applicants for membership shall live in the state of California as defined in the By-laws (proposed) M/S/P
6. Awards ceremony to be held at the Specialty Dinner honoring member's dogs receiving a title or award for the previous year (proposed) M/S/P
7. Award plaques and / or plates to be given to members whose dogs attained an AKC title, International title or BIS/BISS award (proposed) M/S/P
8. Award plaques and /or plates to be given to members whose dogs/bitches produced an AKC champion (proposed) amended (include 2005, all others can pay) M/S/P
9. Award plaques and / or plates to be given to members whose dogs/bitches obtained a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) certificate (proposed) amended (and therapy dog title) M/S/P

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*This beautiful verse, inspired by an Eskimo legend, seemed especially appropriate since so many of us have said goodbye to family and friends, two-legged and four-legged, in the recent past.*

*- Editor*

*Perhaps they are not the stars  
But rather openings in Heaven  
Where the love of our lost ones  
Pours through  
And shines down upon us  
To let us know they are happy.*

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

*Welcome New GDCNC Members!!!*

*Pat Gallup*

*Paul and Agneta Keesler*

*Pepper Riddle*

### **First Publishing:**

- ♦ **Roc Craig**  
*Sponsored by Barbara Kreszyn and Ann English*
- ♦ **Debra Henderson**  
*Sponsored by Bari Costello and Ann English*

### **Second Publishing:**

- ♦ **Bob Gallup**  
*Sponsored by Kathryn Netser and Conley Netser*



## **Members Movin'...**

Sharon McCrary has moved! Here's her new contact information:

Sharon McCrary

5480 Marshall Road

Garden Valley, CA 95633

Home: 530.333.2756

Cell: 760.219.8646

Email: GoldmyneGD@Direcway.com

## **GDCNC Board Meeting: November 19, 2005**

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### **Budget:**

The board proceeded with establishing a budget for the next year.

### **Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting dates were selected as February 11 and March 11.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

# The Story of an Owner-Handler and Top Bill

By Fay Rogstad, Summer Great Danes

O/H had decided she would like to owner handle her beautiful show dog. They have been working hard to enter into this new exciting venture. Now the time feels right to enter the shows. The first show weekend arrives and O/H has been busy all week, being careful not to cram all of her preparations into the night before the show, as trying to keep this venture as stress free and relaxing as possible for her and her dog.

O/H arrives at the show grounds and has planned her trip so she has at least an hour before the scheduled show time to exercise her dog and make sure he is relaxed and comfortable. Then O/H proceeds to ringside to observe the judge officiating and to become aware of his ring procedure. Checking the catalog she realizes that TOP BILL, the Professional Handler, is entered and has a dog in her class. A great urge to panic comes over O/H but she steps back and thinks through the situation. O/H tells herself, I have worked hard in training, conditioning and educating myself and YES I can do this.

It is time. The steward is calling O/H's class into the ring. Even though Top Bill is in the same class O/H walks into the ring happy, confident, and maintains a GREAT attitude because she is aware any emotion she is feeling can affect her dog's performance. The judge has examined O/H's dog and she is feeling wonderful about her dog's performance. While the other dogs in the class are being judged, O/H is still keeping herself aware of everything going on. Also, possibly the judge could be taking quick glances at the end of the line where she is now, so she keeps her dog alert and happy so hopefully it will present a good picture if the judge should glance her way.

Time for the class placements: O/H wins 2nd in a class of 6 and Top Bill wins 1st. Is O/H disappointed? Yes, but that does not stop her from saying congrats to Top Bill. Great class win! As O/H leaves the ring she still has a good feeling that her dog's performance was good and that they were a great team out there and it was a wonderful experience. Her friend however, came rushing up to her, telling her that it was a shame she got beat by Top Bill and not the dog he was handling. That opinion does not influence O/H at all. In fact, she told her friend that she was pleased with her performance, that tomorrow is another day, and asks her friend to join her ringside to watch the rest of the judging. O/H wanted to take in everything she could and especially to watch Top Bill and the other Professionals out there, observing their handling techniques, stacking, moving, and even how the handlers present themselves. O/H knows that you can always learn.

I have written the story of O/H and Top Bill to hopefully bring across the point that entering the dog show world can be a positive, fun adventure for everyone. It is like any sport with all the different players, but it is what you make of it with willingness to keep learning and setting goals for yourself. Owner Handlers are a very important part of dog shows; always remember, it is a competition, and yes, we have our off days but when you win it is the best feeling there is.

Personally I have finished four Great Danes owner-handled, including handling my dog to WD at the 1996 GDCA National, pointed some others and also have finished three Vizslas. It is great and yes, I have Top Bill show my dogs, too. And an interesting twist is, with Top Bill on my dogs, they sometimes have been beaten by Owner Handlers.

There will always be the Top Bill out there in the ring with the Owner Handler. But with education, good sportsmanship, a great attitude, and respect it can be fun and a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Good luck to all of the Owner Handlers and Top Bills out there in 2006. Let's all have a great time and learn from each other and keep our sport enjoyable and rewarding.

GDCNC thanks Fay Rogstad for generously giving us permission to reprint her article.

## Winnie's a Winner!

Judge Christina Hubbell named Paradise's Winning Ways (CH Paradise's Prime Vintage x. CH Paradise's U Lil Devil U) Winners Bitch from the American-Bred class for a MAJOR at the Dog Fandiers Association of Oregon show in Portland last week!! Winnie is owned by and was bred by Vince & Joan Mulligan. Congrats Team Winnie!!!

## Major Wins for Valinor Girls!

Two litter sisters out of CH Valinor's The Divine Miss M and CH Etar's Consider It Done OKyan have recently won majors:

- Valinor's The Rose of Bruport won a three-point major under Linda Stebbins at a New York show in November. "Kali" is owned by Susan Reiter and Everett Van Dyken and was owner-handled to her win.
- Valinor's Kiss My Brass V Etar won a three-point major under Connie Hunter at the Tucson show a few weeks ago. "Emma" is owned by Tina Dapello and Beth Witcher.



## Kenyon's Dogs Boast Brains and Beauty

Anij is now officially known as Kenyon's Wyatt Aldea Anij CDX RN! Anij not only finished her Rally Novice title at the Turkey Circuit shows, but also got the first leg on her Rally Advanced title – with a PERFECT SCORE: 100 out of 100! Anij was bred by and is owned by Kitty Kenyon.

And there's a new champion at Kenyon's, too!!! The very handsome CH Kenyon's Sevy Check Out Devin (CH Echo's Speaker Of The House x Kenyon Wyatt Katalina Janeway) earned TWO majors to finish in Portland a couple of weeks ago. Devin, handled by Jane Chopson, got a 5-point major under judge Stephen Hubbell on Friday, on Saturday he took 4-point major reserve under judge Christina Hubbell, and on Sunday Devin was WD and BOW for a 4-point major under judge Dr. Eric Liebes. And if to prove he's not just a pretty face (and a hunk, to boot!), Devin followed up his conformation success by picking up two legs on his CD on Saturday and Sunday. Devin was bred by and is owned by Kitty Kenyon – what a weekend in Portland they had!

## Cali Is Halfway There!

Lagarada's California Gold "Cali" was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the Golden Valley KC show on November 26, 2005 under judge Jean Fournier for 2 points. Judge Joe Tacker found Cali on December 3, 2005 at the San Mateo KC, awarding her WB and BOS. Cali has 8 points to date including a 4-point major. Cali's sire is BISS AKC/UKC/INT'L CH Lagarada's Aspen Gold, ROM, and her dam is CH Lagarada's Show Stopper. Cali is owned by Tim Sutherland, Eric Evangelista and breeder Fran Lass.

## Oscar Qs for GDCA HOF

Great Dane Club of Tucson: Oscar goes BOB both days, thus achieving his 12th Best in Specialty win! And in Portland: Oscar won all five shows, including two Specialties – he now qualifies for the GDCA Hall of Fame!

### And the little upstart...

Jack, Lore's Joyride (Ch My-Jon's Valentino V Riverlore x Ch G'Nhydane's La Terremotos Of Lore), picked up a very nice major going WD/BOW and Best Puppy in Specialty at the GDC of Tucson Specialty — his third show — from the 6-9 puppy class!

Both Jack and Oscar are presented by Jane Chopson.

## Braggs for the KC Danes Brat Pack

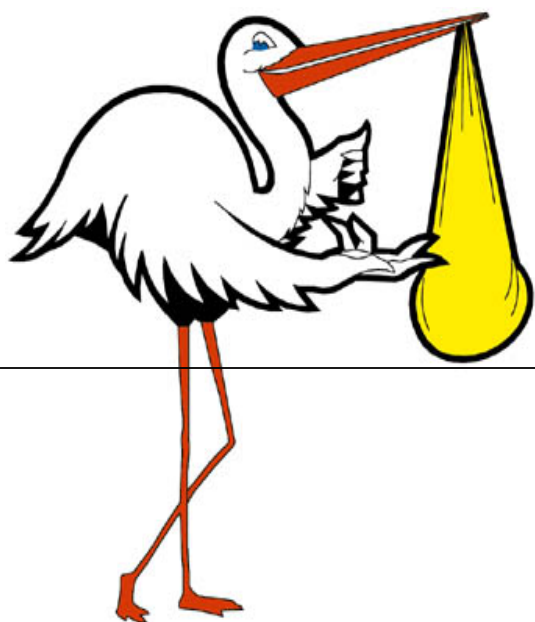
- ♦ KC Danes National Treasure "Jefferson" is telling his brother to move over it is his turn to get out there and impress the Judges. Jefferson was Reserve Winners Dog at the Golden Valley show under judge Rick Gschwender and went on to take the points as WD at the Salinas Valley KC show under Judge Angela Porpora. The next day, under Judge Nancy Liebes, Jefferson was WD and Best of Winners – followed by another RWD at the San Mateo show under Judge Dr. Eric Liebes. All of the wins were out of the Bred By Exhibitor class with Jefferson handled by his breeder and co-owner Kathryn Netser. Jefferson is lovingly cared for by Carrie Muir.
- ♦ KC Danes The Untouchable E Nes "Elliot" impressed Judge Alan Addicott at the San Joaquin KC show; he took Reserve out of the 9-to-12 month class, handled by his breeder/owner Kathryn Netser. Elliot spends his days tormenting the Netser household and trying to get his other favorite human Conley Netser to play with him.
- ♦ KC Danes Pretty Woman v Sheron "Julia" was Winners Bitch at the Tacoma KC show, then walked away with WB and BOW awards the next day under judge Mr. William Devilleneuve, and RWB on Sunday under Terry Temple at the Puyallup show in Washington. Julia was Best In Sweepstakes at the Willamette Valley Specialty under Lynette Blue and WB for a 4-point Major under Larry Chu. Julia now has 10 points with one major and is handled by Ron Acena and loved and owned by Ron & Sherry Acena and breeders Conley & Kathryn Netser.
- ♦ KC Danes Mystic River "Katie" showed like a pro in the Am Bred class in Portland, winning her class at both specialties and at one of the all breed shows under some stiff competition. Katie lives with the Douglas family where she is treated like a princess. Katie is handled and co-owned by her breeder Kathryn Netser.

It was quite a compliment to have three KC Dane Girls in the Winners ring in Portland at the same time representing the 12 to 18 month class, the Bred By Exhibitor class and the American Bred class. Both boys and girls are by BISS CH Windy Hills Gold Plated out of CH Sherons Betty D Grandy.

## And a couple of brags for the KC Dane Girls:

- ✦ KC Danes America's Sweetheart "Lacey" took two 4-point Reserves in Portland. The first was at the Willamette Valley Specialty under judge Brian Meyer who also awarded Lacey Best Bred By Exhibitor. Lacey's second 4-point RWB was at the Dog Fandiers Association of Oregon show under judge Christina Hubbell. Lacey is loved and owned by Conley and Kathryn Netser and always handled in the BBE class by Kathryn.
- ✦ BISS CH KC Danes An Affair to Remember v Oneida "Dazzle" took Best Opposite Sex at the Golden Valley KC shows under judges Rick Gschwender and Jean Fournier. Dazzle is always handled by Ed Grimaldi and loved and cared for by both Ed & Judi Grimaldi.
- Lacey and Dazzle are by CH Oneida's Nash Bridges out of CH Sherons Betty D Grandy.

**New Arrivals \* New Arrivals \* New Arrivals \* New Arrivals \* New Arrivals**



Amador Danes is happy to announce the arrival of four beautiful bundles of joy: 3 black dogs and a fawn bitch, were born to proud parents Titan and Maddy (Int'l/Am CH Amador's Titan V Sharcon, CHIC X CH Amador's Madame Butterfly, CHIC) on December 9, 2005. The very excited Grammas and proud breeders are Michele Andreetta, Connie Andronico and Sharon McCrary. All puppies have wonderful loving forever homes.



Travis (BISS AKC/UKC/Int'l CH Lagarada's Aspen Gold) and Sara (Affaire's For Your Eyes Only) are pleased to announce a repeat of their union: one female and four male futurity-nominated fawn puppies born December 17<sup>th</sup>. See puppy pics and pedigree at <http://home.surewest.net/daneaffr>. Contact Laura Munro ([daneaffr@surewest.net](mailto:daneaffr@surewest.net)) for more information.



Bella and Evan had 12 babies!!! It was a 5-7 split: 5 fawn and 7 black; 5 boys and 7 girls. The litter was born on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to Bella (Kenyon Echo Dance in the Dark) and Evan (CH Surfside Stairway to Heaven). There are still 2 black males and 2 black females available. Contact Timmi Williams ([timmiw@sti.net](mailto:timmiw@sti.net)) for more information.



Coleridge Blues is very excited to announce the arrival of six shiny blue babies!!! The four boys and two girls were born November 8<sup>th</sup> to Coleridge's Blue Conspiracy TT (pointed) "Lala" and Coleridge's Blue Indigo Rhapsody. Futurity-nominated, future Rhodes scholars, these beauties are looking for their own special show/performance mamas & daddies. Contact Pat Gurtner [pat@bluegreatdane.com](mailto:pat@bluegreatdane.com) for more information.

## Have You Paid Your Dues???

If you haven't already done so, please pay your annual membership dues ASAP — we must receive your dues by February 15<sup>th</sup> for you to remain in good standing. Annual membership is \$25 for one person, or \$40 per couple (same address). Remit a check payable to GDCNC to Dana Wardner, GDCNC Treasurer, 8330 Hautly Lane, Valley Springs, CA 95252



# Determining the Cause of Death: The Need for Necropsies

JP Yousha, Chairman, GDCA Health & Welfare Committee, 2004

When one of our dogs dies, our grief over the loss is what is normally foremost in our minds. These are our cherished companions, so quite naturally our emotional state can overwhelm us as they leave us. But as these dogs we own are also members of a breed we cherish, we have obligations to fulfill to that breed, and one of them is carefully recording the cause of death in our dogs. Therefore when we have any of our dogs die we should consider having a necropsy done as a standard procedure. This is particularly important to perform when an animal dies suddenly or when one of our dogs dies young.

Necropsy, an autopsy on an animal, simply put, is an examination of the body after death. Its purpose is to determine the cause of death. A necropsy is roughly divided into two portions, the gross post-mortem examination, where the body is visually and manually examined, and the histopathology portion, where organs and sections of tissue are sent off to be further examined in detail by a pathologist, typically at a referral laboratory or teaching hospital. To help such an examination achieve its purpose, a complete medical history of the animal is also useful. In addition other testing (such as blood work) at the time of death may be relevant. Necropsies are a teaching tool for all involved. They can help veterinarians learn more about the animals under their care, and so apply lessons learned to future patients. They can further medical research. And they can provide breeders with important data about their dogs and so help them make more informed breeding decisions.

The cost of a necropsy will vary. A simple gross examination by your attending veterinarian when a dog dies in his care may not be charged to you. A full necropsy with extensive histopathology reports requested might run a few hundred dollars. The cost can generally be estimated up front, and if economies need be made, reasonable compromises can be reached. But in general a necropsy is something that should be considered for every dog related to a breeding family, and is truly necessary when there is doubt about the cause of death, when the dog dies while still young, or when a seemingly healthy dog dies suddenly and unexpectedly. A necropsy can and should be performed immediately upon death, and the dog's remains can be returned to the family without delay.

Not all necropsies will return a definite cause of death. However all necropsies will be able to rule out some potential causes of death and will typically at least make specific reasons more or less likely. Both the negative data (what wasn't the cause) and the positive data (what is most likely responsible) are useful to the breeder/owner and are relevant to the dog's family. For example if a four year old male were to be found dead, a necropsy could determine that the dog's heart was normal and he wasn't poisoned, even if it couldn't specify that the dog died, for example of splenic torsion. Necropsies, in conjunction with the animal's medical history, can always offer more complete data as to a dog's health status. This is relevant to every family of breed dogs and useful pedigree data that should not be left uncollected. For all the laboratory work may take some weeks to come back, the results from the initial (gross) examination should be readily available. The data can be stored at your veterinarian's and left there until you feel you can manage hearing about the information comfortably. Your veterinarian can also provide you a synopsis of the results to share with relevant parties. Others that own related dogs are especially in need of necropsy data. Granted some unpleasant answers may be found whenever any sort of formal testing on a dog is done, and a necropsy is always an unpleasant task to contemplate. But in our greater responsibility to our dogs and to the breed, we cannot allow our emotions and our fears to guide our actions. We cannot allow ourselves to turn away from this fact-finding mission when it comes to our dogs, as what happens to them in life and at their deaths affect not only us, but other owners and members of the dogs' families directly, and may also be relevant to the breed in general. So we have a greater responsibility than to our own private grief when we choose to own breed dogs. And we need to be brave at this last and terrible moment for the sake of the breed and especially other members of the immediate family. We have to simply take on the extra personal pain involved so as to seek all the information we can about our dogs, because it means a potentially better future for us all. When the cause of death isn't obvious, when a dog dies suddenly or dies young, a necropsy is in order.

It's hard to not flinch from this idea when your beloved dog has just died, and it's understandable to want to remember them fondly and without conflict. We all want to be left alone to grieve in the moment they are lost to us. Necropsies are not something most of us want to think about, and they can bring up questions we'd all rather not face. But it's not acting in our best interests to not seek the answers that the breed needs; it's simply part of our acting as responsible breeders to assemble cause of death data on our dogs. (After all, it's part of the pattern of what our breeding stock represents.) So the most loving act, and the best legacy any breed dog can have, is for his owner/breeder to have cared enough about his place in the breed to be sure that a complete record of the dog is left behind.

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The minutes were approved as published.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Account balance information is available to members on request.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Incoming: Letter from The Trailer Specialist thanking the club for their business.

Incoming: Letters from AKC approving all aspects of the specialty show.

Outgoing: Letter to membership indicating Board candidates for 2006.

### **REPORT OF PRESIDENT:**

Board appointment: Jane Chopson has been appointed the GDCA delegate

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Pat Gallup, Paul & Agneta Keesler, and Pepper Riddle were approved for membership by the general membership. Bob Gallup will be published a second time in the next *Barker*.

New membership applications from:

- Debra Henderson sponsored by Bari Costello and Ann English
- Roc Craig sponsored by Barbara Kreszyn and Ann English

### **COMMITTEES:**

- By-Laws: We will be voting to approve later
- Education: Terry Toops is working on a handling seminar:

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No new standing rules

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Ring Setups will be designated to all committee members at the specialty before any exhibitors can set up.
- Election of Board: New board members are Conley Netser, Connie Andronico and Pete Fredotovich.
- The By-laws were approved.

The next meeting will be February 11th at Royce Farms, 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

## **Board Meeting: January 14, 2006**

Immediately following the general meeting, a closed Board meeting was convened. Attending were Kathryn Netser, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Paul Picciau, Timmi Williams, Conley Netser, Mabel Labiak, Sue Dobie-Holbrook, Judy Benjamin, Connie Andronico and Peter Fredotovich. Excused was Jane Chopson.

- a budget item was discussed
- Paul's resignation as Corresponding Secretary was accepted
- Everett was appointed to fill Paul's position for the remainder of his term (1 year)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

# Canine Flu Update

By Catherine D. L. Newsom LLC (posted January 8, 2006)

## **Prevalence, Diagnosis and Medications:**

Caution is still advised by a number of veterinarians when it comes to the Canine Flu. Although the prevalence of canine influenza is not yet known, researchers at one university have found a 15 percent infection rate among 2,000 symptomatic dogs tested.<sup>1</sup>

The media has been relatively quiet these days about Canine Influenza. It may be that the outbreaks of this flu have crested. It may be that so many have been identified that that owners are not paying for the tests. It may be that our precautions are turning the tide. Or it may be that this flu is now being under-reported.

As of November 29th, Genesentinel is marketing an accurate, diagnostic tool to identify the virus. Genesentinel is a subsidiary of Allerca. Two researchers report that as many as one in ten deaths may occur in infected dogs.<sup>2</sup>

The treatment for Canine flu has improved. Tamiflu, a medication that was being stockpiled for human use for human influenza and for avian flu, is now available to and is being used by veterinarians in California for the flu and for parvovirus. Tamiflu is marketed as the only drug to help prevent or treat avian flu. Tamiflu's effect on the H3N8 virus, the Canine Flu virus, is still being studied.

During this month's research, I note a tremendous increase in advertisements for flu remedies, both natural and synthetic. Please recall in earlier updates, that all dogs are susceptible. Natural and synthetic remedies improve the immune system's response to secondary infections, but not to the flu virus. These remedies will not prevent a bout of the flu.

## **The States and Canada:**

As you may recall, Cornell University publishes a total summary of blood samples of suspected cases noted by state. Of those numbers, it publishes the number of confirmed cases. There are other laboratories that are able to identify the H3N8 virus. Consequently, the numbers of cases here are not absolute. However, they are useful in identifying new outbreaks.<sup>3</sup>

The newest hotspot is Delaware. At the last report, 11/26/05, Delaware had only 6 suspected cases with no confirmations. As of 12/28/05, Cornell University reports 38 suspected cases and 27 confirmed cases.

In second place, New Jersey: its number of confirmed cases increases from 15 to 36. An additional 6 are noted after the outbreak in Somerset County. Suspected cases now total 149.

Let us look across the North American continent. We find no reports of Canine Influenza virus in Canada. In Ontario, Canada, the President of the Society for Animal Aid, Mrs. Jolene Regan, reports that her cousin runs a small shelter in Texas. 35 dogs were exposed, and fell ill. 6 died. She cautions anyone traveling south to discuss Canine Influenza with his or her veterinarian. If exposed, she says, "It is 100% sure a dog will get it... It appears to be prevalent across the south."<sup>4</sup>

In Alaska, the "Juneau Empire" has not reported any suspected or confirmed cases.

Washington State now has 78 suspected cases with only 3 confirmed. Oregon has 58 cases with only 1 confirmed. The total number of confirmed cases for these two states has not changed during the month of December.

As expected, Idaho (8), Montana (3), Wyoming (6), Nevada (8), and Utah (2) have no confirmed cases. The number after each state indicates suspected cases.

California is interesting in that there has been an increase of 178 suspected cases, totaling 380 cases for the entire state. Only 18 cases have been confirmed. This is an increase of 3 from 11/26/05. However, please note that many of the dogs of Southern California were not tested. They were treated symptomatically. James Coghlan, DVM, in Santa Ana, offers, "The best advice to pet owners is limit contact with other dogs." There's hysteria right now, but it's not the type of virus that kills very many dogs.<sup>5</sup>

In the Four Corners area, Colorado now has 3 confirmed cases, having only 1 as of 11/26/05. 22 cases were suspected last month. Arizona has 27 suspected cases with 10 confirmed cases (up 2). New Mexico suspected 1 case and still has no confirmed cases.

In Texas, 41 cases are suspected with no confirmed cases. A Dallas newspaper warns of the potentially lethal nature of the canine flu.<sup>6</sup> There is a question of the total number of confirmed cases here: confirmed cases may be reported to another laboratory.

Oklahoma (11), Kansas (1) and Nebraska (0), have no confirmed cases. In the Mississippi River Valley, Cornell reports a summary total of 17 suspected cases in Louisiana. Last month, 170 cases were reported. (There may be an error here). No confirmed cases are found this month. Mississippi (3), Arkansas (1), Tennessee (7), Kentucky (17) and Missouri (8) have no confirmed cases. The number after each state indicates suspected cases. In North Dakota (1), South Dakota (2), and Iowa (5) have no confirmed cases. The number after each state indicates suspected cases.

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In the Great Lakes area, the number of suspected cases in Minnesota remains at 15 with no confirmations. In Wisconsin, there is a rise in the number of suspected case from 4 to 22. There is one confirmation. Michigan remains with 4 suspected cases and no confirmed cases. Indiana now has 14 suspected cases (up 2) with no confirmations. Illinois now has 22 suspected cases (up 4) with no confirmations. Ohio has increased its suspected cases from 58 to 79. Confirmed cases have increased from 5 to 6. Pennsylvania has increased its suspected cases from 34 to 50 with 1 confirmation.

In Florida, suspected cases have increased from 348 to 396. Confirmed cases have increased from 107 to 109. In Alabama, there are only 2 suspected cases (up 1). In Georgia, of 24 suspected cases (up 9), there are 3 confirmations. In South Carolina, there are 3 suspected cases with no confirmations. In North Carolina, there is a rise in the number of suspected cases from 18 to 22. The 2 confirmed cases were found prior to December. In Virginia, there is a rise in the number of suspected cases from 21 to 26. The 1 confirmed case was found prior to December. In West Virginia, another suspected case brings the total to 8. No confirmed cases are found. In Maryland, the number of suspected cases has increased from 14 to 30. There are no confirmed cases. Washington, DC, has 27 suspected cases (up 8) with 7 confirmations (up 1).

In New York City, from October to November, there was an increase of 32 suspected cases. That number has increased only an additional 6, totaling 140. Confirmed cases rose only 2 from October to November. The December increase of confirmed cases is 3, totaling 51 cases. For the rest of New York, suspected cases increased by 86 from October to November. The increase of suspected cases for this month is 79, totaling 308 suspected cases. Confirmed cases increased by 1 from October to November. There are 4 confirmed cases in December, totaling 36 cases.

In New England, 9 additional Connecticut dogs are evaluated for a total of 45 suspected cases. Only 11 cases are confirmed (up 2). In Massachusetts, 15 additional cases are suspected, totaling 40 suspected cases. The number of confirmations remains at 6. Rhode Island (4), New Hampshire (11), Maine (19) have no confirmed cases. The number after each state indicates suspected cases. Vermont's count remains the same: 5 suspected cases with no confirmations.

Hawaii has suspected a case. No case has been confirmed. There are no reports for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or Mexico.

## United Kingdom:

Of great interest is the work of the Animal Health Trust of the United Kingdom. In September 2002, there was an outbreak of unexplained respiratory disease in foxhounds in Essex, UK. Because of the outbreaks of Canine Influenza in the United States, the AHT undertook a retrospective analysis of this outbreak. The H3N8 virus, the Canine Flu virus, was found in the lung tissues of these dogs. Antibodies to the virus were found in those dogs that had recovered from the infection during the 2002 outbreak.

The AHT is currently investigating the origins of this outbreak. Concerned that the equine influenza might be circulating in the UK pet dog population, the AHT tested more than 300 serum samples from UK dogs. They found no equine influenza virus. Scientists at the AHT are speculating as to whether the outbreak in the UK originated in the United States. Or does the outbreak represent a separate introduction of the virus from horses to dogs. Or did the outbreak originate from influenza-infected dogs entering the UK under the Pet Passport Scheme.<sup>7</sup>

In this month's Commentary, the Equine Disease Quarterly remarks that the canine flu virus was probably acquired by the consumption of raw horse viscera. The separate outbreak in England most likely came from the same cause.<sup>8</sup>

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## OTHER RESOURCES:

Regarding Morris Animal Foundation: [www.morrisanimalfoundation.org](http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org)

Regarding Boarding Kennels: [www.abka.com](http://www.abka.com)

Regarding the University of Florida: [www.vetmed.ufl.edu](http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu)

Regarding the Center for Disease Control: [www.cdc.gov/page.doc](http://www.cdc.gov/page.doc)

# Conformation Dictionary

**Almond eye** - eye shape in which the tissue surrounding the eye is elongated  
**Amble** - a relaxed, easy trot in between the walk and the show ring gait  
**Angulation** - the angles formed at the meeting joint of two bones  
**Anterior** - the portion carried foremost in normal locomotion  
**Apple head** - a domed or rounded top skull  
**Apron** - the longer fur and the chest and lower neck  
**Balance** - term used to describe the similar characteristics of the dog's parts; proportion  
**Bandy leg** - a leg that bends outward in an arch  
**Barrel chested** - describes overly-sprung ribs, i.e., a very rounded rib cage  
**Basewide** - wide footfall in gaiting  
**Bat ear** - an erect/prick ear with a broad base and rounded top  
**Beard** - long hair on the underjaw  
**Beefy** - over development of the hindquarter musculing  
**Belton** - a color pattern seen in several breeds (ie English setters)  
**Bitchy** - usually used to define an overly-refined male  
**Bite** - the position of the jaws and all teeth when the mouth is closed  
**Blanket** - the coloring on the back and upper sides of the dog between the neck and the tail  
**Blocky** - square-ish in body  
**Bloom** - the sheen of a healthy coat  
**Bodied up** - mature looking, well-developed, lacking puppyish conformational characteristic  
**Bone** - pertaining to the substance and girth of the dog's bones, usually referring to leg bones  
**Bossy** - overdeveloped shoulder muscles (equivalent of beefy, only in the front)  
**Brindle** - another coloration pattern, broken tiger striped  
**Brisket** - thoracic area (inc. chest, rib cage)  
**Broken coat** - a rough but sparse wire coat  
**Brush** - the feathering on the underside of the tail  
**Bull neck** - a thick, stout, well muscled neck  
**Butterfly nose** - partially unpigmented nose leather (part black and part white)  
**Button ear** - an ear type in which the base of the ears is erect, but the top tips bend neatly forward  
**Camel back** - general term used to describe an arched back  
**Carpal** - largest bone in the pastern (wrist)  
**Cat foot** - describes a tight-knuckled foot in which the toes are well arched  
**Caudal/coccygeal vertebrae** - the vertebrae that make up the tail  
**Cervical vertebrae** - the vertebrae that make up the neck  
**Cheeky** - too much fill in the skull cavities, bulging sides of face  
**China eye** - blue or clear eye coloration  
**Chiseling** - pertaining to head structure, the outline and smoothness of the facial region  
**Chops** - jowls, thick, heavy flesh on the lips and jaws  
**Clipping** - a gaiting fault in which the rear feet actually knock the pads of the front feet when in a full trot  
**Close-coupled** - a short loin in comparison to other proportions  
**Coarse** - lacking refinement  
**Cobby** - very compact all over  
**Conformation** - term describing the physical structure of the entire dog  
**Coupling** - the loin  
**Cow-hocked** - hocks bending inwards when in a natural stance  
**Crabbing** - gaiting fault in which the front and rear legs do not line up when viewed from behind or in front  
**Crest** - the arch on the top of the neck in some breeds  
**Cropped ear** - an ear that had been surgically altered or trimmed to stand up erect  
**Croup** - the region on the top of the dog between the hip bones, extending to the base of the tail is set on  
**Dentition** - the number and placement of teeth in the mouth  
**Depth of chest** - an indication of the volume of internal room for the heart, lungs, etc., referenced to the elbow  
**Dewclaws** - extra toe or toes on the inside of the pasterns or hocks, often removed in most breeds  
**Dewlap** - loose hanging skin under the neck  
**Dish face** - a concave top of muzzle or slightly upturned nose  
**Divergent hocks** - hocks that turn outward when at a natural stance  
**Dock tail** - a tail that has been surgically shortened or removed  
**Double coat** - a two layered type of coat, the first thick and plush, the outer one consisting of coarser guard hairs  
**Down face** - pertaining to the planes of the head, the slope of the muzzle plane being steeper than that of the skull plane  
**Down in the pastern** - weak pasterns  
**Drive** - refers to the amount of thrust from the rear when gaiting  
**Drop ear** - an ear folded or creases in at least one place  
**Dry neck** - taut skin on the underline of the neck (opposite of wet neck)  
**Dudley nose** - flesh colored nose leather  
**East-west** - front structural fault in which the legs and feet point outwards, away from each other  
**Elbowing out** - the elbows outturned, away from body  
**Even bite** - meeting of upper and lower incisors with no overlap  
**Ewe neck** - a concave neckline  
**Expression** - general appearance of the look in the eye  
**Eyeteeth** - upper canine teeth  
**Feathering** - fringe of hair on the underside of the tail, brisket, and backs of legs  
**Femur** - main bone in the rear legs  
**Fibula** - one of the bones that make up the lower thigh  
**Fiddle front** - elbows turned outward, pasterns turned inward, toes pointed outward  
**Flag** - a long feathered tail, carried high



# Conformation Dictionary

**Flat croup** - a croup with insufficient slope or taper from the hip bones to the root of the tail

**Flat sided** - lacking proper spring of ribs; slab-sided

**Flews** - inner corners of the upper lips

**Flewsy** - too much flews

**Flying ears** - erect/prick ears on a breed that should not have prick ears

**Flying trot** - a very fast gait where all four feet are off the ground for a brief moment

**French front** - see "fiddle front"

**Frill** - see "apron"

**Full dentition** - refers to an adult dog with all its teeth in and fully developed

**Furnishings** - see "feathering"

**Gait** - the pattern of footfall - when used in a show ring setting, it describes the dog's movement at a trot

**Gaskin** - lower second thigh

**Gaytail** - a tail carried high and slightly curved over the back

**Goose neck** - a long tube-like neck (opposite of bull neck)

**Goose stepping** - a gaiting fault with an accentuated and seemingly careless lift in the forelegs

**Grizzle** - a mixture of three or more colors on one hair

**Guard hairs** - the coarse outer coat on a double coated breed

**Hackles** - hairs on the back and the back of the neck that the dog raises when alerted

**Hackney gait** - a fault in all but two AKC recognized breeds in which the front legs are lifted high with an arching wrist

**Hard knuckled** - a tight foot with prominent arches in each of the toes

**Hare foot** - an elongated foot with little arch in the toes

**Harlequin** - color pattern usually piebald (bi-color splashes)

**Haw** - the third eyelid; membrane on the inner corner of the eye, seen in wet faced breeds

**Height** - measured from the ground to the point of the withers

**Hock** - the collection of tarsal bones on the rear legs; the true heel

**Hocking out** - see "divergent hocks"

**Hucklebones** - top of hip bones

**Humerus** - bone of the upper arm

**Incisors** - the smaller row of teeth between the two canines; present on both upper and lower jaws

**Jowls** - flesh of the lips and jaws

**Kiss marks** - tan spots on the cheeks and over the eyes in some breeds

**Kiss of Ala** - a small snip of differing color on the center of the top of the skull

**Knuckling over** - a universal fault where the carpal (wrist) bones flex forward under the weight of the dogs standing

**Layback** - term used to describe the dog's front or rear angulation

**Layon** - the angle of the shoulder blade from the nearest vertical axis

**Leather** - outer flap of the ear

**Level bite** - see "even bite"

**Level gait** - no rise or fall of the withers or topline when at a standard show ring gait

**Liver** - a color; deep brown

**Loaded** - pertaining to overdevelopment of certain groups of muscles

**Loin** - sides of the dog in the lumbar vertebrae region

**Loose front** - loose attachment of muscles to the shoulder, producing a gait in which the front is slung all about

**Lumbar vertebrae** - the vertebrae between thoracic (over ribs) and coccygeal (tail)

**Lumber** - an awkward, uncoordinated looking gait

**Mandible** - lower jaw bone

**Manubrium** - frontal area of the chest

**Mask** - dark shading on the face

**Merle** - color pattern; dark patching upon a lighter background

**Metatarsus** - smaller bone that makes up the hock

**Milk teeth** - puppy teeth

**Mismark** - a specimen with highly undesirable coloring or markings for its breed

**Moving close** - when viewed from the rear or front, the legs move toward the centerline of the body while gaiting

**Moving straight** - describes a dog with little reach and drive in gaiting

**Muzzle** - foreface; head in front of the eyes

**Oblique eyes** - outer corner of eyes placed higher than inner corners

**Occiput** - point of the skull bone, back of head

**Otter tail** - thick rooted, tapering tail with parted hair on the underside

**Out at elbows** - elbows turn outward, away from body, at a natural stance

**Overdone** - refers to a dog whose angulation is extreme; too much

**Overhang** - a heavily pronounced brow

**Overreaching** - a gaiting fault in which the rear legs must reach to one side or another to avoid clipping

**Overshot** - an overbite; upper incisors project beyond the lower ones

**Padding** - a gaiting fault in which the front feet flip up and outward to avoid clipping with the rear

**Paddling** - caused by and east-west or in at the elbows front; front feet are slung stiffly outwards when gaiting

**Pads** - the thick leathery projections on the soles of the feet

**Paper foot** - an overly flat foot with thin pads and little, if any arch to the toes

**Peak** - see "occiput"

**Parti** - variegated patches of two or more colors

**Pastern** - region of the front leg between the carpus and the foot (the wrist)

**Pelvis** - hip bones

**Penciling** - thin lines of black between otherwise tan colored toes in some breeds

**Pigeon toed** - feet (front or rear) pointing inwards, towards each other

**Pig mouth** - see "overshot"

**Pincer bit** - see "even bite"

**Planes** - referring to the head, the plane of the muzzle and the plane of the top skull

**Planing** - the comparison of the angles of the two planes of the head

**Plume** - see "feathering"

**Poke** - neck carried low and outwards when gaiting

**Popping hock** - gaiting fault describing an accentuated lift of the hock portion just after full extension of the rear

**Pounding** - gaiting fault; front stride is shorter than the rear so that front feet pound the ground in an ungainly manner

**Prick ear** - an erect or upright ear

**Racy** - tall and of a lithe, slight build

# Conformation Dictionary

**Ragged** - muscling appears rough and ragged, instead of smooth

**Rangy** - disproportionately tall, long, and of a lighter build than is desired

**Rat tail** - thick root covered in curly hair, tapering to a sharp point with little to no hair

**Reach** - describes the length of forward stride taken by the forelegs when in motion

**Refinement** - pertaining to the amount of raciness

**Restricted** - a gaiting fault caused by underangulation where either the front or the rear appears painfully constricted

**Ribbed up** - a long rib cage

**Ring tail** - carried up and in a semi-circle over the croup

**Roach back** - a noticeable arch over the thoracic and lumbar regions

**Rocking horse** - refers to a dog who braces (or rock backwards) while in a stack rather than lean over its front

**Rolling** - a gait in which the rear seems to be swaying and ambling along

**Roman nose** - a down faced dog with the addition of a further sloping tip of nose plane

**Rubber hocks** - a gaiting fault in which the hocks flex and twist both ways to bear the weight of the rear

**Rudder** - another term for the tail

**Ruff** - the thick lush hair growth around the neck in some breeds

**Saber tail** - tail carried in a semi-circle

**Sable** - color pattern; silver, gold, tawny, or grey hairs tipped in black

**Sacrum** - vertebrae of the pelvic girdle

**Saddle** - large black marking over the back

**Scissors bite** - a bite type; the outer surfaces of the lower incisors touch the inner surfaces of the upper incisors

**Screw tail** - a twisted, kinked tail

**Self** - one solid color

**Semi-prick ear** - ears carried erect with the tips leaning forward

**Shelly** - a shallow, narrow body lacking proper fill and spring of ribs as well as being fine boned

**Sickle hocks** - straight, restricted hock joints resulting in inability to full straighten hocks while gaiting

**Sickle tail** - carried out and in a semi-circle

**Single tracking** - all footprints falling upon a single, central line of travel while gaiting

**Skully** - a very broad top skull

**Slab sides** - flat, undersprung ribs

**Slewfoot** - general term for feet turned outwards

**Smooth coat** - a very short, tight fitting and slick single layer coat

**Snipy** - a pointed muzzle lacking proper fill and underjaw

**Splay foot** - a flat foot with toes spread apart from each other

**Spring** - refers to the amount of roundness to the rib cage

**Spread** - the distance between the front legs

**Standoff coat** - a heavy, somewhat long coat that stands out from the body, rather than lying flat

**Steep** - used to denote incorrect angles

**Steep croup** - a croup which makes a dramatic slope from the hip bones to the root of the tail

**Stern** - another term for the tail

**Sternum** - breastbone

**Stifle** - kneecap

**Stilted** - a gaiting style; very choppy with lots of up and down bounce due to straight angulation

**Stop** - the indentation between the eyes; the step up from the muzzle plane to the skull plane

**Straight front** - too little angulation in the front

**Straight in the pastern** - not enough give in the pastern area when in a natural stance

**Substance** - pertaining to the amount of bone

**Sway back** - a noticeably concave topline

**Thoracic vertebrae** - the vertebrae that make up the spine over the rib cage area

**Throaty** - excess of loose skin under the neck

**Thumb marks** - black spots on the backs of the pasterns

**Tibia** - the smaller of the two major bones in the hock

**Tied at the elbows** - see "padding"

**Topline** - the horizontal made by the top of the withers through the bottom of the croup

**Tuck up** - the shallower depth of body beneath the loin area

**Tulip ear** - carried at rest with only the edges turning forward and in

**Twisting hocks** - see "rubber hocks"

**Type** - the characteristic physical qualities that distinguish one breed from another

**Typey** - a specimen with outstanding breed type

**Ulna** - the smaller of two major bones in the forearm

**Underline** - the contour of the underside of the brisket and the abdominal floor

**Undershot** - an underbite; opposite of overshot

**Unsound** - a dog with one or more severe conformational or health faults that would render it incapable of working

**Varminty** - a keen and piercing expression

**Walleye** - a bluish eye

**Webbed** - a thin but solid membrane between all toes

**Weedy** - rangy and with insufficient amount of bone

**Well let down** - having short hocks

**Wet neck** - see "throaty"

**Wheel back** - see "roach back"

**Whip tail** - a long, straight, evenly tapering, smooth coated tail

**Winging** - a gaiting fault in which one or both front limbs twist outward

**Wirehair** - a coat of hard, crisp, somewhat kinked hairs

**Withers** - the region between the neck and the back

**Wrymouth** - a cross bite where the upper and lower jaws do not line up



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## GDCNC Calendar of Events

### GDCNC Meeting

Saturday , February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am  
Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

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### Specialty Weekend 2006

#### "B" Match:

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

#### Back-to-Back Specialty Shows:

Saturday , April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday , April 30<sup>th</sup>