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# GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

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## *From the President...*

Greetings to my fellow club members! We held another club meeting a few weeks ago at the Royce Farms Restaurant. Thank you to the members who showed up. We always seem to have a good time conversing with one another over good food. Our next scheduled meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup> which we are planning as a seminar. This seminar will be free to all club members! The topics are current and relevant and should have all Great Dane fanciers' attention. Lucretia Marcus has been given the directive by the board to set this up for us on rather short notice but she has come through with flying colors!

We are able to provide some seminars due to the successful shows held in Lodi each year. Less than ten years ago, we were on the verge of dissolving the club organization due to a lack of funds. It is with great relief and satisfaction that we are at point that we can provide more for our members. The change in the financial status is due in part to the strong leadership of your boards, reorganization by past President Terry Toops and good fiscal responsibility by the officers and board members. We are hoping to provide future seminars free of charge to club members. The board has suggested having a seminar on Canine Reproduction with Dr. Hutchinson next year and Lucretia will be working on that. Please feel free to contact Lucretia or your board members with your suggestions for topics or speakers for future seminars. I hope we see you at the seminars.

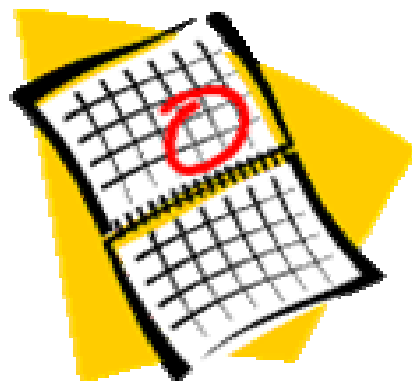
I also hope we see you working the shows that make money for the clubs. The club is working for the benefit of all and I hope you will feel some motivation to do your part to support the club as an organization. We are at a good point in our "life" as a club and we hope that the benefits you reap as a club member will make you want to play a bigger part in our Great Dane community.

Finally, I want to encourage you to voice your opinion on SB1548. This "veterinary medicine" bill was introduced by State Senator Liz Figueroa. In the bill, there is wording which would make ear cropping a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment. Regardless of your position on the cropping of ears, the wording regarding ear cropping in this bill needs to be deleted. You, as the Great Dane owner, need to decide whether to crop or not. That is your right and not one to be mandated by law. We, in Northern California, are in the forefront of people showing natural-eared dogs so obviously we can make our own decisions on whether to crop. The Great Dane Club of America has joined with the Doberman and Boxer parent clubs to fight this legislation. I hope you join me in contacting your State Senator, State Assemblyman and Governor to reject the wording in SB1548. Please call, fax or write to voice your opinion.

Regards,  
Everett Van Dyken

## CIRCLE THE DATE!!!

September 18<sup>th</sup> has been set aside for a very special seminar. Mary Anne Zanetos, Chair of the GDCA Health Survey Committee, will be presenting the committee's results to GDCNC club members and other interested Dane lovers. The all day meeting will allow plenty of time for questions and for the presentation of related topics. We are working on a meeting place somewhere between the Oakland airport and I-880. Anyone interested in helping, **please** contact Lucretia Marcus at (925)831-6172 or at [bellemarc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bellemarc@sbcglobal.net).



**Dear Fellow Breed Club Member and Dog Lover:**

I am writing to request your assistance in disseminating the attached bulletin to your chapter clubs and members immediately. As you may know, the State of California has ear cropping legislation pending, which, if enacted, will erode the rights of dog owners and eliminate any freedom of choice which we have in the matter. In short, ear cropping will become a crime in California, and I expect that other states will follow on these issues as well as tail docking and dew claw removal.

While this particular legislation may or may not affect your breed of choice, it does take away the freedom of an owner to make informed decisions regarding his animal. The majority of Americans are loving, responsible pet owners who treat their pets as family. The *Christmas in July* project is a way for us to unite under a common theme.

While it is my breed of choice that is affected by this particular piece of legislation, we are living in a world of increased canine legislation and restriction. It could be your breed that is affected tomorrow. Please read the attached bulletin and consider the "voice" that it provides to ALL dog owners in their time of need. It is a simple, easy and useful tool that can provide the support of the majority when needed. Please pass it on to your members and allow them the opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Terri Cannon, DPCA (Doberman Pinscher Club of America) Member

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***Christmas in July***

As many of you know, an ear-cropping ban has been introduced in the State of California. If enacted, this legislation will make ear-cropping a crime. While this measure directly affects 17 cropped AKC breeds, we anticipate that the introduction of anti-docking legislation will follow. For those who have followed the true agenda of animal rights groups, they remain on their stated course which is to first ban ear-cropping, then tail docking, then to proceed in a manner which will eventually eliminate all pet ownership.

We are urging the entire dog fancy to watch this legislation and to join us in a united effort to prevent the erosion of our rights as dog owners. Whether you agree with ear-cropping or not, the questions you should ask yourself are: Do I, as an owner of an animal, want to be told what I can and cannot do with my pet? Do I really want the government in my home and backyard? Do I want my individual rights eroded?

Statistics reveal that 70% of people sign their pet's name to greeting cards and 58% include them in family and holiday portraits. They further reveal that 80% of 100 million dog and cat households describe their pets as family members. The *Christmas in July* project is an effort designed to utilize these Christmas cards and family pictures to show our legislators that "WE", the dog owners of America love and treat our pets as family members, and that we do not want to lose our individual rights to make decisions regarding their welfare. This statement equally applies to all breeds and all owners.

If you have Christmas cards that were unused, you can cut off the Greeting page and send the photo/picture portion as a "postcard". If you don't have any Christmas cards left, you can print the family or Christmas photo on the lower 1/4 of a page of paper from your computer, fold the paper so that the photo is on the front cover, and handwrite one of the following message inside:

*Welcome back! We hope you had a great vacation!*

*We are responsible pet owners. Please vote NO on the ear cropping provision in SB1548.*

*Thank you,*

*The \_\_\_\_\_ Family*

*OR*

*Greetings!*

*Please vote NO on the ear-cropping amendment in SB1548.*

*Sincerely,*

*The \_\_\_\_\_ Family*

As a dog owner, you CAN have a say in this and future attempts to enact legislation which erodes your rights. Please assist us – it's an easy way to have a "voice" in these matters. We urge you to participate in this project by sending your family photos and Christmas cards with the above message to the legislators below:

**Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Senator Liz Figueroa  
State Capitol Building  
Room 4061  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**CARDS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 4, 2004**



*We offer our condolences to Tim Sutherland and Eric Evangelista who recently lost their lovely baby girl Melody (Lagarada's Gold N Melody). Mel had accrued some very impressive wins during the last several months including a Specialty Major & BCB over Specials. Most importantly, though, she was a Champion Best Friend to Tim, Eric and Promise. Her untimely passing leaves huge holes in the hearts of everyone who loved her.*

## New Champion Valinor's Stax Up V Cheshire

Valinor Great Danes has an announcement: Booker is **now Champion Valinor's Stax Up V Cheshire**. Booker finished by going Best of Breed over Specials for his third major. He is out of Ch. Warwick's Valinor Flair, ROM (Champion #9 for Flair) by BISS Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo (Champion #11 for Tailor). He is owned and loved by Stacie and Jere Knudtsen and was handled to his major wins by Georgia Hymmen. Booker was bred by Valinor Great Danes. Needless to say, we are all a very happy crew!

## Bud Keim Memorial

Bud Keim passed away last month after a long battle with lung cancer. Cathy Schaefer is organizing a memorial ad in Bud's honor. Please make checks payable to Cathy Schaefer and she will send a single check with everyone's names included. Any amount received over and above the cost of the ad will be given to the GDCA Charitable Trust.

Cathy Schaefer  
16105 Bahama St  
North Hills, CA 91343

If, instead of being part of the memorial ad, you wish to make a contribution directly to the Trust, please make your check out to GDCA Charitable Trust and mail it to:

Mr. Bob Edison  
4561 North Bauxite Way  
Tucson, AZ 85750

Either way, Jodie's wishes will be fulfilled, and Bud's memory will be honored.

## New Champion BISS KC Danes An Affair to Remember v Oneida

Dazzle (BISS KC Danes An Affair to Remember v Oneida) took WB & BOS for 3 points – her second major! – at the Reno KC in Carson City under Judge Charles Olvis. Then, on Saturday's Chico Kennel Club show she took WB, BOW and BOB over five specials for the two points she needed to **finish** (at 16 months) under Judge Sharon Frances. Champion Dazzle was owner-handled by Ed Grimaldi all the way. With Dazzle's "Pick Me!" show ring attitude it makes one wonder what is in store for this beautiful bitch... BIS? Top Twenty? It's hard to tell who owns who so let's put it this way: Dazzle lives with the Judi & Ed Grimaldi who love her to death and spoil her rotten and she was bred by Kathryn & Conley Netser who also tend to spoil her on every opportunity they can. Dazzle's daddy Nash (Ch. Oneida's Nash Bridges), mom Betty (Ch. Sheron's Betty D Grandy) and sister Lacey (KC Danes America's Sweetheart) were there to watch and cheer her on. Sister Lacey also took RWB on Saturday. It was an exciting day for the Grimaldis and the Netsers.

## Davishire Soiree-Housewarming After Richmond DFA Shows on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

For those who don't know, we've moved to Vacaville... And you're all invited to drop over to the new place after the Richmond show for a rest/visit/sit/relax! Bring the fur kids too – there's lots of room.... ready crates, stalls, paddocks, x-pen set up space or some running space if they'd like.... you can even bring your motorhomes, if that's what you're tot'n.

Take 505 North, about 5 minutes to the Allendale exit, turn left, under the freeway onto Allendale, then take a left on North Locke Rd. Davishire is now at 7894 North Locke Rd. It'll be on your left, immediately prior to Cole Rd if you're coming via these directions. If you get lost, call (707) 451-9200 or (415) 987-8377.

Hope you can make it and that we'll have some new MAJORS, maybe even new Champions, to celebrate for some lucky club members after this show!!

Kathleen



Hi!

I am the draft chair for Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club, and I'm writing to tell you about some upcoming events that might be of interest to your club members.

Last summer, the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America changed their Draft Regulations to allow all AKC breeds to participate in our draft tests. Sierra West is proud to offer the first all breed draft test on October 15, 2004, in San Leandro, CA. In preparation and practice for the test, we will also be holding an all breed draft match on August 22, 2004.

I have a series of documents I can send you to share with your members – flyers for both the match and the test, as well as two articles. One article addresses simple steps to begin carting with your dog, the other focuses on preparing for your first draft test. All documents are in .pdf format. (I always like to get permission before sending attachments to people!)

*Editor's Note: The first article follows; the all-breed draft match entry form is also included in this newsletter. The next newsletter will include Karyn's second draft article as well as the entry form for the October 15<sup>th</sup> draft test.*

We hope you and your members will join the Berner community in celebrating the wonderful sport of draft! Please let me know if you have any questions, and if I can send you the documents for distribution to your membership via newsletter or e-list.

Thanks! I look forward to hearing from you!

Karyn Beyer, Draft Chair, Sierra West BMDC, kbeyer@snowcrest.net



## DON'T PUT THE CART BEFORE THE DOG! SIMPLE STEPS TO STARTING DRAFT WORK WITH YOUR DOG

By Karyn Beyer (BMDCA Draft Judge; Draft Chair, Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club; Member, BMDCA Draft Work Committee)

### PART I

The first step to carting with your dog is the MOST IMPORTANT STEP: basic obedience. Nearly all of the basic control you need with your dog in the cart can be introduced without the cart. Many handlers make the mistake of putting their dog in the cart well before the dog can walk nicely on a leash, let alone stop and change pace on command. This is a bad idea. It makes training considerably harder, it overly stresses the dog and its dangerous. Dogs can be seriously injured in the cart and better to train beforehand than to risk injury.

Before you hitch up your dog, there are some basic commands that your dog should know, and know well. They aren't difficult to train, and can all be done while out on your morning/evening walk. The first thing is being able to walk nicely on a leash. This doesn't have to be AKC obedience-quality heeling, but there should be minimal pulling, minimal yelling of repetitive commands and your walk should be at a nice, even pace. While doing this nice walk, introduce the slow or change of pace. Most dogs want to move out very quickly as soon as they are hitched (thinking they can get away from that contraption behind them), and its important that when you tell them SLOW! They actually know what you mean. Introduce that change of pace while on those morning/evening walks. Simply slow down and walk at a greatly reduced pace than normal. Put a command on it, saying SLOW or EASY as you go. Then, take the dog back to normal. Finally, the most important command – STOP. It's simple, it's basic, it's critical. Integrate this into your walks, from both the normal pace and the slow pace. Getting a sit when you stop is not important; in fact, some dogs don't initial like to sit in the cart because they roll onto the shafts or bump them when getting back up, both of which can be uncomfortable and startling to the beginning dog. Don't cheat on this – STOP is an extremely important command. If the dog gets nervous in the cart, starts to jump or flail, or startles from a distraction, STOP can be a lifesaver, or at least an injury preventer.

Teaching these three basic commands can go very quickly. Discipline yourself to take a 20 minute walk every morning or evening, with lots of treats in hand and a happy voice. While you are working on these basic leash commands, you can also begin introducing the dog to the cart. Put the cart in the yard. Feed the dog his/her meals in the bed of the cart, or even between the shafts. Take the cart for a walk with you and the dog (either you pulling it on your right side or someone else pulling alongside you). The dog should be accustomed to the sight, sounds and smell of the cart. Better

yet, get the dog excited about the cart – putting special treats in the cart bed for the dog and feeding the dog in or around the cart can help acclimate the dog to the cart.

When you are confident in your dog's abilities to walk nicely on that leash, go slowly on command and stop, and the dog is unfazed by the sight and sound of the cart, you are ready to hitch the dog. Please, I am begging you – don't take short cuts on this. You want your dog to enjoy carting. From the minute the dog is hitched, you will use those walk, slow and stop commands. Your dog will be much more confident if you are using recognizable commands, things that he/she knows. Asking a dog to hitch up to a cart, pull a strange obstacle behind them (which is clearly trying to attack!) and respond to your foreign commands is asking a lot – perhaps too much – from your dog. Dogs that have very negative experiences when first hitched will approach the cart with trepidation and even fear they next time the cart comes out. Prepare your dog first!

A word about prong/pressure collars... I believe that prong/pressure collars have their place in training, but they are NOT a substitute for training. Please don't assume that you can skip training the basic commands because your plan is to simply slap that prong on the dog as soon as you hitch them up. A prong/pressure collar is a correctional device, and if your dog is getting massive corrections when first introduced to the cart, he/she may not have any idea what it is you want – "gee, I'm hitched to this contraption and I'm walking forward, but my person keeps snapping the collar and yelling at me! What the hell do they want? This carting thing sucks!" There may be a point where the prong/pressure collar is needed with the dog, but use it wisely and appropriately. A prong/pressure collar is NOT a substitute for training; it is an aid in training and should be used appropriately.

## **PART II**

So, you've trained, you're confident and the dog wags his tail every time you go near the cart. You are ready to hitch up! Before you start, be sure to pick the right location. You want to hitch your dog for the first time in an area that is level, quiet, and has a LOT of room. Most dogs cannot/will not do tight turns when they are first starting out, so try to find a spot where you can proceed in a straight line for quite a ways, and do large, gentle, turns – more of a veering right or left rather than turning right or left. Empty parking lots are great locations, as are school yards and ball fields.

When hitching a dog to a cart for the very first time, there are two things you must have on hand – tons of GREAT treats, and a second person. Even the best trained dog is hard pressed to hold that stand-stay while you come up behind them with that thing and start attaching it to them. You want a second person that the dog knows. One of you should be at the dog's head, gently kneeling and holding the collar, talking to the dog, feeding treats, etc. The second person will approach from a straight line behind with the cart, slowly advancing the shafts up along side the dog. Throughout this process, keep talking to the dog and giving treats. For some dogs, you may only get as far as advancing the shafts. If the dog is clearly stressed, jumping about, twisting around to see what is going on, don't try to go any farther. Just aim for the dog's comfort level – can you bring the cart up behind the dog and into position, just short of hitching the dog up? Work on this until the dog is comfortable.

When comfort is achieved, you can get the dog hitched. This might be a slow process the first time in, because you will likely be adjusting the harness loops where the shafts go through, and the length of the traces. The dog may not have a lot of patience for you fooling around back there, so better to get a feel for lengths and any needed adjustments, take the dog away (big praise, big treats), make your adjustments, and then bring the dog back. Don't try to make all those changes while forcing the dog to stand there, semi-attached to the cart.

When you are finally hitched up, your traces are the right length and the equipment is properly attached, you and your helper should each stand on either side of the dog and move forward. Keep talking, keep praising, keep treating. Do not let the dog move out too fast or get out of control. If you sense ANY problems coming up, or suspect the dog is starting to stress or get out of control, STOP. Stopping and starting are the keys to this first pull of the cart. If the dog seems to be getting out of step and discombobulated, STOP. Dogs are unlikely to walk themselves out of it and correct themselves. Better to stop and start again.

At this point, you will be glad you are going in a straight line, and hopefully have lots of room in front of you. When the time comes to turn around, if you cannot execute a huge looping circle, then have your helper go to the back of the cart. As you begin to turn the dog around, the helper should pick the cart up off the ground and swing it behind the dog back into position. For most dogs, turning in a cart is an acquired skill, not necessarily a natural one. They must learn to cross their paws over each other, and get a feel for the shaft. The location of the shaft will at first seem an impediment to turning, because as they move right or left, they immediately hit a solid object, so instinct is to move away. Once they get a feel for the shaft, the equipment and the process, they can pick up turns quickly. But for the beginner, don't rush them into it. Turning should be introduced in increments, and as the dog progresses in skill and comfort level, you can gradual tighten the degree of your turns.

As you continue with this first carting foray, you've probably quickly discovered the value of training leash walking, slow and stop. These are the only three commands that you will be using on these first few carting trips. Don't expect your dog to do much more than this for awhile. Fine tuning and finesse can be added when the dog is comfortable in the equipment, and their security level is such that they are ready to move on. Don't rush it, and don't force it – you want your dog to enjoy carting, and if you move too fast, your dog will quickly go in the opposite direction when the cart comes out for practice!

The most important thing with carting, as with all dog activities, is to have fun. That goes for you and your dog. If your dog has a tucked tail, wide eyes, heavy breathing and shying away, then you are moving way too fast and need to back up a few steps. For most berners, carting is quickly learned and readily enjoyed. Its instinct, its their heritage, and most will step up and enjoy having a job to do. However, there are the occasional dogs who do not take to it readily, and its your task to conduct the training and introduce the equipment at the dog's pace, not at yours. Take your time, lay the proper groundwork and have fun building this working partnership!



# Volunteer Now for 2005 Specialty Committees

It is not too early to start thinking about the committee(s) you'd like to be a part of for our 2005 Specialty Shows. You can "buddy up" to volunteer to fill one of the committee chair positions. Let's fill the positions early to ease the load in completing the assigned tasks. Some of the positions have been filled by people who have done the jobs in the past, and most of us would happily step aside in favor of a "newcomers". We hope lots of newcomers step forward!!!

Here is a list of the committees/positions for which need people to step up to the plate:

- ♦ Assistant Show Chairman
- ♦ Auction/Program
- ♦ Canopies
- ♦ Hospitality
- ♦ Judge's transportation (2)
- ♦ Raffle
- ♦ Ring Steward, Conformation
- ♦ Ring Stewards, Obedience (2)
- ♦ Sanitation
- ♦ Tables
- ♦ Vendors
- ♦ Welcome bags

These people and their committees who will do the jobs that they've done in the past, but would rather "pass the torch" for the 2005 Specialties to somebody else:

- ♦ Ribbons: Paul Picciau
- ♦ Trophies: Lucretia Marcus

And the following people have agreed to take on these jobs:

- ♦ Show Chairman: Everett Van Dyken
- ♦ Catalog Advertising: Pamela Preston
- ♦ Challenge Trophies: Elizabeth Artle, Jim Curnutt
- ♦ Decorations: Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser
- ♦ Grounds: Chuck English
- ♦ Judge's Liaison: Mabel Labiak
- ♦ Match: Kate Jackson, Tami Welch
- ♦ Meals: Ann English
- ♦ Obedience: Sue Dubie-Holbrook
- ♦ Ring Steward, Conformation: Bill Labiak
- ♦ Setup Barbeque (Friday): Dale Bassano
- ♦ Trailer: Dana Wardner, Conley Netser

**There's plenty of work to do in all areas!**  
**Think about where your skills can be best used – and let us know how you'd like to help out!**

## Litterbox

Davishire Danes eagerly anticipates ultrasound confirmed puppies, due early August, out of:

Dam: "Tyranny", BISS/Int. BIS Ch. Davishire's Impetuous a'la AJ  
Sire: "Fürst", Fürst D'Shire Von Der Ofnethöhle

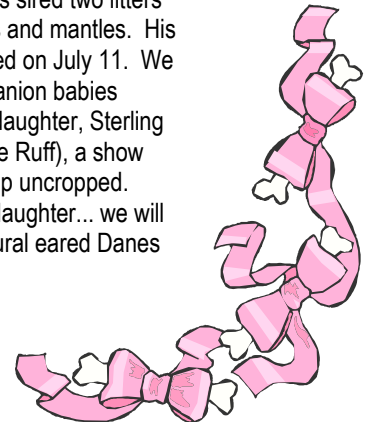
We are also thrilled to announce another ultrasound confirmed litter, bred by Shari Matteson of Oasis Danes, co-bred by Davishire Danes...

Dam: "Amore", Davishire's Me A-More, eh?  
Sire: "Fürst", Fürst D'Shire Von Der Ofnethöhle

"Tyranny" and her sister, "Amore", have OFA clearances on file.  
"Fürst" has been prelimed clear for heart, hips, elbows and thyroid.

Details, pedigrees and contact information can be viewed and/or applications submitted at:  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~davishiredanes/>

Cindee Carlson's natural-eared harl boy, a Denali son, Remington (Ch PCH Esq's The Smokin' Gun), has sired two litters so far -- all show harls and mantles. His third litter was expected on July 11. We have show and companion babies available. I have his daughter, Sterling (Esq's Diamond In The Ruff), a show harl girl, who I will keep uncropped. She's a Denali granddaughter... we will continue finishing natural eared Danes who are that good.



## GDCNC Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2004

The meeting was called to order on June 26, 2004 at 11:10 a.m. Attending the meeting were Officers and Board Members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, and Judy Benjamin. Excused were Paul Picciau, Lucretia Marcus and Jane Chopson; unexcused was Ann English.

The minutes were approved as printed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ♦ Ending balance is \$17,166.85 (bank account) and \$6,108.86 (CD).
- ♦ M/S/P we purchase another CD.
- ♦ The final totals for the Specialty were discussed.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mail was read from AKC, GDCA.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Connie Hastings was voted into the club. Published a second time are John and Lisa Ellison, Andrew Port, Peter Fredotovich and Dale Bassano.

### MEETING DATES:

- ♦ September 18<sup>th</sup>, Health Survey Seminar, location TBA,
- ♦ October 23<sup>rd</sup> after Great Dane Judging at Dixon
- ♦ November 13<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting, location TBA

### OLD BUSINESS:

- ♦ Discussion of the letter sent to Monterey Bay Great Dane Club. No response was received. M/S/P to send a copy of the letter to the Corresponding Secretary and await a response.
- ♦ The attending members voted for three judges for the Nationals of 2005 and two judges for the futurity. They are Lisa De Roulet, Gina Jaeblo and Leon Reimert for regular classes and Linda Tonnancour and Mark Van Alstyne for Futurity.
- ♦ GDCA sent their by-laws to be approved. They were approved.
- ♦ Judges for the GDCNC Specialties for 2005-2007 were announced. They are:
  - 2005 Conformation: Ms. Susan Yotive, Mr. M.J. Cohen
  - Obedience: Ms. Mary Lou Just
  - Sweepstakes: Dr. Shalein Bonney, DVM
  - 2006 Conformation: Ms. Judy Harrington, Ms. Colette Jacobsen
  - 2007 Conformation: Ron Acena, Ms. Ann Schwartz
- ♦ It was suggested to have Lucretia explore a seminar with no charge to GDCNC members and a fee for non-members.

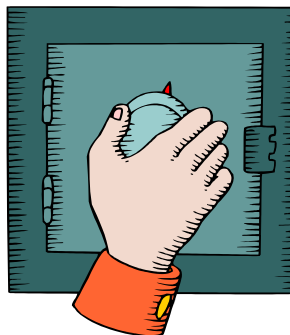
### NEW BUSINESS:

- ♦ There are several matches and the Dane Walk which were announced. See the newsletter for details.
- ♦ There was discussion of a lost dog being transferred to the south into a rescue. The dog should have been sent to a rescue up in Northern California. The Dane Rescue will be sending letters to the vets informing them of the Dane rescue in the area. It was approved to donate \$200.00 to the Dane Rescue for supplies.
- ♦ M/S/P - to send a letter to the parent club asking for donations for help to stop SB 1548.
- ♦ A problem with the photographer at our Specialty was discussed. We will look into finding another photographer for the specialty.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams  
Recording Secretary



## Membership Update

*GDCNC Welcomes New Members  
Sherry Wood & Connie Hastings*

### Second Publishing:

- ❖ *Dale Bassano*  
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken & Ann English
- ❖ *John and Lisa Ellison*  
Sponsored by Michele Andreetta & Connie Andronico
- ❖ *Peter Fredotovich*  
Sponsored by Terry Toops & Barbara Moffet
- ❖ *Andrew Port*  
Sponsored by Kate Jackson & Lucretia Marcus

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Account balances are  
available to GDCNC  
members on request

# Braggs

Even though he is not a Great Dane, Kim Cross wants everybody to know about Gordon's new dog Ch. Greley's Gold Digger, a BorderTerrier who adopted Gordon at Christmas time. Duncan earned his AKC championship in 12 shows, garnering TWO Group placements (a Group 2 & a Group 4) at the Gridley shows in June.



Cindee Carlson's harlequin puppy, Sterling (Rau's Every Cloud Has One v. Esq), took her third BOB from the classes in Redmond, Oregon. She also was Winners Bitch both days of the Inland Empire shows. We are now hunting for majors. Sterling is owned and handled by Cindee and was bred by John & Denise Raudenbush & D Deniston & K Cook by Ch Prinzel's Zero Gravity V Rau-Raudansk What Dreams R Made Of.



Valinor Great Danes, where black is beautiful, has had some recent successes to boast, too!

- ❖ On June 5th at the Contra Costa County KC show, Valinor's All That Jazz MVP was awarded Winner's Dog and BOS over Specials by Ms. Alice Watt. Jazz is owned by Cherie Moses and Everett Van Dyken. He was owner-handled to his win. Jazz is out of Ch. Valinor's MVP Dream Girl by BISS Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo.
- ❖ And a couple of brags for Mercy, Valinor's I'll Take You There (Ch. Longo's the Last Tycoon x Ch. Valinor's Tumbling Dice):
  - ♦ On May 23, 2004, recieved a Best of Winners from judge, Mrs. D. Cozart at the Hangtown KC show.
  - ♦ At the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association, Mercy won Winner's Bitch under judge Mr. Kenneth Buxton on the Fourth of July. Mercy is owned by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau and was handled to these nice wins by Sonda Peterson.



The Olympus gang has been having some fun in the ring! Here's the quickie rundown:

- ❖ Olympus' The Midas Touch ("Midas") owned by Denise & Brittany Williams & Peter Fredotovich boasts these wins from the 6-9 month class:
  - ♦ RWD his first time in the ring at the Camellia Capital show under Adrian Woodfork
  - ♦ WD his second weekend out at Hangtown KC under Doris Cozart for one point
  - ♦ RWD at the Shasta KC show under William Hossler
  - ♦ RWD at the Chico KC show under Sharon Francis
  - ♦ RWD at Wine Country KC show under Lester Mapes
  - ♦ **Best In Match!!!** At the Kennel Club of the California Sierra All-Breed Match
- ❖ Olympus' The Enchantress ("Myrriah") owned by Sue Holbrook and Denise Williams was awarded **Best Puppy In Match** on June 27<sup>th</sup> at an All-Breed Match also held by the Kennel Club of the California Sierra.
- ❖ Not to be outdone, sister Nike (Olympus' Sweet Victory) owned by Denise and Brittany Williams took Best Puppy and Group 2 at the Contra Costa KC show on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Littermate Atlas (Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens) has had some success, too! After he picked up an RWD at Contra Costa KC show under Alice Watt, he and Mom Sherry Wood headed for Texas. And what a "Welcome to Texas" they got! Atlas won Winners Dog at the Alamo Great Dane Club Specialty for a three-point major from the 6-9 month class under judge Dana Cline!!! Then, at the Heart of Texas Great Dane Club Specialty, Atlas won Best In Sweeps under judge Zelimir Schulte. And then went on to win RWD under Pam Winter. Atlas was bred by Denise & Brittany Williams, co-owned by Sherry Wood and Denise Williams, and handled by Sherry Wood. Huge congrats to Sherry and Atlas, awesome job!!! We miss you, of course, but look forward to hearing about lots more wins!
- ❖ Olympus' Whiz Bang! ("Julie") owned by Bob Santimays and Denise Williams earned her Int'l Ch. title along with two Best of Breed wins!!! Congrats to Bob and Julie... We miss you guys, too!! Julie is still looking for that last major to finish her AKC championship.



The Del Monte Kennel Club shows were good ones for several GDCNC Members:

- ❖ **Kim Blanton** and her natural-eared boy Michael (Blanton's Friendly Persuasion) were successful both days, starting the weekend off with a Reserve on Saturday. Then, at Sunday's show, Michael was awarded Winners Dog under Mr. Robert Stein.
- ❖ Hannah (Hannah Full of Grace Von Der Ofnehtohle) did her Daddy **Pete Sorenson** proud at Saturday's show taking Best Puppy under Ms. Frandel Brown. Hannah went on to take a Puppy Group 2 – big congrats to Pete and Hannah!
- ❖ B and K Vassar, bred, owned and handled by **Barbara Kreszyn** also made quite a showing in Seaside, too! Vassar took Reserve, Best Bred By Exhibitor, and a Bred By Group 1. Way to go Barb & Vassar!!!
- ❖ Lacey (KC Danes America's Sweetheart) chalked up another two points on Saturday, taking Winners Bitch from the Bred By class under Judge Frandel Brown Lacey is out of Ch. Sherons Betty D Grandy by Ch. Oneidas Nash Bridges. Breeder/handler: Kathryn Netser, Owners: **Kathryn & Conley Netser**. We are all very proud of her!



Great Dane Rescue of Northern California, Inc. (a non-profit organization)  
announces Dane Walk 2004

## **Support Great Dane Rescue Join us for GDRNC's Annual Dane Walk!!!**

**Pena Adobe Park**

Vacaville

Sunday, August 8th

11:00am - 3:00pm

Meet Rescue Danes and the wonderful people who have adopted them and have an informal picnic. All Rescue Danes and their owners will be introduced and given their due recognition for adopting these wonderful animals. This is a time to meet other Rescue Dane owners, make new friends and catch up on what's going on. While this is technically a fund-raiser, the overriding purpose is for Dane people to get together and have fun. Plus, it's a great place to socialize those puppies! All Dane owners WELCOMED!!!

Everyone is asked to get sponsors to help raise funds to support Great Dane Rescue. All contributions are tax deductible and go directly to Great Dane Rescue. There is no minimum donation and we will be pleased with whatever you are able to solicit.

**Contests for Best Dressed, Best Trick & Most Affectionate (kisses)**

**We'll have lots of great items at this year's raffle!!!**

For more information about this year's Dane Walk,  
contact Colleen Leahy Spears at (916) 652-6444

If you have anything you'd like to donate to our raffle (Great Dane or dog-related posters or artwork, baskets of toys and treats, wine baskets or other items), please email or call Renee Broden at (916) 791-2716.

**We look forward to seeing you there!!!**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
GDCA Health Survey Presentation  
(details elsewhere in this newsletter)

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
GDCNC Meeting  
following Great Dane Judging  
at the Sacramento DFA Show in Dixon

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Board/Budget Meeting

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
Holiday & Awards Brunch  
Pleasanton Hotel, Pleasanton



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