

'Tis the Season – To Give to YOUR Club

With our annual back-to-back Specialty shows nearly upon us, we're making our final plea for your help – we need goods, services and cold hard cash for the following:

◆ Auction

Saturday night's auction is always a highlight of GDCNC Specialty Weekends, and we know this year will be no exception. Jane Chopson, our incomparable auctioneer, needs quality items to feature at this event. Contact Jane at janechopson@cs.com if you have anything you'd like to contribute. Proceeds from this year's auction will be divided between the GDCA Charitable Trust (75%) and GDCNC (25%).

◆ Raffle

Our Raffle Goddesses (Laura Craig, Allison Paxton and Timmi Williams) are working tirelessly to collect all kinds of goodies for prizes in our ever-popular raffle. Please contact Laura at rocnl@linkunet.net or 209-223-0448 (home) or 209-770-5817 (cell) if you have questions about the raffle or have items you wish to donate. As always, please feel free to bring raffle items to Lodi on the day of show. Raffle tickets will be sold all day Saturday and up until the drawing at lunchtime on Sunday.

◆ Welcome Bags

Nancy Hawkes and Paul Keeslar are this year's Welcome Committee and they need welcome bag items. In the past, people have donated pens, pencils, gum, candy, dog treats, clean-up bags, etc. We expect to need about 125 bags, so if there's something you can contribute, please contact Nancy at hawkes9@yahoo.com.

◆ Trophies

Lorrie Spencer is our Trophy Chair this year – and she's done a heck of a job so far! But we can always use additional cash donations to offset the cost of trophies and awards from our exhibitors. To ensure that your generosity is recognized in the catalog, please send your donation to Lorrie before April 12th. Checks should be payable to GDCNC and send to Lorrie at: 639 Cement Hill Rd, Fairfield, CA 94533

Show Set Up & BBQ



We kick off Specialty Weekend 2006 on Friday, April 29th! Please do not arrive before noon – and be ready to work to get the show site set up. Personal setups will be allowed after 2pm, with committee members having first choice of available spaces. Once we're set up, we'll be having a good old-fashioned weenie roast! The club will provide hotdogs and fixings (thanks to Dale Bassano); we're asking club members to bring a little something to share. It should be great fun – and a great opportunity to mingle with fellow Great Dane people!

Web Pages for Members' Dogs

We're putting our dogs' pictures on our website. Your dog's page can be a brag, a litter announcement, memorial, stud advertisement or just a few fun pictures – pages can include links to your email address and website, as you wish. If you'd like to have a page about your dog or dogs, email kate@qantel.com for more information. Go to www.greatdaneclub.org, and click on Our Dogs.

SPECIALTY ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Dane friends,

I would like to thank those of you that came to the meetings on February 11th and March 11th. Also I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest GDCNC member Bob Gallup.

A club member recently brought to my attention their disappointment that the GDCNC is not offering obedience this year at our annual back-to-back specialty shows. I would like to explain the reason we are not offering obedience: In 2005, there was only one entry for obedience, indicating a serious lack of interest. Do to this, at the July 23, 2005, meeting it was voted to offer sweepstakes both days instead of obedience one day and sweepstakes one day. This was posted in the meeting minutes in the July/August 2005 Barker. The club does not oppose spending the money on obedience if exhibitors express an interest and participate in this activity. The GDCNC exists for its members – I can not express my self enough: members need to be involved! They need to participate in club activities, attend club meetings, and read the club newsletter to stay informed of club issues and decisions.

The 2006 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows is just around the corner! Committee members are working very hard to make this year's gala event as special as in previous years. We have a new menu for the Saturday night dinner – be sure to fill your menu out and mail it to Paul Picciau as soon as possible. After dinner, we'll have the club awards presentation and auction.

The Dane community is saddened at the loss of a legend: Eva Robinson, known for her beautiful Harlequins. Eva was an honorary member of the GDCNC, she was a legend in her time and has left behind a legacy that will be remembered and embraced by all. This year's GDCNC Specialty will be dedicated in her honor.

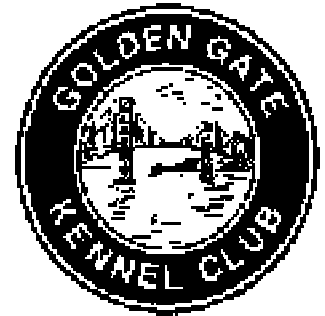
I look forward to seeing everyone and their beautiful Danes in at the Specialty Shows in Lodi.

Your Humble President,
Kathryn Netser

Editorial: Our Great Dane Ambassadors at the Cow Palace

By Kate Jackson

The Golden Gate Kennel Club's annual benched shows were January 28th and 29th. While a couple months have passed since these shows and none of our dub member-exhibitors posted any brags, I wanted to take a minute to thank the folks that showed there. The Golden Gate shows are among the remaining six benched US dogs shows (Westminster is another), giving the public a chance to interact with and visit the show dogs up close and talk with their owners and handlers.



Those of you who have been to the Cow Palace shows know it means wall-to-wall people, cramped benches & noise. Because it is a benched show, all exhibited dogs have to be "on the bench" (i.e., available for meeting and greeting) from 8:30am to 5pm each day. It's got to be exhausting – and a true test of our dogs' dispositions to handle the stress, the crowds, the strollers, and being poked and prodded for *entire* day.

Club Members and their Great Dane Ambassadors:

- ◆ Kathleen Davis was there with Kohl who took RWB on Saturday and Furst, who was Best of Opposite both Saturday and Sunday.
- ◆ The Grimaldis exhibited Dazzle, who won BOB on Saturday, and their puppy B&K's Back To The Future was Best Puppy on Sunday.
- ◆ The Mulligans were there with Nellie, who was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners on Saturday.

Kudos to you and your dogs for being on the bench – you represented all Great Dane fanciers and you did us proud.

Great New Show Info Website!

Editor:

Have you discovered a website called "ShowDays.Info"? It's been out there since last June, but I just came across it yesterday. I know once in awhile you go collect the info and make a show listing for CA, NV, WA, OR, & AZ, and send it out for the rest of us to use. I know it's work and takes time to do it. This site just ran that same report for me in 9 seconds and gave me a whole lot of other data (not that yours wasn't good, it's just that this one has more).

If you haven't tried it, you should! It locates all the show data you would ever want or may want some day: by one or by multiple states, and by one or by multiple breeds, highlighting specialty shows. You can get show listings for any time frame on the AKC's online show calendar (which is currently out to early 2007).

It has all the right hyperlinks including: supers, club websites, past entry counts, judges (breed, Group & BIS), dosing dates, entry fees – it seems to have just about everything you would want or need for show planning, including driving instructions.

The best part is that anyone can get a report for free, and you can copy it or download it. There's an option to join for \$30/year for advanced features which includes storage and making things more personal.

Give it a try at: <http://www.showdays.info>.

Signed,
A Very Satisfied ShowDays.info User

** FREE ** Canine Reproduction Booklet



Eukanuba has a free canine reproduction booklet online – from a 2001 symposium by Dr Carmen Battaglia, Dr Martin Coffman, and Dr. Robert Van Hutchison. It is 38 pages that can be printed from a PDF file: <http://www.eukanuba-breeder.nl/sebod/sebodhtml/documenten/rd0025.pdf>

Bring Back Obedience in 2007???

The GDCNC voted to not offer Obedience at this year's Specialty shows. There's been a decline in interest, and we thought our members would be better served if we offered Sweeps both Saturday and Sunday. Since making the decision, however, we've heard that some members are very disappointed about our decision. We recognize that we have a working breed, and want to support our members' interest in obedience and other venues, but we can only do so if we know we'll get at least a few entries. If you would like to see Obedience, Rally or a different event offered at next year's Specialty, please let us know!

_____ I want Obedience back in 2007!

_____ I would like to see Rally offered, if possible

_____ I would like to see another event – please specify:

Please mail this form to:

Everett Van Dyken, Show Chair

10222 Gregory Rd.

Valley Springs, CA 95252

(Or email the information to Everett at valinor@gotnet.net)





A Legend Has Passed

Eva Robinson, best known for her Riverwood Harlequins, passed away quietly at her home on March 18th. Eva imported her first four Harlequins in 1964, but her passion for the breed started well before that time. Eva was an honorary member of the Great Dane Club of Northern California, and had been active in many aspects of the Great Dane breed: breeding, handling, judging, and perhaps most importantly, mentoring others.

A couple of friends offered these words about Eva – and their thoughts were echoed over and over by everyone who had had the pleasure knowing her.

I only met Eva a few times but every time we spoke she was friendly, gracious and knowledgeable. She made me feel as if my opinion meant something and always was willing to answer a question no matter how silly or sometimes unknowing it seemed. Not only will her loss be a hard hit for Harlequins but also the Great Dane breed.

Pepper Riddle



Eva was among the first to import Harlequin Great Danes from Europe. She loved Danes to look European: large, muscular and beautiful, as they were meant to be. She loved her puppies and lived for her dogs. Eva was a war survivor from Germany, a breeder, handler, judge, mentor, and wonderful friend. We love her dearly and she will be missed!

Bobbie and Clyde Malloy

(who have and have had many Riverwood Harlequins)



Two memorials are being planned for the next issue of *Dane World*. If you would like to be a part of either or both, please send contributions to:

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2005 GDCA Yearbook Submission: The Deadline is June 1st

If your dog obtained a title (champion or companion event) or health certificates (two) in the calendar year 2005, you qualify for a free ad in the 2005 GDCA Yearbook. The 2005 Yearbook Submission Form is on the GDCA website – and this year, you can submit your ads online or the old-fashioned way (by mail). Details are on the GDCA website at: <http://www.gdca.org/yearbook/yearbookorder/index.htm>.

It's not too early to get your dog's info in – the deadline is June 1, 2006.

If you have any questions about the yearbook or requirements to qualify for inclusion, please contact Yearbook Chair Lora Thill at lthill1950@sbcglobal.net.

Specialty Weekend 2006
Friday, April 28th, Events



Handling Clinic

Friday, April 28th

3:00 ~ 3:30pm

Terry Toops and Brittany Williams, Instructors

Signups immediately before Clinic begins.

\$2 donation to participate



AKC Sanctioned Breed Match *in conjunction with the* GDCNC Back-to-Back Specialty Shows

Friday, April 28th, 2006

Sycamore Lane Kennels

5111 West Sargent Road

Lodi, California 95242

Judge: Denise Williams

Particulars:

- ö Entries* taken ringside from 2:45pm until 3:45pm
- ö \$10 entry fee per class
- ö Cash or checks (payable to GDCNC)
- ö Judging Begins at 4:00pm

* pre-entries will **not** be accepted

Match Classes (divided by sex):

- ö 2 - 4 months
- ö 4 - 6 months
- ö 6 - 9 months
- ö 9 - 12 months
- ö 12 - 15 months
- ö 15 - 18 months

The GDCNC Judge List to Date

The following names have been submitted by GDCNC members and will be considered to judge our matches, sweeps and conformation events. This is not a closed list, so please feel free to send additional names. At this point, we're just compiling a list; any judge who has judged at one of our events in the past ten years will not be considered (and these names will be eliminated, even if they're listed below). Thank you to all of those who took the time to submit names!

Match Judges

Michele Andreeta	Kathleen Davis	Cindy Harwin
Kate Jackson	Colleen Leahy-Spears	Lucretia Marcus
Sharon McCrary	Barbara Moffett	Laura Munro
Kathryn Netser	Carol Ring	Ron Ring
Everett Van Dyken		

Sweeps Judges

Bev Demody	Barbara Garcia	Donnell Giambastiani
Beve Hauer	Karen Lindsay	Lorraine Matherly
Joan Mulligan	Anne Toomey	Terry Toops

Conformation Judges

Barbara Alderman	Carolyn Alexander	Carl Anderson
Lois Arrowsmith	Connie Barton	Gary Bassett
Carmen Battaglia	Catherine Bell	Michelle Billings
Edd Bivin	Irene Bivin	Rosemarie Blood
Donald Booxbaum	Kenneth Buxton	Lee Canalizo
Beverly Capstick	Robert Caswell	Francis Cazier
Larry Chu	Pat Ciampa	Dana Cline
Jon Cole	Dorothy Collier	Anitra Cuneo
Arlene Davis	Lowell Davis	Pete Dawkins
Lisa de Roulet	Larry Dewey	Anthony DiNardo
Ken Doeg	Robert Edison	Jill Fererra
Ann Foxwell	Florence Goldenberg	Ray Goldstone
Judith Goodin	Ralph Graff	Mabel Gunnville
Sylvia Hammarstrom	Paula Hartinger	Roger Hartinger
Pat Hastings	Mari Hayhurst	Robert Heal
Barbara Heller	Christina Hubbell	Gina Jaebon
Margretta Kauffman	Sandy Lady	Jean Lanning
Betty Lenninger	Eric Liebes	Lester Mapes
Robert Moore	Paula Nykiel	Chris O'Connell
Judith Park	Nancy Perrell	Joe Purkhiser
Chuck Quinlan	Darcy Quinlan	James Reynolds
Linda Ridder	Margaret Shappard	Wanda Spediacci
Beth Speich	Monica Stavenborn	Jill Swedlow
Dale Tarbox	Diane Taylor	Robert Thomas
Carolyn Thomas	Jane Trieber	Charles Trotter
Louise Van Alstyne	Mark Van Alstyne	Linda van der Vijver

Deadline for meal orders is April 15, 2006!

Specialty Weekend Meal Order Form

Enter the number you are ordering of each in the space provided:

_____ Meal Packages (includes 2 lunches and 1 dinner) @ \$36 per person

Separate Meals:

_____ Dinners @ \$27 per person

_____ Saturday Lunch @ \$7.00 per person

_____ Sunday Lunches @ \$7.00 per person



Enter the quantity of each selection in the space provided:

Saturday Sandwich Selection:

_____ Italian

_____ Roast beef and cheese

_____ Albacore tuna

_____ Turkey and cheese

_____ Black Forest ham and cheese

_____ Vegetarian*

* Please contact Meal Chairman Paul Picciau for vegetarian requests

Saturday Dinner Selections:

Entrée: _____ Italian baked chicken OR _____ Marinated tri-tip

Pasta: _____ Fettuccini pesto OR _____ Ravioli with meat sauce

Salad: _____ Tossed Green salad OR _____ Chef's Salad

Sunday Sandwich Selection:

_____ Italian

_____ Roast beef and cheese

_____ Albacore tuna

_____ Turkey and cheese

_____ Black Forest ham and cheese

_____ Vegetarian*

Your information:

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Send your completed order form and the amount due (in a check payable to GDCNC) to:

Paul Picciau, Meals Chairman, 10222 Gregory Road, Valley Springs, CA 95252

Please contact Paul Picciau at valinor@gotnet.net or 209.786.1530 with questions or special requests.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

The following *Code of Sportsmanship* was recently adopted by a unanimous vote of the AKC Board of Directors.

PREFACE

The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- ✦ Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- ✦ Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- ✦ Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- ✦ The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- ✦ The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- ✦ The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- ✦ The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- ✦ The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- ✦ Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- ✦ Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- ✦ Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- ✦ Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- ✦ Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- ✦ Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dogs.
- ✦ Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

GDCNC Names New Membership and Education Chairs

- ✦ Connie Andronico is our new Membership Chair. Please refer all inquiries about membership to Connie at candronico@andronicos.com.
- ✦ Mabel Labiak is our new Education Chair. Please contact Mabel at billab@earthlink.net with any ideas you have about possible seminars or other educational presentations you'd like to see the Club offer.

Just a Dog

The following essay appeared in the February 2006 issue of "Versatile Hunting Dog Magazine" with the byline Roca (C) 2006.

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

Cali's BIG March

Cali (Lagarada's California Gold) was on the march in March, boasting a win every weekend:

- ♦ March 5, 2006 at the Kings Kennel Club of California show: Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for one point under Mrs. Helen Lee James
- ♦ March 11, 2006 Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno show: Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for one point under Mrs. Louise E. Van Alstyne
- ♦ March 19, 2006 at the Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo County show: Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for one point under Mrs. Joan Frailey
- ♦ March 26, 2006 at the Oakland Kennel Club show: Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for one point under Mr. Dennis Morgan

And she's now looking for that 3, 4 or 5 point major win to finish in 2006! Cali has 12 points to date including a 4 point major win. Cali was sired by BISS AKC/UKC Intl Ch Lagarada's Aspen Gold, ROM out of Ch Lagarada's Show Stopper and is owned by Tim Sutherland, Eric Evangelista and breeder Fran Lass. Cali is handled by Larry D. Schram.



WOO-HOO Higgins!!!

A big WOO-HOO for that handsome brindle puppy Higgins and his handler-mom Barbara!!! Higgins (Allegro Delta Breeze You R The Top) was Winners Dog at the Sun Maid KC show on March 11th under Judge Louise Van Alstyne. Higgins is loved by Jim and Barbara Moffett of Delta Breeze Danes and was bred by Suzanne Kelley & Ted Kelley.

Chase Scores His First Win

Despite his obvious lack of training, Affaire's Storm Chaser, aka "Chase", won his first point his 3rd time in the ring. Chase is breeder-owner handled by Laura Munro and took this first win (WD and BOW) under George Heitzman at the Sequoia KC show in Hanford on March 2nd. Chase is by Ch Lagarada's Aspen Gold out of Affaire's For Your Eyes Only.

Belldane's "Mick" Takes A BOW

At Sunday's Sun Maid Kennel Club show on March 12th, Mick, aka Belldanes Breakin All D Rules, impressed Judge Mark Van Alstyne who awarded him Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Mick, sired by Ch Servadeielecta Kahnson-offthor out of Ch Michelle My Belldane, was bred by and is owned by Jean Bell and was handled by Barbara Garcia.

Nalla Takes a Reserve in Fresno

Nalla, handled by "mom" Jenny, was awarded Reserve Winners Bitch at the Sun Maid Kennel Club show on March 12th under Judge Mark Van Alstyne. Nalla (Adelaide's Sweet Nalla Piche) is owned by Jon & Jenny Kenton and was bred by Cathy Piche & James Piche & Susan H Richards.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*Welcome Bob Gallup
Our Newest GDCNC Member*

Second Publishing:

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Brag for the KC Danes Brat Pack

The KC Danes Brat Pack (sired by BISS Ch Windy Hills Gold Plated by Ch Sherons Betty D Grandy) continues to burn up the show ring!

Julia's Pointed Out!

KC Danes Pretty Woman V Sheron "Julia" took Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex under Judge Mark Van Alstyne and Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed the following day under Judge Louise Van Alstyne at the Linn County Kennel club show in February. Julia is now pointed out at just shy of 14 months old with 12 points. She just needs a major to finish. Julia lives with and is loved by Ron & Sherry Acena and shares herself with Conley & Kathryn Netser.

Jefferson:

- ✦ KC Danes National Treasure "Jefferson" took Winners Dog for 2 points under Judge Karen Riddle, topping that off with a Best of Winners for another 2 points the following day under Judge Jon Cole at the Santa Clara KC show.
- ✦ At the Skyline Dog Fanciers show under Judge Mrs. Beth Speich Jefferson took Reserve Winners Dog followed by Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Bred By Exhibitor the next day under Judge Joan Frailey. Jefferson didn't stop there, he went on to take a Group 2 in the Bred By Exhibitors Competition under Judge Ms. Sandra Pretari. What an awesome boy!

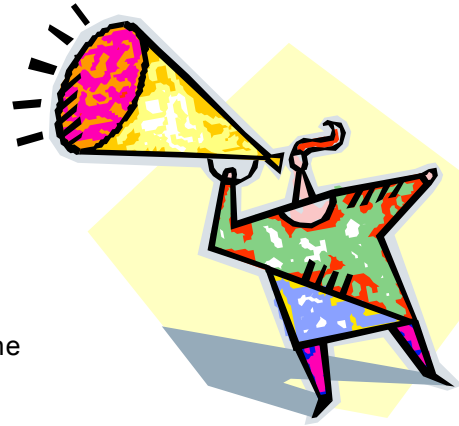
Jefferson lives with Carrie Muir and family and shares himself with breeder-handler Kathryn Netser.

And Katie:

- ✦ KC Danes Mystic River "Katie" took Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for 2 points under Judge Karen Riddle at the Santa Clara KC show.
- ✦ At the Skyline Dog Fanciers show under Judge Beth Speich, Katie took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex. The following day under Judge Joan Frailey Katie took Reserve winners bitch. We are all proud of this little princess! Katie lives with Susan Douglas and family and shares herself with breeder-handler Kathryn Netser.

And Mouse — Wait!!! Who's Mouse???

And for a non-Dane brag: Portuguese Water Dog Mouse (Sete Mare's Viajante's Cameo) was Winners Bitch and BOS under judge Beth Speich on Saturday. And on Sunday took WB, BOW, and BOB for a major win under judge Joan Frailey. These were Mouse's first five points – and Kathryn Netser's first time handling a PWD!



Don't Go Unnoticed -- Advertise!

Ads in the 2006 GDCNC Specialty Catalog are \$40.00 for a full page and include one (1) photo and \$10.00 for a business card ad. We will be printing a combined show catalog, so you will get two ads for the price of one! We want to make it an informative and fun publication, so we need your input! Don't be shy, let us know about those wins (show, obedience, etc.) and those new puppies and upcoming litters. Don't miss this opportunity for you and your Danes to be included.

Deadline for advertising is April 7th.

Send your check made payable to GDCNC along with your advertising copy and pictures to Pamela Preston, P O Box 1773, Shingle Springs, CA 95682 (530) 676-7668. Or you can also e-mail your camera-ready ad to Pamela at ChriMaso@gmail.com if you prefer.



The Vallejo Cluster: March 23rd through March 26th

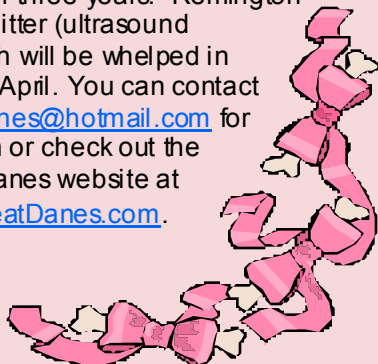
Several dubs hosted a four-show cluster Vallejo at the end of March:

- ▶ Thursday, March 23rd: Santa Cruz KC show with John Wade judging Great Danes
- ▶ Friday, March 24th: Salinas Valley KC show with Ekarat Sangkunakup judging Great Danes
- ▶ Saturday, March 25th: San Mateo KC show with May Bernhard judging Great Danes
- ▶ Sunday, March 26th: Oakland KC show with Dennis Morgan judging Great Danes

While it was officially too late to for people to post brags and make the deadline for this *Barker*, GDCNC members and their dogs did very well at these shows:

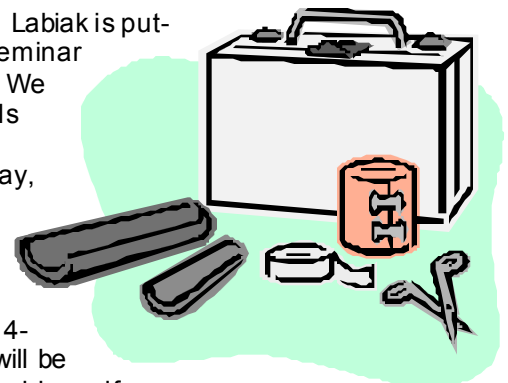
- ◆ Oscar, officially Ch Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset owned by Lorraine Matherly, Jane Chopson and his breeders David Vitagliano & Steven Stevens, took breed wins at all of the shows, garnering Group placements (a Group 2 and a Group 4) two of the days. Lorraine's 6-9-month puppy Jack (aka Lore's Joyride), also handled by Jane, picked up a point on Thursday going Winners Dog and Best of Winners. And on Friday, Jack was RWD.
- ◆ Kathleen Davis's lovely mantle boy Kohl (Davishire's Furst Knight) turned lots of heads. Judges awarded him Reserve Winners Dog three out of the four days.
- ◆ Cali (Lagarada California Gold owned by Tim Sutherland, Eric Evagelista and breeder Fran Lass) took a Reserve on Thursday, and was Winners Bitch and BOS for her final single on Sunday. Cali is now pointed and needs only one major to finish!
- ◆ Speaking of pointed out... Allison Paxton's fawn bitch Liberty (CPSTN's Let Freedom Ring) was WB and BOS on Saturday, picking up two points. Liberty now needs one major to finish! (Just a note: Liberty is exclusively owner-handled by Allison – way to go, Girls!!!)
- ◆ Nellie (Daynakin's No It All V Paradise) owned by Vince & Joan Mulligan, was Winners Bitch and BOS on Thursday. Nellie followed up Thursday's win with a nice RWB on Friday.
- ◆ The KC Danes boys did quite well in Vallejo: Elliot (KC Danes The Untouchable E Nes) was WD and BOW on Saturday for two points, and his brother Jefferson (KC Danes National Treasure) took WD and BOW honors on Sunday for one point.
- ◆ Pepper Riddle and her lovely mantle Ava (BLK Almosta Avatar V Destiny) looked wonderful together in the ring – and this didn't escape the notice of Judge May Bernhard on Saturday who awarded Ava a nice Reserve.
- ◆ Last but not least, Tazi (Striders Black Fantasy), in her second ring appearance since the National was awarded Winners Bitch and BOS at Friday's show. Tazi is owned by Connie Andronico and is handled by Sharon McCrary.

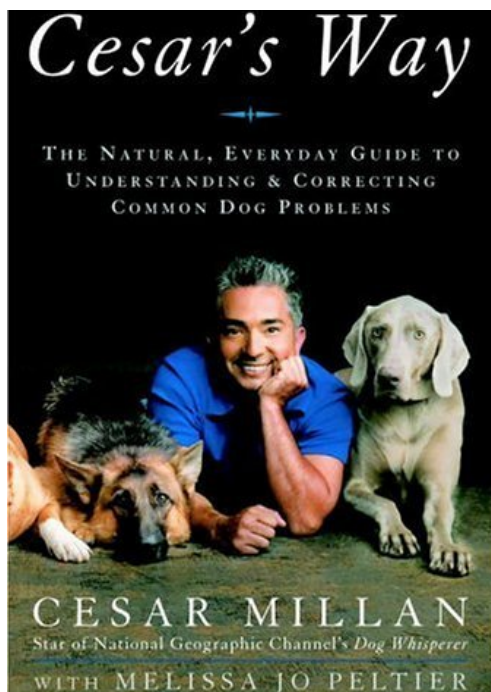
Cindee Carlson (Esquire Great Danes) would like to announce the breeding of her harlequin boy, CH PCH ESQ's The Smokin' Gun ("Remington"), to her multiple best-of-breed winning harlequin girl, Rau's Every Cloud Has One v. Esq ("Sterling"). This litter is due in late April, and will be Cindee's first at-home litter in more than three years. Remington also has sired a litter (ultrasound confirmed), which will be whelped in Colorado in mid-April. You can contact Cindee at esqdaneshotmail.com for more information or check out the Esquire Great Danes website at www.EsquireGreatDanes.com.



Mark Your Calendars — Pet First Aid Class

Education Chair Mabel Labiak is putting together our first seminar of 2006: Pet First Aid. We don't have all the details yet, but be sure to set aside this date: Saturday, July 22nd. The course will cover pet CPR and rescue breathing, ABC's of pet first aid and much more. It's a 4-hour class and space will be limited! Please let Mabel know if you're interested in attending – email her at billlab@earthlink.net. More details will be available in the next *Barker*.





Dog Whisperer Seminar Scheduled in Pleasanton

The Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern California is hosting a seminar open to 300 or so people that sign up: "The Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan is putting on a seminar at The Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA on Saturday August 19, 2006, 9:30 to 3:30. No tickets sold at the door. No Dogs. No Food or water provided. There are nearby restaurants, cafes and fast food for lunch.

Send Name, Address, Phone number and email address to:

Nancy Menise, 569 Hanover, Livermore, CA 94551

Please enclose a check for \$85.00 per person, payable to SSCNC.

Designer Dogs???

- ◆ Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport
- ◆ Spitz + Chow Chow = Spitz-Chow, a bulimic dog
- ◆ Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet
- ◆ Great Pyrenees + Dachshund = Pyradachs, a puzzling breed
- ◆ Pekingese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso, an abstract dog
- ◆ Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel = Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle
- ◆ Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists
- ◆ Newfoundland + Basset Hound = Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors
- ◆ Terrier + Bulldog = Teribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes
- ◆ Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly
- ◆ Malamute + Pointer = Moot Point, owned by....oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway
- ◆ Collie + Malamute = Commute, a dog that travels to work
- ◆ Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere, a dog that's true to the end
- ◆ Bull Terrier + Shitzu = Oh, never mind....





CGC Testing to be Offered at Specialty

AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing will be held on Saturday through the courtesy of the Golden Valley Kennel Club at a cost of \$10. Bring a 6-foot leash, proof of rabies vaccination, brush (optional) and, of course your dog. It is a fun and eye-opening activity that will increase your appreciation of your dog's abilities.

Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events.

Canine Good Citizen® is one of the most rapidly growing programs in the American Kennel Club. There are many exciting applications of this wonderful, entry level that go beyond the testing and certifying of dogs.

Many other countries (including England, Australia, Japan, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, and Finland) have developed CGC programs based on the AKC's CGC Program. A CGC Neighborhood Model has been established, police and animal control agencies use CGC for dealing with dog problems in communities, some therapy dog groups use the CGC as a partial screening tool, and some 4-H groups around the country have been using the CGC as a beginning dog training program for children.

A number of specialty (one breed only) clubs give the CGC at their annual national dog show. Dog clubs have discovered that the CGC is an event that allows everyone to go home a winner. Veterinarians have recognized the benefits of well-trained dogs and there are some CGC programs in place in veterinary hospitals. State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 22 states now have Canine Good Citizen resolutions.

In a little over one decade, the Canine Good Citizen Program has begun to have an extremely positive impact in many of our communities. This is a program that can help us assure that the dogs we love will always be welcomed and well-respected members of our communities.

The CGC test is performed on-leash attached to either a flat buckle or slip collar. The handler can praise and encourage the dog, but no toys or food rewards can be used. The test includes the following ten exercises:

- Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger
- Test 2: Sitting politely for petting
- Test 3: Appearance and grooming
- Test 4: Walking on a loose lead
- Test 5: Walking through a crowd
- Test 6: Sit & down on command and stay in place
- Test 7: Coming when called
- Test 8: Reaction to another dog
- Test 9: Reaction to distraction
- Test 10: Supervised separation

The CGC test
is described
in detail on the
AKC website at

http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm

GDCNC Meeting: February 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order on February 11, 2006 at 11:15a.m. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Ceil Wardner, Everett Van Dyken, Dana Wardner, Timmi Williams, Judy Benjamin, Sue Dobie-Holbrook, Pete Frodotovich, Mabel Labiak and Conley Netser. Excused were Jane Chopson and Connie Andronico. The minutes were approved as published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs:

- Membership - Connie Andronico
- Education - Mabel Labiak
- Parliamentarian - Terry Toops

M(Everett)/S(Timmi)/P to accept the appointments

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Incoming: Letter from Family Sales Photo, soliciting for pictures

Letters from GDRNC

Outgoing: Letter to Paul and Anita Keeslar welcoming them into the club

Letter to Pepper Riddle welcoming her to the club.

Letter to Pat Gallup welcoming her into the club.

Letter to Nancy Boyd expressing condolences and offer of dedication of specialty show in honor of her husband, Kit (declined)

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Account balance information is available to GDCNC members on request.
- Everett and Kathryn will call members who have not paid their dues for the upcoming year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Membership:

- Published a second time was Bob Gallup
- New membership applications from Deborah Henderson sponsored by Bari Costello and Ann English and Roc Craig sponsored by Barbara Kreszyn and Ann English

Education:

Mabel Labiak is working on a handling seminar and a round table discussion on first aid for pets. The Dog Whisperer will be in Pleasanton on August 19, 2006. Contact Nancy Menise.

Specialty:

- Premium lists will be out next week. Pamela Preston will be our Show Secretary again this year.
- Barbara Moffitt will be in charge of judge's lodging.
- Sue Dobie-Holbrook will be chief ring steward.
- Lunch will be sandwiches and dinner will be by Da Vinci's.
- Lorie is collecting money for trophies.
- Everett will get the contract for the location.
- We will be doing the awards at the banquet. Kathryn Netser will be handling these. Names for 2005 must be in by March 15, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

- M(Ann)/S(Ceil)/P - Bob Gallup was voted into the club.
- M(Everett)/S(Ann)/P to have the Christmas brunch at Pleasanton again this year.
- The website may need a committee to put our club on search engines or other links. Does Kate want to do all?

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting is March 11th at Royce Farms at 11:00am. The following meeting is May 13th after judging at the Camellia Capital KC show (in Woodland)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams

Recording Secretary

GDCNC Meeting: March 11, 2006

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Approval of the minutes of February 11, 2006 was postponed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President brought up issue of not having obedience at the Specialty this year. Agreed to publish something in the newsletter to find out club members' level of interest. Need at least three to four dogs entered to have an obedience judging.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Incoming: 02/20/06 - Official newsletter from the Canine Health Foundation (AKC)
- Incoming: 02/28/06 - Billing acknowledgement from Camelot Specialties (trophies)
- Incoming: 03/01/06 - Letter from PetEdge to Laura Craig (Raffle Chair) extending a 10% discount on all items purchased.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Account balance information is available to GDCNC members on request.
- Treasurer requested internal audit by committee of members. Motion by Everett Van Dyken that a committee of three, consisting of Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak and Terry Toops, conduct an audit of the year 2005. Conley Netser Seconded. Passed.
- Dana suggested that the GDCNC pay for the audit committee's lunch when they conduct the audit. Motion by Everett Van Dyken. Conley Netser Seconded. Passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education:

- Mabel Labiak handed out *Dog Whisperer Seminar Enrollment Form(s)*.
- Presented information on a Pet First Aid Class. Mabel to check with presenter regarding class date of July 22. Kathryn to check with GDCA regarding education funds to possibly subsidize class cost.

Membership:

- Debra Henderson, second publishing in March-April.
- Roc Craig, second publishing in March-April.

Specialty:

- Match application sent to AKC. Denise Williams will be match judge.
- Dale Bassano will set up hospitality table.
- Ring set up locations for committee chairs will be assigned by April 28.
- Bill Labiak will pick up judges from Sacramento airport on Friday. Shuttle services will be used for judges on Saturday. Need someone to take the judges to the Sacramento airport on Sunday.
- Saturday times: Sweepstakes begin at 8:30 a.m. Confirmation begins at 10:00 a.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Notify Kate Jackson to include a spot in the *Barker* to email Laura Craig about raffle donations.
- Handling seminar by Terry Toops and Brittany Williams will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28. Everett will discuss charge, if any, with Terry. Notice to go in *Barker* about seminar.
- Photographers will be invited to attend dinner, but need to pay.
- Everett solicited names of judges for future shows.
- Auction monies: Motion by Everett that 75% of proceeds go to GDCA trust and remaining 25% goes to GDCNC. Seconded by Mabel Labiak. Passed with two abstentions.

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is May 13 at Woodland after Great Dane judging.

Adjournment: Motion by Everett to adjourn. Seconded by Connie Andronico. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Labiak



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2006 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2006 GDCNC Board is listed below; the note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

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Dana Wardner, Treasurer (2007)	cnddanes@aol.com
Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary (2007)	timmiw@sierratel.com
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Connie Andronico (2008), Membership Chair	candronico@andronicos.com
Judy Benjamin (2007)	jbenj2727@aol.com
Sue Dubie-Holbrook (2007)	tdxdane1@yahoo.com
Pete Fredotovich (2008)	pfredotovich@oaklandnet.com
Mabel Labiak (2007), Education Chair	billlab@earthlink.net
Conley Netser (2008)	kcdanes@comcast.net

GDCNC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Specialty Weekend 2006

Handling Clinic:

Friday, April 28th at 3pm

"B" Match:

Friday, April 28th at 4pm

Back-to-Back Specialty Shows:

Saturday, April 29th

Sunday, April 30th

GDCNC Meeting

Saturday, May 13th

After Great Dane Judging
at the Camellia Capital KC
in Woodland