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## The AKC Supports PAWS – Should You?

From the AKC website: "The American Kennel Club supports PAWS legislation because we believe it is good for dogs and aligns with our core mission of promoting the sport of purebred dogs." Some of the AKC's arguments in favor of PAWS appear at [http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/paws\\_QA.cfm](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/paws_QA.cfm). You'll learn more about their support of PAWS in the *AKC Gazette*.

If it's so good for the dogs, why are so many dog fanciers' organizations opposed to the Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS)? Briefly, the "Pet Animal Welfare Statute" (PAWS) is a bill to amend the federal Animal Welfare Act. The AWA currently regulates large-scale commercial breeders who sell pets at wholesale. PAWS would dramatically change the concept of the AWA as established by Congress. It would require federal licensing and inspection of the private homes of many hobby breeders. Until now no federal license has been required to breed cats and dogs in a private residence and sell retail to the public. PAWS would change that for many in the cat and dog fancy. PAWS will also have an impact on rescue organizations, requiring licensing of many of these as retail sellers. PAWS will require in-home breeders and rescue that fall within the number limits being established to follow AWA standards. These standards are written for commercial establishments and not in-home facilities. Compliance with commercial regulations will be difficult if not impossible for rescue and small, private cat and dog hobby breeders.

Resources to educate yourself:

- <http://www.pet-law.com> with many valuable links, including:
  - *What's wrong with PAWS?* discusses PAWS at the 'ordinary dog owner' level. It concisely explains 'animal rights' (versus animal welfare), the animal rights agenda, and what's wrong with licensing hobby breeders.
  - *A Legal Analysis of PAWS and AKC's Position* offers a very understandable analysis of PAWS by Jeffrey Helsdon, Esq., of the Dog Federation of Wisconsin.
- <http://dfow.org/paws.htm>, the Dog Federation of Wisconsin's No PAWS Action Center
- <http://www.dognews.com/mcgowan.html>, Charlotte Clem McGowan's article "Pausing to Understand Objections to PAWS" in *Dog News*

Do your homework and make up your own mind about PAWS – and most importantly, let your lawmakers know how you feel. Every call does count; voice your opinion every day.

- Senate Agricultural Committee: 202-224-2035
- Senate Appropriations Committee: 202-224-5270
- House Agricultural Committee: 202-225-2171

## Emergency Vet Referral

An Emergency Veterinary Resource Guide that lists Great Dane-knowledgeable veterinarians by state is available for download at <http://www.gdca.org/emergvet.htm>. Keep a copy with you when traveling with your Danes, as you never know when you may have a veterinary emergency. Let's do what we can and provide lots of input to make the guide even more valuable. Please take a few moments to complete and submit the *Regular Vet and Emergency Vet Approval Form*. (The form was published in the January-February 2005 *GDCNC Barker* and is available to print at <http://www.gdca.org/emergvet.htm>.)



*Your Great Dane friends will thank you for it!*

# Still vaccinating your pet every year?

***That may not be necessary and could even cause harm***

*by Kim Campbell Thornton (reprinted from MSNBC.com)*

Vaccinations have saved many pets' lives over the years, but they aren't without risk. Now, with new research showing that immunity may last longer than once thought, veterinary experts say it's safer to decrease the frequency of most shots that typically have been given every year.

Side effects from vaccinations range from mild itching and swelling to anaphylactic shock leading to death. Cats may develop vaccine sarcomas, which are cancers that develop at the site of the injection. And dogs may develop certain autoimmune diseases.

Veterinarians have suspected for years that annual vaccinations for cats and dogs aren't necessary, but large, well-controlled studies just didn't exist to prove it one way or the other. With the exception of rabies vaccine, the U.S. Department of Agriculture doesn't require data beyond one year for any vaccine.

With that being the case, vaccine manufacturers arbitrarily recommended annual vaccinations, and most veterinarians, concerned about liability issues, concurred. More recently, however, several published studies have shown that immunity provided by some vaccines lasts for much longer than one year and in some cases for a lifetime.

"We know that for [canine] distemper and parvo, for example, the immunity lasts a minimum of five years, probably seven to nine years, and for some individuals for a lifetime," says veterinarian Jean Dodds, founder of Hemopet, the first nonprofit national blood bank program for animals, located in Santa Monica, Calif. "For cats, so far we have challenge data out nine years showing that immunity is still protective," says Dodds. And with rabies vaccine, new data indicate the immunity lasts for at least seven years, she says.

What does all this mean for your dog or cat? As with many other aspects of veterinary medicine, vaccinations are becoming individualized, but in most cases, fewer and less frequent vaccinations are the way to go. Most animals need only what are known as core vaccines: those that protect against the most common and most serious diseases. In dogs, the core vaccines are distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis and rabies. In cats, they are panleukopenia, calicivirus, rhinotracheitis (herpesvirus), and rabies as required by law.

## **Three-year interval recommended**

"Current vaccine protocol is to properly immunize puppies and kittens with two or three doses, starting later than we used to, maybe at eight weeks and not earlier than six weeks," Dodds says. "Then you can give a booster at one year and either repeat it every three years, stagger it by giving one vaccine per year instead of combination vaccines, or do titers instead." Titers are tests that measure the level of antibodies in the blood, which would indicate that immunity still exists.

That recommended three-year interval was a compromise decision. "Annual boosters for the core vaccinations are excessive for most dogs and cats," says veterinarian Link Welborn of North Bay Animal and Bird Hospital in Tampa, Fla., and a member of the most recent panel of veterinarians that revised vaccination guidelines for dogs and cats. "Limited studies suggest that booster vaccinations for many of the core vaccinations last for at least seven years. However, given the limited number of animals involved in these studies, three years seemed like a reasonable compromise."

There's also an advantage to giving single rather than combination vaccines. "Giving more vaccinations increases the likelihood of side effects," Welborn says. "Separating vaccinations allows the veterinarian to determine which vaccine caused a side effect if one occurs."

If you're concerned that your dog or cat will develop a vaccine-related health problem, but you want to make sure they're protected against disease, annual titers are an economical alternative. They're reliable and costs are comparable to those for vaccinations. For instance, at Canyon Animal Hospital in Laguna Beach, Calif., the rate for a combination distemper/parvo titer is \$39. If the dog turns out to need a vaccination, it's given at no additional charge. Titers are also available for cats.

Consider changing veterinarians if yours claims that titers are too expensive to perform, charges \$50 or more for them or wants to vaccinate because a titer level is "too low." "Any measurable titer to a specific antigen means you've got immune memory cells," Dodds says.



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# President's Message

Dear Dane Friends,

Cheers to a great job on the Richmond show! Our supported entry was a huge success – made majors both days in bitches and one day in dogs. Thanks to all for supporting the Club's participation in this show.

It was nice to see so many of you at July's meeting at Royce Farms. Lots of information was covered. We are still in need of volunteers for the raffle and hospitality tables at the National. For those of you planning to attend the National this year in Chandler, Arizona, please contact Lucretia Marcus to sign up an hour or two of your time... It's a small price to pay for a great time at the National.

As part of the Western Division the GDCNC needs to provide its support to help make the 2005 National successful. Trophy donations are still needed, any amount is greatly appreciated. Please contact Lucretia Marcus for more information if you would like to donate. (A trophy donation form is included elsewhere in this newsletter.)

I would like to thank TLC Danes (David Osorio, Ronald Biscaro and Sharon McCrary) for their most generous donations to the GDCNC Specialties. The spit towels were great and the wine delightful! Thanks again – it was most appreciated by all.

The GDCNC bylaws are finally moving forward for approval by the parent club. I would like to thank the By-laws Committee – Terry Toops, Ron Ring, Carol Ring, Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau – for their time and energy involved in making that move possible. Special thanks to Mabel Labiak for making sure all the Is were dotted and the Ts were crossed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following Great Dane judging at the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club show in San Rafael. Hope to see you there!

Your Humble President,  
Kathryn Netser

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## FAST FACTS ON VACCINE REACTIONS

Most dogs and cats never develop vaccine-related problems. But vaccines are medications, and any medication has the potential to cause side effects. Here's what you should know:

- Signs of local reactions to vaccinations include itching, swelling, pain, hair loss at the injection site, and cancer development at the injection site.
- Systemic reactions, which involve the entire body or a specific area other than the injection site, include allergic reactions; anaphylaxis and collapse; polyarthritis (lameness); vomiting, with or without diarrhea (most common in cats); trouble breathing; fever; and lethargy.
- The vaccines most likely to cause reactions are distemper, parvovirus, rabies and giardia.
- The breeds most at risk for vaccine reactions are Akitas, American Eskimo Dogs, Cocker Spaniels, Great Danes and Weimaraners. Any animal with a white coat and pink nose or a dilute coat color, like that of the harlequin Great Dane, is more at risk.

## Vaccinations...

So do these new recommendations mean that your dog or cat no longer needs an annual veterinary exam? Don't get your hopes up. The physical exam your veterinarian performs is far more important than vaccinations. In a recent study on longevity, 16 percent of dogs and 20 percent of cats were found to have subclinical — meaning signs weren't yet obvious — diseases that were diagnosed through an exam and routine lab work. "Many people, because the animal is living with them, don't notice subtle changes in the behavior or the clinical state of the animal that a veterinarian would notice," Dodds says.

Welborn likes to see veterinarians and pet owners working together to perform an annual lifestyle risk assessment. That means looking at the animal's environment and habits to decide whether it needs such non-core vaccines as those for feline leukemia or Lyme disease or canine cough (probably not, unless the exposure risk is high) and whether it needs changes in diet or exercise levels to prevent obesity and its attendant problems, which include arthritis and diabetes. "Care should be individualized for each pet," Welborn says. "The days of treating all dogs and cats the same are gone."



Kim Campbell Thornton is an award-winning author who has written many articles and more than a dozen books about dogs and cats. She belongs to the Dog Writers Association of America and is past president of the Cat Writers Association. She shares her home in California with three Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and one African ringneck parakeet.

## **Meeting Minutes: July 23, 2005**

The meeting was called to order on July 23, 2005 at 11:10am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Paul Picciau, Lucretia Marcus and Ann English. Excused were Judy Benjamin and Jane Chopson.

The minutes were approved as published.

### **President's Report**

- Club participation at the National is still needed; floor turned over to Lucretia Marcus for discussion. Volunteers are needed for raffle and hospitality rooms; trophy donations are still needed as is catalog advertising.
- Timmi Williams and Everett Van Dyken volunteered to work on the raffle item. Suggestions for the raffle item are a basket with wine, etched wine glasses, subscription to Dane World or Dog News. Each club in the western region is required to donate. Additionally, an item must be donated for the auction. M/S/P to have Terry ask Barbara Moffat to watch Ebay for something to donate for the auction with a limit of \$200.00.
- The club received a Meritorious Service Award from the parent club for the generous donation of auction proceeds to the GDCA Charitable Trust.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

- GDCA Quarterly Bulletin; GDCA thank you for auction money; Camelot Trophies – Show Items; Hodges Badge Co. – Show Items; Dane Outreach: thank you for Dane planter donation (\$50); GDC of Mid-Florida: thank you for donation to Southeast Division (\$200)
- GDCA Board and Officer positions
- GDCA 2007 National Judges (on which we voted): The club unanimously voted for Doug Toomey and Mark Van Alstyne for Futurity judges and Gina Jaebon, Lourdes Carvajal, and Lisa De Roulet for conformation judges.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Account balance information is available to members on request.

### **Education**

No dates set for either the health clinic or rally clinic. Lucretia Marcus will contact Sandy Nowinski to set up a Rally clinic with Sandy's instructor after the National.

### **Membership**

M/S/P – to approve Christine McNally, Sheri Thomas and Brittany Williams as new members.

### **Specialty Show**

- Everett discussed the possibility of having two days of Sweepstakes instead of one. M/S/P to have Sweeps both days.
- Discussed whether or not we should keep obedience.
- Everett is working with Gay Bunnell and Pamela Preston for next year's show secretary and catalog.
- Donnell will be trophy chair.
- Discussed retiring some of the perpetual trophies; Everett will check with AKC regarding the rules for identical ownership.

### **Unfinished Business**

- M/S/P – to purchase a new 7x18' trailer for the club with a limit of \$6,000.00. Everett will check on the materials and the cost needed to extend the shed to accommodate the larger trailer.
- The By-Laws were approved as edited with one correction on page 13, after which the by-laws will be submitted to the parent club for approval. Thanks to Mabel for going through the by-laws and doing the editing.
- Everett is putting together the existing standing rules. Two existing standing rules were discussed:
  - 1) that the Show Chair selects the judges for our Specialties
  - 2) the possibility of combining of board and general meetings.

### **New Business**

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2005 at the Sir Francis Drake KC show in San Rafael immediately following Dane judging.
- Ann English will check on availability of the Pleasanton Hotel Inn for our annual holiday brunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timmi Williams  
Recording Secretary

## Great Dane Word Search

The words listed are hidden in the grid of letters below. Hidden words may lie across, down, diagonally and/or backwards, but always in a straight line. Words often overlap and letters may be used in more than one word. As you find each word, circle it and cross it off the list.

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## Pending California Canine Legislation

Reprinted from the August 2005 issue of *Taking Command*, A Publication of the AKC's Canine Legislation Department

- ❖ Sen. Speier's **SB861**, to repeal California's prohibition on breed-specific local ordinances, was not taken up for a vote before the legislature's summer adjournment. The bill would allow cities and counties to enact breed-specific ordinances that require mandatory spay/neuter or impose breeding restrictions on certain breeds. The bill will be eligible for a vote when members return in mid-August. For more information, and to find out how you can help, please read the Legislative Alert at [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=2549](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2549).
- ❖ Sen. Kehoe's SB914, which makes it a misdemeanor to sell any dog under 8 weeks of age, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will now proceed to the Assembly floor. The bill does exempt rescue groups and allows puppies less than 8 weeks old to be sold with written approval of a licensed veterinarian.
- ❖ The City of Oakland has initially approved an ordinance which limits residents to 3 dogs, institutes mandatory microchipping and changes definitions for foster and rescue groups. A final vote on the proposal is expected at the September 20th meeting.

### Membership Update

GDCNC Welcomes New Members

*Christine McNally*

*Sheri Thomas*

*Brittany Williams*

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

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# Committees for the 2006 Specialties

After last year's last-minute resignations and unforeseen mishaps, I hope to fill committee chair positions earlier, working out most of the details months in advance of the specialties. Committee chair positions are briefly described below. Please review them and see if you would be willing to serve as a committee chairperson. The positions can be co-chaired so if you would feel more comfortable working with a "buddy", please let me know. Unless otherwise indicated, all positions are open.

- **Show Chairperson:** oversees the process, judging assignments, AKC applications. Currently I am taking that on.
- **Assistant Show Chairperson (paper):** oversees/edits applications, contracts, program, catalog, advertisements that are needed for the show. *Kate Jackson* has volunteered to do this for us this year.
- **Assistant Show Chairperson (organization):** oversees the running of the show (grounds, purchasing, meals, auction, and sanitation). *Kathryn Netser* will fill that position this year.
- **Sweeps Chairperson:** oversees the running of the sweepstakes (awards, ribbons, judges). We will be having two sweepstakes next year; one on each day of our back-to-back specialties. This is a new position.
- **Match Chairperson:** oversees the running of the match scheduled to be held the day before our specialties. Secures a match secretary, judge and is responsible for entries, awards and ribbons. *Kate Jackson* has done this the last two years.
- **Advertising/Catalog Chairperson:** works with show secretary to solicit ads; determines prices for ads; helps with formatting catalog content. *Pamela Preston* did this last year.
- **Audio Equipment Chairperson:** set up and maintain sound system; play music as needed; make general announcements as needed. *Beth Sanders, Mick Galvan* and *Pete Sorenson* offered help as it was needed last year.
- **Auction Chairperson:** solicit donated items for auction; arrange for auctioneer, spotters and auditors (tracking items, collecting money). *Jane Chopson* has done an excellent job for the past three years.
- **Canopy and Tables Chairperson:** responsible for the unloading, setup and storage of show canopies and tables. *John Ellison* volunteered to do this for us last year.
- **Challenge Trophies Chairperson:** inventory; clean trophies as needed; storage; monitor for pictures; table layout. *Elizabeth Artle* and *Jim Cumutt* have handled this for the past two years.
- **Decorations Chairperson:** trophy table decorations; dinner table decorations; works with Meals and Show Chairpersons. *Kathryn Netser* and *Ceil Wardner* did a nice job with this last year along with cool "tree assists" by *Kathleen Davis* and *Elizabeth Artle*.
- **Grounds Chairperson:** trailer inventory; oversees with loading and unloading of trailer; manages equipment setup and sanitation. *Chuck English* and *Conley Netser* have done good jobs with this for the past several years.
- **Hospitality Chairperson:** purchase and setup of breakfast goods and coffee for the morning. *Denise* and *Brittany Williams* did an excellent job for several years and last year that tradition was carried on by *Pete Fredotovich*.
- **Judge's Liaison:** provides transportation for the judges; sees to their needs; escort judges to the hospitality trailer and lunch. *Mabel Labiak* has done a very thorough job in this capacity for the past several years.
- **Lodging Chairperson:** arranges for judge's accommodations; checks with hotels/motels on availability for show dates and rules on pets.
- **Meals Chairperson:** contracts for lunches and dinner; secures tables, chairs, liners; takes meal orders and money; provides an accounting to the Treasurer. *Ann English* has served well in this capacity for the last four years.
- **Parades Chairperson:** oversees ordering of the ribbons; monitors names and titles of dogs entered; arranges ribbons for presentation.
- **Raffle Chairperson:** solicits donations; purchases items using budgeted money; sets up raffle tables; oversees sale of raffle tickets; accounting of money to Treasurer. *Lorraine Matherly* assisted by *Dale Bassano* did this last year.
- **Ribbons Chairperson:** works with Show Chair and Parades Chair in ordering of show ribbons; arranges ribbons ringside for presentation by judges.
- **Ring Stewards:** checks in dogs; calls dogs into the ring; records placements; assists the judge in the ring with presentation of awards. *Bill Labiak* has proved himself to be an excellent Steward time and again; last year *Laura Munro* ably stewarded as well.
- **Sanitation Chairperson:** arrange for delivery and maintenance of Port-O-Potties; distribution and maintenance of garbage cans and Pooper Scoopers. Last year, this job was shared between *Timmi Williams*, *Ceil Wardner* and me.
- **Setup Hospitality Chairperson:** purchases "meat" item for post-setup BBQ/potluck; arranges for food items to be donated; sets up barbeque and arranges cooking of food (e.g. hotdogs); organizes presentation of food items and beverages. Last year *Dale Bassano* was the enthusiastic person in charge and she enlisted several competent helpers.
- **Trailer Chairperson:** works with Grounds and Show Chairs; responsible for inventory of items; oversees unloading and loading of trailer; arranges for delivery of trailer to show site. This job has been shared for the past several years between *Dana Wardner*, *Conley Netser*, myself and the many other club members who help with setup and breakdown of show equipment.
- **Trophy Chairperson:** solicits trophy donations; purchases awards and judge's gifts; makes an accounting to the Treasurer; arranges awards/trophies for presentation. *Gail Hunt* and *Paul Picciau* were last year's trophy chairs.
- **Vendor Chairperson:** acts as liaison between Sycamore Lane Kennels and our club for vendors wanting setups at our shows; determines setup price in dollars or donation value. *Pete Sorenson* has very capably handled this for the past four years.
- **Welcome Chairperson:** oversees putting a "goody bag" together for all exhibitors; solicits donations for bags; places catalogs in bags; distributes bags. After a couple of years of awesome welcome boxes prepared and presented by *Kathleen Davis*, last year *Donnell Giambastiani*, with help from *Bari Costello*, did a great job with Hawaiian-themed bags.

Thanks for taking the time to look at this list of committee positions. I sincerely hope you will consider working with me in making next year's shows hugely successful. Please let me know if you will take on one of these assignments (with or without a buddy). I look forward to hearing from you.

Everett Van Dyken, Show Chair

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# And in Puppy News...

We have bred our gorgeous Kentucky National winner **Ch. VonRiesenhof The Yellow Rose** aka Rosie to **Ch. Maitau's Never Better** aka Bodie. We are anxiously awaiting an ultra sound to confirm that she will be a mother. Hazel Gregory, Pat Ciampa and I are very excited about this breeding. Many thanks to Pat for all her help and advice!

- Linda Borghi



We're expecting!!! Davishire Danes is thrilled to be anticipating the arrival of Tyranny's second brood! **BISS/Int BIS Ch. Davishire's Impetuous a'l'a AJ** has, according to ultrasound, been quite thoroughly "knocked up" via '98 vintage **Ch. GMJ's The Northtown Rock**, "Rocky". Pedigree and photos will be posted at the Davishire Danes litterbox page: <http://home.earthlink.net/~davishiredanes/>

## It's Braggin' Time!

There a whole bunch of winning news from Olympus on that fabulous Havoc-Aurora litter bred by Denise and Brittany Williams!

- "Midas" is now **CH Olympus' The Midas Touch**! Midas won a five-point major to finish on his 20-month birthday under judge Mrs. Doris Werdermann. The handsome BIG boy is owned by his breeders and Peter Fredotovich.
- **Olympus' The Enchantress** ("Myriah") has done a fair bit of winning lately, too. She was WB/BOW at the Butte KC show under judge Mrs. Houston Clark and then went WB/BOW/BOB (over Specials!!!) at the Lost Coast KC. show under Sylvia Hammarstrom. Myriah is owned by Sue Dubie-Holbrook and Denise Williams.
- Atlas (**Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens**) and Sherry had a great run at the Oklahoma City shows:
  - WD/BOW/BOB over Specials!! under judge Mrs. G.J. Wanner for one point
  - WD/BOW under judge Mr. Norman Kenney for one point
  - WD/BOW under judge Mrs. Michelle Billings for one point
 Atlas just needs one point to finish now. Owner-Handled by Sherry Wood (and co-owned by Denise Williams). Way to go!!!

And the winning doesn't stop with the dogs!

- **Brittany Williams** deaned up in the Junior Showmanship ring at Butte County. With Midas at the end of her lead for their first weekend together in Juniors, Brittany won her Open Senior class of 15, and then went on to win Best Junior defeating a total of 38 other Juniors!!!! Honors were awarded by judge Mrs. Gloria Kerr.
- **Bree Williams** is following in her big sister's footsteps by taking the Novice Junior class by storm with 3 consecutive 1st place wins and promoted to compete in the Open Junior class!!!

Brittany and Bree were bred by Denise and Roger Williams who are so very proud of their daughters (the cute two-legged ones) – they are working hard and it's paying off. Congrats to the whole pack at Olympus Great Danes!!!



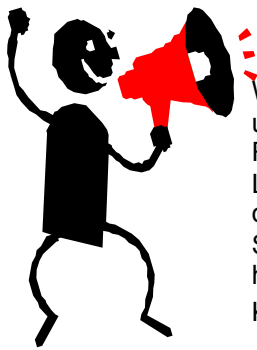
Cali, **Lagarada's California Gold** (BISS AKC / UKC / INT'L CH Lagarada's Aspen Gold x CH Lagarada's Show Stopper) was awarded Winners Bitch for a four-point major at the Del Monte Kennel Club on July 17<sup>th</sup> under James G. Reynolds. She was also awarded Best Puppy at the Monterey Bay Great Dane Club on July 15<sup>th</sup> under Connie Hunter. Cali was bred by Fran Lass and is adored by her dads Tim Sutherland and Eric Evangelista. She is masterfully handled by Larry Schram.



A NEW BUNDLE OF JOY IS ADDED TO THE ANDRONICO FAMILY!!! Connie is thrilled to announce that **Striders Black Fantasy** arrived in June from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Tazi joins her grandsire Titan (Int'l./Am. CH Amador's Titan V Sharcon) and harl "sister" Phoebe in the Andronico home! Tazi is out of BISS Am BISS BPIS Can CH Striders Silken Fantasy and sired by Can CH Tri-Star's Mack Daddy Strider. Happy, sweet Tazi made her ring debut at the Working Group match in Dixon. She blew her Mom away by first going Best of Breed followed by an amazing Group 3 placement. Tazi was handled expertly by Sharon McCrary.



Linda Borghi and Hazel Gregory are so happy to announce that their beautiful Von Riensenhof's Cauz'N' Gossip aka Carly is now **CH Von Riensenhof's Cauz'N' Gossip**. She finished in a big way with two five-point majors. Her people are very proud of this lovely girl. Huge thanks to Carly's wonderful handler Cheryl Cates for always showing her to perfection and always believing in her.



# It's Still Braggin' Time!

WOO-HOO! Another new champion! It is now **CHAMPION Aldawn's I'm The Intruder!** Trudy was undefeated in the last two weekends that finished her, first picking up back-to-back majors at the Reno KC shows, followed by wins 3 of the 4 days in Gridley under breeder judges Mark Van Alstyne, Louise Van Alstyne and finishing under Katie Edwards on Saturday. Since her finish, Trudy was one of 4 Specials that made the cut in stiff breed competition at the Monterey Bay Great Dane Club Specialty. Just recently, Trudy picked up a very nice Breed win over six other specials in excruciating heat at Sunday's Richmond DF show in Dixon. The lovely natural-eared fawn is owned by breeders Kim & Gordon Cross and Diane McClelland.



**Lore's Invaluable Asset**, "Monte", owned by Nancy & Michael O'Connor, bred by Lorraine Matherly & Jane Chopson, and handled by Jane did very well at the Great Dane Club of California Specialties June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Monte was Best In Sweepstakes under judge Rita Suddarth, Winners Dog (major) under judge Karen Desjardins and the next day was Winners Dog (major), Best of Winners and Best Puppy In Specialty under judge Collette Jacobsen. All this at just 10 months of age! Since then, Monte was Winners Dog in Gridley under Katie Edwards and Best In Sweepstakes at the first annual Monterey Great Dane Club Specialty under John Jarvise. Monte stepped into the 12-18-month class on August 7<sup>th</sup> in too hot Dixon – just one day after his first birthday – and was handled by Jane to his *third* major under Gary Bassett! Huge congrats to breeder Lorraine, breeder-handler Jane, and most especially to Monte's primary person and newest dog show junkie, Nancy!



The KC Dane kids are doing their people proud! At the first annual Monterey Bay Great Dane Club Specialty, **KC Danes America's Sweetheart** "Lacey" took Best Bred By under Judge Connie Hunter and sister "Dazzle" **BISS Ch KC Danes An Affair to Remember v Oneida** took Best Opposite Sex. A few weeks later, Dazzle, expertly handled by daddy Ed, continued to "dazzle" judges in the ring, taking Best of Breed at the Richmond show under Wendy Willhauck. Both Lacey and Dazzle were sired by Ch Oneida's Nash Bridges "Nash" and are out of Ch Sheron's Betty D Grandy "Betty". Lacey lives with her Momma Betty, new little brother Elliot and caretakers Conley & Kathryn Netser. Lacey is always breeder handled with love in the BBE class by Kathryn. Dazzle lives with her Daddy Nash and Ed & Judi Grimaldi who love and spoil her rotten – just the way we want our babies taken care of!

**KC Danes Mystic River** "Katie", half sister to Lacey and Dazzle, was awarded Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps at the MBGDC show under John Jarvise. Katie was sired by BISS Ch. Windy Hills Gold Plated "Gunnar" and is out of Ch Sheron's Betty D Grandy. Katie AKA "Her Ladyship" lives with Susan Douglas and family who share ownership with breeder/handler Kathryn Netser, Her AKA name sums it all up as to who is running the show at the Douglas's house! **FLASH!!!** Katie surprised us at the Richmond show by taking Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for a three-point major under Gary Bassett out of the 6-9-month puppy class. WOO-HOO!!! Go Katie! To say the least we are very proud of her.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Katie's littermate **KC Danes Pretty Woman V Sheron** "Julia" won her first point at her very first show! She was Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex under Judge Sam Burke at the Bell Vernon Kennel Club show. Just weeks later, Julia won her second point taking Winners Bitch at the Hurricane Ridge show under Jean Fournier. Julia was expertly handled by Ron Acena. She lives with her Grandma Nikki and first cousin Ruby and is owned and loved by Ron & Sherry Acena and Conley & Kathryn Netser. Way to go Julia!!



Kate and Mick are quite proud their brindle boys! Littermates Sonny (aka **CH Von Bruno's Blues Legend**) and Duke (aka **Von Bruno's Jazz Legend, CGC**) have added "TT" to the ends of their names! Both passed the temperament test that was offered in Dixon at the Richmond Dog Fandiers' shows.



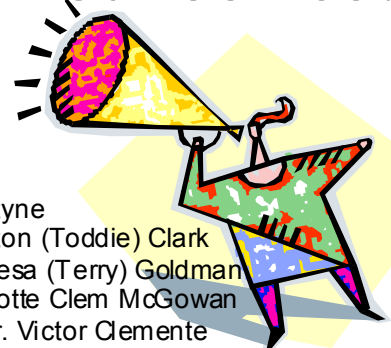
**Amador's Butterfly Kisses** (Ch. Bluestone's Forbes x Ch. Amador's Madame Butterfly) was WB/BOW & Best Puppy at the California Specialty for a four-point Major under judge Karen Desjardins. Tara was bred by Michele Andreetta, is owned by Michele & Annalisa Andreetta and Arana Greenberg; and is handled by the ever-talented Sharon McCrary. Huge congrats on this Specialty win from the 6-9-month puppy class!!!



Let's hear it for CHAMPION Meribel!!!! Hip, hip, hooray!!! Judge Wendy G. Willhauck took no time to find Meribel in the blistering, 100+ degree heat at Saturday's Richmond Dog Fandiers Show, awarding her Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for the 3-point major she needed to finish. **CH Shady Oaks Mardigras Meribel** is owned by Gail Hunt, was bred by Tena Gilles, and was handled to this sizzling finishing major by the incomparable Brittany Williams. Meribel celebrated her new title later that day with a good dousing of Eau de Skunk.

# Don't Keep Those Great Wins to Yourselves!

While some members are too modest to say anything, it seemed wrong to let these recent victories in the ring go without notice. No promises that the list is all inclusive, but these are the few that your *GDCNC Barker* Editor just happened to catch:



**Fireside EZ Rider Aldawn** ~ It's a BIG list for EZ – check this out:

- Winners Dog for one point at the Shasta Kennel Club show under Mark E. Van Alstyne
  - Winners Dog for one point at the Butte County Kennel Club show under Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark
  - Winners Dog for one point at the Wine Country Kennel Club show under Mrs. Theresa (Terry) Goldman
  - Winners Dog for one point at the Wine Country Kennel Club show under Ms. Charlotte Clem McGowan
  - WD and Best of Winners for a four-point major at the Del Monte KC show under Mr. Victor Clemente
- EZ is owned by Kim & Gordan Cross & John & Barbara Garcia, is always owner-handled by Kim and was bred by Barbara Garcia & Lucretia Marcus.

**Hannah Full Of Grace Von Der Ofnethöhle** ~ Hannah was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for one point at the Wine Country Kennel Club show under Mrs. Theresa (Terry) Goldman. She is owned and handled by Pete Sorensen and was bred by Albert Schleicher.

**Cpstin's Let Freedom Ring** ~ Liberty won a stunning four-point major at the Del Monte KC show under Mr. Victor Clemente. Liberty is owned by Allison & Rich Paxton, is always handled by Allison, and was bred by Lee Perrett.

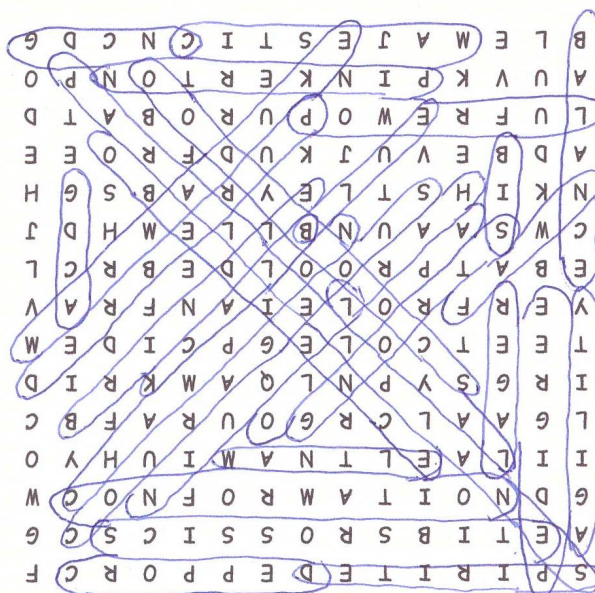
**Belldanes Breakin All D Rules** ~ Mick started out the Richmond DF show weekend HOT (and it was!). First, he went Best In Sweeps under Mrs. Diane Price and then picked up a very nice two-point (almost major) win under Mrs. Wendy G. Willhauck. Mick is owned by his breeder Jean M. Bell.

**Adelaide's Sweet Nalla Piche** ~ Ms. Jenny and Ms. Nalla strutted their stuff from the classe s to BEST OF BREED at the Lost Coast KC show under Mr Vincent G Mulligan. Nalla is owned by Jon & Jenny Kenton and was bred by Cathy & James Piche & Susan H Richards.

**Dynkn Brerlo Mischief In Black And Gold** ~ The lovely brindle pup skyrocketed to his championship well before his first birthday picking up his first major at the GDCNC Specialty in April, and finishing with a five-point major at the Electric City Kennel Club show under Ms. Eva Berg at the end of June. Wiley is owned by soon-to-be-members Nancy & Tom Hawkes and breeders Georgia Hymmen & Kim Broenneke and was ably guided to his championship by Denise Williams, assisted by Brittany Williams. I bet we see Wiley in the Specials ring!



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING:

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sir Francis Drake KC Show in San Rafael  
(meeting will follow Great Dane judging)

### Holiday Brunch



**GDCNC Holiday Brunch**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am - 1:00pm**

**Pleasanton Hotel**



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