

GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

NEWS AND VIEWS

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Happy 90th Birthday
Great Dane Club of California!

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR
CLUB OVER ITS LIFETIME,
AND IN THE FUTURE.

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GDCC, est. 1931

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Delegate to Parent Club:

Dick Schaefer

LATEST UPDATE

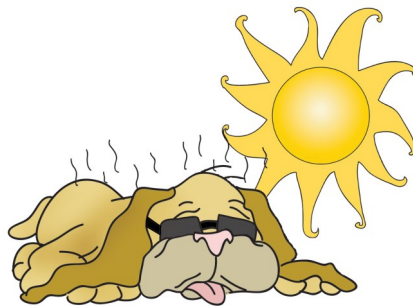
The Prez Sez:

Hello All!

Summer is soon upon us and the shows in Southern California are on the rise! Our specialties are coming up soon and we will need all the assistance that we can muster up! Please contact Bob Ardecky if you can volunteer for duties to make our shows successful, email him at rardecky@gmail.com. If you were not in the general meeting on June 9th, we had 2 special guest speakers Dr. Frances Chen and Dr. Brennen McKenzie speak on their study of large breed dog on their longevity versus small breed dogs. It was highly informative, and they both are very dedicated to their work. Look for their flyer in this bulletin to see if you can assist in their study. They are looking to open a testing facility in the Southern California area very soon. Hope all our members remain healthy and safe as

our State reopens! See you at the shows!

Jim Howey



~~ COVER STORY ~~

Inquiring minds wanted to know what the GDCC's birthday was — we knew that she was getting up there!

We reached out to our longtime club members for the answer. Cathy Schaefer came up with the answer in way of a bound history of the GDCC. The book covers from 1931 to the early 1960s.

So that means the GDCC is celebrating their 90th birthday in 2021! Looking forward to the next 10 years and celebrating our 100th birthday in 2031.

2021 GDCC Calendar

July 7, 2021 Board meeting

(Wednesday)

Location: Online Zoom Meeting
Time: 5:30pm PST

GDCC Specialty Dates:

July 23rd and 24th 2021

(Friday & Saturday)

Location: Bates Nut Farm
15954 Woods Valley Rd.
Valley Center, CA
Time: Afternoon after Cabrillo All Breed Shows
(concurrent events)

July 23,24,25 Cabrillo Kennel Club (3 day All Breed)
15954 Woods Valley Rd.
Valley Center, CA

August NO meetings

Sep 8, 2021 General Open Meeting, Guests Welcome
(Wednesday)

Location: Online Zoom Meeting
Time: 5:30pm PST

Braggs ! ---

Melanie Yellish bragged that Emma and Trooper earned their CGCs at the Puppy Match, and that at Orange Empire Kennel Club, Trooper earned Select Dog and Best of Breed.

Money can't buy happiness.
But it can buy
Entry fees.
And that's basically
the same thing.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

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Joy DeGruccio
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(Listing for Club Members Only)

Bulletin:
Maren Cornish
Maggie Foerschler

Club Awards:
Gary Romerosa
Maren Cornish

Club Specialty & Match Trophies:
Tori Cornish
Natalie Andrews

Dane Rescue Referral:
Suzanne Kelleher-Duckett

Education/Betterment of the Breed:
Jessica Gibbs

Event Publicity:
Mindy Donovan-Tandy

Facebook:
Gary & Debi Romerosa

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Hilary McLeod
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Puppy Match:
Mike Rodriguez

Raffle & Silent Auction:
Susie Powell
Bruce Powell

Rescue Report:
Susie Powell

Specialty:
Bob Ardecky

Volunteers::
Maren Cornish

Ways & Means:
Open position

Watchdog:
Pat Schempp

Web-site:
Jerry Tandy
jerrytandy92@gmail.com

Announcements---

Membership Application

The following applicants memberships were submitted:

Second Publication

Sharon Johns

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Henderson, NV 89002
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E-Mail: sanshjargd@aol.com

Marion Phipps

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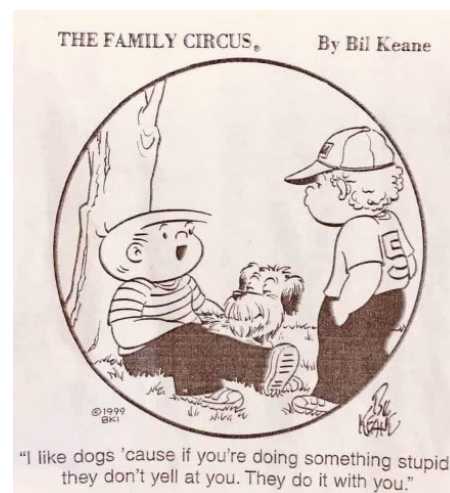
Editors' note:

Just a Heads up – notice something different? Yes, this is our normal 2 mo. Bulletin for June & July.

Since we have so much to concentrate on for the 2 upcoming July Specialties at the end of the month. We thought we could do a **2-part August** bulletin, with issue A covering the Friday show and issue B the Saturday show.

Hopefully, this will give everyone a chance to get great pictures, results and other items of interest without overloading any equipment needed to produce and distribute a bulletin that we hope will be jammed packed with things of the club member's interest.

Maren & Maggie





2021 Specialty Shows Great Dane Club of California

89th and 90th Independent Specialties & Sweepstakes

Friday July 23, 2021 & Saturday July 24, 2021

Come join us for 5 shows in 3 days!

We're offering 2 Concurrent Specialty Shows

Junior Showmanship & Puppy Sweepstakes

(Limit 100 entries each show)

Cynsational Rosettes by Cyndi are being offered at both
specialty shows and sweepstakes

We are excited to hold our shows with the Cabrillo Kennel
Club, out on the grass, at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, CA



Specialty Judges

Friday, July 23: Ms. Mary Lee Williams

Sweepstakes (Friday): Mr. Kim Griffith

Saturday, July 24: Mrs. Doety Marks

Juniors (Saturday): Mrs. Doety Marks

Cabrillo Kennel Club Judges

Friday: Mr. Ronald Freeman

Saturday: Mr. David J. Peat

Sunday: Mr. Del Richards

For information please contact GDCC Specialty Show Chair,
Robert Ardecky at: rardecky@gmail.com

Entries close Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 12 Noon PT
Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw , Entry forms available at jbradshaw.com



Thank you to everyone who has sponsored
Trophies for the 2021 GDCC Specialties so far!

If anyone would like to sponsor classes for the
Specialties, contact me to see what is available!

Trophy Chairperson,
Tori Cornish
toricornish996@gmail.com



Designs by Teri!



May 3, 2021

Dear Club Member,

As Raffle Chairperson for the 2021 Specialty, we are appealing to all club members to support this fundraising event by assisting with the donation of either items (doggy or non-doggy), or mail a check to help purchase items for baskets or larger items to be offered individually.

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

All items and donations should be to us by June 15th in order to allow time to prepare the baskets. Items can be delivered to Bruce & Susie Powell at shows or call to make arrangements with us at 661-373-1894.

Our address is 30044 Abelia Rd. Canyon Country, CA 91387

Donations can be made :

PayPal: GDCCLT1969@Gmail.com (indicate “GDCC-Raffle and use Family & Friends) Checks payable to: “GDCC – Raffle” mail to: 30044 Abelia Rd., Canyon Country, CA 91387

As always, our sincere thanks for your support.

Bruce & Susie Powell

Specialty Raffle Chairperson

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.

_____ I can help work at the booth at the Specialty.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

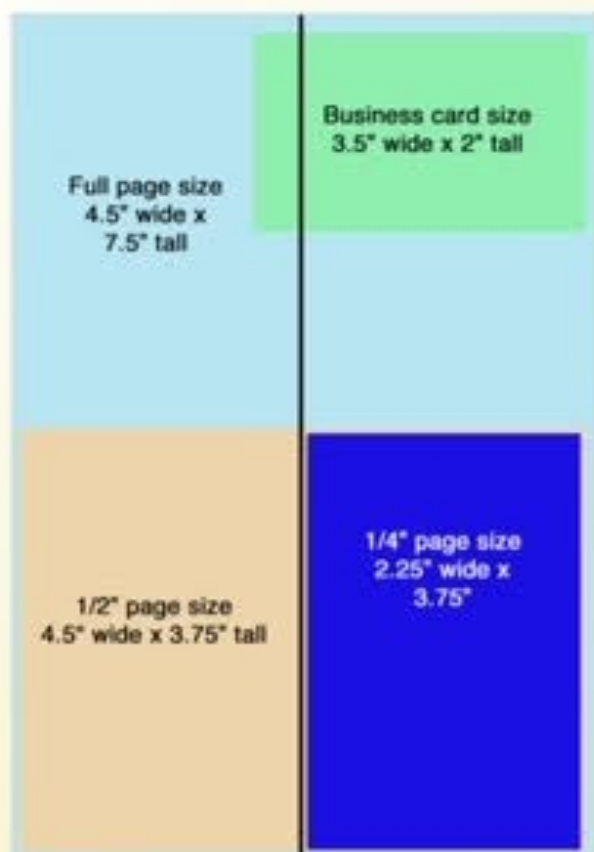
Any questions call or text Susie Powell 661-373-1894

GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
89th & 90th
INDEPENDENT SPECIALTIES
& SWEEPSTAKES



CATALOG ADVERTISING

AD DEADLINE: JUNE 18, 2021



Full Page	\$ 38 (B/W) \$ 68 (Color)
1/2 Page	\$ 25 (B/W) \$ 38 (Color)
Inside Front Cover (Full-Page)	\$ 55 (B/W) \$ 85 (Color)
Inside Back Cover (Full-Page)	\$ 55 (B/W) \$ 85 (Color)
1/4 Page	\$ 10 (B/W) \$ 20 (Color)
Business Card	\$ 10 (B/W)
Breeder Directory Listing (may include - Name, Address, Phone Number(s), E-Mail/Web-site, Kennel Name, Colors Bred)	\$ 10

Please send your Ad payment to
Linda Tonnancour
(note catalog Ad size)

Via PayPal (friends & family):
gdcclt1969@gmail.com

Via Check:
make out to GDCC,
send to Linda Tonnancour
150 N. Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson, AZ 85748

Need Help In Getting Your Ads Done?
Contact Marilee For Assistance.

If Self-Designed -- Ad Requirements:
- No More Than 300 dpi
- jpg Format

Submit Ads to:
Marilee Tadler
6949 Abbottswood Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
E-Mail: MarileeARPF@aol.com

Reminder for 2021 GDCC Year-End Awards

The Award Co-Chairpersons wanted to post the early reminder again of the rules for submitting for club awards at the end of the year. Complete list of awards that can be earned is at the end of this bulletin.

Awards can be submitted at any time ([i.e., as they are earned](#)) not just at the end of the qualifying period.

Awards already submitted for and earned in 2020 as published will be presented along at the 2021 Holiday Awards party in December.

- **EVERY INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBER WHO IS THE OWNER/CO-OWNER OR BREEDER-CO-BREEDER OF A DOG EARNING AN AWARD MUST INDIVIDUALLY APPLY FOR THEIR AWARD TO THE AWARDS CO-CHAIRPERSON OR NO AWARD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE GIVEN.**
- Family members must apply/request individually, regardless of ownership or breeder status.
- No awards will be given to non-club members, regardless of ownership or breeder status.
- Beginning date for the year is **November 10, 2020 through November 8, 2021.**
- For all clarification purposes, please contact the Awards Co-Chairpersons. for additional information on Club Award Rules.
- Documentation required:
 - o Attach the AKC certificate for the award or insert a copy to the appropriate web-site link (if no password is required)
 - o Attach points awarded for the award or insert a copy to the appropriate web-site link (if no password is required)
 - o Please note that in some cases you may have to purchase a report from the AKC store to substantiate your documentation.
- **Contact Information for Award Co-Chairpersons**
 - o Gary Romerosa
 - ⇒ Gromeo78@aol.com (559)410-1822
 - o Maren Cornish
 - ⇒ nsrdanes@gmail.com (951)692-6444

Thank you and we wish everyone success in their endeavors this year,

Gary and Maren

JUNE OPEN MEETING MINUTES



Great Dane Club of California

Open General Membership Zoom Meeting
June 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the president at 5:32 pm. The following members were present: Jim Howey, Maren Cornish, Tori Cornish, Joy DeGruccio, Hilary McLeod, Susie Powell, Melanie Yellish, Mike Rodriguez, Maggie Foerschler, Natalie Andrews, Darlene Andrews, Debi Romerosa, Bob Ardecky, Rachel De La Vega, Mindy Donovan-Tandy, Pat Schempp, Eleanor Powell and Lorrie Burnham. Guests present were Brennen McKenzie, Frances Chen, Judy Landers, and Sharon Johns. Board members Jessica Gibbs, Bruce Powell, Linda Tonnancour, and Brianne Rock were absent.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary's Report: The minutes for the open and board meetings in May were accepted as published in the May bulletin.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Incoming Correspondence:

1. Signed Specialty Judge's contract from Doety Marks with current Specialty date.
2. Signed Specialty Sweepstake Judge's contract from Kim Griffith with current Specialty date.
3. GDCA 2021-2022 recommended slate for the Officers and Board of Directors.

Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence:

1. Biography from Conformation Judge Doety Marks received and forwarded to Marilee Tadler for Specialty catalog.
2. Biography from Sweepstake Judge Kim Griffith received and forwarded to Marilee Tadler for Specialty

Outgoing Correspondence:

1. Returned GDCA First Ballot for Conformation Judges Selection Western Division 2023 National.

Pending Correspondence:

1. None

Jim asked the Board to stay after the meeting to select their nominating committee members.
Treasurer's Report: Linda was not present to give her report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rescue: Susie reached out to Community Canines and One Dane at a Time for their statistics. ODAAT reported that they have taken in 35 Danes, 30 that were intact, and have placed 31. Community Canines did not report their statistics.

Specialty: Bob reported that the specialty premium is completed and is able to be used as a template for future shows. He asked for volunteers to help with bringing items necessary for the specialties. Jim volunteered to bring ice. Lunch for the shows was discussed and it was decided that the club will offer lunch on both Friday and Saturday prior to our afternoon specialties. Bob also asked for the club's approval for donations of \$50 in the each of the judges' names to the GDCA – Charitable Trust from the club, as we have done in the past.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Frances Chen and Brennen McKenzie introduced their company (Loyal for Dogs – Cellular Longevity) and the study that they are running on large breeds, and why large and giant breeds age faster and have earlier mortality than smaller dogs. They discussed their goal of eventually developing therapeutics or medicines that extend dog health span and lifespan by targeting the underlying mechanisms of aging with the goal of preventing disease. Information on the study they are conducting can be found in the bulletin.

Match: Jim read a message from Tricia Baxter, our puppy match judge, thanking the club for allowing her to judge such a wonderful group of Danes.

Bulletin: Maggie reminded everyone that the bulletin is due tomorrow (Thursday 6/10).

Website: Mindy reported that Jerry has the page up to date and will post an updated show schedule soon.

Membership: Tori reported that Marion Phipps and Sharon Johns submitted their membership applications, and that Judy Landers was working on her application and sponsors and attending the required meetings.

Holiday party: Maren reported that everything is handled for December, so far.

Facebook: Debi reported that the Facebook page is up and running. The page is still in its beginning stages, and more will be added shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- The following positions are up for election for 2022: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 director positions. We need to select a Nominating Committee. The nominating committee will consist of 7 people.
 - Jim appointed Jessica Gibbs (presidential appointment)
 - 2 (+1 alternate) from board – to be selected by the board after this meeting.
 - 4 (+1 alternate) from membership – Maggie Foerschler, Maren Cornish, Melanie Yellish, Bob Ardecky (Mike Rodriguez – alternate)
- Melanie received the recommended slate for GDCA board officers and read the proposed slate.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tori Cornish, Recording Secretary

Braggs:

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GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

Mini- Executive Board Meeting - June 9, 2021

The board meeting was called to order directly following brags from the general open meeting at 6:55pm. Jim asked the board present to stay on after to select their portion of the nominating committee. Board members present were Jim Howey, Mike Rodriguez, Maren Cornish, Melanie Yellish, Tori Cornish, Joy DeGruccio, Susie Powell, and Hilary McLeod. Linda Tonnancour, Bruce Powell, Jessica Gibbs, and Brianne Rock were absent board members.

NEW BUSINESS

The board selected Debi Romerosa and Cathy Schaefer for the nominating committee, with Joy DeGruccio as their alternate.

The nominating committee is as follows: Jessica Gibbs, Debi Romerosa, Cathy Schaefer, Joy DeGruccio (board alternate), Maggie Foerschler, Maren Cornish, Melanie Yellish, Bob Ardecky, and Mike Rodriguez (membership alternate) .

The committee must select their chairperson at their first meeting.

Our next board meeting will be on July 7 at 5:30pm.

The mini meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tori Cornish, Recording Secretary



Hi Frances – We would love to have you as a guest speaker for our upcoming meeting on June 9th at 5:30 PM via zoom

If it is alright with you I would also like to invite Dr. Brennen McKenzie, our team's Director of Veterinary Medicine, to the meeting on Wednesday. Dr. McKenzie has been a practitioner in the Bay Area for almost 20 years now and has been the head veterinarian acting as medical monitor for our Healthspan Study.

Looking forward to virtually meeting all of you!

First, we are very interested in learning from the most dedicated dog lovers on what aspects of quality of life and health are most important to them as their dogs age.

Additionally, we are interested in opportunities for participation and/or sponsorship of breed club events- I saw that there was originally a GDCC specialty in City of Industry, CA for June 25, 2021- has this been cancelled due to COVID-19 and will there be other breed events this summer?

Finally, we are currently running an observational (no drug) study to help us better understand why large and giant dogs age faster and experience earlier mortality compared to smaller dogs. This study would provide veterinary physical exams, comprehensive blood work (CBC, serum chem + total T4), and urinalysis free of charge to participants, and a gift box for owners. There would also be opportunities for participation in future studies if desired. We would like to know if the members of the GDCC would be interested in participating in clinical studies on dog aging and healthspan.

Hi all,

Brennen and I enjoyed interacting with your club and thank you so much again for the opportunity! We will reach out to Dr. Blake at Rose City Vet in Pasadena and look into setting up a potential mobile site or popup clinic in Southern CA.

We can share the flyer you are free to distribute to anyone you think might be interested in our study!

Thanks again and hope to stay in touch!

Best,

Frances

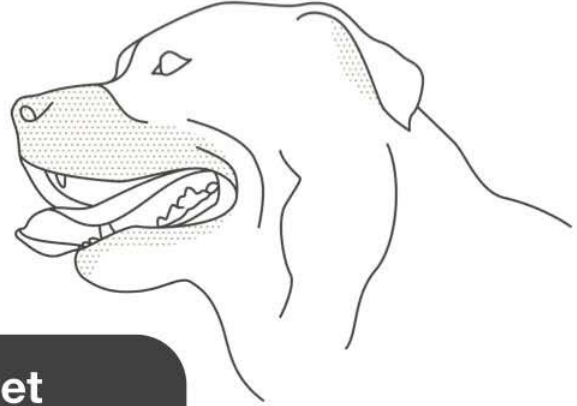
Frances L. Chen, DVM PhD
Head of Veterinary Translational Medicine
303-803-0490
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The Healthspan Study

An **observational** (no drug) study investigating the biology behind how our best friends age.

Now seeking participants!



Participants will receive a free vet visit, health assessment, and gift box

If your dog is...

less than **25 lbs** or more than **50 lbs**
between **2-5 years** or more than **7 years old**
& has an accurate year of birth

... they may be eligible for this study!



Learn more & sign up at:
www.loyalfordogs.com

vets@loyalfordogs.com

For those who may not use Facebook a lot or were unable to watch The Westminster KC Show, I wanted to share with you these thoughtful words spoken by the esteemed and respected judge Pat Trotter during her announcement of the Best in show winner:

'NOT ALL PETS
ARE SHOW DOGS, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU,
ALL SHOW DOGS ARE PETS.'
- JUDGE PATRICIA TROTTER



GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST

Our 2020/2021 Fundraiser



The Rainbow Bridge
1-1/2 inches by 1-1/2 inches
with an 18 inch gold rope chain.
Donated through the generosity of
Ana & Julien Goulet,
Virginia Perry Gardiner/Ana Goulet Studios

~ Tickets ~ \$5.00 each

* Winner Need Not Be Present to Win *

All Tickets Purchased in 2020 will be placed in the drawing for 2021.

Tickets will soon be available through your Affiliate Club,
ONLINE, in our Charitable Trust Store at gdca.org and
at the Trust Booth (all week) at the 2021 GDCA National Specialty.
The drawing will be held at the Awards Dinner, on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Questions or Additional Info ~ Please Contact
Cathy Schaefer * dick.schaefer@gmail.com

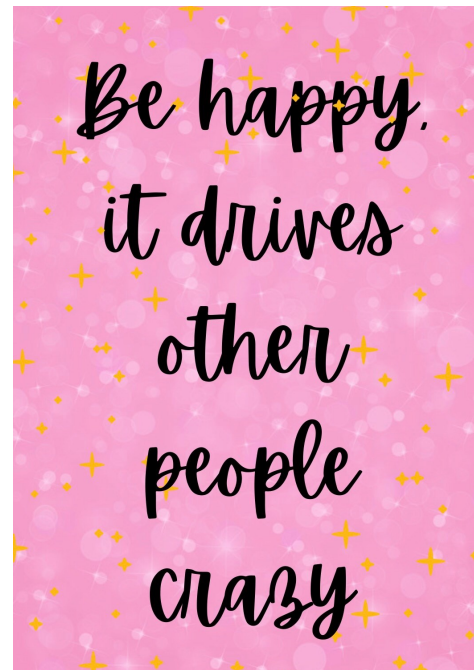
.Transportation for Auction Items to the National

Dear GDCC Members,

We are looking for volunteers who are driving to the National and are able to assist with transporting some items. There are several framed items for the Auction and other things. They are looking for rides for as much as they can to avoid having to ship them.

If you are able to help, please contact Kathy Toomey at kvathome@hotmail.com or Joy DeGruccio at joydegruccio1@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for stepping up and helping with getting these items back to the National!





The Great Dane Club of California's List of Approved Breeders

The Great Dane Club of California is creating a list of reputable Great Dane breeders in Southern California that you can contact for healthy pet or show quality puppies, get answers to your questions, or ask for referrals to other breeders in the area. If you would like to participate, please be sure to include your name, kennel name, location, colors bred, your phone number or email address, and website or Face Book page when sending your request to the administrator of the list, [Joy DeGruccio](#). (Many thanks to Renee Broden for your help creating the following list of criteria.)

BREEDERS ON THIS LIST MUST:

1. Have been active or are currently active showing their Danes.
2. Have owned or bred AKC champions.
3. Always health test – Cardio Echo, OFA hips and thyroid, etc.
4. Rehome and/or receive back puppies from their breeding.
5. Place all pet/companion puppies on spay/neuter contracts with limited AKC registration.
6. Are a member in good standing of the Great Dane Club of California.
7. Be a good mentor to pet and show homes.
8. Always demonstrate good sportsmanship and decorum of exhibitors, other breeders and dogs.
9. Incorporate rigorous standards of quality and care into their breeding programs.
10. Microchip all puppies before they go to new homes. The breeder will be listed as the primary contact.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA WEBSITE: <http://www.gdca.org>. Here you can find a list of approved breeders throughout the United States, as well as all the affiliate clubs that can offer assistance. Also available are many other topics of interest.

Contact information: Joydegruccio1@gmail.com



YTD through May 31, 2021

of Danes Taken In- 35

of Danes Intact- 30

of Danes Placed- 31

Danes Pictured are looking for their Forever Homes.



Big Dog Corner



Rattlesnake Avoidance

Just a reminder Rattlesnake season is here in California, with the coming of Spring and warmer weather, there is no specific start or end date.

Classes I recently attended a Rattlesnake Avoidance Class with my 4 1/2 yr old Dane Zamara. I feel I have pushed our luck on running into a rattlesnake in the area we live, walk and hike together.

Natural Solutions is the organization that happened to be offering the classes closest to where we live in the Temecula Valley. I was very pleased with how smoothly making the appt, filling out the registration and the general knowledge and kindness the handler had on my breed.

The handler greeted Zamara attached the E Collar, then he explained the 4 stations that would be introduced and trained as they walked the course. I was allowed to stay in the area to watch and provide my presents to comfort Zamara throughout the course.



1st Station Sight, Baby Rattlesnake

As soon as Zamara showed an interest she was given a shock to avoid, did not take her long to connect a negative experience with the Baby Rattlesnake. As soon as she showed avoidance on her own, they move on to station 2.



2nd Station Smell Shed Skin

Zamara immediately avoided the area with the shed skin no shock needed.

3rd Station Sound

A rattle was used, she showed interest a shock was given then she avoided the sound.

4th Station Adult Rattlesnake

As the handler walked her close to the snake Zamara immediately stopped and would not get any closer. Zamara altogether avoided the snake all on her own.



That was an A++ for Rattlesnake Avoidance Training. The handler was very pleased as to how fast she responded.

The handler felt a refresher class in 12 mos would be wise but felt Zamara connected the negative experience to the Rattlesnake.

They will not train a dog less than 6mos, even then the pup will have an evaluation to see if it can handle the training. 9mos is recommended.



Janet Lampe R.V.T.

AKC Breeder of Merit
www.lampedanes.com



Great Dane Club of California Awards

2021

All awards must have been earned during the club awards year except for membership mementos. **Beginning date for the year 2021 is November 10, 2020 through November 8, 2021. 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.**

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR AWARDS IS NOVEMBER 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

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)

TOP GREAT DANE AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLER AWARD: Given to top-ranked Owner Handler Team participating and following the NOHS rules. Same Owner-Handler Team must earn all points (including class competition/breed ring). AKC NOHS ranked California shows only. (8/18)

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 greatest number of 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 AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLER AWARD: Given to any club member who

participates in the AKC NOHS program who owns and showed a Great Dane winning BIS NOHS at an all-breed show. (8/18)

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.

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS: Given to all members who own/co-owned a great dane who has attained any one of the levels of the AKC Grand Championship titles (9/12):

Initial GCH	25-99 GCH Points
Bronze GCH	100-199 GCH points
Silver GCH	200-399 GCH Points
Gold GCH	400-799 GCH Points
Platinum GCH	800+ GCH Points

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 in any of the disciplines which shall include, but not be limited to obedience, agility, rally, flyball, dock diving, barn hunting, coursing agility, canine good citizenship, therapy and other service/performance-based activities awarded by certified organizations. Must be earned within the designated dates for the current awards year. Documentation must include certificates from the respective certified organizations. (6/15)

SILVER WORKING DOG AWARD: Given to any club member who owns/co-owns a Great Dane who has earned a least 1 title/degree or certificate in each of (2) above disciplines. No timeframe is required to submit for this award, with the exception that the most recent title must be earned within the current awards year. Documentation must include certificates from the respective certified organizations. (6/15)

GOLD WORKING DOG AWARD: Given to any club member who owns/co-owns a Great Dane who has earned a least 1 title/degree or certificate in each of (3) above disciplines. No timeframe is required to submit for this award, with the exception that the most recent title must be earned within the current awards year. Documentation must include certificates from the respective certified organizations. (6/15)

VERSATILITY AWARD: Given to any club member who owns/co-owns a Great Dane who is an AKC Champion of Record (confirmation) who has earned a least 1 title/degree or certificate in each of (3) above disciplines. No timeframe is required to submit for this award, with the exception that the most recent title must be earned within the current awards year. Documentation must include certificates from the respective certified organizations. (6/15)

"THE TOTAL PACKAGE" AWARDS - BROOD BITCH & STUD DOG: 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:

- 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).
- Stud dog to have a least a CHIC certification (passing all CHIC required tests) and all health tests repeated within 12 months of breeding.
- Encourage bitch owners to health check offspring that are pet quality as well as show potential.
- 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).
- 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.

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 at least one week prior to the November Board meeting. The Board of Directors votes on the names submitted to them before the November Board meeting. Discussions and voting will be done via the social media that proves the most efficient for the existing Board of Directors. (9/17)

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 who owned/co-owned or bred/co-bred a Great Dane who is 10 years of age or older. Awarded once during the life of the dog. Reasonable proof required. (9/15).

MEMBERSHIP MEMENTOES: 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)

Please send your information by USPS or E-mail to:

Gary Romerosa
448 Wilson Lane
McMinnville, TN 37110
gromeo78@aol.com.

If you have any questions, you may contact Gary Romerosa at (559) 410-1822

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 \$15 per award to cover the cost of shipping. Awards will be shipped within 60 days of Awards Dinner.

DEADLINE FOR AWARDS IS NOVEMBER 8, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M.

Please read all of the above awards as more than one may apply to an individual dog.



Next Bulletin Deadline Date.....**August 10, 2021**

GDCC Meeting & Events Calendar

Great Dane Club of California

Remember this is part of our mission statement: To Promote the common interest in the breeding of better

**July 7, 2021
(Wednesday)**

Location:

Time:

Board meeting

Online Zoom Meeting

5:30pm PST

GDCC Specialty Dates:

**July 23rd and 24th 2021
(Friday & Saturday)**

Location:

Time:

Bates Nut Farm

15954 Woods Valley Rd.

Valley Center, CA

Afternoon after Cabrillo All Breed Shows
(concurrent events)

July 23,24,25

Cabrillo Kennel Club (3 day All Breed)

15954 Woods Valley Rd.

Valley Center, CA

August

NO meetings

**Sep 8, 2021
(Wednesday)**

Location:

Time:

General Open Meeting, Guests Welcome

Online Zoom Meeting

5:30pm PST

Mark your
calendar

