

# GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA



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# Riverbirch's Southern Rayne

*A Southern Belle is not made,  
she is born.*

*The epitome of elegance, grace,  
and charm.*



*As a good southern belle, she is charming the judges!*

We are very excited about this little girl. Rayne is a great little package, moves beautifully and is very smart!!  
Thanks for the opportunity to share her success (so far) with all the GDCC members.

Many thanks to the following judges for her April "Rayne" wins:

RWB NEOKC 4/10 Judge: James E. Frederiksen

WB NEOKC 4/11 Judge: Arley D. Hussin

WB/BOW/BOS 4/12 Judge: Mildred K. Bryant (pictured)

**Breeders:** Jennifer Tritschler-Jacobs  
Steven Jacobs

**Owners:** Karen Dwerlkotte-Ray  
Jennifer Tritschler-Jacobs

# CHANCE



## MULTIPLE BISS CH. DE ROBLES COLORADO CAPER CGC 2003 - 2009

A glimmer of puppy hope and promise .... He was larger than life to us, a promise fulfilled .... and then he was taken from us too soon. We let him go, knowing he had given us many of those first great moments that have the power to make your heart race and then take your breath away. He was everything a dane should be!

Although it was not easy to let him go, he passed with the dignity and grace that he deserved. We will never forget our sweet Chanceie-bear!

He finished at 12 months breeder/owner handled, was # 7 in the Top Twenty in 2005, and a great ambassador of the breed who was a wonderfully loyal and loving companion dog at home! His memory, qualities, and temperament live on in his beautiful children.

*Chance was bred, adored, loved, and always rem remembered by  
Shari & Ken Ziegenbein*

**OFFICERS:** (1-Year Term)

President:	Bruce Powell
1st Vice President:	Joy DeGruccio
2nd Vice President:	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
Treasurer:	Carole Horton
Recording Secretary:	Cathy Schaefer
Corresponding Secretary:	Vicki Kimbell 732 S. Gilbuck Drive Anaheim, CA 92802 (714) 774-477 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jvdanes@sbcglobal.net">jvdanes@sbcglobal.net</a>

**BOARD MEMBERS:** (2-Year Terms)

Maureen Rendall (2007)	John Garrison (2008)
Susie Powell (2007)	Jim Howey (2008)
Debbie Bent (2007)	Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett (2008)

**DELEGATE TO PARENT CLUB:** Dick Schaefer**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

<b>Awards Trophies:</b>	Susan Richards Mindy Donovan-Tandy
<b>Breeder Referral (Club Members Only)</b>	Shari Ziegenbein (805) 238-6034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mszig@tcsn.net">mszig@tcsn.net</a>
<b>Bulletin / Web-store:</b>	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
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<b>Education/Betterment of the Breed:</b>	Jackie White
<b>Event Publicity:</b>	Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett Mindy Donovan-Tandy
<b>Futurity:</b>	Penny Twaits
<b>Historian:</b>	Cindy Hurley
<b>Membership:</b>	Cathy Schaefer
<b>Puppy Match:</b>	Joy DeGruccio
<b>Raffle &amp; Silent Auction:</b>	Susie & Bruce Powell
<b>Show Banquet:</b>	As Assigned
<b>Show Facilities:</b>	As Assigned
<b>Specialty:</b>	Bruce Powell
<b>Ways &amp; Means:</b>	Robert & Leah Hayes
<b>Watchdog:</b>	Jerry Heap Laurie Twitchell
<b>Web-site:</b>	Jerry Tandy <a href="mailto:jerrytandy@earthlink.net">jerrytandy@earthlink.net</a>

**2009 GDCC Meeting Calendar**

September 26, 2009 (Saturday)	General Open Meeting Burbank Kennel Club (After Dane Judging) Location: Van Nuys, CA
November 18, 2009 (Wednesday)	General Closed Meeting & Board Meeting Location: Pepper Tree Café, Glendora, CA Time: 7:00pm
December 27, 2009	General Open Meeting/Awards & Christmas Dinner Location: Pomona Mining Company (Brunch !!)

**Directions to September General Open Meeting  
Saturday, September 26, 2009 — (After Dane Judging)  
Burbank Kennel Club Show  
L.A. Valley College  
5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA  
(Location To Be Announced At Ringside) (Judging: Ring #2 @ 10:35am)**

This meeting is **open** to guests.

**From Orange County:** Take "I-5" North Frwy to the "101" North Frwy to Coldwater Canyon exit. Turn right to Burbank Blvd. Turn left on Burbank Blvd. to Fulton Avenue. Turn right on Fulton Avenue. College is on the right.

**From Los Angeles:** Take CA "14" Frwy South to "I-5" South Frwy to "170" South Frwy. Take exit #8A/Oxnard St onto Laurel Canyon Blvd. Turn right on Oxnard Street. Turn left on Fulton Avenue. College is on the left.

**From Riverside:** Take "210" West Frwy to the "134" West to the "101" North Frwy to Coldwater Canyon exit. Turn right to Burbank Blvd. Turn left on Burbank Blvd. to Fulton Avenue. Turn right on Fulton Avenue. College is on the right.

*Note: Please remember to verify these directions yourself. They are from the internet and may not be accurate for your location.*

**Note:** The Great Dane Club of California recognizes that individual members may support any Great Dane Rescue efforts they choose; however, the Great Dane Club of California as a Club endorses the Great Dane Club of America's Rescue Programs.

*Thank you*

Many thanks to the kind wishes, flowers, and cards during this hard time with the loss of my father, Tom Donovan. Jerry, Scott, and I appreciate it very much.

*Mindy Donovan-Tandy*

## GDCC Awards & Deadlines

There are two important deadlines to keep in mind for this year's Award Nominations. Please note them down, so you don't miss them! The sooner you apply for your award(s) the better!

**November 6, 2009:** You may only apply for awards that have been earned on or before this date.

**November 13, 2009:** Please notify Susan Richards by this date (6:00pm) for any and all awards that you are eligible for during this past year.

For your convenience, the GDCC Award Rules have been included in this bulletin and will be posted shortly on the club web-site at: [http://gdcc.org/awards\\_rules.html](http://gdcc.org/awards_rules.html).

## New Club Award Is Now Offered

A new Club Award has been established that is effective for the 2009 awards. The "Total Package" Award for Breeders is detailed in the attached club award rules. Take advantage of this great award and submit your info to be one of its first recipients!

## Supported Entry - Sweepstakes & Puppy Match

Just a reminder that GDCC has a supported entry with Sweepstakes at the San Gabriel and Antelope Valley Kennel Club weekend. Remember to enter Sweeps! Sweeps judges are Donna Clark and Kathleen Davis.

And don't forget San Gabriel's annual puppy match the day before on October 30th. Always a bunch of fun! Check their premium list for details or visit <http://www.jbradshaw.com>.

## Membership Applications

The following applicants will be voted on at the November 18, 2009 Closed Meeting. If you are a sponsor, you need to attend this meeting. At least one of the sponsors will need to speak on behalf of these applicants.

**First Publication: Natalie & Bryan Ballreich**

Sponsors: Maren Cornish  
Mindy Donovan-Tandy

## Nomination Committee

Four (4) nominees plus an alternate will be nominated at the September General Meeting which will complete the Nominating Committee. At this time, the committee currently consists of Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett, Carole Horton, Jim Howey, and Maureen Rendall.

The Committee will meet prior to the November 18th Board Meeting to select the 2008-09 slate/nominees for Officers and Board of Directors. The requirements for selection for the Nominating Committee and Officers/Director are per Article VI. See the attached list of member attendance for eligibility in this issue.

*Inside Cover  
Story!*

## **PROUD TO ANNOUNCE!**

**Our Litter was born April 20, 2009! The litter produced 6 puppies (3 fawn boys, 2 fawn girls, and 1 brindle girl). Look for "Pickles", our brindle girl to make her debut in the very near future!**

Sire: Ch. Shill Rest Sure Fire One x  
Dam: Ch. Lampe Eleanor's Sweet Honey Lager

## Foster Home?

If you are interested in offering your home to foster a rescue dog, please contact Cindy Hurley. Any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated! You can contact Cindy, if you are interested!

## Funny Pics?

If you have a funny picture of your dog (probably doing something they shouldn't be???), send it to the bulletin editor. We're trying to get a collection to use when space is available. Any questions, contact Mindy at [mldt@earthlink.net](mailto:mldt@earthlink.net) or 909.628.8289.

# Extra Awards Reminder!



When you are submitting your information for your awards, please (you can do it by snail mail or e-mail!):

provide the following info —

**LIST EACH DANE SEPARATELY** — As Awards will only be processed from each individual requesting the award, please forward this information to all those who are eligible to apply for the award!

- Your Name:
- AKC Registered Name:
- DOB:
- Dam:
- Sire:
- Award Category (List All That Apply):
- Breeder's of record:
- Owners of record:
- Award Category (List All That Apply):
- Date Title Was Awarded:

**ATTACH THE AKC CERTIFICATE FOR THE AWARD OR INSERT A COPY TO THE AKC LINK**  
**ATTACH POINTS AWARDED FOR THE AWARD OR INSERT A COPY TO THE APPROPRIATE LINK**

For Top Breeder, Top Stud Dog & Brood Bitch  
 (Please fill in the upper portion in addition)  
 List the AKC Names of Get awarded Championship within the year:

**ATTACH THE AKC CERTIFICATES FOR EACH OF THE GET FOR THE AWARD OR INSERT A COPY TO THE AKC LINK**

Questions, Please contact Awards Chairperson, Susan Richards - Contact Info: See Attached Awards Rules!

## Brain Teasers

1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"><b>SAND</b></div>	2 <b>J A C K E T</b>	3 <b>R / E / A / D / I / N / G</b>
4 <b>GROUND</b> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 5px auto;"/> <b>Foot Foot Foot Foot Foot Foot</b>	5 <b>He's / HIMSELF</b>	6 <b>LEAGUE</b>
7 <b>SHUT</b>	8 <b>GET</b>	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"><b>COLLAR</b></div>

1. Sand Box - 2. Down Jacket - 3. Reading Between The Lines - 4. Six Feet Under Ground - 5. He's Beside Himself - 6. Little League - 7. Shut Up - 8. Get Down - 9. Ring Around The Collar

## Announcements & Brags –

- ☺ RIVERBIRCH/RIVERROCK CALL ME MISTER (“General”) took his Open Harle classes at the NEO Kennel Club shows on April 10 & 11 and captured Reserve Winners Dog on April 12. General is shown, loved, and owned by Karen & Bobby Ray.

- ☺ **New Champion!!** At the tender age of 12 months, my grandbaby “Rylee” - PAXTON’S HAPPEN CHANCE, picked up her third major to become a CHAMPION! She is out of our sweet boy, “Chance”, BISS Ch. De Robles Colorado Caper x “Schatzi”, Ch. Shady Crks Lady Smith N Wesson. We are very proud of these babies and looking forward to more Ch's in the near future! Pictured going WB/BOW at the Pasadena show. ~ Ken & Shari Ziegenbein



- ☺ **New Champion!!** CH. BENT-ON BOWTIES AND HANDKERCHIEFS (“Hank”)!! Hank was very busy in the last couple of months, finishing in a whirlwind!

May 9, 2009 - WD, BOW  
 June 7, 2009 – WD, BOW (3 pt major)  
 June 9, 2009 – WD, BOS  
 June 10, 2009 – BD, BOW, BOS  
 June 12, 2009 – WD  
 June 18, 2009 – WD, BOW (4 pt major)

Hank finished at 25 months old with 3 major wins (including his first win - a 4 pt major from 2008). In addition Hank took a BBE, and a Best Junior Puppy in Sweeps at a Specialty Show. Hank is truly loved, proudly owned and bred by Debbie Bent. Hank is expertly handled by Louise Van Alstyne.

### Bulletin Advertising Ads

Showcase your dog in the bulletin and support the club!

Payment for ads are as follows:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<b>Front Cover</b>	\$35.00	\$45.00
<b>Full Page</b>	\$25.00	\$35.00
<b>Half Page</b>	\$20.00	\$30.00

It's on a first –come-first-serve basis excluding previous reservation commitments. If you would like to include your ad in upcoming issues, please contact Mindy at MLDT@earthlink.net or (909) 628-8289 to submit your reservation!

### **Bulletin Information:**

#### Subscription rates:

Non-Members: \$15.00 (12 issues). Send request & check to bulletin editor. (payable to Great Dane Club of California)

Mindy Donovan-Tandy  
 GDCC Bulletin Editor  
 5676 Francis Avenue  
 Chino, CA 91710  
 E-Mail: MLDT@earthlink.net

If you are interested in receiving an e-bulletin instead of a hard-copy, please contact Mindy.

# CH Bent-On Bowties and Handkerchiefs



## “HANK”

Hank finished on June 18, 2009 at 25 months old.

We are so very proud of him!

A special thank you to all the judges who recognized Hank's outstanding qualities:  
Ms Pat Hastings (4 pt major), Ms Carolyn Herbel, Ms Donna Buxton, Ms Christina Hubbell,  
Dr. Louis Bond (3 pt major), Mr. Jon Cole, Ms Judy Doniere,  
and Ms Janet Sinclair (finishing 3 pt major)



Owner/Breeder: Debbie Bent

Handler: Louise Van Alstyne

[www.Bent-OnDanes.com](http://www.Bent-OnDanes.com)





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## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA 2009 AWARDS RULES

All awards must have been earned during the club awards year with the exception of membership pins. **Beginning date for the year 2009 is November 7, 2008 through November 6, 2009. Every club member who is the owner/co-owner or breeder/co-breeder of a dog earning an award must personally apply for the award to the Awards Chairman or no award will be given.** You may elect to send an 8 x 10 show photograph of your dog to the Awards Chairman as well. This photo will be retained by the Historian in the club's records. Photos will *not* be returned. If your dog earned his award BEFORE you became a club member no award will be given.

**TOP GREAT DANE AWARD:** BOB wins only. 1 point for each great dane entry present. These points are to be won in California shows only. (11/80)

**TOP DOG AWARD:** BOB wins – 1 point for each great dane entry present or BOS wins – 1 point for each DOG entry present. California shows only. (1/92)

**TOP BITCH AWARD:** BOB wins – 1 point for each great dane entry present or BOS win – 1 point for each BITCH entry present. California shows only. (1/92)

*The intention of the last two awards is to honor the most consistently winning club member owned/co-owned great dane dog and bitch in California. Club award boundaries include all of California.*

**TOP BREEDER AWARD:** Awarded annually if earned. Given to club member who is the breeder/co-breeder of the most great danes to attain championship title during the club award year. Minimum of three champions required. (1/01)

**TOP STUD DOG AWARD:** Awarded annually if earned. Given to the club member who is the owner/co-owner of the great dane dog producing the most championship titled danes during the club awards year. Minimum of three champions required. (1/01)

**TOP BROOD BITCH AWARD:** Awarded annually if earned. Given to the club member who is the owner/co-owner of the great dane bitch producing the most championship titled danes during the club awards year. Minimum of three champions required. (1/01)

**BEST IN SHOW OWNER AWARD:** Given to any club member owned/co-owned great dane winning a BIS at an all breed show anywhere in the world. (1/92)

**BEST IN SHOW BREEDER AWARD:** Given to any club member bred/co-bred great dane winning a BIS at an all breed show anywhere in the world. (1/92)

**CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS:** Given to all members who own/co-owned a great dane who has attained its AKC championship title.

**OWNER OF SIRE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS:** Given to all members who own/co-own a sire of a great dane who has attained its AKC championship title. Member must own/co-own the sire at the time of breeding.

**BREEDER OF CHAMPION AWARDS:** Given to all members who bred/co-bred a great dane who has attained its AKC championship title.



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## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA 2009 AWARDS RULES (CONT'D)

**OWNER HANDLER AWARD:** Given to any club member who handled has or her own great dane to all 15 championship points. (1/92)

**BRED BY EXHIBITOR AWARD:** Given to any club member owned/co-owned great dane finished entirely from the Bred By class. (1/92)

**PERFORMANCE:** Given to any club member who owns/co-owns a great dane who has earned a title/degree or certificate which shall include, but not limited to obedience, agility, canine good citizenship, and other service/performance-based activities awarded by certified organizations. (2/05)

**“THE TOTAL PACKAGE” AWARDS - BROOD BITCH & STUD DOG:** In order to reward breeding programs that focus on promoting breed health (physical health as well as temperament), danes eligible for this Award must be AKC Champions of Record. The focus of this award is on brood bitches, as we acknowledge that breeding programs are largely controlled by the bitch owners. (9/09)

### **BROOD BITCH AWARD -**

**SILVER Star Breeder:** Any 2 recognized health checks on a public database (e.g. OFA, CERF), and any recognized basic temperament certification (e.g. AKC Puppy Star, CGC).

**GOLD Star Breeder:** CHIC certification on OFA database (with all CHIC tests passing), OFA testing for heart (echocardiogram), eyes (CERF), thyroid (MSU), and hips (HD); CGC or other basic temperament certification, and any AKC sanctioned performance title.

**PLATINUM Star Breeder:** A CHIC certification (with all CHIC tests passing), four health checks completed and published in OFA database; Thyroid, Heart and CERF done on an annual basis (or within 12 months of breeding). Any two or more advanced AKC sanctioned temperament and/or performance titles.

### **STUD DOG AWARD -**

This award encourages stud dog owners to take responsibility in collaboration with the breeder to promote healthy litters. It is recommended that stud dog owners include the following in their stud contracts:

1. Stud dog owner encouraged to provide proof of passing one or more temperament tests (AKC Puppy Star, TT, CGC, TDI, or any AKC sanctioned performance titles).
2. Stud dog to have a least a CHIC certification (passing all CHIC required tests) and all health tests repeated within 12 months of breeding.
3. Encourage bitch owners to health check offspring that are pet quality as well as show potential.
4. Encourage bitch owners to sell puppies not kept for their own breeding programs on limited registration, which can be lifted upon written acceptance of both breeder and stud dog owner (and based on passing temperament tests and health checks).
5. Encourage bitch owners to provide contact information to stud dog owner for all puppies in litter, so that the stud dog owner can monitor health of offspring.

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## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA 2009 AWARDS RULES (CONT'D)

**KAY KINOSITA AWARD:** Honors a member who has given outstanding service to the club or the breed. Recommendations must be received in writing by the President prior to the November Board meeting.

**OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER AWARD:** Honors a new club member(s) that has been a member less than one full year for outstanding service to the club. Recommendations are reviewed and approved by the board. Contact Awards Chairman for full details. (11/01)

**VENERABLE GREAT DANE AWARD:** Given to any member owned/co-owned great dane who is 10 years of age or older. Awarded once during the life of the dog. Reasonable proof required.

**MEMBERSHIP PINS:** Given to any member to recognize 10, 25 and 50 years of club membership. This is an ongoing award and may be applied for at any time once earned. Please provide date of membership. (11/01)

### **YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO RECEIVE ANY AWARD. (11/80)**

Any club member may elect not to receive plaques for awards earned during the year. In place of said plaques an amount equal to the cost of the plaques will be set aside for donation to a great dane health and/or welfare program or organization of the club's choice. Club members electing this option must inform the Awards Chairman in writing at the time they apply for the awards. The names of the dogs and their awards will still be read aloud at the annual awards dinner. (1/01)

\*\* You can send your information to:

Susan Richards

59-427 Kawowo Place

Haleiwa, HI 96712

If you have any questions, you may contact Susan Richards at (808) 638-0268 or  
E-mail: [anadanekennel@aol.com](mailto:anadanekennel@aol.com)

Please provide proof of title/award/points earned (AKC certificate or print out) or date of titles. Please send your awards as they are earned if possible.

If you wish to have your awards shipped please include a check in the amount of \$5 per award to cover the cost of shipping. Awards will be shipped within 60 days of Awards Dinner.

**DEADLINE FOR AWARDS IS NOVEMBER 13, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**Please read all of the above awards as more than one may apply to an individual dog.**



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## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA Eligibility List

### By Laws Article VI: Nominations and Elections

All Nominees for office must have attended at least four **(4)** meetings, one **(1)** of which must be a closed meeting as a member during the current fiscal year, and have been a member in good standing for at least one year.

#### The following members meet the above criteria:

Beverly Evans	Susan Powell
Mort Evans	Maureen Rendall
Carole Horton	Cathy Schaefer
Vicki Kimbell	Dick Schaefer

#### The following members have attended three or more meetings. At least one more meeting is needed, which must be a closed meeting:

Mary Brownell	Don Rendall
Robert Ernst	Bob Tonnancour
Lisa Garrison	Linda Tonnancour
Dana Litzinger	Beth Whitcher
Hilary McLeod	

#### The following members have attended three meetings, including a closed meeting. One more meeting is needed:

John Garrison	Pat Schempp
Mal Helman	Jerry Tandy
Bruce Powell	Mindy Tandy
Sherry Randle	

#### The following members have attended two meetings. At least two more meetings are needed, one of which must be a closed meeting:

Jennifer Costantinidis	James Howey
Joy DeGruccio	Doety Marks
Terri Dillistin	Frank Thompson
Leah Hayes	Maryann Wilson
Virginia Helman	

#### The following members have attended two meetings, including a closed meeting. At least 2 more meetings are needed:

Dawn Dana	Sharon Rendall
Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett	Al Yockelson
Pat Levine	

If your name is not on any of these lists, it means that you have attended either one meeting or no meetings this year, or that you have not been a member for the required amount of time.

If any Club member has any questions or corrections to this list, please e-mail me at: [dickschaefer@gmail.com](mailto:dickschaefer@gmail.com). I will be happy to review the sign-in sheets that I have on file for this year.

*Cathy Schaefer*  
Recording Secretary

From AKC

# MeetTheBreeds.Com

We are pleased to announce that dogs and cats have come together in cyberspace at [Meetthebreeds.com](http://Meetthebreeds.com). The American Kennel Club® (AKC) and the Cat Fanciers' Association® (CFA) – invite you to log on to [www.meetthebreeds.com](http://www.meetthebreeds.com) to experience a comprehensive one-stop-shop for all things dog and cat, inspired by the upcoming Meet the Breeds™ event, the world's largest showcase of cats and dogs. Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare provider, Meet the Breeds will be held October 17 & 18, 2009 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City.

In addition to event information, a special advance ticket offer (\$10 for adults and \$6 for children) and a list of vendors who will be selling unique dog and cat products, the site features the following entertaining features designed to educate pet lovers across the country:

- **Meet the Dog and Cat Breeds** – Get to know the 160 dog breeds and 41 cat breeds.
- **Play the Meet the Breeds Game from ZooToo** – Test your breed knowledge and compete for the top score. Each round asks you to choose the correct dog breed from three choices. The faster your response, the more points you earn.
- **Declare your Pet Preference!** – Are you a doggy devotee or a feline follower? Weigh in on this centuries-old debate by taking our definitive one-question survey and tell us why dogs or cats are your preferred pet.
- **Download Virtual Stickers for your Social Media Pages** – Share your love for Labs or Curls and 159 other dog breeds and 39 other cat breeds with all your online friends. Choose your favorite breed and download a virtual sticker to your Facebook or MySpace page, Web site or blog.
- **Visit the Official Meet the Breeds Blog from AOL's Paw Nation** - Follow the latest news, learn about who will be attending and get in on all the behind-the-scenes action at the Meet the Breeds event.
- **Meet the Breeders** - Get to know some of the cat and dog breeders who will be available to answer your questions at Meet the Breeds and learn how to identify a responsible breeder.

"The Meet the Breeds Web site is such a great way for people to learn more about the cats and dogs that share our lives," said CFA President Pam DelaBar. "We are proud to work with the AKC to bring cat- and dog-related information together in one place -- both online and at this great event."

"If you're crazy for cats or passionate about pooches you cannot miss Meet the Breeds both online or in person," said AKC spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "Both [meetthebreeds.com](http://meetthebreeds.com) and the event itself present an entertaining way for friends and families to enjoy quality time together while learning how to become responsible pet owners."

From the Afghan Hound to the Turkish Angora, the Meet the Breeds event will showcase 160 AKC registered dog breeds and 41 CFA registered cat breeds in booths individually decorated to depict each breed's country of origin, historical purpose/function, and attributes as a family pet. The family-friendly event is an opportunity for potential pet owners to interact with responsible breeders and play with dogs and cats while educating themselves about responsible pet ownership and choosing the right pet for their lifestyle.

The event will also feature dozens of vendors selling the most unique products for pets and their owners and will also include continuous demonstrations throughout the weekend. Attendees can watch dogs show off their Rally, Flyball, Frisbee and Earthdog skills and see dogs and cats (yes, cats!) race against the clock in the fast-paced sport of Agility.

Event hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18. Tickets allow admittance for one day and can be purchased at [www.meetthebreeds.com](http://www.meetthebreeds.com).

Sincerely,

AKC Communications

— From Great Dane Club of America Web-site: <http://www.gdca.org>

After much study and discussion the following two changes are being recommended to the Great Dane Standard. The Standard Committee submitted these changes to the GDCA Board and the Board is submitting them to the membership for review and comment. These are proposals only and are subject to change based on input from the membership. They will be discussed at the General Membership meeting at the National. Written comments may be submitted to Jane Treiber at [jetreiber@centurytel.net](mailto:jetreiber@centurytel.net) Standard Committee Chair.

1. It is recommended that we alter the description of the Harlequin to state that small patches of Merle are acceptable on the Harlequin. Below is the current language and the proposed change.

Current:

Harlequin - Base color shall be pure white with black torn patches irregularly and well distributed over the entire body; a pure white neck is preferred. The black patches should never be large enough to give the appearance of a blanket, nor so small as to give a stippled or dappled effect. Eligible, but less desirable, are a few small gray patches, or a white base with single black hairs showing through, which tend to give a salt and pepper or dirty effect. Any variance in color or markings described above shall be faulted to the extent of the deviation. Any Great Dane which does not fall within the above color classifications must be disqualified.

The new language would be:

Harlequin - Base color shall be pure white with black torn patches irregularly and well distributed over the entire body; a pure white neck is preferred. Small patches of Merle are acceptable. The black patches should never be large enough to give the appearance of a blanket, nor so small as to give a stippled or dappled effect. Eligible, but less desirable are white base with single black hairs showing through, which tend to give a salt and pepper or dirty effect. Any variance in color or markings described above shall be faulted to the extent of the deviation. Any Great Dane which does not fall within the above color classifications must be disqualified.

This change is being recommended since all Harlequins carry the merle gene and the presence of merle is found on virtually all Harlequins. To fault or penalize small Merle patches faults a color which is normal and to be expected on Harlequins. The following article by Neil O'Sullivan PHD explains the presence of Merle on Harlequins.

#### HARLEQUINS AND THEIR MERLE SPOTS

To date we believe the harlequin color is unique to the Great Dane breed. Two independent research studies appeared in peer reviewed scientific journals in the 1980's which went on to describe the genetic basis, and inheritance, of the harlequin coat color in Great Danes. I was the senior author on one of these two papers. Both Phil Sponenberg in his study, and we in our studies, of harlequin breeding records, found the harlequin pattern depended on a dog having two major genes influencing coat color, a then newly discovered (hypnotized) harlequin gene, and the already well know merle gene. All harlequins were found to have both genes and both genes must be inherited by an individual great Dane to produce this unique coat color pattern.

Our study, because of the very large sample sizes involved, found that not only were all harlequin carrying both harlequin and merle, but two additional facts not understood from Sponenberg data we discovered. One was that the merle gene was always involved in what is known as cell level mutation (both, somatic and germinal cell mutations) at a high frequency typical of a so called "jumping gene" reported first in Corn by Barbara McClintock.

Secondly, that all harlequins, and dogs from harlequin breeding carry only one copy of the harlequin gene (to carry two copies we found was lethal and leads to death in utero) of course many non harlequin Great Danes carry no copy of the harlequin gene.

The effect of these cell level mutations is rather surprising, so a White Great Danes ( those Danes which have two copies of the merle gene, so called Homozygous Merle,) should never have any black or mantle progeny, only white, merle or harlequin. However because of the jumping gene action we found a small number of these mantles and blacks from breeding of White dogs, the merle gene had jumped back to the non merle form, resulted in a small number of sperm or egg cells which didn't carry the merle gene. These sperm or eggs could produce black or mantle puppies. This fact also allowed us to then understand the torn pattern of the harlequin color and the presence of merle spots on harlequins. Since the black areas were at the cell level jumped back to non merle so the dog has full black pigment, in areas with merle gene intact the merle or graying of the coat happen. A so called somatic cell mosaic pattern resulting from somatic cell mutation.

Since there are genes for the piebald pattern in Great Danes, we found breeders were actively looking for the merle spots on harlequin, to confirm they were harlequin, with torn pattern of the patches, compared to the piebald (Marked like a black and white Pointer), the piebald Great Danes always having the smooth rounded pattern to the "spots" and lacking a ragged torn look to the black patches of our harlequin. Since the harlequin gene only converts the merle areas in the coat to white the blacks areas on the coat are unaffected. However small areas which should have been converted to white, are left merle, as we could again see in some cell clusters the genes had indeed again jumped. The result was small merle patches left on harlequins.

Our research found all harlequins had some merle on them, obvious on most, harder to detect on some, and where merle was absent in a black and white spotted dog, the pattern was obviously not that of a harlequin but was a piebald, with rounded spots, but which lacked the characteristic ragged torn patches of the harlequin pattern seen only in Great Danes.

I know this explanation is a bit dense with the science of coat color genetics. So let me try to, in text, paint a picture. Start with our basic black or mantle dog, add the merle gene and some of the black areas become gray (merle) in color, the mosaic effect of merle, then add a harlequin gene, and the merle areas now become white, but the black areas remain black except these genes never work perfectly because of this "jumping gene" action, so some of the areas which were meant to get turned to white, were accidentally left merle, so the odd merle spot(s), appear on harlequin Great Danes.

For 150 years some people have tried to breed harlequins without merle spots. To date no reported successes ! Time for all Harlequin breeders to concentrate on breeding for type, temperament, health, and all the other really workable characteristics we can shape and improve in our breeding programs of our beloved Great Dane.

Respectfully submitted  
Dr Neil P. O'Sullivan

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2. It is recommended that we change the description of proportion to say that the distance from mid elbow to the ground should be slightly longer than the distance from the top of the wither to mid elbow. Below is the current language and the proposed change.

Current Forequarters language:

The forequarters, viewed from the side, shall be strong and muscular. The shoulder blade must be strong and sloping, forming, as near as possible, a right angle in its articulation with the upper arm. A line from the upper tip of the shoulder to the back of the elbow joint should be perpendicular. The ligaments and muscles holding the shoulder blade to the rib cage must be well developed, firm and securely attached to prevent loose shoulders. The shoulder blade and the upper arm should be the same length. The elbow should be one-half the distance from the withers to the ground. The strong pasterns should slope slightly. The feet should be round and compact with well-arched toes, neither toeing in, toeing out, nor rolling to the inside or outside. The nails should be short, strong and as dark as possible, except that they may be lighter in harlequins. Dewclaws may or may not be removed.

The new language would be:

The forequarters, viewed from the side, shall be strong and muscular. The shoulder blade must be strong and sloping, forming, as near as possible, a right angle in its articulation with the upper arm. A line from the upper tip of the shoulder to the back of the elbow joint should be perpendicular. The ligaments and muscles holding the shoulder blade to the rib cage must be well developed, firm and securely attached to prevent loose shoulders. The shoulder blade and the upper arm should be the same length. The length of leg from mid-elbow to ground is slightly longer than the length from mid-elbow to the top of the withers. The strong pasterns should slope slightly. The feet should be round and compact with well-arched toes, neither toeing in, toeing out, nor rolling to the inside or outside. The nails should be short, strong and as dark as possible, except that they may be lighter in harlequins. Dewclaws may or may not be removed.

This change is being recommended because Great Danes are actually slightly longer in leg. Measurements using a laser measure have been done on 80 Great Danes and in all the distance from mid elbow to ground has been slightly greater than the distance from the top of the withers to mid elbow. Rottweilers are an example of a breed in which the elbow is half the distance from the withers to the ground. Clearly we want Great Danes to have more leg length proportionately than the Rottweiler. It is not believed that this change will impact to appearance of the Great Dane but rather it will make the Standard reflect the reality of what the correctly proportioned Great Danes actually look like.

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You'll notice in the Board Meeting Minutes that a vote was taken on a proposed change to the wording of the Standard. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that two issues needed to be addressed sooner rather than later for the welfare of our breed. These issues are merle on harlequins and proportion of the front assembly.

Although the motion passed, after further deliberation, the Board felt that we would be best served to hold a further discussion at the General Meeting at the National to enable the membership to express their views. Please make an effort to come to that meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 4:30 PM. If you are unable to attend the meeting please express your comments in writing to Jane Treiber, Standard Committee Chair at [jetreiber@centurytel.net](mailto:jetreiber@centurytel.net) The other committee members are Cathy de la Garza, Vincent Mulligan, Jane Chopson, Joe Longo and Sue Davis Shaw.

Linda Ridder, President

## Upcoming Shows

- **Saturday, September 19, Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club**  
Richard Gahr High School, 11111 Artesia Blvd, Cerritos, CA  
*Judge: Harriet Campbell*
- **Sunday, September 20, Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club**  
Richard Gahr High School, 11111 Artesia Blvd, Cerritos, CA  
*Judge: John Ramirez*
- **Saturday, September 26, Burbank Kennel Club** L.A.  
Valley College, 5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA  
*Judge: Richard Pritchard*
- **Sunday, September 27, Burbank Kennel Club** L.A. Valley  
College, 5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA  
*Judge: Eva Berg*
- **Saturday, October 10, Cabrillo Kennel Club** Del Mar  
Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA  
*Judge: Gary Bassett*
- **Sunday, October 11, Cabrillo Kennel Club** Del Mar  
Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA  
*Judge: Vincent Mulligan*
- **Friday, October 9, Great Dane Club of Las Vegas,**  
Primm Valley Resort, 31900 Las Vegas Bl, Primm, NV  
*Judge: Maryann Wilson*
- **Saturday, October 10, Black Mountain Kennel Club**  
Primm Valley Resort, 31900 Las Vegas Blvd, Primm, NV  
*Judge: Marian Hodesson*
- **Sunday, October 11, Black Mountain Kennel Club** Primm  
Valley Resort, 31900 Las Vegas Blvd, Primm, NV  
*Judge: Dany Canino*
- **Saturday, October 24, Kennel Club of Riverside** Lake  
Perris Recreational Area, 17801 Lake Perris, Perris, CA  
*Judge: Judith Daniels*
- **Sunday, October 25, Kennel Club of Riverside** Lake Perris  
Recreational Area, 17801 Lake Perris, Perris, CA  
*Judge: James Noe*
- **October 18 - 24, Great Dane Club of America  
National, Chattanooga, TN**
- **Saturday, October 31, San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club,** L.A.  
Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA  
*Judge: Linder Ridder Sweepstakes Judge: Donna Clark*
- **Sunday, November 1, Antelope Valley Kennel Club,** L.A.  
Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA  
*Judge: John Ramirez Sweepstakes Judge: Kathleen Davis*
- **Saturday, November 14, San Luis Obispo Kennel Club,** CA  
Mid-State Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside, Paso Robles, CA  
*Judge: Carolyn Alexander*
- **Sunday, November 15, San Luis Obispo Kennel Club,** CA  
Mid-State Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside, Paso Robles, CA  
*Judge: Jose Payro*
- **Friday, November 13, Tucson Kennel Club,** Pima Co  
Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ  
*Judge: Dana Cline*
- **Saturday, November 14, Tucson Kennel Club,** Pima Co  
Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ  
*Judge: Linda Krugar*
- **Sunday, November 15, Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club,**  
Pima Co Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ  
*Judge: Whitney Coombs*
- **Monday, November 16, Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club,**  
Pima Co Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ  
*Judge: Virginia Lyne*

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Other Announcements!

Next Bulletin Deadline:  
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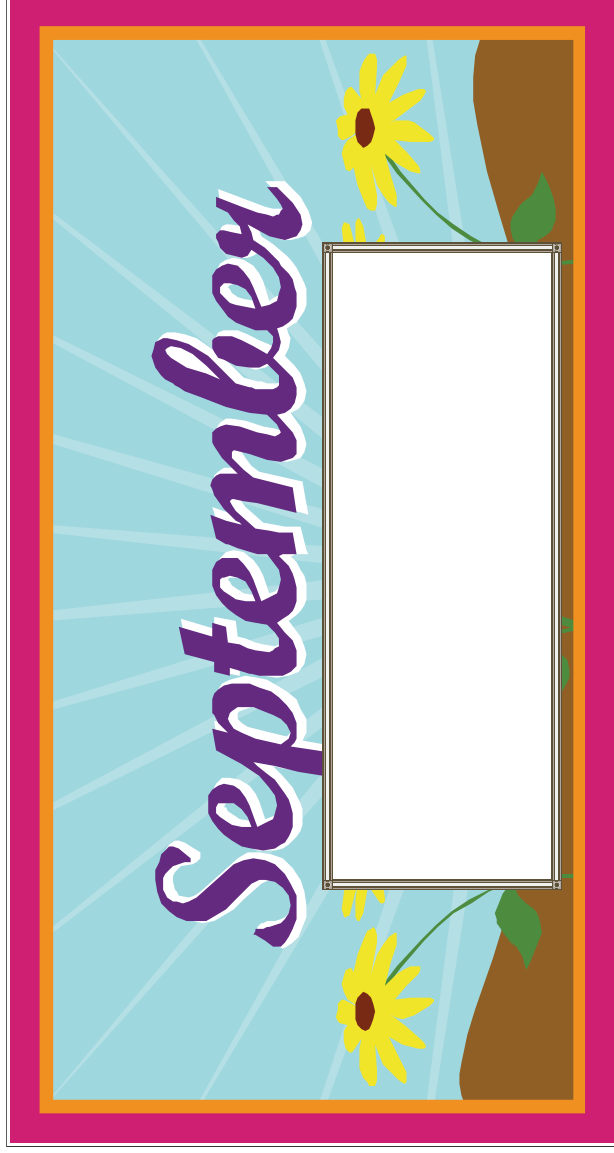


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