

The GDCNC BARKER



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As temperatures rise this season, it is becoming increasingly difficult to protect our sensitive danes from the effects of the extreme heat. The following article will hopefully help you to better care for your danes this summer.

Heat Stroke in Dogs and Cats Keep Your Pet Safe from Heat Stroke

By Rhonda Ross, REACH Hospital

Heat stroke is a major concern for pet owners. Humans and animals respond differently when they get too hot.

Humans are able to sweat to cool themselves; dogs and cats cannot sweat and must rely on panting to make themselves more comfortable. Panting isn't a very efficient method of cooling off when it gets very hot and/or humid, however, and as a result, dogs and cats can overheat. With dogs this is especially true if they are overweight, have a thick coat, have heart or lung problems, or have a short muzzle.

Heat stroke symptoms

If your companion animal is overheating, s/he will usually appear sluggish and may not respond to you. His or her tongue and gums may be bright red and very dry, and s/he may be vomiting or having diarrhea. He or she may also have an unusual breathing pattern, panting very hard, or have a high heart rate. Heat stroke in animals is very serious and can be life-threatening. If your animal has been exposed to elevated temperatures and exhibits any of these signs, seek emergency veterinary help immediately.

Heat stroke's deadly affects

Animals that overheat can develop kidney problems, bleeding disorders, and brain damage very rapidly, sometimes within a few minutes. As a result, an animal can go into a coma and die. On the way to the veterinarian, cool your animal down with wet towels, by spritzing him/her with cool water, or by providing ice chips for him/her to chew if s/he is conscious. (Note: these measures are not substitutes for medical treatment.)

Heat stroke prevention

Heat stroke is preventable. When the weather is warm, your companion animals must have access to plenty of water and should not be left outside for long periods. If you must leave your animal outside, make sure that s/he has a cool, shady area in which to rest.

Additionally, if you exercise your animal, do it in the early morning or late evening - not in the middle of the day when temperatures are at their peak. And NEVER leave your animal in a car, even if you leave the windows down. Your furry friend could die of heat stroke in as little as 10 to 15 minutes.

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Remember the factors that increase an animal's risk of developing heat stroke: water deprivation, excessive humidity, obesity, excessive exercise, cardiovascular disease, and lack of acclimatization to the temperature. Don't forget, your companion animal relies on YOU, so take good care of him/her and enjoy your summer together!

If you have questions regarding heat stroke, talk with your veterinarian or call REACH Hospital, 665-4399. Visit <http://www.reach.petplace.com> for articles on summer emergencies, preventive health care tips and much more!

Visit <http://www.exploreasheville.com> to see this article online

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Welcoming Winnie & Sophie

Together the Ellisons and I endured the losses of our 3 very special girls Panda, Maddy and Zoe. We never expected to part with them all at once. It was alot for all of us to take in. As much love as we gave to our very special girls, we knew they would want us to share that gift again and in their spirit and the Great Spirit of love, we have welcomed into our families 2 very precious and special girls, Winnie and Sophie. Winnie comes from Rylaur Danes and Sophie from Sardi Great Danes. Winnie and Sophie made their flights safe and sound from the sunny state of Florida to the sunny state of California in our homes. Michele Andreetta

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THE LITTER BOX

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRODNITZKY FAMILY!!

Poblo & Galia Grodninsky are now the proud parents of the 2 legged variety: Isabella & Lucas Grodnitzky.

Best Wishes to all 4 of you and big brother, Tango, too!!

There has been a 'Colorado Caper' involving a 'Lady Smith N Wesson' And an all points bulletin has been issued!

Be on the lookout for Baby Face Schatzi (Ch Shady Crk's Lady Smith N Wesson CHIC), her hired gun Sharp Shoot'n Chance (BISS CH De Robles Colorado Caper CGC CHIC), and their

7 Fawn Futurity Nominated Puppies that surfaced on 5/29/08!

The latest sightings confirm 1 male and 6 females.

Ringleader ~ Dr. Allison Paxton, Paxton Danes
Accomplice ~ Shari Ziegenbein, De Robles Dane

KC Danes is pleased to announce the arrival of 5 beautiful fawn puppies.

Two boys and three girls out of Ch. Sarjack's Ain't Whistlin Dixie "Caleb" and Ch. KC Danes Mystic River "Katie". Puppies arrived on June 6th, Mom and babies are doing great. Pictures can be seen at www.kcdanes.com

Katie shares herself with Susan Douglas and family and Kathryn Netser.





A FEW MORE NOTES ON OVERHEATING...

The following information was provided by an article written by Nate Baxter, DVM. The entire article can be viewed at: <http://personal.uncc.edu/jvanoate/K9/heat.htm>

Electrolyte replacement: Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need IV and lots of it.

Cooling: The point of evaporative cooling being the most efficient is correct. However, in a muggy environment, that will not help as much, so I do cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate. For MOST situation all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient).

Alcohol: {Rubbing Alcohol} It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working, but do not hesitate to use it. Due to the thicker skin and rapid evaporation I do not worry about it being absorbed. Plus we recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it<VBG>.

Watching temp: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up.

This is VERY IMPORTANT:

Once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.8, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop on down to 99 or even lower. I cannot emphasize that point enough.

Limit water: When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air mix in a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment

Prevention: The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May the last 2 years, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did effect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better.

Another very important point:

Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up.

If the time comes,
will **YOU** know what to do?



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August 23rd 2008

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Maximum attendance is 20



The meeting was called to order on May 10, 2008, at 3:47 p.m. by Kathryn Netser. In attendance were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Peter Fredotovich, Dana Wardner, Mabel Labiak, Nancy Hawkes, Bill Labiak, Conley Netser, 7 other GDCNC members and 1 guest. Excused were Everett Van Dyken, Jane Chopson, Laura Craig, Pepper Riddle and Brittany Williams.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS—Blythe Fredotovich

MINUTES—On a motion by Peter Fredotovich, seconded by Robin Raike, the minutes of March 15, 2008 were approved as presented.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

none

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Kathryn Netser reported that the GDCNC Specialty was a success. Turned over to the Treasurer to report the show expenses/earnings.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE SPECIALTY SHOW

A complete financial show report will be available at our next meeting. Noted below is the preliminary financial status (additional revenue or expenses have not been submitted to the Treasurer at the time of this printing):

Financial information available to members upon request

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Incoming:

04/14/08—NAIA (National Animal Internet Alliance)—seeking \$500 donation.

04/24/08—Great Dane Gazette (Lorraine Matherly)—introduction to new breed magazine. Brochures included.

SIRIUS Puppy Training—website is www.dogSTARdaily.com. Excellent training for puppies including puppy kindergarten. Free downloads on website; puppy behavior. Can be included in puppy packets going to new homes.

OUTGOING:

none

TREASURER'S REPORT

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education

Next educational seminar requires a check for \$655 after July.

MEMBERSHIP

Upcoming first publications for: Nancy Brakowiecki and Terri Dillistin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Peter Fredotovich to check out costs of carts with air tires for moving equipment around at Specialty. Will report back with information at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Schedule:

August 9, 2008 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)

September 20, 2008 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)

November 8, 2008 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—business meeting for Board and Officers only [NOTE DATE CHANGED, DUE TO SHOW CONFLICT]

Other—Holiday / Awards brunch December 7, 2008 at the Pleasanton Hotel

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Fredotovich moved that the meeting be adjourned; Nancy Hawkes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mabel Labiak, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Great Dane Club of Northern California



Breeders Symposium

with

Dr. Claudia Waller Orlandi, *ABCs of Dog Breeding*

Dr. Robert Van Hutchinson, *Canine Reproduction*

When: Saturday & Sunday
January 10th & 11th, 2009
8am to 5pm

Where: Lakewood School
1100 Ham Lane
Lodi, CA 95242

Cost: \$175 per person
(price includes breakfasts, lunches & snacks)

Register Now!!!

Please mail completed registration form with payment to: **GDCNC, 8330 Haughtly Lane, Valley Springs, CA 95252**
Or use Paypal! Email your registration information to kate@qantel.com and issue payment via Paypal to kate@qantel.com.
Be sure to include an additional \$6 per registrant to defray Paypal costs. You will be asked to sign the registration form/waiver prior to the start of the seminar.

Name(s): _____

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Breed(s): _____ **Amount Enclosed (checks payable to GDCNC):** _____

No refunds will be given in the event you cannot attend

01/10/09 ~ 01/11/09 Canine Reproduction Seminar sponsored by the GDCNC, Inc.

I (we) agree to hold the Great Dane Club of Northern California, Inc., its agents and officials, Lakewood Elementary School, the Lodi Unified School District, Dr. Robert Van Hutchinson, and Dr. Claudia Waller Orlandi harmless from any and all claims of loss or injury alleged to have arisen from attendance and participation in this event.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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OLYMPUS GIRLS STEAL THE POINTS

point!! Rhea is owned by Bob Santimays and Denise Williams

"Artemis" - Came Golden Deity v Olymp (by CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch x Can. CH. Aristodane Opium De LaDoguerie) won WB for 1 pt. under Mr. Bradford Dunn at the Contra Costa show! Go Artie!!
Owned by Denise Williams, bred by Isabelle Messier

"Rhea" - Amare's Earthly Pleasure (by CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch x Kwik-Dane's Liberty Belle) won WB/BOW for 1 pt. under Col. Purkiser. She then repeated the performance at the Flagstaff show for another

The wins keep rolling in for Kissinger, Int Ch Equiss Kiss N Mr Big Stuff, who picked up another 2 points at the Coyote Hills Kennel Club 5/10/08, by smoothly moving his way into a WD/BOW/BOS over a special under judge Ruby Hertz.

KISSINGER TAKES THE CAKE

Kissinger is at 11 points with a Major all mom owner handled! Way to go K ~ Man.

SAGE SCORES AGAIN!

Coleridge's Message From Above V Skyranth, aka Sage, received a 3-point Major under Judge Mark Van Alstyne at the Klamath Dog Fanciers Show in Klamath Falls Oregon going WB / BOW / BOS, and the following weekend added another point at the Rogue Valley Kennel Club in Merlin Oregon under Judge Mrs. Carolyn A. Herbel going WB / BOW for a total of 8 points toward her Championship, all owner handled by Pat Dousman.

IZZY & TUCKER TAKEOVER THE COMPETITION

Daynakin Bricarlo Quite the Kisser "Izzy" debuted @ Hangtown in May. She won the 6-9 bitch class both days. In Vallejo went reserve bitch under Mr Dunn on Saturday. On Sunday she was WB, BOS under Mr. Matson for her 1st pt.. We are very proud of the way she handled herself.

Daynakin's Oh I'm Tuff Too "Tucker" was WD & BOW both days @ Hangtown under Mrs. Brocious and Mr. Noe for 2 pts. In Vallejo, on Sat. he went reserve under Mr. Dunn. We would like to thank everyone for their support. -Bob and Pat Gallup

GABBY GETS THE POINTS AGAIN, AND AGAIN....AND AGAIN!!

After 2 years of not showing, I wanted to bring Fletcher back out. He still needs that 1 major. Although he has a 5 point major, a best of breed, and a group 2, he also has his International and CGC. But, that one 3 point major has been the hardest. So, I wanted to show him at our specialty. In his own class open fawn he placed #2. But, I could not have been happier, since his weight was down from Gabby coming into heat just the month before. So, I may still look for that major even though he will be 7 in July. And, speaking of Gabby, she took back to back WB and BOS in Placerville (our first and second points). Then went to Carson to pick up another point: WB with BOS. Then, we picked up our 4th point at Vallejo. So, hopefully I will be able to finish her. And HEY if Fletcher doesn't get that last point, Tom said we will start a 14 pointer club!!!! Fletcher will always be our Champ.

CH. RIVER BREAKS RECORD

The "Valinor family" is proud to introduce its latest champion, Ch. WYSIWYG-Valinor's River of Dreams. "River" was selected by Mrs. Jane Treiber as the Winner's Bitch at the Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo County show on June 6, 2008 for her final point. She becomes the first natural-eared black bitch to earn her championship in the highly competitive Division 9 and only the third to do so nationally. She was superbly handled by her friend, Denise Williams with support from Brittany. River was bred by Teresa LaBrie who also bred and finished the first natural-eared black Great Dane male. River is out of Ch. Valinor's N' Our Wildest Dream and Ch. WYSIWYG Watcher Sashay. She is loved and spoiled by her owners Jan and Bob Purdy and is co-owned with Everett Van Dyken.



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2008 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2008 GDCNC Officers & Board were elected at the Club's Annual Meeting in January. The note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

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Calendar Of Events

August 23rd
Dog First Aide Class



NEXT CLUB MEETING

August 9, 2008 at
Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)