

GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

NEWS AND VIEWS

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The Prez Sez:

As the New Year begins and Covid-19 is still an issue, I hope this bulletin finds everyone in good health.

We have several things to look forward to this Spring. Our Puppy Match and Pet Expo are scheduled in April, followed by our four Independent Specialty Shows in May.

With everyone's help and participation we can make these events fun and successful.

Melanie Yellish



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Open Position

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jeryytandy92@gmail.comFeb 16th
(Wednesday)

Location

Time:

Closed Board Meeting

Zoom (log in info TBD)

7:00 pm

Mar 9th
(Wednesday)

Location

Time:

Board Meeting

Zoom (log in info TBD)

6:00 pm

April 16th
(Saturday)

Location

Time:

GDCC Puppy Match followed by
Open General Meeting Guests Welcome

Canyon RV Park (Site C1)

24001 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road

Anaheim CA 92808

To be held after judging

**Membership Application**

The following applicant membership were submitted, second publication to follow.

First Publication:

Judy Landers

PO Box 7207

Visalia, CA 92037

Cell:

E-mail: judydoglady@yahoo.com



Great Dane Club of California

Saturday, April 16, 2022

AKC Sanctioned Puppy Match

(GREAT DANES ONLY IN CONFORMATION)

9am - 12pm Entry Registration

\$10 pre-entry/\$15 day of match entry per class

1:00 pm - Conformation Judging

Conformation Judge: Mr. Ken Griffith

CGC & TRICK DOG TESTING

ALL BREEDS WELCOME :

CGC Testing - \$15 pre-entry/\$20 day of match entry per class

Trick Dog Testing - \$15 pre-entry/\$20 day of match entry per class

Evaluator: Luana Ball

9am - 10am Entry Registration

10am - 12pm CGC & Trick Dog Testing

LUNCH @ NOON (Nominal Donation \$5)

12pm- 1pm FREE Handling Class

GDCC Open Meeting - Guests Welcome - (To be held after judging)

Location: Canyon RV Park

24001 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road

Anaheim, CA 92808 (Site C-1)

Pre- Entry Forms Available

For information contact Mike Rodriguez (909)633-3880

For your convenience we have included just the entry form portion of the classes offered . The complete entry form, in flyer format will be available on the website: WWW.GDCC.ORG.

Below is the breakdown Breed Match classes offered, the background on CGC and some info on Trick Dog title. The next page will have the entry forms, fill them and bring with you..

MATCH CLASSES -CLASS DIVISION FOR BOTH DOGS & BITCHES	
THERE IS NO CLASS SEPARATION OF COLORS	
3-5 Month	12-15 Month
5-7 Month	15-18 Month
7-9 Month	OPEN
9-12 Month	

** As this event is located in a public park, GDCC encourages exhibitors ensure that all puppies are up to date with vaccinations.

Background

Launched in 1989, Canine Good Citizen is an AKC certification program that rewards dogs with good behavior both at home and in the community, Testing is a ten (10) part test that requires passing all ten (10) parts to obtain CGC Award:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger	6. Sit and down on command and Staying in place
2. Sitting politely for petting	7. Coming when called
3. Appearance and aroma	8. Reaction to another dog
4. Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)	9. Reaction to distraction
5. Walking through a crowd	10. Supervised separation

Additional Information

Dogs must be on leash when performing tests. Well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain, should be worn by dogs. Pinch collars, head halters, and other special training collars are not permitted in the CGC test. A 20' lead for the test will be provided by the evaluator. The dog's brush or comb should be brought to the test by the owner/handler. Owners/handlers may praise and use encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Treats and food are not allowed during testing, neither are toys, squeaky toys, etc. Upon passing, owners/handlers will be provided with the proper documents to submit to the AKC for CGC registration. Any applicable AKC fees are the responsibility of the owner/handler. Dogs that eliminate during testing will be marked failed. There is an exception to this rule in that elimination is allowable in test item 10, when test item 10 is held outdoors.

TRICK DOG TITLE INFO:

From the 1920's and 1940's when trick dogs such as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie won peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today.

AKC Trick Dog titles are official AKC titles listed on the dog's title record.

Eligibility-

Your dog must have an AKC number via **one** of the following: (All dogs can get a number including purebreds and mixed breeds)

- [AKC Registration Number](#) - This number is provided to a dog owner via a registration certificate received from the previous owner, or via a puppy registration paper given to the new owner by the breeder.
- [Purebred Alternative Listing \(PAL\)](#) - If a dog is purebred but an AKC Registration Number is not possible, owners can apply for PAL number.
- [AKC Canine Partners Number](#) - This number is given to either mixed breed dogs or a purebred.

AKC TRICK DOG CHECKLISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MATCH

VISIT AKC ORG TO PREVIEW THE CHECKLIST

April 16, 2022 Match Entry Form	
No Dogs with Major Points No Champions of Record	No Tape on Ears
Pre-entry deadline: April 8, 2022	
AKC Name:	
Class:	Color: Sex: () Dog () Bitch
Sire's AKC Name:	AKC #:
Dam's AKC Name:	Birth date:
Breeder (s):	Owner (s)
Owner (s) Address (Include City, state, Zip Code):	
E-mail Address(es):	
<i>I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors, and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury, or death of dog.</i>	
Signature of owner/agent:	Date:

April 16, 2022 Canine Good Citizen Entry Form	
No Tape on Ears	
Pre-entry deadline: Apr 8, 2022	
AKC or Call Name:	
Breed	Color: Sex: () Dog () Bitch
Sire's AKC or Call Name (if known):	AKC # (NOT required for CGC):
Dam's AKC Name or Call Name (if known):	Birth date:
Breeder (s) (if known):	Owner (s):
Owner (s) Address:	
Canine Good Citizen Test	E-Mail Address(es):
<i>I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury or death of dog.</i>	
Signature of owner/agent:	Date:

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April 16, 2022 TRICK DOG Entry Form	
No Tape on Ears	
Pre-entry deadline: April 8, 2022	
AKC or Call Name:	
Breed:	Color(s): Sex: () Dog () Bitch
Sire's AKC or Call Name (if known):	Reg # AKC, PAL, AKC Canine Partners
Dam's AKC Name or Call Name (if known):	Birth date:
Breeder (s) (if known):	Owner (s):
Owner (s) Address:	
Canine Good Citizen Test	E-Mail Address(es):
<i>I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury or death of dog.</i>	
Signature of owner/agent:	Date:

GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA



PUPPY MATCH A SPECIAL PARADE

**BRING YOUR CHAMPION!
BRING YOUR MAJOR-
POINTED DOG!**

**This will be a exhibition of your
Accomplished Great Danes.**

April 16, 2022

After Best In Match

Canyon RV Park-Anaheim,CA

Entry fee \$10.00

The dogs will be exhibited in a “Best of Breed”
format for practice & fun.

There will be no placement.

Every participant will receive a prize
made & donated by Jessica Gibbs.

For more information contact
Mike Rodriguez: mikejrodriguez@aol.com

Announcements---

Wanted to give you a heads up on dates.

Any Changes or updates to this schedule will appear in bulletin on the GDCC 2022 Calendar as well as can be sent via emails to the membership

- **Tentative Meeting Schedule 2022**

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- December - **Open meeting** - Awards Banquet (TBD)



Its that time again! Please find attached to this bulletin the 2022 GDCC Membership roster.

As we request every year, please notify the membership chairman of any corrections, currently Tori Cornish. Her contact information is not only in the roster but also on the first page. Just clarifying who is responsible for this list.

Correction to 2021 awards presented

Apologies to Jessica for not getting all the facts straight, under the *Versatility Working Dogs* titles earned I inadvertently left of the accomplishments for "Brix"

CH Ellenni Bickstn 26 Degrees Fool Sweet @ Timberline CGC
CGCA TKN ORT FDC RATN—

We have added upcoming shows on the special events page hopefully this will generate more brags from our active club members to share in your accomplishments year round.

BREGO

CH TIMBERLINE & KONKOLY- THEGE'S TRUTH PREVAILS CGC TKN

Brego finished his **Championship**, pending AKC approval, at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs show to start off 2022 right! **Thank you judge Rick Blanchard for the honor!**



NEWS FLASH!!

Brego earned Specialty Best Opposite Sex and Select Dog placements at the Great Dane Club of Arizona specialties!

Thank you breeder judges Kathleen Davis and Linda Tonnancour for the these honors! We are thrilled!

BREGO is a Lynx x Tru boy, Bred and Owned by Jessica Gibbs and Debi Konkoly-Thege



Ad by Tori

Info on the new procedures for the Day-of-Clinic will be sent later. Due to the nature of the times we will not be able to offer any contact or conference with any of the Vet's. This is a pass or fail. These are not diagnosis tests but screening tests. If your dog is not familiar with being gone over or touched by strangers or is fearful etc., please do not ask for an appointment. Thank you for your understanding. Yours, Celyn

Responsible Pet Ownership Event

All-Breed (Pre-Pay) OFA Clinic

Saturday March 19, 2022 --Starting at 8:30 AM

OFA Eye Exams by Board Certified Ophthalmologist Dr. Cindy Mar

Cost is \$36 per dog. Discount 5+ dogs \$26 per dog

OFA Expanded Thyroid Panel by Dr. Janet Moston

Cost is \$139.00 for OFA Thyroid

Rattle Snake Vaccine \$32/ Rabies \$17.50 /OFA Patella \$21

(Please ask about other blood draw tests such as Titters, Brucella, Heartworm, etc.)

OFA Auscultations (\$46.00) by Board certified Cardiologist Dr. William Herndon

ISO pre enrolled Microchip available for \$30

(OFA Reading discounts available for all OFA submitted tests. \$10.00 each, even if you bring one K9)

Located in the Temecula Valley

(Where the 215 and 15 converge)

Sponsor: Cocker Spaniel Club of Southern California

To schedule appointments & where to send in checks:

E-mail: CelynsMail@gmail.com

(For appointments I will need your first and last name, dog's call name, breed, your cell # for day of the clinic contact and which test you need for which dog.)



Calendar of upcoming events that might be of interest to dog lovers.

**Arizona State Fairgrounds
Phoenix Az**

2/3-2/7/2022

Working Dog Club of Arizona
Sahuaro State Kennel Club
Lost Dutchman Kennel Club

Thursday 2/3
Fri-Sat 2/4-2/5
Sun-Mon 2/6-2/7

**Fresno County Fairgrounds
Fresno, CA**

2/18 -2/20/2022

Sun Maid Kennel Club

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Del Mar Fairgrounds
Del Mar, CA

2/25 - 2/27/2022

Silver Bay Kennel Club

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**LA County Fairgrounds
Pomona, CA**

**3/2-3/6/2022
Closing Feb 16th**

Malibu Kennel Club
Great Western Terrier Assoc
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Wed-Thurs 3/2-3/3
Friday 3/4
Fri-Sat 3/5-3/6

**Arizona State Fairgrounds
Phoenix, AZ**

**3/5-3/6/2022
Closing Feb 16th**

Superstition Kennel Club

Saturday, Sunday

**Bates Nut Farm
Valley Center, CA**

**3/17-3/20/2022
Closing Mar 2nd**

Mt. Palomar KC
Cabrillo KC

Thurs– Fri 3/17-3/18
Sat-Sun 3/19-3/20

**Solano Co Fairgrounds
Vallejo, CA**

**3/2-3/27/2022
Closing Mar 9th**

San Mateo KC
Oakland KC

Thurs-Fri 3/24-3/25
Sat-Sun 3/26-3/27

**Morrell Park Las Vegas NV
GDC Las Vegas AM/PM Fri, AM Sat**

**4/1-4/2/2022
Closes Mar 16th**

**Victor Valley College
Apple Valley KC**

**4/8-4/10/2022
Closes Mar 23rd**

LATEST UPDATE



GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

NEW PAYPAL ACCOUNT!!

To sponsor trophies and awards, send donations, pay dues, buy raffle tickets simply use this email for our PayPal account!

TreasGDCC@gmail.com

Choose "Friends & Family" - otherwise a fee will be deducted from your payment to the club. Write in the Notes section what the payment is for - then press SEND!

Payments by check can be mailed to:

Great Dane Club of California
c/o Rachel de la Vega
3461 Calle Margarita
Encinitas, CA 92024

I'm honored to be Treasurer this year. I'm always glad to answer any questions, 760-846-6438 or racheladelavega@gmail.com.

Rachel de la Vega, GDCC Treasurer



GDCC Board Meeting
January 8, 2022
KC of Palm Springs

President Melanie Yellish called the board meeting to order at 12:27pm. The following board members were present - Melanie Yellish, Mike Rodriguez, Maren Cornish, Gary Romerosa (viaphone), Tori Cornish, Rachel de la Vega, Hilary McLeod, Jessica Gibbs, and Bob Ardecky.

Member present was Debi Romerosa (via phone). Guests present were Judy Landers and Zaleena Yellish. Board members Bruce Powell, Susie Powell, and Joy DeGruccio were absent.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary's Report - The minutes from the December open meeting were published in the bulletin and approved as published.

Corresponding Secretary's Report -

1. Outgoing Correspondence
 - a. Applications for 2022 Specialties submitted to AKC.
 - b. Application for 2022 Puppy Match submitted to AKC.
 - c. Contract sent to 2022 Puppy Match judge Ken Griffith.
 - d. AKC notified of 2022 Board Members.
2. Incoming Correspondence
 - a. Approval for 2022 Specialties received.
 - b. Approval for 2022 Puppy Match received.
 - c. Signed contract from 2022 Specialty judge James Remaklus received.
 - d. Signed contract from 2022 Puppy Match judge Ken Griffith received.
3. Pending Correspondence
 - a. Send GDCA 2022 Board and Membership Roster.

Treasurer's Report -

Rachel de la Vega gave her reports for both the November and December financials. The bank balance at the end of October was \$11,292.14. The club received a total of \$2,561 in November - \$996.40 for Awards Party, \$1,000 for Donation, \$425 in dues, \$60 for Leash Rack raffle, \$80 for Specialty trophies, and \$.02 interest. Disbursements in November totaled \$412.64 - \$200 AKC Specialty Dues for 2022, \$150 GDCA dues, and \$62.64 dues mailing expenses. The bank balance at the end of November - with receipts over disbursements of \$2,148.42 - totaled \$13,440.56.

In December the club received a total of \$1,397.20 - \$830 for Awards Party, \$20

for leashrack raffle, \$140 for dues, \$50 for an ad in the newsletter, \$357.20 miscellaneous, and \$.02 interest. Disbursements totaled \$3,339.07 for the Awards party. The bank balance at the end of December - with receipts over disbursements of \$1,941.87 - totaled \$11,498.69.

After the meeting, Rachel set up a new PayPal account and email: TreasGDCC@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rescue - Susie is unable to give her report, but she did communicate that she wants to promote "responsible breeding". We will look into various aspects, including Georgia Hymmen's articles. Also, a checklist for prospective owners to know how to find a responsible breeder and what to look for in breeder should be put together to distribute.

Puppy Match - Mike reported that everything is on track - the date (April 16) and the venue (Canyon RV Park) are set. Jessica Gibbs will contact someone for a CGC and Trick Dog evaluator. Melanie may have someone for candid photos and win photos for the match. Lunch discussions will take place at a later date.

Specialty - Show chair Bob Ardecky said that we do not know who our official photographer will be yet. Maren contacted the Ventura Dog Fanciers Association, who are having their show the same weekend, and they have contacted the AKC about releasing Dane judging for the weekend so that they do not conflict with our shows. The four shows will be at the Canyon RV Park on May 14th and 15th (Saturday and Sunday). Trophy sponsorship will begin soon. Cyndy Steiner, of Cynsational by Cyndy rosettes, has already confirmed that she has our specialty dates reserved. The entry fees will now be comparable to other local specialty clubs, and we will have a breakdown of show costs, per show and per dog. Joy has agreed to be in charge of Judge's Hospitality, and Penny Twaits has agreed to Ring Steward the shows. Hotel options have to be found for people coming from out of the area.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS -

- A discussion was held on various insurances - Nationwide, Trupanion, Pet Partner, Pets Best.
- AKC PAC donation - the club will make a \$50 donation to support AKC Canine Legislation.

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- The club will consider buying a Zoom subscription to hold easily accessible meetings.
- The Awards Banquet has to decide on a date and venue. If anyone has venue options, please let Maren Cornish know.
- Awards - A discussion was held and members to consider donating funds toward covering a portion of their awards earned. Various award configurations and combinations were also brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tori Cornish
 GDCC Recording Secretary





May 14th & 15th FOUR Back-to-Back Specialties!

Located at Canyon RV Park in Anaheim, CA
Out on the grass, under the trees!

Judges:

Saturday, May 14, 2022

AM Judge: Jill Ferrera

PM Judge: James Remaklus

Sweepstakes: Mike Boa

Sunday, May 15, 2022

AM Judge: Wanda Hepler

PM Judge: Lourdes Carvajal

Junior Showmanship: Lourdes Carvajal

Sweepstakes: Cynthia Woodward

Ribbons from Cynsational by Cyndy, and Great Awards!

Come join us in MAY!



Look for more information on these events in the next issue Mar-Apr:

Pet Expos is scheduled for
April 22-24 2022
GDCC 4 Independent Specialties in 2 days
May 14-15 2022



GDCC 2022 SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

Contact Tori Cornish
to see what classes
are still available to
sponsor!

Tori's E-mail: toricornish996@gmail.com
Text: (951)692-0712



Great Dane Club of California 2022 Independent Specialties

Please come join us for old-school specialties in the park, on the grass!

May 14 & 15, 2022

4 specialty shows & 2 sweepstakes in 2 days!

Canyon RV Park, Anaheim, CA

Judges:

Saturday AM: Jill Ferrera

Sunday AM: Wanda Hepler

Saturday PM: James Remaklus

Sunday PM: Lourdes Carvajal

Saturday Sweeps: Mike Boa

Sunday Sweeps: Cynthia Woodward

Sunday PM - Junior Showmanship: Lourdes Carvajal

Beautiful Cyndy Steiner Ribbons!

Great Trophies!

Awesome RAFFLE, as always!!

Any Questions?

Contact our Show Chair, Bob Ardecky - rardecky@gmail.com

Contact Bob Tonnancour for RV parking info - toncorr17244@gmail.com

Join our Facebook Group - Great Dane Club of California - for frequent updates!



Great Dane Club of California

BREEDER REFERRAL

Please contact Joy DeGruccio if you would like to be placed on the breeder referral list.

This is a part of our ongoing effort to promote responsible breeding and opening up access to new Dane people.

Please send Joy your name, kennel name, contact info, and colors bred.

Contact Joy by email only:
joydegruccio1@gmail.com

Producers of Merit Info Needed Deadline: April 1, 2022

The Producers of Merit plaques will be on display at our Specialties in May!

This is a reminder that if your Sire or Dam qualifies and you would like their names to appear on the plaque and in the catalog, you need to submit their information and documentation as soon as possible.

Here are the basic rules!

- **Dam:** She needs five or more champions.
- **Sire:** He needs to have 10 or more champions from 3 or more bitches.
- **Documentation:** Back-up documentation needs to include Names & Dates of championships. Be sure to include the full registered name of the Dam or Sire.
- **Submit To:** Submit your information to the GDCC Board c/o Corresponding Secretary, Gary Romerosa either by e-mail or snail mail. The documentation/information will then be dispersed to the Show Chairman, Bob Ardecky and Trophy Chairpersons, Maren and Tori Cornish.

Deadline: April 1, 2022

If you have any questions, please let Gary Romerosa or Maren Cornish know.

Thank you.

Mindy Donovan-Tandy



Big Dog Corner



The Silent Killer

With a heavy heart Danielle my daughter lost her beloved heart dog, Ruger to atrial fibrillation (AF) and underlying cardiovascular disease.

The Silent Killer heart disease...YES...Ruger was on the outside completely healthy, went on long walks, climbed stairs and ran around with my Danes.



FULL OF LIFE.

I am sharing our experience with all of you because we have never experienced heart disease with any of our dogs. Ruger's journey hit hard and fast, he was gone within 6 mos of being seen by a cardiologist. Heart wrenching to watch my daughter take care of Ruger with lots of medications, cardiologist appts, in and out of the ER for this or that, an at home heart monitor....as her dog slowly dies.

This is my journey to share with you all in hopes to help catch this Silent Killer.

I own Zamara who is niece to Ruger. I took Zamara in when all this happened to have her heart evaluated in June no issues. Then again in Sept which was her 5th year checkup, blood work and heart check, no issues. (OFA Echo at 3yrs normal). 2 mos later in November I brought her in to get weighed and by chance the Dr. listened to her heart and found a grade 2 murmur on left side. Different heart issue but still a heart issue. That murmur popped up fast with no warning, Zamara just turned 5yrs old. By luck, my Dr, made me an appt with a cardiologist Jan. 5th, due to COVID on the rise appts are booked out for 6 mos.

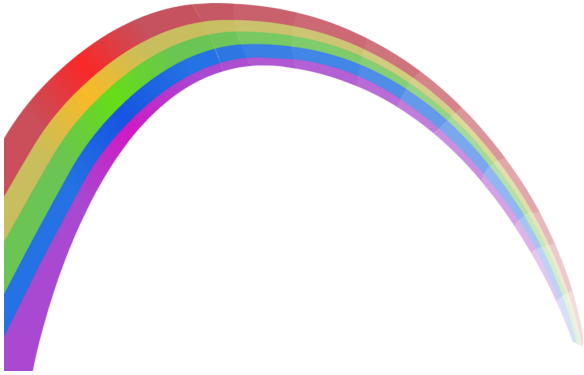
My appt has been pushed back twice now due to no staff from COVID. Zamara's appt is now scheduled for Feb 21, almost 3 months since her diagnosis in November, I took the earliest appt available with an Intern. The cardiologist will do the echo and give Zamara's diagnosis to the intern who will communicate with me, and I am fine with that. I worry sense this murmur came on so fast. So far all I can do is wait...

What I have learned so far is have a really good relationship with your veterinarian, they have pull to get appts with the specialist. That was key for me since who knows when I could get an appt on my own....Also, every time your Dane is seen by a veterinarian have the heart listened to. Invest in a good stethoscope so you can learn how to hear a normal rhythm and find a pulse rate. U tube has many videos on heart health and finding a pulse. Having this info could prolong your Danes life by catching heart issues in early stages.

As this process progress, I will share what I have learned to be of value when dealing with this Silent Killer of our Gentle Giants.

MAY THE LUCK OF THE RAINBOW
RAIN DOWN ON OUR DANES

Janet Lampe R.V.T.
AKC Breeder of Merit
www.lampedanes.com



Ruger,

You have been the apple of my eye since you entered my life over 8 years ago, I can't begin to describe all the ways you made everything worth it. You were always there for me, bud and I am eternally grateful for the unconditional love you showed me everyday, I will cherish all the memories we made forever. Rest easy good boy, you are loved beyond words.

7/25/13—1/12/22



Next Bulletin Deadline Date.....**Apr 18, 2022**

2022 GDCC Meetings Calendar

Great Dane Club of California

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

Feb 16th (Wednesday)	Closed Board Meeting
Location	Zoom (log in info TBD)
Time:	7:00 pm
Mar 9th (Wednesday)	Board Meeting
Location	Zoom (log in info TBD)
Time:	6:00 pm
April 16th (Saturday)	GDCC Puppy Match followed by Open General Meeting Guests Wel-
come	
Location	Canyon RV Park (Site C1) 24001 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road Anaheim CA 92808
Time:	To be held after judging



Mark Your Calendar

Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!