

# GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA



[Http://www.gdcc.org](http://www.gdcc.org)

[Http://www.cafepress.com/](http://www.cafepress.com/)

January - February 2015

Volume 21, Issue 1

BarnierzRus-Graphics

## WISHING YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!



*Love,  
The Garrison  
Family*



*2014  
CosmicCreations*



# *Ink Spot's Catch A Wave At Twin Oaks*

**2014 GDCA National Specialty Reserve Winners Bitch  
(From 6-9 Mantle Puppy Class)**



CH. Dulce's Conviction Of The Heart x Ink Spot's Every Little Thing She Does is Magic

**We are SO Proud of this Lovely Young Girl !!!  
A Sincere Thank You To  
Respected Breeder Judge Pat Ciampa!!**

*Expertly Handled By:  
Patrice & Jeff Lawrence*

Co-owned & Bred By:  
Lisa Garrison

Loved & Owned By:  
Laurie Litton

# Making A Splash On The West Coast



Photo @ 9 Months - By Olga at Gadabout Photography

Ad Design by MDT Publishing

## Ink Spot's Beach Blanket Bingo V Sum-Dane "BB"

We are so proud! BB took Best in Sweepstakes at the  
Tri-Valley Working Dog Club under Judge Mort Evans!

Thank You Also To Judges:  
Nancy Liebes  
Dana Cline

For Recognizing Our Young Girl

Breeder / Co-Owner:  
Lisa Garrison  
Ink Spot's

Owned & Adored By:  
Scott & Kristi Sumpter  
Sum-Dane

# *Ink Spot's From Sea To Shining Sea*



# *Glory*



CH Dulce's Conviction Of The Heart x Ink Spot's Every Little Thing  
She Does Is Magic

Glory goes Best of Winners and Owner-Handler Group 2 in her 2nd show outing !!  
We are proud of our lovely young girl and she is making us proud in the  
Bred-By Exhibitor Class.  
Thank you to Judges:

Susan M. Carr  
Donna Buxton  
Mary-Helene Brown (Major Win)  
Karin Ashe (OH Group 2)

Bred & Loved By Lisa Garrison

Ink Spot's Great Danes

<http://inkspotsgreatdanes.com>

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

President:	Jim Howey
1st Vice President:	Dick Schaefer
2nd Vice President:	Bob Tonnancour
Treasurer:	Linda Tonnancour
Recording Secretary:	Cathy Schaefer
Corresponding Secretary:	Melanie Yellish 3715 Orchid Drive Highland, CA 92346 Home: (909) 864-3232 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mydelites@gmail.com">mydelites@gmail.com</a>

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

Michael Rodriguez (Expiration 2015)	Glenn Garza (Expiration 2016)
Jerry Tandy (Expiration 2015)	Lorrie Burnham (Expiration 2016)
Mindy Donovan-Tandy (Expiration 2015)	Brianne Rock (Expiration 2016)

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

<b>Awards Trophies:</b>	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
<b>Breeder Referral (Club Members Only)</b>	Shari Ziegenbein (805) 238-6034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sharizig@charter.net">sharizig@charter.net</a>
<b>Bulletin / Web-store:</b>	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
<b>Raffle &amp; Silent Auction:</b>	Susie Powell
<b>Club Specialty Trophies:</b>	Brianne Rock
<b>Dane Rescue Referral:</b>	Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett
<b>Education/Betterment of the Breed:</b>	Jackie White-Vorst
<b>Event Publicity:</b>	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
<b>Futurity:</b>	Penny Twaits
<b>Historian:</b>	Hilary McLeod Jim Howey
<b>Membership:</b>	Cathy Schaefer
<b>Puppy Match:</b>	Dick Schaefer
<b>Rescue Report:</b>	Susie Powell
<b>Show Banquet:</b>	Open
<b>Show Facilities:</b>	Bob & Linda Tonnancour
<b>Specialty:</b>	Bob & Linda Tonnancour
<b>Volunteer:</b>	Maren Cornish
<b>Ways &amp; Means:</b>	Susie Powell
<b>Watchdog:</b>	Pat Schempp
<b>Web-site:</b>	Jerry Tandy <a href="mailto:jerrytandy@earthlink.net">jerrytandy@earthlink.net</a>

**2015 GDCC Meeting Calendar**

<b>February 11, 2015</b> (Wednesday)	<b>General Open Meeting</b> Location: Coco's Restaurant, Pasadena, CA Time: 7:00pm
March 11, 2015 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA Time: 7:00pm
April 10-12, 2015 (Friday-Sunday)	Pet Expo Location: Orange County Fairgrounds
April 12, 2015 (Sunday)	GDCC Puppy Match & CGC Testing Location: Yorba Regional Park, Anaheim, CA Start Time: 9:00am
April 22, 2015 (Wednesday)	General Closed Meeting Location: Du-Pars Restaurant (used to be "The Hamlet"), Pasadena, CA Time: 7:00pm
May 6, 2015 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA Time: 7:00pm
May 21-22, 2015 (Thursday-Friday)	GDCC Specialties & Sweepstakes Mission Circuit Location: Pomona, CA
May 23, 2015 (Saturday)	General Open Meeting Mission Circuit (After Dane Judging) Location: Pomona, CA
June 17, 2015 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA Time: 7:00pm
July 4, 2015 (Saturday)	General Open Meeting & Picnic Santa Maria KC (After Dane Judging) Location: Ventura, CA
August 5, 2015 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA Time: 7:00pm
September 16, 2015 (Wednesday)	General Open Meeting Location: Coco's Restaurant, Pasadena, CA Time: 7:00pm
November 18, 2015 (Wednesday)	General Closed Meeting & Board Meeting Location: Du-Pars Restaurant (used to be "The Hamlet"), Pasadena, CA Time: 7:00pm
December 27, 2014 (Sunday)	General Open Meeting/Awards & Holiday Brunch Location: Pomona Valley Mining Company, Pomona, CA

**Directions to September General Open Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
Coco's Restaurant  
77 N. Lake Avenue  
Pasadena, CA  
626.449.3156**

**This meeting is an open meeting. Guests are welcome!**

**From Orange County:** Take "5" Frwy North to "605" Frwy North to "210" West to Lake Avenue Offramp. Turn left onto Lake Ave. Restaurant is on the right.

**From Los Angeles:** Take US "101" Frwy South to "134" East to "210" East to Lake Avenue Offramp. Turn right onto Lake Avenue. Restaurant is on the right.

**From Riverside:** Take "10" West Frwy to the "210" West to Lake Avenue Offramp. Turn left onto Lake Ave. Restaurant 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.**

# The Prez Sez —

Hello all it's great to be "back in the saddle" again! We have an exciting year ahead of us beginning with our puppy match and Pet Expo in April along with our back to back specialty shows in conjunction with the Mission Circuit! Six shows in 5 days would exhaust even the most enthusiastic show junkie! Also, let me or Pat Schempp know if you would like to participate in this year's Pet Expo as we would love great GDCC member turnout.

This year I would like to bring to the forefront the issue of "rescue" and what we all can do for our less fortunate extended family members. Let me take a few moments and tell you how a small effort on my part turned into a colossal one for me and my partner. All I did was talk to a dog food representative and asked how their company discarded their damaged, mislabeled or recently expired dog food. The representative told me that she would find out and get back to me. I then got a call from her and was told to pick up 10 40 pound bags of dog food from an owner at a pet shop that he couldn't sell. So off I went with a grin on my face and a notion that boy, I am going to make a difference taking 400 pounds of dog food to give to rescue. Well, 400 pounds turned into 55,000 pounds that's 27.5 TONS and two years of success in delivering dog food to rescue. By no means am I tooting a horn here, all I am expressing is how easy it is to network for rescue. Your effort is at the tip of your tongue is all. I had no idea this would turn out this way and what a difference it has made.

Unfortunately, we had an interruption in our dog food supply and haven't been able to deliver dog food to rescue for the last couple of months. We are working on this challenge and hope to have a resolution soon. Also, I will be working with fund raising rescue organizations to help fund our rescue referrals and reporting our efforts in our GDCC meetings. In the meantime, let's all take some time and think on how we can further support of rescue referral service and give me your ideas. Who knows, it may turn out like my experience did! Happy New Year and see you at the shows!

— *Jim Howey*



## Upcoming Events

- **Friday, February 6, Sahauro Kennel Club**, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ  
Judge: Gary Andersen
- **Saturday, February 7, Great Dane Club of Arizona**, Clarion Hotel Phoenix, 5121 E La Puente Ave., Phoenix, AZ  
Judge: William Stebbins
- **Sunday, February 8, Great Dane Club of Arizona**, Clarion Hotel Phoenix, 5121 E La Puente Ave., Phoenix, AZ  
Judge: Ray Goldstone
- **Sunday, February 9, Lost Dutchman Kennel Club**, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ  
Judge: Rita Biddle
- **Sunday, February 15, Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club**, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA 95111  
Judge: Jim Owens
- **Monday, February 16, Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club**, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA 95111  
Judge: Sharon Steckler
- **Saturday, February 21, Silver Bay Kennel Club**, Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA  
Judge: Judith Newton
- **Sunday, February 22, Silver Bay Kennel Club**, Orange County Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA  
Judge: Robert Futh
- **Friday, February 27, Superstition Kennel Club**, Scottsdale Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ  
Judge: Patricia Healy
- **Saturday, February 28, Superstition Kennel Club**, Scottsdale Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ  
Judge: Adrian Woodfork
- **Sunday, March 1, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers**, Scottsdale Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ  
Judge: Albert Bianchi
- **Monday, March 2, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers**, Scottsdale Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ  
Judge: Cindy Stansell
- **Thursday, March 5, Sequoia Kennel Club**, Kings Co Fairgrounds, 10th & Hanford-Armona Rd, Hanford, CA  
Judge: Norman Patton

**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.

## Membership Applications

The following applicant will be voted on at the April 2015 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 this applicant.

**First Publication:** **Rene Kiel**  
Sponsors: Jim Howey  
Susie Powell

## Please Welcome - New Member

The following applicant was voted in at the November 2014 Closed Meeting. Please welcome her into our club when you get a chance. Update your existing membership rosters according. A new membership roster for 2015 will be published shortly.

**Danielle Lampe**

## Membership Roster Update

Please update your membership roster for the following members:

Michael Rodriguez  
Shari Ziegenbein

## Thoughts & Prayers

Thank you to Bev & Mort Evans in sharing this info with our membership:

As some of you may know already club member and friend Jackie Kap's 6 year old Son Nico has been diagnosed with cancer. Although Nico is fighting like a champ, some are days better than others, Nico faces a serious surgery January 2015. He is now home.

In this time of hardship and sadness Jackie asks that you pray for her Son. I ask that you include Jackie and Jackie's daughters Tatum and Danielle in your prayers.

Texts, calls, and cards are welcomed.

Jackie Kap and family

1

## Pet Expo Volunteers Needed!! April 10-12, 2015

GDCC is again sponsoring the Great Dane Breed Booth at the Pet Expo this year. It will be held at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. This is a very important activity as it's our chance to educate the public about our breed!

What do you need from you??? YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP!!!

First of all, we need doggie volunteers!! All ages, colors, sex, ears cropped or natural are welcome! HOWEVER, this is an intense and tiring day for the dogs as they are constantly being petted, in close quarters with other dogs and people, and a lot of noise. If you would like to volunteer yourself and dog, we'd love to have you, but please be sure your dog can function under control in close quarters with other dogs and people. They have to be "bombproof".

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please no bitches in season!!

Second of all, we need people volunteers too! Even if you don't have a dog available to man the booth, we can use you! There's hundreds of people asking questions about our great breed. (How many times can you answer -- How long do they live? How much do they weigh? How much do they eat?, etc.) It's fun to talk to all the people who visit this big event.

If you can volunteer any or all of the days of the Pet Expo for at least a couple of hours, the club greatly appreciates it.

Pat Schempp, along with Jim Howey's assistance, is coordinating the set-up and volunteers and everything else for the booth. Please contact Pat or Jim for questions and details. Her contact info is [PSchempp47@aol.com](mailto:PSchempp47@aol.com) and phone number is (562) 429-4190 or Jim at [james.howey@mwfinc.com](mailto:james.howey@mwfinc.com)

## Announcements & Brags —

☺ WESCOTTS BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S OF DUN ROMAN ("Audry") goes WB in Stockton for a 3 point major. We are very proud of this young girl and of her sire Auto - GCH Dun Roman's Getaway Driver, AOM who is consistently producing winning get. Co bred and owned by Jennifer Costantinidis. Co owned by Brandon Pyle and Annette Brill. Handled by Betty Jo Costantinidis.

- \* WESCOTTS BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S OF DUN ROMAN ("Audry") went WB for her second major at the Great Dane Club of Tucson's Specialty Show under breeder judge Lourdes Carvajal handled by Betty Jo Costantinidis. Audrey now has 11 points and both majors with limited showing. Owned & co bred by Jennifer Costantinidis, co owned by Annette Brill & Brandon Pyle.

☺ ECHO'S DANCE IN MY DREAMS V EVANS ("Mattie") goes Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the Tucson Az. show, under Judge: Mrs. Catherine S. Digiacomio. And Winners Bitch under Judge: Robert Shreve Only 2 singles to finish, WITH VERY LIMITED SHOWING! Owners & Breeders: Timmi Williams, Bev Evans & Emilie Williams

ECHO EVANS DANCE TO A VZTOP TUNE ("Mary") goes Winners Bitch for a major win at the Gold Valley show, under Judge: Kenneth Buxton. Owners & Breeders: Timmi Williams, Bev Evans & Emilie Williams

☺ LAMPE'S JAX A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY— 1st time in the AKC Show Ring took a 4pt Major in Springfield Mass. On Nov. 23rd! Thank you Judge Clay Coady. Pickles x Ripley's Big Beautiful Brindle Boy!!! Way To Go!!!

## 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:MLDT@earthlink.net)

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

# More Important News!

## Proposed Constitution & By-Laws

The Great Dane Club of California's (GDCC) proposed Constitution & By-law changes were voted on and approved by the membership, have been also been recently verbally approved by our parent club, the Great Dane Club of America (GDCA) in 2014.

According to AKC regulations any changes to a club's (GDCC) Constitution & By-laws must be conducted via a secret ballot. In order to meet the AKC requirements to this effect, we will be conducting a secret ballot vote to execute this due process as requested.

This vote will be taken at the February 11 GDCC General Meeting.

For your records, please find attached a copy of the updated document. Please bring a copy with you to the February Meeting for reference.

## Nominations for 2017 GDCC Specialties - Regular & Sweepstakes Judges

Please find a form in this issue to nominate our 2017 GDCC Specialty Judges for both the Sweepstakes Class and Regular Class. Members must be in good standing to nominate. Voting for these judges will take place at the April Closed Meeting. Please contact Melanie Yellish with your choices. Nominations must be in to Melanie by April 20, 2015.



# Barn Hunting

*By Danielle Lange*

YES, Great Danes can participate and earn titles in the sport of Barn Hunting! Since April 1, 2013, the AKC recognizes titles earned in Barn Hunt Association events, which can be displayed on dogs' AKC records and their pedigree! Barn Hunt is not an AKC sport; it is an independent organization that allows AKC to recognize BHA titles for AKC registered dogs. Barn Hunting is growing in popularity and is a great way for dogs to test their natural instincts. Both owners and dogs can enjoy yet another performance sport together!

"The purpose of Barn Hunt is to demonstrate a dog's vermin hunting ability in finding and marking rats in a "barn-like" setting, using straw/hay bales to introduce climbing and tunneling obstacles in the dog's path." Barn Hunt is a sporting event with several levels of difficulty, titles, and championships to be attained.

"Barn Hunt is also for any breed or mix of dog who loves to hunt and who can fit through an 18" wide gap between two hay bales. It will test speed, agility, and surefootedness. While not specifically targeted at larger dogs or dogs without a vermin hunting history, Barn Hunt is all inclusive and fun for any dog and human who wishes to play the game."

Barn Hunting events include a primary pass/fail instinct test and four titles above the proven "Instinct". For the Instinct test a dog must be able to demonstrate where the live rat is, in a way that the handler can understand. One aerated PVC tube has a live rat, another tube has used rat litter and the last tube is completely empty. These three tubes are placed in plain sight on the course; all the dog has to do is correctly identify which tube has the rat inside. After the Instinct (RATI) test is passed, a dog can continue in Novice (RATN) then onto Open (RATO), then Senior (RATS), then Master (RATM) and finally to achieve their Championship (RATCH).

My mother, Janet, and I have attended an informational clinic and 3 Barn Hunting practices this summer. It was interesting to see a Great Dane's enthusiasm and natural ability to locate the hidden rat. Since our practices this past summer, we recently purchased 2 ratties to practice with. We look forward to passing the Instinct test with our Danes in early 2015.

The facility we practice at is Winning Edge k-9 Performance Sports in Chino. The clinics and practices are limited and fill up fast!

For more information check out <http://www.barnhunt.com/>  
[http://www.akc.org/dog\\_shows\\_trials/titles/barn\\_hunt/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/titles/barn_hunt/index.cfm)

If anyone has questions please feel free to call Janet or Danielle at (951) 660-8011.



*Rescue News*

*As 2014 comes to an end, sadly we are not seeing fewer Great Danes in rescue. Great Danes entering into rescue by owner turn in and being dumped in shelters continues to be in overwhelmingly high numbers.*

*I ask members who can, to please help by donating funds to the individuals who have been there to pull the Great Danes dumped in our Southern California shelters. Expenses to medically treat these Great Danes and transport them have been in the thousands of dollars.*

*Rescues need our help. Please donate to  
Big Bones Canine Rescue  
[www.Bigbonescaninerescue.com](http://www.Bigbonescaninerescue.com)  
and  
Indian Dane Rescue  
[www.Indiandanerescue.com](http://www.Indiandanerescue.com)*



Devore Shelter  
Rescued by: Big Bones Canine Rescue



Lompoc Shelter  
Rescued by: Rocket Dog Rescue



Devore Shelter  
Rescued by: Big Bones Canine Rescue



San Jacinto Shelter  
Rescued By: Big Bones Canine Rescue



Castaic Shelter  
Rescued By: Indian Dane Rescue



Carson Shelter  
Rescued by: Big Bones Canine Rescue



January 21, 2015

Dear Club Member,

As Raffle Chairperson for the 2015 Specialty, I am appealing to all club members to support this fund raising event by assisting with the donation of either items (doggy or non-doggy) or mail a check to help purchase items for baskets.

**These donations will cover our major fund raising club event – *The Raffle!***

Items can be delivered to Bruce & Susie Powell or Dick & Cathy Schaefer at any shows or call to make arrangements: Susie 661-424-9529

**Please make checks payable to: “GDCC – Raffle”**

**As always, our sincere thanks for your support.**

**Susie Powell**

Susie Powell, Match Raffle Chairperson

***Great Dane Club of California Back – To – Back Specialties  
Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> (AM & PM)  
Los Angeles County Fairplex - Pomona, Ca***

Please indicate what you can donate below and return a copy  
of this in the self-addressed envelope enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can donate items as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can donate and will bring my item to the specialty.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Great Dane Club of California  
Susie Powell – Raffle Chairperson  
30044 Abelia Road  
Canyon Country, CA 91387  
661-424-9529 or 661-373-1894*



# GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA 79TH & 80TH INDEPENDENT SPECIALTIES & SWEEPSTAKES

## Catalog Advertising

**Ad Deadline: April 22, 2015**

Color Ads Are  
Available !!

*Need Help In Getting Your Ads Done?  
Contact Mindy for assistance.*

*If Self-Designed — Ad Requirements:*

- No More Than 300 dpi
- GIF or TIFF Format
- Size: 7.5" (H) x 4.5" (W)

Full Page (includes 1 photo)	\$ 35 (B/W) \$ 65 (Color)
1/2 Page (includes 1 photo)	\$ 25 (B/W)
Inside Front Cover (Full-Page)	\$ 55 (B/W) \$ 85 (Color)
Inside Back Cover (Full-Page)	\$ 55 (B/W) \$ 85 (Color)
Outside Back Cover (Full-Page)	\$ 55 (B/W) \$ 85 (Color)
Business Card (as is)	\$ 10
Breeders Directory Listing (may include—Name, Address, Phone Number(s), E-Mail/Web-site, Kennel Name, Colors Bred)	\$ 10
Each Additional Photo	\$ 10

Please make checks payable to the GDCC and mail with ads to:

Mindy Donovan-Tandy  
5676 Francis Avenue  
Chino, Ca 91710  
E-mail: [MLDT@earthlink.net](mailto:MLDT@earthlink.net)

### **A.M. Show Judges:**

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Kitten Rodwell  
Conformation Judge: Mrs. Nancy Simmons  
\* Junior Showmanship: Mrs. Nancy Simmons

### **P.M. Show Judges:**

Conformation Judge: Ms. Linda Ridder  
\* Junior Showmanship: Ms. Linda Ridder

**Entries Deadline: May 6, 2015**

*\* There is no entry fee for Junior Showmanship*



## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

### 2017 Back to Back Specialty Judges Nomination Form

You must be a member in good standing to nominate Judges. There is no limit on the number of judges you can nominate. Voting will take place at the April 22, 2015 closed meeting.

Return nominations by **April 20, 2015** to: **Melanie Yellish, 3715 Orchid Drive, Highland, CA 92346** or by email to [mydelites@gmail.com](mailto:mydelites@gmail.com) Please remember to print and sign your name to this ballot.

#### CONFORMATION JUDGES

---

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

---

---

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

---

---

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

---

---

#### SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES

---

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

---

---

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

---

---

# So You Want to Be a Professional Handler?

There's a lot more to being a pro than you might think.

By Jason Hoke | Posted: December 17, 2014 12 p.m. PST  
(excerpt from dogchannel.com)

In the golden era of dog shows, to be a paid professional handler, you had to painstakingly work for a handler for years learning the craft and perfecting the skills necessary to advance to the level of a licensed professional handler. The process was a far cry from the agents and weekend handlers that have become so familiar in today's dog show world. So what does it take to graduate to the rank of true professional handler?



*Dog shows are where the professional handler is most visible, where he or she will meet other handlers, potential clients and people to mentor.  
Photo by Gina Cioli/I-5 Studio.*

## Learning the Basics

Without a doubt, the beginning of this journey starts with the educational process. The majority of our most successful handlers have one thing in common: They spent years, if not tens of years, under the tutelage of the masters of the dog show world. An apprentice's job is not an easy one. The apprentice handler will start at the bottom because the bottom is where you begin to learn. You will clean kennels, you will bathe thousands of dogs and you will road work dogs for miles a day. Tens of thousands of nails will be trimmed, coats will be conditioned, crates will be scrubbed, trucks will be washed, and stool and urine will prevail on a daily basis. This is your life as an apprentice; however, this is how you learn.

In the beginning stages, you are there to take instruction and listen to everything. You are not there to be an instant expert. While you may resent all the arduous chores, what you need to realize is that each and every menial task is teaching you something. If a show dog is not eating, you learn why. If the dog has loose stools, you learn to spot changes that may indicate anything from parasites to a life-threatening illness. When a dog chews all the hair off its leg or ear and you bear the wrath of your boss, you learn how to prevent the top special in the string from doing this ever again. A simple task such as cleaning crates teaches you the value of proper equipment and how to care for it. Nothing is cheap in this sport, and caring for the tools of your trade week after week will make you cherish them all the more when you move on to become the mentor of an eager young student.

Your inexperience in the sport will show immediately as you are confronted with countless grooming, health and conditioning situations that you have never dealt with before. It's the duty of the apprentice to absorb as much of this knowledge as possible. If you don't, you will never reach the pinnacle of success that the true professionals enjoy.

*Pro Handler Organizations  
After progressing through the learning process and implementing that knowledge, a handler can also choose to become associated with organizations that define even more clearly the standards, requirements and ethics of professional handlers, such as the Professional Handlers Association (PHA) and the American Kennel Club Registered Handlers Program (RHP). Both professional organizations have guidelines set forth to ensure the quality of their membership and the safety and well-being of the dogs in their care. Guidelines set forth by professional organizations such as these require mandatory kennel and vehicle inspections, insurance coverage and continued education, covering topics from health and care to billing and client relationships. For more information, visit [phadoghandlers.com](http://phadoghandlers.com) and [akc.org/](http://akc.org/)*

## Earning Trust

As you progress in an apprenticeship, you will earn the trust of your mentor. As the list of privileges grows, you will be permitted to care for more of the priority dogs. In the very beginning, you won't be entrusted with the handler's top dog, but on that day when you finally walk the top dog to the ring or trim it or simply wash it, you as an apprentice will never forget the pride you felt in earning your mentor's trust.

Years will pass under a true apprenticeship, and the care and conditioning skills you have will grow. Never assume you know everything; even when you're a professional handler, something new, both wondrous and horrifying, will happen to you on a weekly basis. This is the nature of the sport.

So what should your goals be as an apprentice? First and foremost, you must learn animal husbandry from the basic principles of feeding and conditioning to the mental well-being of each animal. Then you will progress to proper medical care and the breed-specific traits that require proper grooming and attention. Learning the breed-specific traits of so many breeds comes with time. Read the standards over and over again. If you are unsure of specific points, ask your mentor or research the information on the parent club's website. There is a wealth of information available to you. Focus on the dogs and learn all you can.



*The area around the handler's RV should be kept spotless. Pros are visible both in and out of the ring and must make a good impression on their peers, students, clients and potential clients. Photo by Isabelle Francais.*

## Dealing With Clients

In order to be a great professional in the sport, there is one thing you need above all else: clients. Patrons of yours who will continue to be your benefactors year after year, offering you their loyalty and understanding, become the cornerstone of your business. If you cannot maintain relationships with clients, you will be lost in this sport. Many client-handler relationships transcend the simple exchange of money for exhibiting a dog. It is imperative that you learn a multitude of coping mechanisms for dealing with clients. While working as an apprentice, observe how these interactions occur. What seems to work, and what leads to a parting of the ways? Rest assured you will witness both ends of the spectrum and everything in between.

The first and foremost concern when dealing with clients is communication. One must be forthright with a client and engage in an open dialog. If you fail to engage a client, they will feel that, in the string of animals you are showing, their dog has become insignificant. In many instances, this dog is viewed as a child to them. Ignoring their child is a sure path to being replaced in short order. Learn how to speak to clients in a manner befitting their personality, not yours. It's not about you when dealing with clients. They are the ones paying you for a service, and you should respect that. Understand that at any moment you can be replaced, so choose your words with care.



*Becoming a professional means learning about everything from the breeds you're showing to running a business to working together with other handlers at shows. Photo by Cassandra Radcliff.*

You must also be honest and forthright with your clients. Those clients with whom you can have candid conversations about their dogs and what happens at shows are the ones who will be your clients for the long-term. Frank conversations about the quality of the dogs are essential if you want to establish a high level of excellence in your string (learn more in the "Assessing Dogs" sidebar). If you fail to be honest with clients, both new and old, you will eventually end up with a string of less-than-exemplary dogs. This is not your goal when you aspire to become a true professional handler.

Another difficult lesson to learn, yet an essential one if your business is to prosper, is client billing. This seems to be a shortcoming in some professionals, but it is the handler's job to properly bill a client and in a timely manner. Don't wait for a bill to accrue until it becomes unaffordable. Remember that lax billing will end up taking money out of your pocket. You will find clients who pay immediately and those who bounce from handler to handler, running up bills then moving on to another. If you bill in a timely manner, you will eliminate many of these issues. Once the first bill is past due and the second is being produced, it's time to consider whether the client is able and willing to pay these bills they have amassed. It seems like such a simple issue, but many new as well as established handlers miss this point. It falls on the handler to maintain proper books and bill in a timely manner. In the end, the most important issue with respect to clients is ethics. Being honest through the good and the bad assures your client that you have a high standard of ethics.

## Keeping a Kennel

Professionals must provide the proper housing, grooming, exercise and medical care for their clients' dogs. The idea that a show dog can live a crated existence in the handler's home is preposterous. In addition to giving each dog enough food, water, space and ventilation, the facilities must be clean. Learn what sanitizers kill pathogens many dogs are exposed to. Wash down areas where waste occurs and ensure there is proper drainage to eliminate buildup of residual contaminants.

The grooming area must be well lit and large enough so you can access all sides of the dog. Are there mirrors to see the results of grooming that may not be apparent when viewing from above? Is there space to walk the dog on a leash nearby to evaluate after bathing and trimming, to make sure the finishing touches accent the positive and diminish the negative?

Consider where the dogs will be exercised. Is your outdoor space large enough for muscle tone to be developed? Keep in mind that if a dog is placed on a trotter for exercise, someone must be present at all times. The same goes with dogs on the table. They should never be left unattended, even for a minute.

### Assessing Dogs

*When you as a professional evaluate a dog you will potentially be exhibiting, attempt to the best degree to be forthright in your critique of the dog before you. Bear in mind some clients may be new to the sport, and to not assess the dog in an honest manner is setting up both them and you for failure. A real professional nurtures the client-handler relationship so that trust is formed. Discuss the dog's strengths and weaknesses and what type of judge will appreciate the dog's virtue. Also be candid in the amount of time you honestly feel it will take to acquire a championship. While this is never an exact science, it builds a foundation for future conversations should the need arise.*

*When presented with dogs of inferior quality, a difficult conversation will ensue. Many a client has been lost upon refusal to exhibit a dog, but how you communicate this to the client will determine the outcome. Instead of just simply refusing to show it, discuss how to improve the line. Handlers should never take on a dog that lacks true breed quality. It will affect the light in which a handler is viewed not only in the clients' eyes but the dog world in general.*

*To properly assess a dog's quality, study breeds day in and day out. Observe judging at shows to see where a breed is, relative to its strengths and weaknesses. Become a student of all breeds, as it can only improve your eye. Staying and watching Groups and seeing an outstanding example of a breed is a great measuring tool for future evaluations. With this observation, one can also note proper grooming techniques and presentation skills necessary to exhibit certain breeds.*

Consider also the security of your facility. Do you have a double set of fencing to ensure that if a gate is left open, no dog can get out? There should be fire alarms throughout the facility and easy access to a fire extinguisher. You must also be able to minimize exposure from one infected dog to another in your care. Is there a safe location a dog may be quarantined in the event of a communicable disease within your facility?

Temperature control is also a major concern. Temperatures both low and high can cause life-threatening maladies. There must be a way to monitor and maintain the proper climate and humidity in a kennel.

In the event a dog in your care becomes injured, what do you have at your facility for treatment? All facilities should have the essential first-aid kits available to deal with minor issues that arise. Even the most cautious handler will eventually have to deal with minor and severe dog injuries. Are you equipped to deal with such instances? Make sure every kennel worker knows the vet you use and their hours. If your regular vet is not available during an after-hours emergency, have a backup vet. This could determine whether an animal in your care lives or dies in an emergency. It cannot be stressed enough to be prepared for anything and understand the health risks breeds in your care are known for, what the indicating signs of health issues are and how to treat them.

### **Transporting and Showing Dogs**

Professional handlers must transport animals to and from shows. Determine the vehicle size you need based on the breeds of dogs you specialize in. You must be prepared to handle any situation that occurs in the van, just as you are prepared for emergencies in the kennel. Secure the crates the animals travel in to prevent serious injury in the event of an accident. The same fire precautions should be taken in a van as in the kennel, so always have a fire extinguisher on board. If you must evacuate the dogs, how will you keep them safe? One slip leash is not enough to quickly clear a vehicle in jeopardy. Keep multiple leads available to get dogs out quickly and safely.

Also have a plan in case the van breaks down. Do you have a roadside service membership to assist you? Can the dogs be maintained safely in weather extremes? Never leave home without water and food in the vehicle for the dogs. You never know how long and in what conditions you could be stranded. Prepare your vehicle both mechanically and for the safety of the dogs based on the conditions you may encounter. Have items to provide shade for hot weather and extra bedding for colder weather.

Once a handler has made it to the show grounds, it's important to find a place to set up and establish an environment so the dogs will be able to perform well over the show weekend. This includes setting up exercise areas, crating and grooming equipment. These areas should be maintained at the highest level of cleanliness. There should never be waste in the exercise pens; this should be cleaned immediately, all hair and other debris swept up as soon as possible, and leftover food discarded after feeding so as not to attract pests. A clean, organized setup speaks well to current and future clients, and it creates an environment conducive to the professional presentation of your string.

Ex-pens and crates should have adequate shade if outdoors. A prudent handler makes sure pens and crates are always closed and or clipped shut whether a dog is present or not, as an open crate or pen denotes a potentially loose dog. Once again, the handler must be aware of where a local veterinarian is located should the need arise.

Once everything is set up at the show, a professional handler has a new set of requirements: exercising and feeding. To not show up until late morning to allow your dogs to relieve themselves is unacceptable, and projects an image of laziness and apathy. It is imperative that all dogs are maintained and cared for in the same manner at shows that they are in the kennel or in their owners' care.

The most visible aspect of being a professional handler is what occurs in the ring at the show. This is the ultimate test of professionalism. A person with integrity and professionalism takes both wins and losses with dignity. A handler must be aware that there is always someone observing them, and that person could be their next client. To represent oneself in a manner unbecoming to the sport does not bode well for one's career. When interacting with judges, a handler should always consider the look of impropriety and try to recognize any behavior that may be perceived as unethical.

A professional handler must also embrace the sport's camaraderie and always be willing to assist not only newcomers but other professionals. For the newcomers, it may be something as simple as a tip on how to show or present a dog better. A handler will see his or her peers week after week, so one must also be willing to assist and work with them to create a harmonious work environment.

The handler's responsibility also includes the care and disbursement of ribbons and trophies. What may seem trivial to some is of great value to others. Ribbons are to be given to owners in a timely manner. This speaks well of a person who not only is responsible for the care of the dogs, but the owners' property.

## Continuing the Legacy

Beyond the day-to-day work of the professional handler is the duty to mentor the new generation. How can we expect future generations to be proficient in this sport if we don't train them? The student must become the professional and then become the teacher. The masters of the sport should strive to set the standard again with their apprentices and instill in them the ability to properly care for their charges, as well as encourage them to receive a higher education to be well-rounded businesspeople. It's all part of giving back to the sport that we love.

As you can see, the role of a professional handler encompasses far more than being a junior handler who shows dogs for money or an adult who decides to make a little extra cash by showing a friend's dog.

To be considered a true professional handler, one must begin in earnest to learn the trade from the ground up and accept the fact that all along the journey there is always something new to learn. By choosing this as your vocation, it means accepting the commitment to present your dogs at the highest level and arming yourself with the knowledge to care for them under any circumstances.

You strive to maintain the utmost professionalism in dealing with clients and judges in and out of the ring. You mentor anyone who seeks knowledge and assist anyone in the sport who needs help. And most of all, you continue to learn and embrace all the sport can teach.

From the December 2014 issue of Dogs in Review magazine.



*Great professional handlers can be remembered for many decades for certain qualities and abilities. The great handler Percy Roberts is shown here in the late 1930s with the Wire Fox Terrier Flornell Spicy Piece Of Halleston, a Westminster Best in Show winner. Photo courtesy Best in Show by Bo Bengtson/Peter Green.*

# Big Dog Corner

Does your lawn suffer from unpleasant yellow spots from your dog's urine? An easy solution is to add "Dog Rocks" to your dog's water bowl. Dog Rocks are a 100% natural product, made from igneous rocks. When the rocks are placed in water, they act as a sponge and will filter impurities found in tap water, without changing the pH balance of the dog's urine. "Dog Rocks will help purify the water by removing some nitrates, ammonia and harmful trace elements thereby giving your dog a cleaner source of water and lowering the amount of nitrates found in their diet thereby lowering the amount that is expelled in their urine." By simply placing a single pack of Dog Rocks in the water bowl, in as little as 8-10 hours no new burn patches will occur and the lawn itself can be spot free in about 5 weeks, with proper lawn maintenance.

**Dog Rocks**  
**STOP pet urine burn marks... naturally**

Our lawn now has no burn patches after using Dog Rocks. I have a happy husband and dogs that enjoy rolling in the green grass. Supported by Dog Natural Magazine, <http://www.dogrocksus.com/>



"Big Dog Haus" is a web site that loves the giant breeds and the big dog community. They promote American made products and helping those in business by sharing their products with the big dog community. "We are always on the hunt for a great new product to share with fellow big dog lovers." Along with that they also support large breed rescues! Check out the web site for featured products each week and go "like" their Facebook page! Big Dog Haus knows big dog owners are unique and special people!  
[www.BigDogHaus.com](http://www.BigDogHaus.com)

As always, use good judgment in the health and welfare of your big dog. Remember to consult your regular Veterinarian when you have questions and concerns!!

*"Love of animals is a universal impulse, a common ground on which all of us may meet.*

*By loving and understanding animals, perhaps we humans shall come to understand each other."*

- Louis J. Camuti

Tell us what makes life with a big dog as easy as it seems, since we all do it so well!



*Janet Lampe*

<http://lampedanes.com>



# 2014 AWARDS

## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

### Top Great Dane Award

Multi BISS GCH Naples TLBRK Dana  
SanRoque Cause And Effect AOM

Mindy Donovan-Tandy

### Top Dog Award

Multi BISS GCH Naples TLBRK Dana  
SanRoque Cause And Effect AOM

Mindy Donovan-Tandy

### Top Bitch Award

Multi BISS GCH Naples SanRoque Dana  
Honolulu Lulu

Maren Cornish, Maggie Foerschler, Dawn Dana

### Top Breeder Award

Cynthis & John Neet

### Top Stud Dog Award

CH Avanti's All For One Elan

Bob & Linda Tonnancour

### Top Brood Bitch Award

Not Awarded

### Kay Kinosita Award

Not Awarded

### Outstanding New Member Award

Brianne Rock

### Owner-Handler Award

Tricia Baxter

### Bred-By Exhibitor Award

John & Cynthia Neet

### "Total Package" Awards

#### **Brood Bitch Silver Award**

GCH Crowbay's Wind In The USA AOM CGC  
John & Cynthia Neet

#### **Stud Dog Award**

AKC/UKC CH Thor-Kourt's Kopitar KeyNyTy S.T.A.R.  
Dana R. Litzinger



# 2014 AWARDS

## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

### Venerable Dane Award

CH Riverwood's Bent-On Vogue Attire CGC	Debbie Bent
Naples In The Buff	Maren & Joe Cornish
Sunstrike Arctic Lights CGC	Cynthia Neet

### Performance Awards

BISS Int'l CH Lampe's Sweet Pickles Don't Ya Love Her Madly CGC SPD JS-N RS-N GS-N NAP NJP DN	Janet & Danielle Lampe
Thor-Kourt's Tibetan-Juniper Kenikiz S.T.A.R.	Dana R. Litzinger
Danewoods Black Fire At High Point CGC	Karen Dwerlkott Ray
Lampe's Sweet Country Boy Ruger CGC	Danielle Lampe
CH Bent-On Bowties and Handkerchiefs CGC	Debbie Bent
Int'l/Nat'l CH All About The Neet One CGC	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Edendane's All About Soul CGC	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Neet's All About The First Man CGC	Cynthia & John Neet
	Cynthia & John Neet

### New Champion Awards

CH Rondomar Conspirator	Doety Marks
CH Daneridges Bet'r Late Than Nev'r	Tricia Baxter, Maryann Wilson
CH Von Evans MNM Brancoda I Am The Big Kahuna	Bev & Mort Evans
CH Von Evans MNM Brancoda I Believe I Will	Bev & Mort Evans
CH Memores Sweet Little Texas Heat	Jackie Kap
CH Memores Guardian In The Sky	Jackie Kap
CH PCH Some Heads Are Gonna Roll	Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett
CH Naples San Roque Black Swan	Maren & Tori Cornish
GCH Neet's You Had Me At Hello v Adelaide	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Neet's All About The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Neet's Whirlwind Romance	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Highesteem What Neet Luck	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Highesteem Walks with Neet	Cynthia & John Neet



# 2014 AWARDS

## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

### New Grand Champion Award

GCH JamesDane Daneridge Hi-Stake's Gunslinger	Jim Howey, Maryann Wilson
GCH Dun Roman's Getaway Driver	Jennifer Costantinidis
GCH Von Evans MNM I Can, I am And I Will of Lore	Bev & Mort Evans
Multi BISS GCH Naples SanRoque Dana Honalulu Lulu	Maren Cornish, Maggie Foerschler, Dawn Dana
GCH Naples SanRoque North Shore Isadora	Maren & Tori Cornish, Maggie Foerschler
GCH Neet's You Had Me @ Hello v Adelaide	Cynthia & John Neet

### New Grand Champion Awards - Bronze

Multi BISS GCH Naples SanRoque Dana Honalulu Lulu	Maren Cornish, Maggie Foerschler, Dawn Dana
---	---

### New Grand Champion Awards - Silver

Multi BISS GCH Naples SanRoque Dana Honalulu Lulu	Maren Cornish, Maggie Foerschler, Dawn Dana
---	---

### New Grand Champion Awards - Gold

Multi BISS GCH Naples TLBRK Dana SanRoque Cause And Effect	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
--	---------------------

### Breeder of Champion Awards

CH Daneridges Bet'R Late Than Nev'R	Maryann Wilson
CH GMJ Daneridge Hosannah'Sleightofhand	Tricia Baxter, Maryann Wilson
CH Von Evans MNM Brancoda I Am The Big Kahuna	Bev & Mort Evans, Pat Schempp
CH Von Evans MNM Brancoda I Believe I Will	Bev & Mort Evans, Pat Schempp
CH Echo Danemar's Renaissance Man	Bev Evans
CH Memores Seet Little Texas Heat	Jackie Kap
CH Memores Guardian In The Sky	Jackie Kap
CH PCH Some Heads Are Gonna Roll	Suzzance Kelleher-Duckett
CH Naples SanRoque Black Swan	Maren Cornish
GCH Neet's You Had Me @ Hello v Adelaide	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Neet's All About The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie	Cynthia & John Neet
CH Neet's Whirlwind Romance	Cynthia & John Neet



# 2014 AWARDS

## GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

### Owner of Sire - New Championship Awards

**CH Daneridges Bet'R Late Than Nev'R**

Maryann Wilson

**CH Vztop's Spectral Hue V Bwk**

Tricia Baxter, Maryann Wilson

**CH Rondomar Conspirator**

Bob & Linda Tonnancour

**CH MK Danes Etched In Ebony**

Bob & Linda Tonnancour

**CH Avanti's Unusual Discovery v MK RN**

Bob & Linda Tonnancour



GDCC  
Mindy Donovan-Tandy  
5676 Francis Avenue  
Chino, CA 91710

