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Campaign Against Breed Profiling

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The Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA) has launched a campaign against breed profiling — an issue of concern, not just to Doberman people, but to owners of many other breeds. Since Dobermans are a breed that are frequently and unfairly targeted, the DPCA has been working hard to overturn breed restrictive policies wherever they occur. The club was recently successful in getting American Airlines to rescind its ban on shipping so-called “aggressive” breeds. Now Jeffrey P. Helsdon, a Washington State attorney and Legislative Director for the DPCA, reports on his attempt to prevent insurance companies in his state from taking a dog’s breed into consideration when writing insurance policies for dog owners.

Helsdon and his supporters managed to get two bills introduced into the Washington legislature. The first prohibited insurance carriers from engaging in breed profiling; the second included the provision that “the breed of a dog shall not be a determining factor when declaring a dog potentially dangerous or dangerous.” Unfortunately neither bill was enacted into law, but both gained enough support from public and legislators to encourage optimism that they may be reconsidered when the Legislature returns after its summer recess.

Helsdon notes that the public is behind such bills, thanks to media stories such as one that aired recently on CBS Evening News: in that piece, a little girl was interviewed after insurance problems obliged her parents to get rid of the family pet. “We are starting to win the battle for public opinion, Helsdon says. He also provides suggestions for action that concerned breed clubs can take:

First, identify state legislators who serve on committees concerned with insurance. (This information is available on the state website). Then invite these legislators to dog shows to present Group awards — “Distinguished Award Presenters,” Helsdon calls them. He regards this as an extremely important part of the campaign, for “they get to see us in our venue, when we appear most organized — a dog show. What they immediately see — and this is where we make an impression — is: Voters. Organized Voters. Motivated, Organized Voters with a cause.” He adds, “I also like to invite the League of Women Voters to put up a Voter Registration booth. You don’t have to mention it at all to the VIPs — they get it.”

At the show, someone should explain to invited VIPs what is going on. If they sit with the judges who are watching the groups, they will get to know members of the fancy. When VIPs present the Group trophies, the announcer should explain who they are. (Judges, of course, must present the ribbons.) A photo of the VIP and the winning dog is an excellent reminder of the event.

Helsdon suggests that legislators should be asked (“gently”) to support laws eliminating breed profiling while they are at the show. They can be provided with a copy of Washington state HB 1895 as a model for local legislation. (This is available at http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2003_04/House/1875_1899/1895.pdf.) Helsdon notes, “You may be surprised at the enthusiastic support that you will get.” And finally, he urges, talk to the representative of your own district, as well as to those on the relevant House or Senate committees. Let them know that you care about the issue of breed profiling.



Emilie Gets Married!!!

Emilie Williams is now Mrs. Anthony Campeau as of September 19, 2003. Many of you watched her grow from a young girl to a great dog handler. Timmi can hardly wait to share photos!

From the President

Hello fellow Dane lovers! Cherie Moses and I got back just a couple of weeks ago from a trip to Montana for five days of dog shows. Although we encountered snow, high winds and cold weather we enjoyed the scenery, fall colors and good times with other show folk -- a very nice time overall and worth the effort (see brags). Congratulations to Vince and Joan Mulligan for finishing two boys (Vinnie and Spock) on the circuit. Quite a few dogs were finished creating some concern that the major would hold by the last day....it did.

Congratulations also to Jean Bell on finishing her girl and to Pat Gurtner for finishing yet another blue and both at Sir Francis Drake!

Speaking of finishing dogs... I have not heard from many folks regarding their new champions or completion of titles. Although I have not heard from a lot of you, I do have some of your names on my list. The following people should be expecting awards: Pat Gurtner, Vince Mulligan, Jean Bell, Tami Welch, Pete Sorenson, Kitty Kenyon, Linda Borghi, and Kathleen Davis. If you have not contacted me, please do so to give me the correct spelling of your Great Dane's name and your relationship (i.e. Breeder, owner). If your name belongs on the list, please let me know that too.

As show chairman, I have been working on our upcoming specialties. They are scheduled to be held: April 24-25, 2004, April 30-May 1, 2005 and April 29-30, 2006. Conformation judges for 2004 will be Gina Jaeblo and Leon Reimert. Susan Yotive is tentatively scheduled for 2005 and Judy Harrington is confirmed for 2006. I will give the names of the other judges for 2005-2006 as they are confirmed.

Our sweeps, parades and junior handling will be done on Saturday. We will have Veteran classes both days. Non-regular classes will be judged on Sunday. Tentative plans for a Sunday performance event will be discussed at our next meeting. Most of my committee chair positions are filled and I want to thank those of you who stepped forward to volunteer. I will be seeking out some of you to fill the remaining two positions.

A nominating committee will be set up next month to fill the board positions up for election. Ann English and Lucretia Marcus are those board members whose terms expire at the conclusion of this year. All of the board members have worked hard for this club and deserve your thanks. They are a great group of people!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Michele Andreetta and her family as her husband, Frank, deals with a medical crisis. On behalf of the club, I want to offer belated condolences to Kathryn Netser and Bev Heijn and their families on the passing of their mothers recently. I personally know that such a loss can be devastating. However, this can also be a time of great blessing knowing that you have the support of friends all around you.

Hope to see you all soon ringside -- especially at the meeting following Great Dane judging at the Del Valle show on Sunday October 19th -- and at the Holiday and Awards brunch (see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter).

Everett

Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs Report

The Council meets in Sacramento at the SMUD office on the second Monday of alternating months (January, March, May, July, September & November). They typically have very good speakers if anyone would like to attend. For more information, contact the GDCNC's Delegate, Pamela Preston, at danemom58@hotmail.com or (530) 676-7668.

Did you know we can advertise ALL of our events for FREE on their site???? Let's make use of it for our matches, shows, and seminars. Send information or flyer to Pamela and she'll make sure it gets in the proper hands.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SAC COUNCIL EVENTS!!!

All Breed Conformation & Obedience Match

November 1st at Carmichael Park. Pre-entries (\$8) close October 29th.

Holiday Breed Showcase

November 29th at the Petco on the corner of Auburn Blvd and Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights. It's a great way to help educate the public. Come for part of the day!



Get more information about these and other upcoming events at www.sacramentodogcouncil.com/events.html



Kitty's Got the Blues...

Kitty Kenyon has the Blues – puppies that is! 6 girls and 1 boy were born September 28th. Mom is doing well and the pups are thriving. Mom is "Shasta" (Belldane's Shasta Blue bred by Jean Bell) and dad is Aspen's Dante's Inferno V BBHill (from Terry Beck's Blueberryhill Danes in Texas). This was Shasta's second and last litter. Please forward puppy inquiries to DocKitty99@aol.com.

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

- Ben Williams

Sandra Duncan Memorial

It was with great sadness and shock that the Great Dane community heard of the sudden passing of Sandra Duncan in early August. Sandra was a very active member of the Western Great Dane Club of British Columbia. She also attended shows in both BC and the Northwest. Sandra was also co-breeder of Ch. Paquestone Daynakin Quiet Riot, BISS at both the 2002 and 2003 GDCNC Specialty Shows.

There will be a memorial placed in the next issue of Dane World magazine. Proceeds from the memorial for Sandra will be given to the Great Dane Club of America Health Foundation for research in our breed. Donations can be sent to:

Raymond R. Goldstone, 1711 Pacific Highway, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada V3S 9M2

Or to: Georgia Hymmen, 7645 Woodland Road, Ferndale, WA 98248

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

- M.Facklam

Cindee Carlson is devastated to announce the loss of her beloved boy, Denali (Am/Int'l Ch An Express Denali Quake). He passed quietly at home on July 11, 2003, at 9 1/2 years of age. Cindee, starting her third year of vet school, lives on with Denali's son, Remington (Ch PCH Esq's The Smokin' Gun) and Denali's grandson, Cassidy (Esq's Partner In Crime), as well as Denali's distant niece, Sterling (Rau's Every Cloud Has One v. Esq). It has been a difficult year for Cindee, having lost Miranda, Denali's daughter and Cassidy's mother, in December, and Kiska, Bob's husky on Cindee's birthday in September. It's been tough, but time does heal...

Something to Shout About!!!

Violet (bred, owned and loved by Barbara and Jim Moffett) is now **Int. Ch. Delta Breeze Artistry 'N Revelation**. She had some very nice comments in her critiques, completing her International Championship at the three IABCA shows held in Napa last month. Now, to get back to AKC shows...

Olympus' Whiz Bang!, "Julie", took back-to-back wins at the Rio Pecos K.C. shows. On Saturday, Julie won WB/BOW under Mr. Vincent Grosso (one point) and on Sunday, took another WB win under Mr. Carl Anderson (one point). Big congrats to Julie and her "dad", Bob Santimays. Way to go! Bred / Co-owned by Denise Williams.

Valinor's The Divine Miss M went Winner's Bitch in Santa Cruz and again in Central Point, Oregon. In Bozeman, Montana she went Best of Winners and took a five-point major. In Carson City just a couple of weeks ago, she again went Winners Bitch and now needs a major to finish. Bette is bred and owned by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau.

Cheshire's Poetry In Motion "Dylan" got his first major at his first show out of the 6-9 class in Helena, Montana. He was bred by Everett Van Dyken, Paul Picciau, and Cherie and Leah Moses. He is co-owned by Everett.

We are very happy to say that Von **Riesenhof's Cauz "N" Gossip** aka Carly went Winners Bitch at Redwood Empire Kennel Club in Petaluma on Saturday, September 6th, under judge Ms. Cecilia Ringstrom for one point. Handler/Agent: Pete Ventura Owner: Hazel Gregory and Linda Borghi. Needless to say we are thrilled with this beautiful girl!

Lorraine Matherly had a great weekend at the Simi Valley KC shows in Ventura, August 30th & 31st! New champion: **Ch. Lore's Tutta Bella** finished with a BOS over a special in an entry of 32 bitches, breeder/owner-handled by Lorraine. And Lore's new special, **Ch. Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset** owned by Lorraine, Jane Chopson and breeders Steve Stevens and David Vitagliano, was BOB and Group 2 on Saturday and BOB and Group 3 on Sunday. Oscar is presented by Jane. More good stuff happened in Santa Ana a few weeks later: the weekend of September 20th and 21st, Oscar took another Group 3 under Douglas Shipley. And Lola was RWB to the major that day, owner-handled by Lorraine under the breed judge Garry Newton. This past weekend in Paso Robles was another great one for Great Danes of Lore! **G'Nhydane's La Terremotos of Lore** (bred by Dee and George Guerra and owner-handled by Lorraine) was awarded Winners Bitch. And Oscar took BOB all three days and two Group 3s as well! In his Specials career so far (which started in mid-July), Oscar has one Group 1, one Group 2, and five Group 3s.

A fall breeding is planned: Ch. Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset (Ch. Hauerdane's Pump-N- Iron x Ch. Sasdania's Caribbean Queen) x Ch. Lore's Tutta Bella (Ch. My-Jon's License to Thrill x Lore's Dressed to the Nines).

Vince and Joan Mulligan had a great time in Montana! Paradise's Prime Vintage finished his Championship on Monday September 17th and will be known as **Int./Am. Ch. Paradise's Prime Vintage**. Not to be outdone, Spock finished his championship on September 19th and will be known as **Ch. Paradise's Vulcan V MacLeod**. The Mulligans' up and coming star, **Paradise's Winning Ways**, received her third point at the Donner Trail Kennel Club show on October 5th from the 9-12 puppy class.



Ch. Coleridge's Romeo True As Steel "Romeo" (Coleridge Panoramic By George x Coleridge's Joy To The World) finished his championship at the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club show on Sunday 09/14/2003. And his sister **Tori (Coleridge's Blue Mys Tori)** got her first points in Southern Oregon. To top-off a good couple of weeks, Pat's little 10-month-old Boston Terrier bitch finished in Roseville. Sure hope the great pace continues for Pat after her broken wrist heals!

Louie added another title to his name a few weeks ago at the IABCA shows – he is now **Int./Am. Ch. Belldane's Louie Louie**. It was nice to see such a good turnout of Danes. Thanks Denise for the excellent handling, Jean for a roof over my head and that delicious dinner, and everyone for the superb company!

Daynakin Danelind New Year's Resolution, Donzi to those that know and love him, collected a few more points recently! On August 2nd, at the Richmond Dog Fanciers show, Donzi was awarded Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex for two points under Mr. Joseph R. Tomey. A few weeks later, on August 30th at the Gold Country KC show, Mrs. Robert S. Forsythe awarded him WD and BOW for one point. And just this past weekend at the Donner Trail KC shows, Donzi had back-to-back wins! On Saturday, under Mr. Alberto Berrios he went Winners for one point, and on Sunday, Mrs. Terry L. Berrios choose him as WD, BOW and BOS. Donzi (Ch. Largarada's Timberline Gold x Can/Am Ch. Daynakin's You're So Vain) is owned by Carl and Renee Broden, was bred by & Bruce Lind, Georgia Hymmen and Jack Henderson, and is handled by Colleen Spears.

It was a slow day up in Heaven. "I am certainly bored," stated John. "Me too," Paul chimed in. Peter stood and watched the dogs. "I know!" Peter began. "Why don't we have a dog show?" Paul and John thought that the idea was great except for one small detail that Paul pointed out. "Who are we to compete against, Peter?" Paul asked. The trio pondered a moment when Peter realized the answer. "We will call up Satan and invite him to the dog show. I mean, we have all of the finest dogs here in heaven, while his kennel is filled with the spoiled, difficult and mean dogs. We are certain to win at the show!"

And so the trio called up Satan on the other realm communication lines and invited him to their dog show. Satan laughed and asked why they would want to be humiliated like that -- he would certainly beat them. Peter, Paul and John did not understand. "What do you mean Satan?" Peter asked. "We have all the top dogs -- the National Specialty, All Breed Best In Show, and High In Trial winners are here in heaven. How could you possibly beat us?" Satan paused a moment and then laughed. "Have you forgotten so soon, Gentlemen? I have all the judges!"



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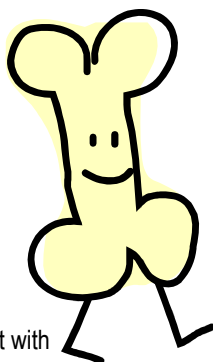
- **Dianna Morgan**

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Top 10 Reasons You Know Martha Stewart is Stalking Your Dog

10. There's potpourri hanging from his/her collar.
9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia.
6. That telltale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.
5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's crate.
2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand knitted sweater with matching boots.



And the number one reason you know Martha Stewart is stalking your dog...

1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.

Dog Haiku

How do I love thee?
The ways are numberless as
My hairs on the rug.

I am your best friend,
Now, always, and especially
When you are eating.

Look in my eyes and
Deny it. No human could
Love you so much

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 19th:
Brief General Meeting
after Great Dane Judging at Del Valle

Saturday, November 15th:
Canine Reproduction Seminar
Sponsored by the Monterey Bay Great Dane Club

Sunday, November 16th:
Board/Business Meeting
at Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton

Sunday, December 7th:
Annual Holiday and Awards Brunch



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