March-April 2005



# GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

### Specialty Weekend 2005...





Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – after we get the show site set up, we'll be having a good old-fashioned weenie roast! We'll provide hotdogs and buns; we're asking dub members to bring a little something to share to help make it a special event. It should be great fun – and a great opportunity to mingle with fellow Great Dane people!

### Helpers Perk: Primo Ringside Set

At our last meeting, we discussed early setups on Friday afternoon, the day before the Specialty Shows. We agreed that only those club members who actually help with the set up of the show grounds would be allowed to set up personal crates and x-pens around the ring before 3pm. Parking will be available after 1pm and the match starts at 4pm. We'll be setting up the show site between 1 and 3pm. We welcome all hard-working dub members to help out. As a perk, setup helpers will be allowed a good choice of ringside areas for their personal set-ups.

# GDCNC Auction Proceeds to Benefit GDCA Charitable Trust

Proceeds from this year's GDCNC auction will go to the GDCA Charitable Trust.

#### From the www.gdca.org:

The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust supports Great Dane welfare and rescue efforts, educational programs, Scholarship Programs for junior handlers, initiatives to create great awareness of breed-specific health problems and medical research efforts to improve the quality of life of the Great Dane.

For many of us, Great Danes are a significant source of love and comfort throughout our lives. We depend on them for their loyalty and companionship and they in turn, depend on us. Through your support, the GDCA Trust will have the necessary resources to respond to calls for help in the most critical areas of concern...the health and welfare of the breed.

Whenever the call goes out that Great Danes are in need - the GDCA Charitable Trust intends to be there.

# From the President

Dear Dane Friends,

We're just a days away from our annual Back-to-Back Specialty Shows at the beautiful Sycamore Lane Kennels in Lodi. This is a great opportunity to visit with old friends we don't often get to see—both two-legged and four-legged friends. And it's the perfect time and place for meeting new friends as well. The GDCNC Specialties have a reputation for being up there with the best of the best Specialties. We have received outstanding compliments about our past specialties in Lodi and we have high hopes that this year's specialties will be equally successful!

After setting up on Friday afternoon, we'll be having a BBQ followed by our second annual Pre-Specialty Match. We just LOVE to see those cute puppies out there! Please contact Kate Jackson (<a href="mailto:kate@qantel.com">kate@qantel.com</a>) if you have any questions about the match. A match flyer/entry form is included in this newsletter; information is also posted on the website.

This year we are going with a Hawaiian theme for dinner on Saturday evening. Feel free to wear your favorite muumuu or Hawaiian shirt and bring your appetite for the "all you can eat" buffet. Contact Ann English for dinner reservations at (510) 889-1373 or ann@lyonwick.com.

We will also be having our annual auction after the dinner. This is always a lot of fun! Jane Chopson is our "master auctioneer" and is in charge of the auction; if you have any questions or something you'd like to donate, please contact Jane (jchopson@cs.com).

You can never have enough help setting up and it's always the fun—but we also need help tearing everything down and cleaning up after the shows. It's the not-so-fun part but it's equally important! Please pitch in on Sunday after Best of Breed to help tear down, put away and dean up the grounds.

Hope to see you all at the GDCNC Specialty!

Sincerely, Kathryn Netser

# **Award Presentation To Become Specialty Event**

At our last meeting, it was voted to have our awards for conformation and performance titles awarded at the Specialty dinner. This will start in 2006 with the presentation of awards earned from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. This should allow more time for socializing at our annual Christmas Brunch held at the Pleasanton Hotel. Please contact Everett when your dog earns its title.

## Great Dane Items Available

Bob and Mary Ann Pors, longtime GDCNC members, have generously contributed many items to this year's raffle and auction.

In addition, they are offering the following items for sale:

- 6 8 panel 48"x 24" Ex Pens in good shape. \$50.00 each or less
- 1 8 panel 48"x 24" Ex Pen that is rusty and could be used outside to protect plants. \$20.00 or less
- 1 crate dolly. \$25.00
- 2- 28"x48"x42" colossal-type crates with pans, rug, and /foam padding with washable covers. \$75.00 each or less
- 2 30Wx48Lx35H crates with pans, rug, and /foam padding with washable covers. \$50.00 each or less
- 3 outdoor foam pads with washable covers. \$5.00 each

If you're interested in any of these items, please contact Bob Pors at 650-349-6586 or porsey@aol.com.







### Membership Update

GDCNC Welcomes New Members
Jon & Jenny Kenton and Alison Paxton

#### **Second Publishing:**

- Lauren Craig
   Sponsored by Denise Williams and Terry Toops
- John and Darlene Gregg Sponsored by Timmi Williams and Judy Benjamin

#### First Publishing:

- Christine McNally
   Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken, Terry
   Toops and Donnell Giambastiani
- Sheri Thomas Sponsored by Denise Williams and Lucretia Marcus
- Brittany Williams
   Sponsored by Denise Terry Toops and Kathryn Netser

# Opinion: Veterinarians Should Oppose Ear Cropping Bans

Club member Kitty Kenyon, a veterinarian, has written the letter below to the CVMA Board. She encourages club members to revise it and ask their own veterinarians to sign it and send it to the CVMA Board as well. We need to get our veterinarians involved to stop this infringement on our rights.

CVMA Board Attention: Valerie Fenstemaker 1400 Riverpark Dr. Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear CVMA Board,

I am writing you to express my opposition to AB418, the proposed ban on ear cropping. I urge the board to adopt a position against this bill. I am a veterinarian and I do perform ear cropping surgery in my practice. The ear crops are performed like any other surgery—with modern analgesics, fluids and anesthetics. This bill will take ear cropping out of the hands of licensed veterinarians. It will not stop ear cropping. There will be more owners doing their own crops or lead to unscrupulous individuals offering illegal crops with crude and painful methods.

This bill will establish a dangerous precedent that replaces the professional judgment of the veterinarian with laws designed to enforce the beliefs of special interest groups. This bill encroaches upon the relationship between my dients and me as their veterinarian.

I believe that dog owners should be able to continue to make animal husbandry decisions based on their own experiences and the medical professionals they rely on. I believe as a veterinarian, I should have the choice to perform ear cropping just as I have the choice to specialize in other types of procedures in my practice. The practice of veterinary medicine should be left to the veterinarians and not be dictated to us by legislators and radical animal rights extremist groups.

Please consider the long term implications that this legislation will have on the practice of veterinary medicine. This is only the first step. Legislators do not dictate to medical doctors. There is no proposed ban on tummy tucks, breast enhancement and the like. In fact there are probably a lot of veterinarians with their bodies pierced or who have had cosmetic surgery performed on themselves. As for the argument that the animals can not object to the surgery, can newborn babies object to having their ears pierced at birth? No one has suggested banning that.

If we go with the thinking that the animals can't object, then we should ban spaying and neutering. A male dog would certainly want to stay in tact, keep his hormones and breed bitches. Now how ridiculous is that? Dog owners have the right to make informed decisions on the procedures and care that their animals receive.

I also breed Great Danes and most of my pet puppy buyers choose not to crop their puppies' ears. So ear cropping is dying out without legislation.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kenyon DVM Sanger Veterinary Hospital



Don't forget to bring raffle donations this weekend!!! We hope that this year's raffle is the biggest and best fundraiser ever! We already have some lovely baskets made up, and donations pledged from many dub members. When it comes to the raffle, more is always better! If you'd like to contribute, bring raffle items to the show site on Friday or Saturday. If you have any questions, please contact (lorraine@loredane.com) Thanks for

your help!

### Fawns, Brindles and Blacks Needed for Coat Color Study

Sophie Candille, a graduate student in the Barsh lab in the Genetics Department at Stanford University, will be attending the show on Saturday to recruit participants for research project. She is studying the genetics of coat color and is trying to identify the gene that causes the black, brindle or fawn coat colors. The project is described in more detail on the GDCA website at

www.gdca.org/health/breakingnews.htm.





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Davishire Danes and Ofnethöhle Kennels are proud to announce the first German-bred Great Dane to receive his AKC Championship in over 40 years: **CHAMPION Fürst D'Shire Von Der Ofnethöhle** ...and he made quick work of it too!!! Fürst earned his first points from the 6-9 puppy dass in January of last year, pointed out within 5 months of showing and finished with a 5 point GDCAZ Specialty major BOW, just over 1 year later, on March 7, 2005!!! During this time, Fürst accumulated a BOS in Sweeps at the GDCNC Specialty 2004, a 1st in a tough Open Harlequin dass at the 2004 GDCA National, #1 Stud Dog at GDCAZ Specialty – and he put some BEAUT IFUL puppies on the ground, who are eager to make their own marks in history! All of Fürst's extended family and fans are extremely proud and thankful for the fabulous ringside support.



Denise and Brittany Williams should be very proud of their "kids"! The 16-month-old littermates out of Olympus' I Am The Acropolis by CH Brislyn Plain Havoc v Varick are affectionate and loving companions, and continue to collect purple ribbons in the ring. Recent wins include:

- Midas (Olympus' The Midas Touch) owned by Denise & Brittany Williams and Peter Fredotovich:
  - o WD/BOS at the Sequoia K.C. show on 3/3/05 under Marjorie Martorella 1 point
  - o WD again at Sequoia KC show on 3/4/05 under Robert Shreve 1 point

Donzi (CH Lagarada's Timberline Gold X Am/Can CH Daynakin's You're So Vain) was bred by Edie & Bruce Lind, Georgia Hymmen and Jack Henderson and is adored by

Renee and Carl Broden and family.

- o WD at the Skyline KC show on 3/19/05 under Barbara Brooks 1 point
- Nike (Olympus' Sweet Victory) owned by Denise & Brittany Williams:
  - WB/BOW at the Kings Kennel KC show on 3/5/05 under Joan Frailey 1 point
  - o WB/BOW/BOS at the Yosemite KC show under Kim Meredith-Cavana 2 points
- Atlas (Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens) co-owned by Sherry Wood & Denise Williams:
  - o WD/BOS at the Faith City KC show on 3/5/05 under Charlotte McGowan 1 point
  - WD at the Stephenville KC of Texas show on 4/17/05 under Paula Nykiel 1 point

Atlas is owner-handled by Sherry and now has 11 points with both majors. Way to go, guys!!!



Lacey is a major closer to finishing! **KC Danes America's Sweetheart** went Best of Winners out of the Bred by Exhibitor class at the Santa Clara KC Show on 2/20/05 for a three-point major under judge Maxine Beam. And just a week ago, Lacey pointed out taking WB, BOW & BOS at the Sacramento KC show under judge Virginia Lyne for one point from the BBE class. Lacey needs just one more major to finish! Lacey is by CH Oneida's Nash Bridges out of CH Sheron's Betty D Grandy, and was bred by and handled with love by Kathryn Netser. She is owned and spoiled rotten by Conley and Kathryn Netser. When not in the ring Lacey spends her day playing with her mother Betty and little brother Elliot.



Seven-month-old puppy Mick (Belldane's Breakin All D Rules) certainly shined at his very first show earlier this month. He went WD and BOW for 2 points and took a Puppy Group 2 at the Yosemite Kennel Club show in Merced under judge Pamela Winter. Mick was handled by Barbara Garcia with help from Grandma Kim Cross in the Breed ring. They helped to make his first show experience positive and fun. Mick (CH Servadeielecta Kahnsonofthor x CH Michelle My Belldane) was bred by and is owned by Jean Bell. Jean is also excited about some special birthdays: littermates CH Belldane's Time to Rocon Roll and CH Belldane's Equal Protection turned 9 years old on April 13<sup>th</sup>!



Charlie (Tered's Confidential Affair) did his people proud on Sunday at the Yosemite Kennel Club show a couple of weeks back. Judge Kim Meredith-Cavanna chose Charlie for Winners Dog for 2 points. Charlie is owned and loved by his breeders. Terri Burley Hammond & Edward Hammond.

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Grandma Barbara Kreszyn and champion siblings Dart and Vassar are very excited that their sister is now CHAMPION Courtney! Courtney finished her championship at the Arizona Specialty with 3 majors! CH Stada's Courtney Of Dane Krest (CH Avanti's All For One Elan x Daynakin-Danelind Freya B and K) is owned by Stada Cocks.

WOO-HOO!!! Fletcher (Hauer-Goldstar Arrow Maker) is just one major away from becoming a CHAMPION! Fletcher won a 5-point major under judge Jon R Cole at the Silver State KC show in Las Vegas earlier this month. Fletch is was bred by Michelle Wright & Treasure Hauer by Ch Lagarada's Strike N Gold V Hauer out of Hauerdane's Break-N-Hearts. Bari and Tom Costello are VERY happy!!!

The lovely Carly (Von Riensenhof's Cauz'N' Gossip) won her class, went WB and BOW at the Sun Maid Kennel Club show in Fresno last month under Judge Cedlia Ringstrom. Carly is owned by Henry F & Linda Borghi and Hazel Gregory; she was bred by Hazel Gregory & James Deppen. Carly's people are very proud of their beautiful girl!

Barbara and Jim Moffet are very happy to report that Baxter's hips are OFA Excellent! The lovely brindle dog is Intl. CH Delta Breeze Artistry'n Rhythm (CH Meadowoods Nirvana V Tremain - CH Allegro's Delta Breeze Rhapsody, TT). He was bred by and is loved by Barbara and Jim Moffett.

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Kenyon's Sevy Check Out Devin (CH Echo's Speaker of The House -- Kenyon's Wyatt Katalina Janeway) took home some purple in March! At the Apple Valley KC shows Devin took back-to-back WD/BOW/BOS awards under judges Marcia Feld and Rita Biddle. A couple of weeks later, he convinced judge Larry Mackai that he was the best dog in the ring, going WD and BOW at the Del Sur KC show. Devin was bred by and is owned by Kitty Kenyon.

Trudy (Aldawn's I'm The Intruder) had a good weekend at the Sacramento Kennel Club shows last weekend! On Saturday under Virginia Lyne she was RWB from the AmBred dass. And on Sunday, she took the point going WB and BOS under judge Mrs. James E. Clark. Trudy is owned by Diane McClelland and breeders Kim & Gordon Cross. She was handled to the weekend's wins by Diane Collings.

Tashi's people are very excited to report that Tashi now has NINE points. She picked up a single from the 9-12-month puppy class going Winners Bitch and Best of Winners under judge Marjorie Martorella at the Sequoia Kennel Club show in Hanford on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tashi is Legacy's High Society and her people are Kate Jackson, Sharon McCrary and Mamie Baker. WOO-HOO!!!

#### GDCNC Meeting: February 26, 2005

The meeting was called to order on February 26, 2005 at 11:03am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Ann English, and Judy Benjamin. Excused were Paul Picdau, Lucretia Marcus and Jane Chopson.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Account balance information is available to GDCNC members only.

#### Additional Agenda Items

Barbara Garda's unfinished letter was added to the agenda as old business.

#### President's Report

- M/S/P to appoint Terry Toops as Parliamentarian. She may sit in all meetings with no voting power. This is strictly advisory.
- M/S/P to appoint Standing committee members:
  - o Lucretia Marcus as Education Chairman
  - Ann English as Membership Chairman
  - o Additionally, Kate Jackson is the Match Chairman

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

- 1-10-05 Letter from Ron and Carol Ring accepting the Honorary Membership
- Letter from Karen Charles
- 1-28-05 AKC Specialty Approval
- GDCA Emergency & Show Vet list request
- 2-11-05 AKC Sweepstakes and regular show approval
- · Email from Lucretia in regard to National

#### Membership

- M/S/P to accept three new applications:
  - We received a new member application from Brittany Williams as a junior member. She will be our first junior member. The junior fee is 1/3 of the normal membership fee. She is sponsored by Terry Toops and Kathryn Netser.
  - Christine McNally is sponsored by Everett Van Dyken, Terry Toops and Donnell Giambastiani.
  - Sheri Thomas is sponsored by Denise Williams and Lucretia Marcus.
- John and Jenny Kenton and Allison Paxton were voted in as new members.

#### Education

Lucretia Marcus is interested in any new ideas for education.

#### **Specialty Show**

- Everett gave a detailed accounting of the show.
- M/S/P to give Donnell Giambastiani money for the welcome bags.
- The grounds will be available to workers at 1:00 p.m. The grounds will be open for all others at 3:00 p.m. The Potluck BBQ will be held before the match.
- M/S/P to add 1 handicap, 2 men's and 2 women's Porta-Potties and extra toilet paper.
- We need Judge Transport volunteers from airport to hotel on Friday and Saturday. Kathleen and Elizabeth have volunteered to return the judges to the airport on Sunday.
- Chuck English may not be able to be grounds person. Conley Netser has offered to sub for him.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Discussion of the Barbara Garcia letter in regard to the territory.
- M/S/P to use the Specialty auction money for the GDCA Trust Fund for 1 year leaving the board the right to change next year.
- By-law changes will include the fiscal year to November, deaning up the e-voting rules and no more associated memberships.

#### **New Business**

M/S/P to table by-laws discussion till next meeting.

• M/S/P to change awards from the Christmas party to the banquet at the Specialty Show. The year will still go from January to December.

The next meeting will be on March 26, 2005 at Perko's.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm. The General Meeting was opened at 12:55pm.

- It was announced that Eva Robinson was in the hospital and a card should be sent to her.
- M/S/P that Ron and Carol Ring become Honorary Members.

General Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

#### GDCNC Meeting: March 26, 2005

The meeting was called to order on March 26, 2005 at 11:44am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Ann English. Excused were Paul Picciau, Lucretia Marcus, Jane Chopson and Judy Benjamin

The minutes were approved as read.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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#### President's Report

It was reported that Bob and Mary Ann Pors, long time members of the dub have donated numerous items for the auction and raffle and a few trophy's that will be added to next years specialty in memory of their Champion Tiffany's Breakfast With Phoebe. They also have many items left to sell; a list will be published in the next Barker.

#### Corresponding Secretary's Report

- AKC Specialty Approval
- Thank you letter from the Dane Rescue for the monies donated
- Email from Lucretia in regard to National

#### Membership

We have no new applications. There were no second publications of the other applications.

#### **Education**

Lucretia Marcus is interested in any new ideas for education. Another Round Table Seminar was discussed; Kathryn Netser will contact Lucretia with the details of the discussion.

#### Specialty Show

Everett gave a detailed accounting of the show.

#### **Unfinished Business**

M/S/P to send a draft of the by-laws to all members with a cover sheet that explains the changes. They will be handed out at the Specialty. There were three changes made, e-voting, dropping associate memberships and changing the fiscal dates. These changes were requested by the parent dub.

#### **New Business**

- M/S/P to get prices on a new trailer. We've outgrown the one we have.
- M/S/P to set up Standing Rules. Everett will be head of the committee.

The next meeting will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Woodland after Dane judging at the Camellia Capital show.

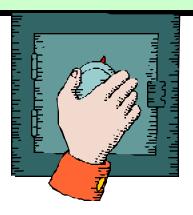
The meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

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### May 21st, 2005 11am to 4pm Kandy's Canine Country Club 7535 Ridgeview Lane Penryn, CA

FREE Goody Bags, Bow-Wow Bash Bandannas, and Canine Competitor Ribbons to ALL Pre-Registered dogs! Complete event details and registration information is available at www.bowwowbash.com.



# Litterbox

### **B & K Has Baby Boys**

B & K Great Danes is very happy to announce an all fawn litter of bouncing baby boys born just a few weeks ago! The boys are out of Sunshine (CH Penadane Daynkn Solitary Man x CH Daynakin's Your So Vain) by Nash (Ch. Dana's Tallbrook Town Crier x Ch. Oneida's Current Affair). Contact Barbara Kreszyn at (209) 295-7060 for more information.

# Litterbox

# Blacks & Blue at Kenyon's

Kitty Kenyon's lovely black girl Katie whelped 8 puppies by Am/Can CH Shades of Excellence from North Carolina just a few days ago. The Magnum-Katie breeding resulted in 8 puppies: 3 black girls, 4 black boys, and one blue boy. Mother and babies are doing well. All puppies are spoken for.

# Litterbox

# Dane Affaire Looks Forward to Fawn Litter

Dane Affaire is thrilled to confirm an ultrasound-confirmed 2005 Futurity-nominated fawn litter due May 9, 2005. Proud mom-tobe is Sara (Affaire's For Your Eyes Only) and eager Dad is none other than Travis (aka BISS AKC/UKC/Intl CH Lagarada's Aspen Gold). For further information, visit the Dane Affaire website at

http://home.surewest.net/daneaffr/litters.html.



### **AKC Sanctioned Breed Match**

in conjunction with the GDCNC Back-to-Back Specialty Shows

Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Sycamore Lane Kennels 5111 West Sargent Road Lodi, California 95242

Judge: Mr. Larry Schram

#### Particulars:

- ★ Entries\* taken ringside from 2:45pm until 3:45pm
- ♦ \$10 entry fee per class
- → Cash or checks (payable to GDCNC)
- → Judging Begins at 4:00pm
- \* pre-entries will **not** be accepted

### Match Classes (divided by sex):

- ♦ 2 4 months
- **→** 4 6 months
- **♦** 6 9 months
- ◆ 9 12 months
- → 12 15 months
- → 15 18 months

Match Secretary: Kathryn A Jackson, 8446 Granite Cove Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746-6222; Phone: (916)797-0328; Email: kate@qantel.com

### GDCNC AKC Sanctioned Breed Match - April 29, 2005

Day of Match Entries Only			♦ No Ear Racks or Tapes		
Dog's Name:				Sex: Dog	Bitch
Registration #:				Birth Date:	
Class (circle one):					
2 - 4 months	4 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	12 - 15 months	15 - 18 months
Owner(s):					
Owner's Address:					
City:			State:	Zip:	
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from this match. I further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, inquiry or death of my dog.

Signature of Owner/Agent:

### 2005 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2005 GDCNC Board is listed below; the note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

Kathryn Netser , President (2007)	knets@msn.com	
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Mabel Labiak (2007)	billlab@earthlink.net	
Everett Van Dyken, Immediate Past President (2006)	valinor@gotnet.net	

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

 Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> following Great Dane Judging at the Camellia Capital Show

# Specialty Weekend 2005

April 29th- May 1st

