

July-August 2003



GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

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GDCNC to Host Health Forum

On Saturday, August 9th, GDCNC is sponsoring a health forum titled *Truths, Myths and Fallacies about Great Dane Diseases* to help separate fact from fallacy about hereditary problems and other health issues the Great Dane. The panel discussion will be led by Veterinarians Terri Burley-Hammon and Kitty Kenyon with whom the topic is very near and dear since both breed and show Great Danes. The event will be begin at 11am at Ricky's Sports Theatre & Grill, 15028 Hesperian Boulevard, San Leandro (directions follow).

There is no charge to attend, and the discussion will be in a question and answer format. To keep the discussion lively and on-track, and to enable Docs Terri and Kitty to be well-prepared, please submit your questions in advance via email, snail mail or phone to: Lucretia Marcus, (bellemarc@sbcglobal.net), 600 Via Romero Lane, Alamo, CA 94507, (925) 831-6272.

Directions:

From San Francisco:

Bay Bridge to 580 East to 150th Ave. exit, Right off exit, go 2 lights, Turn Left on Hesperian Blvd., 1/2 block on left.

From Oakland Coliseum/Airport:

880 South to Lewelling exit, Left off exit, Left at first light, 1 1/4 miles on right.

From Richmond, Berkeley:

580 East to 150th Ave. exit, Right off exit, go 2 lights, Turn Left on Hesperian Blvd., 1/2 block on left.

From San Mateo:

San Mateo Bridge to 880 North, Hesperian Blvd. exit, Turn Right, 1 1/4 miles on right.

From Livermore-Dublin:

580 West to Fairmont Dr. exit, Left on Fairmont, go 4 lights, Turn Right, 1 Block on right.

From San Jose, Fremont:

880 North, Hesperian Blvd. exit, Turn Right, 1 1/4 miles on right.

Earn a Title in 2003!!!

The Awards Brunch will again be held at the Pleasanton Hotel in December. In preparation, Everett will need the names of dogs who will be getting awards at this year's function. The person submitting the names needs to be a club member in good standing for the current year. Awards are given for championships (AKC and International), agility titles, obedience titles and Canine Good Citizen certificates. They need to have been earned for 2003 and will not be recognized after January 31, 2004. If you earn the title late in the year, we will try to get the award to you on the date of the Awards Brunch or soon thereafter.



Please email Everett at Valinor@Gotnet.net with the dog's full AKC name, title earned, date earned, and if you are the owner, breeder or co-owner or co-breeder. We also recognize the stud dog owners; unfortunately, we do not do the same for the brood bitches.

Let Everett know if you already have the wooden plaque to which the metal plates are attached (it should hold 12) or if you will be needing one (this also applies to those of you who are close to filling up your current plaque). The initial deadline is November 1, 2003, to allow the vendor time to get the plates prepared.

From the President

I hope this finds you all well and that you are enjoying a safe summer with your Great Dane(s). I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Health Forum scheduled to take place in San Leandro on the ninth of August. It is a free event and should be both interesting and informative. We encourage both members and guests to attend and be prepared to ask questions and add to the discussion on hereditary problems.

My apologies are extended to Lucretia Marcus for overlooking her on the long list of people contributing to the success of our last Specialty shows. She did an excellent job as our trophy chairperson both in collecting donations and selecting beautiful trophies. She has consented to doing the same job again next year and I thank her for doing that.

We are also looking to fill other show positions and if you have something that you feel you could contribute, please contact me to offer your help. We are looking for a co-chair for raffle; decorations chair, hospitality, announcer, ring stewards, judges' liaison and welcome chairperson. This does not preclude those of you with past experience to step forward once again as many have already done.

A nominating committee will be formed soon and they will be looking for candidates for GDCNC Board positions. Please consider volunteering for a board position if you have been a member of the club for more than a year. Our meetings are fairly short and are often very fun. We will be looking to fill several officer positions next year and, if you have any inclination to do so, the requirement for serving as a club officer is a minimum of year as a board member. We can use "new blood" and the subsequent fresh ideas. So give it your serious consideration should you be asked by a committee member – better still, tell a current board member about your interest in serving on the GDCNC board.

Finally, you will see an announcement for our Awards Brunch (AKA: Christmas Brunch) scheduled for December -- a bit hard to imagine during the heat of summer. Please send in your name, dog's name and title earned to me as soon as possible (more on this elsewhere in the newsletter). And as the date approaches, look for an announcement from Ann English about tickets and other details for this festive occasion.

I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the Health Forum and ringside. Please remember to say "hi" to people you have not met before. They may be starting out in Great Danes and may be looking for that encouraging word. Welcome them -- and perhaps suggest they join our club!

Everett

Great Dane Club of Northern California Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on June 28, 2003 at 11:15 am. Attending the meeting were: Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Ann English, Chuck English, Lucretia Marcus, Ceil Wardner, Dana Wardner and Judy Benjamin. Absent/excused: Jane Chopson, Paul Picciau. Absent/unexcused: Kathryn and Conley Nester.

M/S/P - To approve the minutes of the February meeting as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was discussed. Account balances are available to members on request. Specialty Show earnings were also discussed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Corresponding Secretary reported on a thank you letter from Helen Briscoe for having her judge the Specialty.

Future Meetings

- The by-laws state that the club only needs to have 6 meetings a year.
- There will be no July meeting.
- The August meeting will be a "Myths & Fallacies" health forum with veterinarians in attendance to answer questions. Lucretia will set it up.
- The October meeting will be a business meeting.

Newsletter

M/S/P - To forward any education-based articles to Kate to put into the newsletter.

Oversight

Everett apologized to Lucretia for inadvertently forgetting to thank her for the job she did with the trophies.

Membership

- Jim Curnutt, Mick Galvin and Mabel Labiak were voted into the membership.
- Terri Burley-Hammond and Bari Costello will be published.
- A new membership application was accepted from Diana Morgan. Her sponsors are Kathleen Davis and Ann English.

National Specialty

- The judges we chose for the National are Judy Harrington, Kenneth Buxton, Irene Biven, and Lee Reasin; Lorraine Matherly and Larry Schram for Sweeps.
- The Representatives from our club to the National Show are Lucretia Marcus and either Everett or Lorraine.

New Business

- The club will notify any judge scheduled to judge our specialty that they cannot judge any shows in AZ, CA or NV within 6 months of the date of our Specialty.
- M/S/P - to purchase 4 new white pop up tents for the ring area.
- M/S/P - to purchase 2 smaller tents for the raffle area not to exceed \$120.00 each. This will be done by Timmi Williams.
- M/S/P - to sign the contract for the grounds for the next specialty. The price will be \$800.00 and will be reserved for April 25 & 26, 2004.
- M/S/P - to purchase the 100 foot extension cord from Chuck English for the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary



Something to Shout About!!!

New Champion!!! CH Lore's Heartthrob finished with BW for a four point major handled by Lorraine under judge Clinton Harris. "Cooper" is co-bred and co-owned by Louis and Dale Bassano and Lorraine Matherly, fourth generation of Lore, the third in line to finish handled by Lorraine. Cooper's cousin in Maryland was recently WD for his second major breeder/owner-handled by Pamela Gray. He needs one more point to finish: Ironwood's Aspen Gold of Lore is co-bred by Lorraine and also represents four generations of Lore breeding.

Sheba, a 5-year-old Harlequin, received her CGC at the GDCNC April Specialty. Hooray! This was her second attempt, as she thought it great fun to say hello to the "bait" dog kind of up-close and personal-like the first time around--the judges did not see the humor in her antics. (However, they certainly remembered her from the last time.) Her half-sister, Misha, an energetic Mantle, received her CGC (at age 3) two years before at a GDCNC Specialty, as well--in spite of her obsession with reflections. Both the Labiak girls came from Linda Cullins at Express Danes.

A belated brag for Ch. **Valinor's Winning Shot V CND** who received his championship title in May. He finished in May at the Utah Beehive Cluster with his third major to finish him in grand style making his owners very proud. He was owner-handled all the way! Owners are Ceil and Dana Wardner and Everett Van Dyken and the breeders are Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau.

Lots of news from Coleridge!!! Ami Coleridge's Blue Amidala) Finished in Montana. Romeo (Coleridge's Romeo True as Steel) got both majors in Brush Prairie. Also, my puppy from Sweden arrived on the East Coast, and my Tommy-Tatum pup is here. I guess it's going to be a busy summer! Pat Gurtner, Coleridge Blues

Was that Bari Costello's Fletcher (**Hauer-Goldstar Arrow Maker**) we saw take WD/BW on Saturday at Coyote Hills? And owner-handled, too??? Congrats!!!

Membership Update!!!

*GDCNC Welcomes New Member
Terri Burley-Hammond*

Second Publishing:

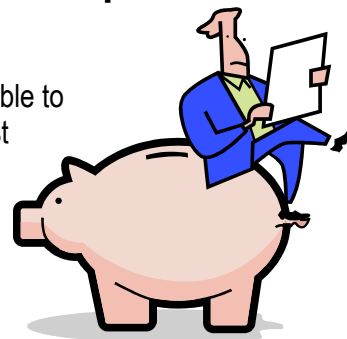
- **Bari Costello**
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Tami Welch

First Publishing:

- **Dianna Morgan**
Sponsored by Kathleen Davis and Ann English

Financial Report

Account balance
information is available to
members on request



GDCNC would like to thank the many people who contributed to the general trophy fund for our last Specialty shows. The list was inadvertently omitted from the show catalog. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of:

Michele Andreetta
Elizabeth Artle
Jean Bell
Judy Benjamin
Cheshire Great Danes
Coleridge Great Danes
Kim and Gordon Cross
Jim Curnutt
Lisa de Roulet

Barbara and John Garcia
Judi and Ed Grimaldi
Connie Hunter
Georgia Hymmen
Bill and Mabel Labiak
Clyde and Roberta Malloy
Lorraine and Glen Matherly
Conley and Kathryn Netser
Pamela Preston

Bob Santimays
Bryan and Jennifer Saulsbury
Vickie Soper
Robert and Linda Tonnancour
Valinor Great Danes
Dana and Cecilia Wardner
Denise and Brittany Williams
Timmi Williams
Shari and Ken Zeigenbein

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 9th:

Health Forum: *Truths, Myths & Fallacies
about Great Dane Diseases*
Ricky's Sports Theatre & Grill in San Leandro
(details elsewhere in this newsletter)

Board/Business Meeting(s) only until...

Sunday, December 7th:

Annual Holiday and Awards Brunch
at the Pleasanton Hotel
(more on this as the date approaches)



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