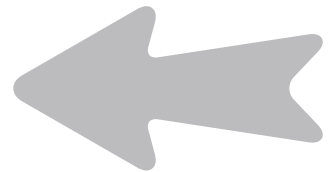


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Dog News: Priorities

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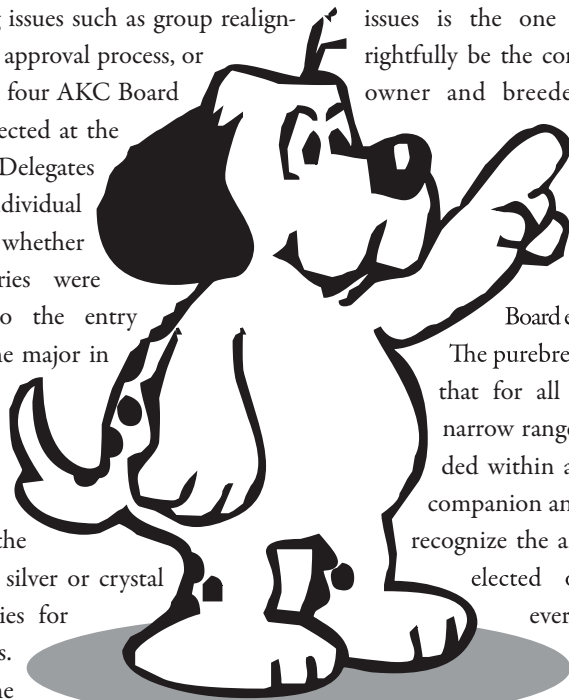
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The purebred dog community tends to focus on supposed pressing issues such as group realignment, the judging approval process, or candidates for the four AKC Board positions to be elected at the March 2009 Delegates meeting. Individual exhibitors fret whether their show entries were received prior to the entry deadline and if the major in bitches will hold at the shows this weekend. Club show committees agonize over the choice of sterling silver or crystal for Group trophies for their annual shows. What is lost in the



concentration on these seemingly important issues is the one prevailing issue that must rightfully be the concern of every purebred dog owner and breeder, the right to own and breed dogs responsibly. If we lose the right to keep dogs, then trophies and judges selection committee decisions and the politics of AKC Board elections become superfluous.

The purebred dog fancy must understand that for all of our self interest in our narrow range of activities, we are embedded within a much larger community of companion animal owners. We tend not to recognize the animal-related issues faced by elected officials because we view everything through the "lens" of responsible dog owners. We do everything right in the

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Important Reminder:

Dues are due! Be sure to get them in. Unpaid memberships will laps. No exceptions.



The Litter BOX

River x Tonka

Valinor Great Danes is proud to announce the birth of 8 puppies (four boys and four girls) on October 11, 2008.

The all black litter was out of Valinor-Cheshire's For The Ride "Tonka" and Ch. WYSIWYG-Valinor's River of Dreams "River" and was ably whelped by Jan and Bob Purdy with assistance from Lorrie Spencer. They are all natural eared puppies just like their mom (big grin).

Kiana x Indy

Valinor Great Danes is proud to announce the birth of 8 puppies (2 boys and 6 girls) on October 28, 2008. The litter is out of Ch. Valinor's N' Our Wildest Dreams "Indy" and Valinor's Kiana Raven Spirit "Kiana". Everett and Jan will be heading to Alaska to pick up their puppy at the end of December when the weather promises to be exceptionally nice.

Adelaide Great Danes welcome new family member

John and Jenny Kenton recently welcomed in their new brindle puppy, Cinnamon (Divine Acres Sugar and Spice Girl) in to their home. Her Sire is Rojon's Dynast O'Northwind and her Dam is Ch Divine Acres Daddy's Girl.



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way we own, keep and breed our dogs, so why the spate of negative legislation related to dog ownership? What has to be recognized is that there exist legitimate public policy concerns related to pet ownership that must rightfully be addressed by elected officials. Responsible purebred dog owners are doomed to continually fight negative canine legislation unless and until we acknowledge that problems related to dog ownership prevail in

our communities and we must commit to work collectively with elected officials to address these problems.

Our fascination with the "animal rights movement" as the source of all threats to dog ownership sometimes impedes our ability to establish relationships with elected officials to address issues related to irresponsible dog ownership. The existence of an ideologically motivated and well-funded animal

rights movement is well documented and constitutes a very real threat to animal ownership. That said, the majority of dog-related legislation is not forwarded to serve an animal rights agenda but is instead promulgated to deal with problems caused

by irresponsible dog owners.

Leash laws are necessary because some individuals refuse to confine their dogs and allow their dogs to roam at large. If a neighbor has a dog that barks

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incessantly an individual most assuredly might appear before the city council or the county commission demanding that a nuisance ordinance be adopted to restore tranquility in the neighborhood. Animal cruelty legislation is in place in all fifty states because some individuals treat animals inhumanely and maintain animals in substandard conditions. Breed specific ban or restriction ordinances are the most frequently introduced negative canine legislation initiatives in the United States and these ordinances are almost always

the result of a dog attack or severe mauling in a community. Breed specific legislation is wrong-headed and must be opposed whenever introduced but the purebred dog community must concurrently support well-written dangerous dog legislation to deal with problem dogs, regardless of breed. Community safety is paramount; we should all be able to walk the streets of our community without the threat of dog attack. All of the above cited legislative initiatives stem from the prevailing problem faced by elected officials in seeking to assure quality of life in their communities, the irresponsible dog owner. I have been criticized for using the term "irresponsible dog owner," with the view that such terminology only feeds and supports the position of the animal rights movement. My response to such an allegation is that most of the legislative battles responsible dog owners have to contest are caused by the actions of irresponsible dog owners. We must fight to protect the right to own and breed dogs responsibly and must consider each piece of proposed legislation to assure that right, but we must not concurrently expend our limited political capital with elected officials by seeming to defend the indefensible actions of irresponsible dog owners. Mandatory spay/neuter (MSN) legislation is the most far-reaching and potentially threatening of legislative initiatives. Everyone in the purebred dog community is



aware of California Assembly Bill 1634 introduced in February 2007 and defeated in August 2008. What is likely less well known is that state-level MSN legislation was introduced in New Mexico in 2007 and in Arizona, New Jersey, Virginia and Massachusetts in 2008.

State legislatures in six states across two years considered MSN bills and in each instance MSN was rejected.

While state-level MSN has failed, multiple local jurisdictions have adopted MSN ordinances.

Mandatory spay/neuter legislation is most assuredly part of the animal rights agenda but the arguments in support of MSN resonate with elected officials because of the number of animal shelter intakes, euthanasia rates and the costs of operating shelters. The

reality is that shelter intakes and euthanasia rates have decreased across the past fifteen years in most jurisdictions, but elected officials can succumb to the panacea offered by MSN as a solution to perceived shelter population issues.

Mandatory spay/neuter initiatives allow the purebred dog community to articulate the wrong-headedness of MSN and concurrently demonstrate our commitment to responsible dog ownership and our willingness to engage elected officials in solutions to shelter population issues.

Many AKC-affiliated clubs are actively involved with their local shelters by providing funding and volunteers. We must recognize that local governmental entities daily deal with a range of shelter intakes not related to purebred dogs but part of a larger pet

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Midas "kids" win across the country!

Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch

From the Midas x Maya litter:

Artemis (Int'l CH. CaMe Golden Deity v Olymp) - WB/BOW for 3 pts at the Sac. Valley DFA show under Mr. James Deppen! Earlier, she was WB for 1 pt. at the Two Cities show under Mr. William Mooney (AUS).

Her brother, Scooby (BPIG Can CH. CaMe California Dream), also picked up a 3 pt major at a Specialty show in New York. He now has 13 AKC pts and just needs the last major to finish.

From the Midas x Belle litter:

Rhea (Amare's Earthly Pleasure v Olympus) - takes WB/BOW TWICE at the shows in Greeley, CO under Mr. Adrian Woodfork and Ms. Margaret Downey. Rhea is on the hunt for the majors now. Owned by Bob Santimays & Denise Williams.

From the Midas x Hannah litter:

Mesha (Marcliff's Golden Touch From Olympus) - wins back-to-back WB at the Donner Trail shows under Ms. Judy Harrington and Ms. Madeline Fish. Then on to the Two Cities show for WB/BOW and another point under Mrs. Eva Berg! Bred by Nancy Hawkes. Owned by Sherri Moore and Nancy Hawkes

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population issue, with the potential to impact public policy decisions not favorable to the purebred dog community. Animal shelter population is a multi-faceted issue with a marked division between dog and cat intakes and the percentage of feral cats within the shelter population. What is obvious from all the available shelter intake data is that purebred dogs remain a very small percentage of intakes at any animal shelter. Purebred dog rescue groups will, if allowed, collect and place any purebred dogs received by a shelter. The purebred dog community must extend our commitment beyond rescue of purebred shelter dogs to include active involvement to address sources of dogs entering shelters. The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA) conducts surveys across a range of topics related to pet ownership. Their 2005-2006 survey determined that more than 70% of owned dogs are spayed or neutered. The vast majority of dog owners surveyed decided that spaying or neutering was the right decision for their pet. This decision was completely voluntary, without any mandate from governmental entities. What should be recognized is that this is aggregate-level data combining all segments of society, not separated by socio-economic status. It is logical to conclude that as income and education increases, so does the propensity to spay or neuter a household pet. What remains is the reality that low income families may well have a dog as a pet but their likelihood to spay or neuter would be well below the 70% aggregate level. Many AKC-affiliated clubs are active participants in issues related to their local shelters. These clubs recognize that shelter intakes of dogs directly relates to the propensity of local elected officials to consider a range of breeding restrictions including intact animal permits, breeders permits and mandatory spay/neuter. In response, many clubs contribute to funding low cost spay/neuter clinics to assist economically-disadvantaged families to spay or neuter their pets. These clubs recognize that what happens at their local shelter can impact public policy decisions. When the purebred dog community is perceived by elected officials as actively involved in shelter issues we gain a "seat at the table" whenever public policy issues related to dog ownership are considered. We gain credibility when we acknowledge pet ownership issues outside our narrow perspective of purebred dog ownership and our club activities.

We can either expend efforts in a completely defensive mode reacting to negative canine legislative issues or we can acknowledge that we are part of a much larger pet ownership community. What happens in that larger pet ownership community directly impacts our right to own and breed dogs responsibly. We can present ourselves and our clubs as responsible dog owners willing to assist elected officials in dealing with the very real public policy decisions related to animals or we can wait and react to negative legislation. The choice is ours and it is a matter of priorities.

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Elections are Coming Up!

Watch for a letter in the mail from the nominating committee.



Meeting Minutes

September 20th Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on September 20, 2008, at 11:05 a.m. by Kathryn Netser. In attendance were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Peter Fredotovich, Everett Van Dyken, Dana Wardner, Mabel Labiak, Jane Chopson, Laura Craig, Nancy Hawkes, Bill Labiak, Conley Netser, Brittany Williams, and 10 other GDCNC members. Pepper Riddle was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

There were no guests.

MINUTES—On a motion by Everett Van Dyken, seconded by Pete Fredotovich, the minutes of August 9, 2008 were approved as amended:

REPORT OF COMMITTEES: Show – Everett and Pete Fredotovich will meet with Jean Bell and Jim Curnett (not Elizabeth).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS:

Best of Opposite challenge trophies

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Kathryn Netser reported that November 16 is the cut-off date for 2008 new titleholders. The holiday brunch at the Pleasanton Hotel begins at 9:30 a.m. Kathryn will contact Ann English to confirm and get additional information.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Incoming:

- Email from Angela Silvestri regarding Rally Match in Santa Rosa on October 11, 2008 and a Corky Vroom Handling Seminar to be held in January 2009.
- Contact: www.silverthornmalinois.com
- Response letter from Senator Dave Cox to our letter opposing AB1634.

Outgoing:

- Welcome letters to Terri Dillistin and Nancy Brakowiecki
- GDCA 2010 National ballot: Eric Ringle, Connie Hunter, and Lisa DeRoulet.
- Futurity: Lorraine Matherly, David Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education

Barbara Moffett reported on progress of the breeding seminar in January 2009. See the GDCNC website for links to PayPal, hotels and more. Request to rent a charge card machine for the seminar, especially for book sales. On a motion by Jane Chopson, seconded by Pete Fredotovich, the Board approved for Barbara to purchase books in advance for resale at the seminar. Barbara requested to purchase GDCNC logo bags for distribution at the seminar—she will look into the cost and report back. She is also asking for help in sending information out via the internet to Northern California dog clubs. Please contact Barbara if you are interested in assisting. Overall, the seminar details are progressing well.

Terry Toops reported that the First Aid Class presented by Margie Trebino went well. Margie can use large stuffed animals for teaching her classes if anyone has some they are ready to part with.

Membership

Waiting for Steven and Greg to be published. Waiting for Corrine to be published. Bree Williams has submitted her application for a Junior membership with the GDCNC.

Show

- Show Chair, Everett Van Dyken needs volunteers.
- All set up to go at Sycamore Lane.
- One box of challenge trophies is missing. A motion to purchase replacement trophies of crystal/glassware for the missing trophies was tabled until a detailed list identifying the specific pieces missing is presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supported Entries—Everett Van Dyken made a motion to support Yosemite, Golden Valley and Woofstock; seconded by

Nancy Hawkes. Everett Van Dyken amended his motion to support Sierra Tuolumne-Yosemite for both Saturday and Sunday, support Golden Valley for Friday and Saturday, and Support Woofstock for all four days; seconded by Nancy Hawkes. Passed.

Supported Entries Committee consisting of Everett Van Dyken, Ceil Wardner, Bari Castello, and Jane Chopson.

Adding MBGDC specialty to the GDCNC back-to-back specialties—Everett Van Dyken shared discussion items among Pete Fredotovich, Jean Bell, Jim Curnett and himself. Everett Van Dyken made a motion, seconded by Jane Chopson, to join with MBGDC to do a three-day specialty in April of 2009. GDCNC members voiced their opinions on this subject. After discussion, Everett withdrew this motion.

Everett Van Dyken made new motion, seconded by Nancy Hawkes, to continue on with the joint committee comprised of both GDCNC and MBGDC members to come up with details for adding the MBGDC to the GDCNC specialty with a target date of 2010. Passed. This item will be brought back for a vote at a later time.

Carts for the specialty—Pete Fredotovich had researched and recommended that the club purchase an all terrain “rock ‘n roller” (cost of \$228) to be used at the specialty for hauling equipment. On a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Dana Wardner, the board approved the purchase of two carts at a cost not to exceed \$600. Passed. Pete Fredotovich offered to donate an air pump for the inflatable tires.



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ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Nominating Committee: President Kathryn Netser appointed Denise Williams, Conley Netser, and Ceil Wardner (Chair) as the Nominating Committee.

Dane Rescue support from GDCNC: Jane Chopson made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredotovich, to reinstate money back to the NorCal Dane Rescue. Jane amended that motion to state that \$500 a quarter would go directly to the NorCal Dane Rescue. Jane further amended the motion, seconded by Kathryn Netser, to state that GDCNC will match, dollar for dollar, up to \$1000, monies received from the GDCA trust for the NorCal Dane Rescue. 20-for; 1-opposed. Passed.

Members on website: It would be beneficial to the club for members to be listed on the website, either with or without contact information. Jane Chopson suggested in order to minimize spam, email addresses be published with an asterisk (*) in place of the @ sign. Email your information to Kate Jackson.

Members' dog pictures on website: We need more pictures of members' dogs on the website. They do not have to be show pictures; they don't even have to be Great Dane pictures. Email your pictures to Kate Jackson.

Meeting Schedule:

November 15, 2008 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—business meeting for Board and Officers only

Other—Holiday / Awards brunch December 7, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Hotel

January 31, 2009 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—Annual Meeting to elect board and officers

ADJOURNMENT

Everett Van Dyken moved that the meeting be adjourned; Nancy Hawkes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mabel Labiak, Recording Secretary

Be sure to get your brags in so we can share them in the next issue of the Barker!

Got Brags?

Braggs from the Gallup's

Tucker (Daynakin's Oh I'm Tuff Too) went W/D and BOW's for 1 pt. under Mr. Mooney @ Yuba City.

Izzy (Daynakin's Quite The Kisser) went W/B and BOW's for her 1st 3 pt. major out of the 9 to 12 mo. class under Mrs. Zuver @ Dixon. We were very excited about her win and would like to thank everyone who cheered and supported us.

Big Brags from Paxton Danes

New AKC Champion Brags!!

Kissinger is now CH Equiss Kiss N Mr Big Stuff. Kissinger finished by going WD for a 3 point major on Sept 5th at the Eugene Kennel Club under judges Robert Stein. All 100% owner/mom handled too! I am also pleased to share that Kissinger is the second Champion to grace our home and lives!

Braggs from the 2008 national and our upcoming starlets from our 'Chance' themed litter!!

We made the long 2500 mile trek to the national in Louisville KY with several puppies from our spring litter. Littermates Rylee (Paxton's Happen Chance), Piper (Paxton's Phat Chance), Lena (Paxton's A Chance Encounter At De Robles) and Linus (Paxton's Chance Spartan Glory) were present to represent our lovely litter in the Futurity. Our keeper girls Rylee and Piper showed their stuff and walked away with 3rd and 4th place in their class. Both girls were handled by me until the final placement, then Piper was guided by her friend Diane Collings to her forth place win! All the puppies from the litter made the cuts up until the placement in their very large 3 – 5month futurity classes of over 27 dogs and 35 bitches. Needless to say I am a very proud Grammy here !!

Schatzi's Dam, Grace, is awarded second place brood bitch at the National.

CH Schatzi (CH Shady Crk's Lady Smith N Wesson) was there with half sisters CH Chloe and Nadya to represent their dam Grace (Int Ch Shady Creek's Forever Yours) in the brood bitch class. Everyone was owner handled except Nadya, and Judge Dana Cline awarded a lovely veteran Grace with 2nd place out of the 9 Lovely ladies, represented by equally lovely get, in the brood bitch class.

Braggs from KC Danes

Jefferson –

Am /Int'l Ch. KC Danes National Treasure CGC took Best of Breed at the Redwood Empire show under Judge Stan Zielinski and at the Del Valle show under Judge Mrs. Judith Goodin. Jefferson AKA Jeff is out of BISS Ch. Windy Hills Gold Plated and Ch. Sherons Betty D Grandy ROM. Jeff lives with and is loved and cared for by Carrie Muir. He shares himself with Breeder/handler Kathryn Netser.

Zeva –

Int'l Ch. KC Danes The One'N Only earned her International Championship title in Antioch this September taking several group placements and an impressive Reserve Best In Show Bred By Exhibitor win. Zeva is out of BISS Ch. Avants Bon Chance V Weaver & KC Danes Americas Sweetheart CHIC. She was Bred by Kathryn & Conley Netser and lives with and is loved by the Netser household where she thinks she is the top princess. Even her Grandma Betty spoils her.

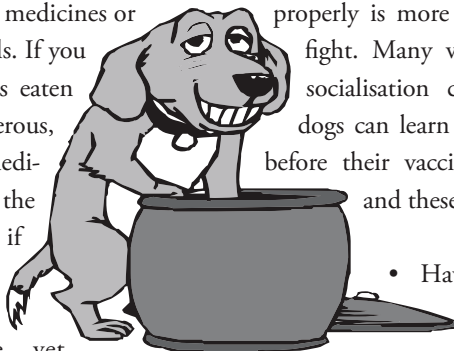
Introducing Laney –

KC Danes newest puppy hopeful "Int'l Puppy Ch. KC Danes Delaney River" earned her International Puppy Championship in Antioch taking five group 1 placements in the Bred By Exhibitor puppy ring and Best Puppy Ring. Laney finished her first weekend showing with an Awesome Best In Show Bred By Exhibitor Puppy win. Laney also took a Group 3 at the Idaho Capital puppy match in October. Laney was bred by Susan Douglas and Kathryn Netser, she is out of Ch. Sarjack's Ain't Whistlin Dixie ROM x Ch. KC Danes Mystic RiverLaney and Brother Mack "KC Danes Mackenzie River" will make their debut at an AKC show in December.

Hidden Dangers for your dog

"Prevention is better than cure" - and sometimes accidents can be avoided. Try to think ahead and foresee dangers, for example, by keeping household chemicals in a safe place. Dogs cannot think about the consequences of their actions - but you can think for them.

Among the most common problems are injuries following road accidents or dog-fights, and illnesses resulting from swallowing objects, medicines or household chemicals. If you think your dog has eaten something dangerous, contact the vet immediately (phone the emergency number if necessary). Keep any packaging so that you can tell the vet



exactly what the substance is. Do not try to make your dog sick without asking the vet. If your dog is staggering or fitting, clear away obstacles so he cannot hurt itself, and make the room dark and quiet.

Accidents out and about

- Traffic is one of the greatest dangers. Never let your dog out on his own. However well behaved your pet, always have your dog on a lead near the road. Train your dog to come when called (see

the All About Pets leaflet, Training (D16)). This is useful to get him away from potential hazards.

- Neutering reduces the risk of roaming - causing accidents - for both sexes, and also has health benefits

- Get your dog used to being with other dogs from an early age. A dog that does not know how to "introduce himself" properly is more at risk of being in a fight. Many vets now run "puppy socialisation classes" where young dogs can learn to make friends even before their vaccinations are complete and these are an excellent idea.

- Have regular (at least annual) check-ups at the vet. This visit may pick up hidden problems. It is better for the vet to discover that your dog has a heart problem than to be stranded on a weekend walk in the middle of the countryside with a semi-collapsed dog.

- Dogs love to chase sticks. However, catching a stick the wrong way can cause horrifying injuries, which can be very difficult to treat. Throw a plastic but indestructible object for your pet to chase

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Teddy is Taking Over!

I'd like to brag that at seven months, Teddy (Bayside Lore's Just and True), an Oscar son won three majors and two Best Puppy in Specialty in one weekend. He needs five singles to finish. He is owned and adored by Lorraine. His sister has no points, is still my favorite and she knows it!

-Lorraine

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- but choose something too large to swallow. Dog toys are much safer than sticks, easier to throw and more chewy!

- Choose rubber balls carefully. If they are small enough to fit inside the mouth, there is a risk of them lodging in the back of the throat during play and causing choking.

- Bones are not good for dogs. Every year so many dogs end up in vets' surgeries as a consequence of being given (or finding) a bone. Problems range from a gastrointestinal upsets to life-threatening illness if

chunks wedge in the gullet or bowel. Give specially designed indestructible chews instead. Put a heavy top on your

kitchen bin to prevent your dog getting leftover bones.

- Grass seeds - the ones that look like barley ears - are rarely life threatening, but they commonly enter ears and stick in feet. Check your dog after a walk and remove them. Trim feathered ears and paws so that long hairs do not trap seeds.

- Carry your dog on escalators, as it is easy for their feet to become trapped, and appalling injuries may result.

- Protect balconies or windows as falls may cause multiple fractures or even kill.

- Whenever you see your dog chewing an unidentified item, beware! Every vet knows that peach stones, conkers, sweet-corn cobs, fabric, rubber teats from comforters and chunks of toys or balls may cause a potentially fatal bowel blockage. Protect electric cables - especially if you have a puppy - as chewing these can be fatal.

- If your pet likes swimming, then avoid ponds where algae - a blue-green or green paint-like scum - is growing. Some types produce toxins that can be irritants, or

even lethally poisonous. And do not forget that although most dogs like water, not all dogs are good swimmers! Dogs can and do drown in rivers and the sea. Those that have been in "near drowning" situations should see a vet, as complications can develop following inhalation of water.

- It is not only dogs shut in cars that get heat stroke - although dogs should never be left in cars in the summer, even if the windows are slightly open. Vigorous play on a hot day can be enough to bring it on, especially in short nosed breeds such

as boxers and Pekingese, or in pets that are overweight. Consider clipping dogs with thick coats.

- Areas of sparse hair are at risk of sunburn. Exposing white-coloured areas of coat to the sun may increase the likelihood of skin cancer. Either keep your dog indoors between 10.00am and 4.00pm, or use a sunblock. Buy a special sunblock from your vet or use unscented waterproof sunblock of at least factor 15. Sometimes vulnerable areas can be covered by a T-shirt.

Most accidents occur at home!

- Keep all cleaning and garden chemicals safely shut away, and keep your dog out of the way when you are using them. Be especially careful with slug pellets and firelighters, as the chemical in these is highly toxic. Antifreeze and de-icer fluids taste sweet, but are also poisonous. Rat poison is obviously dangerous - and eating dead poisoned rats is another way of swallowing it. Many rat poisons are colour coded. If you know the colour of the bait or have the packaging available, tell the vet. Seek advice even if your pet seems unharmed,

Valinor Update

We took a road trip to Oregon in September and are proud to report that we received three majors at the four-day show cluster in Eugene held September 4-7. On Friday under Judge Mark Van Alstyne, Valinor-Cheshire's For The Ride "Tonka" earned WD for his second major.. Tonka is owned by Shalein Bonney and Everett Van Dyken and is out of Ch. Valinor's Pink Floyd and Ch. Valinor's I'll Take You There.

On Saturday under Judge Robert Stein, Valinor's Rebel Yell "Billie" took her first points and a three-point major by going BOW/BOS. Billie took her second major on Sunday under Judge Kim Meredith-Cavanna. Billie is out of Ch. Valinor's Pink Floyd and Ch. Valinor's I'll Take You There. She is owned by Everett Van Dyken and Lorrie Spencer. Billie is always superbly handled by Terri Dillistin.

Billie earned her third major at the Bonanza KC (Reno) show on September 27 under Judge Tomas Gomez. She then went Winner's Bitch at the Del Valle KC show under Judge Judith Goodin on October 19 for a single point.

We are proud of our little girl and her handler, Terri!

Financial Report

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as the effects are often not immediate.

- As with people, dogs are vulnerable to carbon monoxide poisoning. This colourless, odourless gas is present in car exhaust and the fumes of incorrectly maintained fuel-fired heaters. If your dog sleeps next to the boiler, make sure it is regularly serviced. You can buy carbon monoxide detectors from hardware stores. Signs of poisoning include drowsiness, lethargy and weakness. Remove the patient to fresh air immediately and then straight to the vet.
- Dogs can also suffer from smoke inhalation in house fires. Animals rescued from burning buildings should be taken to the vet for an immediate check-up.
- During and after parties be aware that alcohol and cigarette butts (or illegal drugs) may harm your dog. If there are fireworks, it is not just the flashes and bangs that you should keep your pet away from; fireworks are poisonous if chewed.
- Always read the label before you give your pet any medicines. Never give your dog human medicines and put them away from reach so they are not chewed. Painkillers such as ibuprofen and paracetamol are particularly dangerous. Vitamin and mineral supplements can

also be dangerous, particularly iron tablets and products containing zinc.

- Only ever give your dog medicines that have been prescribed by the vet. Follow the label instructions carefully, and phone the vet if you aren't sure what to do. "One tablet twice a day" does not mean two tablets together in the morning. Be especially careful with "palatable" tablets that have been designed to be tasty - dogs can find them all too tempting!
- Read the instructions on flea products carefully. Check that the product is to be used on the animal - never use a spray intended for use around the house.
- Batteries of all types are dangerous if swallowed.
- Always keep your dog away from home products such as paint and varnish removers, rust remover, glues, and fire extinguisher chemicals as they can all cause poisoning. Cosmetic products, such as perfumes and aftershaves contain substances that are harmful if eaten.



You are what you eat!

Keep your dog out of the kitchen when you are cooking. Dogs are naturally interested in human activity, and accidental spills of hot fat or oil and boiling water can cause horrific injuries that can leave permanent damage. Dogs that eat bread dough as it is rising experience initial discomfort as the dough rises in the stomach, and may then be poisoned by chemicals produced as the dough ferments. Homemade playdough can be even more dangerous because of its high salt content. Well-meaning attempts to encourage healthy bones in big dogs by giving vitamin or mineral supplements have been linked to problems. Particularly if given in excess, some scientists believe that these may actually cause bone and joint problems. If you have a large or giant breed puppy, such as a great Dane, discuss a feeding plan with your vet, as there is some evidence that excessive feeding may cause bone and joint diseases. Chocolate can be toxic, sometimes in quite small quantities. Dark chocolate, cooking chocolate and cocoa powder, even in quite small quantities can

make your pet unwell. Milk chocolate is less dangerous, but can produce symptoms depending on the amount. A medium sized bar eaten by a small dog can be enough - so be wary at Christmas when dogs may chew through wrapping. Symptoms include: vomiting, restlessness, twitchiness and walking difficulties. Some cases are fatal. Raisins, if eaten in large quantities, can also cause poisoning - as can macadamia nuts. Onions - raw, cooked or the growing plants - are also poisonous.

In the garden

There is an endless list of poisonous plants. It is best to keep an eye on your dog when he is out, and avoid letting him chew on anything. If you see your dog chewing a plant, use a favourite toy as a distraction - chasing and shouting can deter your dog from chewing a potentially poisonous plant. Azalea, daffodil, dieffenbachia, rhododendron and yew are among the more toxic plants encountered. Horse chestnut twigs, leaves, and conkers can also be poisonous. Garden bone meal - provided that it does not contain fertiliser or insecticides - can cause gastrointestinal upset even when eaten in small amounts. Large quantities can produce a blockage of the bowel. If you are gardening with bone meal, the smell can attract the interest of "dogs that dig", which may be unfortunate if what you are planting is toxic, such as daffodil or autumn crocus bulbs. Snacking from the compost heap can cause illness - the moulds in decaying compost can produce vomiting, twitching, tremors and worse.

Further information

For further information and advice on caring for your pet or horse visit www.allaboutpets.org.uk, the national pet care information service. Alternatively, you can write to us at the address below to request a list of available leaflets. All About Pets is provided by The Blue Cross, Britain's pet charity. We rely entirely on your support to enable us to continue our vital work. Any contribution would be most welcome.

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Great Dane Club of Northern California



Breeders Symposium

with

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

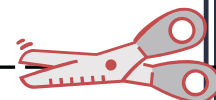
Dr. Robert Van Hutchinson, *Canine Reproduction*

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

Where: Lakewood School
1100 North Ham Lane
Lodi, CA 95242

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

Registration Deadline: 12/20/08



Please mail completed registration form with payment to: GDCNC, 8330 Haughtly Lane, Valley Springs, CA 95252
or

Visit www.greatdaneclub.org to register online & pay with Paypal

Registration and payment must be received by December 20, 2008

No refunds will be given in the event you cannot attend

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

01/10/09 ~ 01/11/09 Breeders Symposium 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: _____

Inquiries to Barbara Moffett (DeltaBreeze@gotnet.net or 209.772.9447)

Meeting Minutes

November 15th Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on November 15, 2008, at 11:05 a.m. by Kathryn Netser. In attendance were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Peter Fredotovich, Ceil Wardner (Acting Treasurer for Dana Wardner), Mabel Labiak, Laura Craig, Nancy Hawkes, Bill Labiak, Conley Netser and Brittany Williams. Everett Van Dyken and Dana Wardner were excused. Jane Chopson and Pepper Riddle were absent.

MINUTES

On a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Bill Labiak, the minutes of September 20, 2008 were approved as presented. Passed.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

new standing rule.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Kathryn Netser reported that the Annual Meeting date is set for January 31, 2009 at Royce Farms.

On a motion by Kathryn Netser, seconded by Conley Netser, the Board approved naming Jane Chopson an Honorary/Founding member. Passed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget

The Acting Treasurer, Ceil Wardner, provided a copy of the 2008 budget. After deliberation of the GDCNC's financial goals and needs for 2009, Bill Labiak made a motion, seconded by Conley Netser, to accept the 2009 Budget as proposed. Passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Nominating

Ceil Wardner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, respectfully submitted the following nominees for the six (6) vacancies of officers, board members, and the delegate:

President - Nancy Hawkes
Corresponding Secretary - Everett Van Dyken
Vice President - Peter Fredotovich
Recording Secretary - Mabel Labiak
Treasurer - Bill Labiak
Delegate - Jane Chopson
Board: Laura Craig, Pat Dousman,
Jenny Kenton, Terry Toops

Education

GDCNC logo tote bags will cost from \$1.00 to \$1.50 each. Need to get more information from Barbara Moffett regarding how many needed and necessary lead time to order.

Membership

Steven, Greg, Corrine and Bree need to be published in next issue of the Barker.

Show

· Laura Craig volunteered to solicit for donations to the Welcome Bags. Pete Fredotovich, Conley Netser and Ceil Wardner volunteered to help stuff the bags.
· There was discussion about the new grounds layout at Sycamore Lane. The Show Committee will request a walk-through of the site prior to the Specialty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supported Entries—There was discussion about appropriate trophies/prizes for the GDCNC supported entries at Woofstock, Golden Valley and Sierra Tuolumne-Yosemite. Ceil Wardner is handling purchase of trophies/prizes.

Detailed list of missing challenge trophies—Everett Van Dyken and Pat Gallup are to make a detailed list of the missing trophies, including the BOS challenge trophy.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBER

none

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Rules: On a motion by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Brittany Williams, the Board approved the following standing rule(s):

Part 1—The mid-summer publication of the Barker will include an article stating that if a member in good standing is interested in being considered by the Nominating Committee for a GDCNC open position on the board, an officer, or a delegate, to inform either the President or Vice President of the GDCNC of your interest and the position you are interested in holding.

Part 2—Within one week of the Nominating Committee being appointed, a letter will be sent to all membership announcing who is on the Nominating Committee and to contact a committee member if interested in being on the list of nominees, including the position you are interested in holding.

Meeting Schedule:

January 31, 2009 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—Annual Meeting to elect officers, board and delegate
February 21, 2009 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—open meeting
March 21, 2009 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—open meeting
May 16, 2009 at Vallejo (after BOB)—open meeting

Dues Deadline: Brittany Williams will put a reminder in the upcoming Barker that dues must be paid by November 30, 2008 for the fiscal year 2009 or membership will lapse and those wishing to be members of the GDCNC must reapply for membership. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Labiak moved that the meeting be adjourned; Nancy Hawkes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mabel Labiak,
Recording Secretary





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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.

Kathryn Netser President (2009)	knetser@exelics.com kcdanes@comcast.net
Peter Fredotovich Vice President (2009)	Pete@rickermachinery.com
Everett Van Dyken Corresponding Secretary (2009)	valinor@caltel.com
Dana Wardner Treasurer (2009)	cnddanes@aol.com
Mabel Labiak Recording Secretary (2009)	billlab@earthlink.net
Jane Chopson GDCA Delegate (2009)	janechopson@cs.com
Laura Craig (2009)	jcyclaura@sbcglobal.net
Nancy Hawkes (2010)	hawkes9@yahoo.com
Bill Labiak (2009)	billlab@earthlink.net
Conley Netser (2010)	kcdanes@comcast.net
Pepper Riddle (2009)	Pepper@necards.com
Brittany Williams (2010)	Brittany@ioneca.net

Calendar Of Events

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