



GDCNC Barker



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Earn a Title in 2006?

Our annual Holiday & Awards Brunch is to be held at the Pleasanton Hotel on December 10th – we'll present plaques and plates to those members who put a title on their Great Dane in 2006. Awards will be presented for conformation (including International titles), obedience, agility, other performance events, Best In Show and CGC certification. Members receive an 8 x 12" wooden plaque with their name(s) and/or kennel name. Engraved plates name the Great Dane and its achievement and are attached to the plaque. Each plaque holds up to 12 individual plates.

November 12th is the deadline for award information so that it can be presented at our Holiday & Awards Brunch. If your Great Dane earns a title after the November 12th deadline, we will make every attempt to make your award available for presentation at the brunch.

Please contact Kathryn Netser ASAP by email (knets@excelics.com) or by phone (510-790-7091) with the following details so we can include you as an award recipient:

- ◆ Full (AKC) name of your Great Dane
- ◆ Award/Title received
- ◆ Name of owner
- ◆ Name of breeder
- ◆ Do you already have the wooden plaque?
- ◆ If you do not already have the plaque, what kennel name will you be using if not your individual name?

We hope to see many of you at the Holiday & Awards Brunch to share good times and honor our Great Danes' accomplishments!

Members Win at the National

As the Barker is going to press, the people and dogs that trekked to Topeka are making their way home from the 2006 GDCA National Specialty. It was a huge success – with 574 dogs for a total of 728 entries. Making the cut – let alone a placement – given numbers like that is truly a reason to celebrate. And so we applaud those GDCNC members and dogs who made the trip and really shined in the ring.

The Best In Futurity Winner was Henry, aka Elan's The Critics Choïce V Reimroc, from the 5-7-month dog class. Futurity dogs were judged by Susan Davis Shaw; Linda Tonnancour did the bitch and inter-sex judging. Henry is owned by Sharon McCrary and was bred by Sheila Cormier and Jessie Gerszewski. He was handled to perfection by John Gerszewski. Huge congratulations to Sharon and to Henry!!!

Jon and Jenny Kenton's first National was no doubt a memorable one! They introduced their new puppy girl Laural – Divine Arces Rising Victory V Adelaide – to the show ring. She turned 6-months old on the first day of the Futurity, making her ring debut in the 5-7-month class – and taking a very nice 2nd placement! Laural was bred by Carolyn McNamara of Wisconsin, sired by CH Divine Acres Anubis and out of CH Divine Acres Daddy's Girl.

Lore J'Adore owned and bred by Lorraine Matherly also showed well in the Futurity, walking away with the 4th place trophy from the 15-18-month bitch class. Tess was sired by CH My-Jon's Valentino V Riverlor out of CH G'Nhydane's La Terremotos of Lore. Congrats to Lorraine & Tess!

The Netser's Eliot (KC Danes The Untouchable E Nes) was awarded 2nd by Judge Leon Reimert in the very competitive American Bred class. Eliot was bred by and is owned by Kathryn and Conley Netser.

Allison Paxton has to be proud of her baby girl Schatzi! Shady Crks Lady Smith N Wesson collected a very nice 3rd place trophy from judge Marilyn Riggins in the 9-12-month fawn bitch class. Schatzi was sired by CH Shady Crks Mr Saturday Nite Special (Ruger) out of Int Ch Shady Creeks Forever Yours (Grace). She was bred by co-owner Jacqueline Lawrence.

The Top 20 Event was held on Wednesday – the three judges were Doug Toomey (the handler judge), Tootie Longo (the breeder judge) and Arlene Davis (the all-breed judge). The judges' votes were tallied and kept secret until the announcement at the Awards Dinner on Saturday Night. The Top 20 Event Winner was Oscar, much to the delight of his owners, breeders and many other fans!

President's Message

Dear Dane Friends,

To those of you that will be traveling to the National this year, I wish you all Good Luck and Safe Travels. And to those of you that will be staying behind and going to the shows close by I wish you all Good Luck, as well.

We will be having a club meeting immediately following Best of Breed judging at the Sacramento Valley DFA show in Dixon on 10/28/06 – hope to see you there!

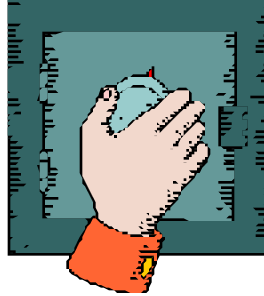
Our Annual Holiday & Awards Brunch is coming up on us very quickly! If you have a new title holder for 2006, please get me your information by November 12th. Titles for which awards are presented include:

- ✦ AKC title
- ✦ International title
- ✦ BIS/BISS award
- ✦ CGC (canine good citizen)
- ✦ Therapy dog title

Any title received after the cut off date and before January 1, 2007 will still receive an award for 2006. Be sure to notify me by 1/8/07 of any titles received between 11/12 and 1/1/07. Awards will be presented at this year's holiday party at the Pleasanton Hotel on Sunday, December 10th. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for this fun event. (See the Holiday & Awards Brunch Flyer elsewhere in this issue.)

The club is also holding a Rally workshop at Royce Farms on Saturday, November 4th. This is an excellent opportunity to see what Rally is all about and have some fun with your dog(s). We'll be offering a Rally trial at the 2007 GDCNC Specialty shows, so the workshop will be a great introduction to help you start training. We're lucky to have Kitty Kenyon and Debra Harper taking time out of their busy schedules to conduct the workshop for us. I hope to see you there to support this effort. More information on this event is in the flyer elsewhere in this issue.

Your Humble President,
Kathryn Netser




FINANCIAL REPORT

**Account balance
information is available
to members
upon request**

Cindee Carlson of Esquire Great Danes is proud to announce two litters she had at home over the summer — 8 puppies from Ch PCH Esq's The Smokin' Gun (Remington) x Rau's Every Cloud Has One v. Esq (Sterling), and 6 puppies from Cindee's new girl, Sunny — a daughter of Ch An Express Denali Zquake and Ch Notoriety's Broadway Baby. Cindee has a mantle girl and a harl girl - one from each litter.

Tashi (aka *Ch Legacy's High Society*) is the proud Mama of six lovely babies, born Sunday, October 14th: three brindle boys, one brindle girl, and two fawn girls! The sire is Am/Can *CH Whisper Hill's Tuff-E-Nuff*, known as Tuff-E to his friends. Mom and babies are doing great!!! Tashii's people (Kate Jackson, Sharon McCrary and her breeder, Marnie

Oscar Goes Best In Show!

 **Oscar** (BIS BISS Am/Can CH Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset HOF) was awarded **BEST IN SHOW** at the Santa Maria Kennel Club show on Sunday, October 8th. What an awesome win! And an incredible way to get psyched for the National, where Oscar he was awarded an AOM and won the Top 20 Event! HUGE congrats to owners Lorraine Matherly, Jane Chopson, and owner-breeders Steve Stevens & David Vitagliano! You can see Oscar's fabulous BIS picture here: <http://www.greatdaneclub.org/Our%20Dogs/Oscar.htm>.



REMINDER



GDCNC membership fees for 2007 are due by November 1st
Membership will be terminated if not received by November 30th

In Show News...

Maxwell is now **CHAMPION Payaso's Secret Star - Agent 86!** Maxwell picked up his final two points to finish at the Gold Country KC show on September 2nd, much to the delight of his people Andy and Debbie Port. Two weeks later, Max completed his International Championship, getting V-1 ratings in each of the four IABCA shows. Next on the slate for Max? Putting a title at the end of his name. Good luck to Andy and Maxwell as they pursue their rally goals!

Saturday's show in Grass Valley was certainly a memorable one for the Netsers! **Elliot** was **Best Bred By Exhibitor In Show!** Elliot picked up another win at the Santa Maria show where he was WD and BOW under breeder-judge Arlene Davis. Elliot's littermate **Summer** (CH KC Danes Gone With The Wind) has been wow-ing judges as a Special, taking back-to-back Breed wins at the Gold Country and Redwood Empire KC shows. She picked up another BOB at the Channel City KC show. Summer is owned by Loy Ann Querin-Jones and is handled by Linda Matson. Elliot and Summer are just two of the KC Danes Brat Pack (BISS CH Windy Hills Gold Plated x CH Sherons Betty D Grandy) that have really shined in the ring!

The Gold Country KC in Grass Valley shows were good ones for several dub members! **Tyra** (Cadrmn Ptmd's Fashion Statement) was WB and BOW for two points on Saturday under judge Linda Riedel. Tyra was bred by Renee Broden and Lisa Ham and is owned by Renee.

While Tyra was collecting conformation points, Terri Burley-Hammond was putting **Norma Jean** through the paces in the Rally ring. CH Daneridge-Tered Some Like It Hot qualified — her first time competing! — and now has one leg toward her Rally Novice title. Congrats to Terri and Norma Jean!

Also in Grass Valley, **Teaks** (Ashlex's Caribbean Soul V Legacy) picked up a point going WB under judge John Ramizez. She was expertly handled by owner Sharon McCrary. Earlier this month in Roseville at the Donner Trail KC show, judge Terry Goldman found Teakies for another point. Obviously, Ms. Goldman was forgiving of handler errors, as owner Kate Jackson was on the end of the lead.

There's a new Champion in the Mulligan household! **Nellie** (who is now known as **CHAMPION Daynakin's No It All V Paradise**) picked up a win in Petaluma at the Redwood Empire KC show under judge Bill Whaling. A few weeks later in Carson City, Nellie was Winners Bitch at the Bonanza KC show to finish under judge Sharon Zaker. Talk about early success! Nellie was a move-up Special the following week at the Donner Trail show where she went BREED over several Specials! Whoa, Nellie! Way to go!

Breeder/maternal grandma Barbara Kreszyn and paternal grandma Judi Grimaldi are very excited about how their grandkids have been doing in the ring lately! **Bear** (B & K's Back To The Future), who is owned by Judi, was Winners Dog in San Rafael at the Sir Francis Drake show and again at the Bonanza KC show in Carson City. His brother **Hummer** (B And K I Am The General), who is owned by Patti Lehmkuhl, took Reserve to Bear on Saturday in Carson City — and on Sunday was awarded Winners Dog and Best of Winners! Also in Carson City, the boys' half-sister B And K **Chico** was WB, BOW and BOS. The following weekend in Roseville, Chico's brother **Stan** (B And K Stanford) was WD and BOW. Chico and Stan are owned by breeder Barbara Kreszyn and co-owned with Judi Grimaldi and Ruth Yaffe. Bear, Hummer, Chico and Stan were all sired by the Grimaldi's Nash (CH Oneida's Nash Bridges). Bear and Hummer are out of Sunshine (Dynakindanlind Freya B And K); Stan and Chico are out of Vassar (CH B And K Vassar).



More Show News

Dr Peter Emily found **Nikki** (Daynakin's National Treasure) on Saturday in Petaluma at the Redwood Empire KC show, awarding her Winners Bitch and Best of Winners. Nikki was beautifully handled by owner Pat Gallup. She was bred by Georgia Hymmen and Elyse Kelly and is owned by Pat and Bob Gallup and Georgia Hymmen.

Cindee Carlson is awfully proud of her grandbaby **Cadet!** The 9-month-old Remington daughter (Pride Esq's Courage Under Fire) owned by Darcy Hudman of Pride Great Danes & Cindee was awarded Best Puppy at the Great Dane Club of Western Washington Specialty on September 22nd.

At the Two Cities Kennel Club shows in Yuba City last week, **G And D's Film Noir** took back-to-back wins going Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Opposite from the Open Harlequin class under judges Kim Meredith-Cavanna and Arley Hussin. She was bred by and is owned by Donnell & Giovanni Giambastiani.

The Moffet's big and handsome brindle dog **Higgins** (Allegro Delta Breeze You R The Top!) was Winners Dog under judge Arley Hussin at the Two Cities Kennel Club show in Yuba City last weekend. As always, he was perfectly presented by owner-handler Barbara Moffet. Higgins (CH Allegro Strauss x CH My Dane Allegro By Starlight) was bred by Suzanne & Ted Kelley.

As long as she was driving to Topeka for the National, Laura Munro figured she'd stop in Boise on the way and take in a few shows. Laura showed littermates **Chase** (Affaire's Storm Chaser) and **Tailor** (Affaire's Tail Of The Storm) at the Idaho Capital City KC and Lizard Butte KC shows. Chase was Winners Dog and Best Opposite at one of the shows, and Tailor was Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Bred By Exhibitor at one show and WB and BOS at a second. Congrats on some very nice breeder-owner handled wins!

The last couple of months have been difficult ones for the several club members who have had to say goodbye to their best friends.

The Labiaks lost their beloved Misha,

the Rings said farewell to their big, handsome brindle boy Price,

Colleen Leahy-Spears let her sweet Patrick go, and

Laura Munro kissed her grand old man Conner goodnight for the last time.

Our hearts go out to them...

Misha

October 20, 1998 ~ September 6, 2006

Patrick

Leahy's Patrick

Sept. 18, 2001 ~ October 2, 2006

Price

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September 10, 1995 ~ September 2006

Conner

BISS Ch Equus Diamonds Are Forever CQC

October 14, 1994 ~ October 9, 2006

More Show News

Lorraine Matherly's homebred young girls have been doing some nice winning. **Tess** (Lore J'Adore) has these recent wins to her credit:

- ❖ WB/BW/BOS under JoAnn Dutton at the Southern Oregon KC show
 - ❖ WB/BW/BOS under Rick Glendinning at the McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers show
- And **Kelly** (Lore's Kindred Spirit) boasts:
- ❖ Best Puppy & Puppy Group 2 under Diane Anderson at the Sir Francis Drake KC Show
 - ❖ WB under Arlene Davis at the Santa Maria KC show

Tess was sired by CH My-Jon's Valentino V Riverlor and Kelly's daddy is Oscar. Both girls are out of Lola (CH G'Nhydane's La Terremotos of Lore).

Bathing Tips for Dogs

- ♦ Always use a good quality pet shampoo, or a mild dishwashing detergent like Joy. NEVER use human shampoo unless it's an emergency - the pH is wrong and it will dry out your pet's coat.
- ♦ If you bathe your dog indoors in a bathtub, it is worth installing the kind of shower head that is on the end of a hose. You can often find them on sale \$10 to \$15. Just unscrew the shower head, and screw on the hose. It usually takes about 5 minutes to install one. If you don't want to use it yourself, leave it on the hanger while you take a shower - the shower head works just like a regular one except the hanger will usually position it a few inches higher than the old one - which is generally a good thing! The shower attachments that stick on to the faucet do work, but have a tendency to pop off.
- ♦ Dilute your shampoo! This not only makes the shampoo last longer, but cuts your rinsing time in half. If you have a long haired breed, dilute the shampoo in a cup or squirt bottle - at least 4 parts water to 1 part shampoo. With "concentrated" shampoos you can dilute up to 10 to 1 and they'll still lather well.
- ♦ If you have a short haired breed, use a washcloth to apply the shampoo. It helps get the dead hair out faster also.
- ♦ Restrain your pet! If you're bathing outdoors, either get someone to hold the leash or tie the dog to something SECURE that he can't drag away. A better option is to "cross-tie" him like the horse people do - snap 2 leashes to his collar (make sure the collar can't slip over his head) and tie each leash to a secure object on either side of the dog. This keeps him from backing away or wrapping himself around things. If you're bathing in a tub, tie the dog to the soap dish handle or get one of those rings that suction cup to the wall. If you're not struggling to keep the dog in place, you'll both be calmer and the bath will go much faster.
- ♦ Do NOT put your pet in a tub of standing water! This is the classic picture of bathing a dog but there's a reason the people in those pictures are soaking wet. Use running water from a hose or a shower head. Plus, it doesn't work to use soapy standing water to "rinse" the animal.



See more of Keri Lyn's art at <http://www.kerilyn.com>

- ♦ Use a washcloth to clean the face and whiskers - many animals panic if you spray water in their face, and none of them like it! Use the same washcloth to wipe out the ears.
- ♦ Use lukewarm water whenever possible - don't bathe your dog outdoors if it's cold. However, if your pet has allergic skin problems, it can help to soothe the skin to make the final rinse a cool (NOT cold!) one.
- ♦ Rinse, rinse, rinse. When you think you've gotten all of the soap out, rinse ONE MORE TIME. Residual soap may make your pet itchy, and will DEFINITELY make him get dirty again faster. This is why installing a shower head is worth it - it is MUCH more time consuming to rinse adequately using a bucket and cup. It can be done, but it just takes longer.
- ♦ After you've rinsed the dog, do a final rinse using one part distilled white vinegar to one part water. Pour that over the dog and then do a quick rinse with water. The vinegar cuts any soap residue.
- ♦ Take a second during or after the bath to check your pet's nails and teeth too. Check the feet for burrs or ticks.

GDCNC presents its first-ever

Rally Workshop

Saturday, November 4th at 10am

Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

Debra Harper, a Rally & Obedience Instructor with over 20 years of experience in professional dog training, will lead the workshop. She'll be assisted by several Rally enthusiasts to offer lots of individual instruction. Rally-titled dogs will be available to demonstrate the various exercises.

Workshop participants will have a chance to walk through sample courses multiple times. No previous Rally experience is required to participate; however, your dog should know how to walk loosely on a lead. Solid heels, sits, downs and stays would certainly be an advantage.

**GDCNC will be offering Rally at its
2007 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows —
we hope to see LOTS of participation!!!**



GDCNC Holiday & Awards Brunch

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2006

Place The Pleasanton Hotel
Main Street, Pleasanton

Time: 9:30 AM until 1:00pm

Food: Champagne Brunch
All You Can Eat & Drink
A GREAT BIG SMORGASBORD of Food

Optional: If you want to participate in the great fun of our gift exchange, please bring a wrapped \$20-ish gift (dog-related or not). And let the games begin!

Cost: \$25.00* for Club Members
if Paid by 12/01/06
(includes Tax & Tip)



* The GDCNC has again voted to pay the difference for early reservations. Space is limited! We've sold out the last several years so please... **Reserve Now!!!**

Contact Ann for Reservations:

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Name: _____ **Number in Party:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____



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Calendar of Events

GDCNC Meeting

Saturday, October 28th
Following Great Dane Judging
at the Sacramento DFA Show in Dixon

Rally Workshop

Saturday, November 4th at 10am
Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton

GDCNC Business Meeting

(Officers & Board Only)
Saturday, November 18th
Time & Location TBA

Holiday & Awards Brunch

Sunday, December 10th
at 9:30am

See enclosed flyer for details!