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The American Kennel Club



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New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs



The Great Dane Club of America



Member of the
American Dog Owners Association

The Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club, the Officers, Board Members and Members would like to welcome you to our website and thank you for taking the time to visit it.

The first thing you may ask is who and what is The Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club? Well, we are simply people who love Great Danes. We are pet owners, breeders, exhibitors, rescuers, judges, professional handlers, therapy dog handlers and even people who want to learn about the breed.

The objectives of the Club are: To encourage and promote the quality in breeding of purebred Great Danes and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. To encourage the membership to a lifetime responsibility for their Great Danes, their Dane's offspring and to the education of others as all are necessary for the protection and advancement of the breed. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club and the Great Dane Club of America, as the only standard of excellence by which Great Danes shall be judged and to encourage the study of the standard by breeders, judges, dog show committees and others interested in the advancement of the breed. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, rally and obedience trails. To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials and other events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club, and to generate publicity on any matter affecting the welfare of the breed. To encourage dedication to the health and welfare of the breed. To encourage the membership to participate in, promote and support Great Dane rescue and to disseminate and promote the ideals and objectives of the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust.

On this web-site, you will find more information about our organization, who some of our members are, training hints, schedules, our newsletter and links to member and information web-sites.

We hope you enjoy and make good use of the information provided.

President Message

I hope everyone, along with their family had safe and wonderful Holidays. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and may this year be better than ever!

Some of you may be a little surprise with the cover, which has our new name and shows our website. We discussed and voted upon this at the December meeting. The reason we needed to change our name was that the former name was incorporated and was not properly dissolved, which left IRS issues that we didn't need to deal with. There would have been fines and penalties that this club should not have to deal with. So, we changed the name by flipping it around, we are now the Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club rather than the Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey. Most of the changes have been made, from the website, yahoo group, store and everything else. We are officially incorporated, thank to Robert Squillante, Esq., and have our tax number. There was a delay with the insurance coverage due to the change in name, but that is currently being corrected. We still need to establish our non-profit status with the IRS. But other than that, we are now at work on getting recognized by the AKC and GDCA!

We always have work to do, so if at all possible, please lend a hand, we can use all the help we can get. Please contact myself or one of the officers and let us know what you can do. If you are not sure what you can do, we have lots of options to share with you. Remember, this is your club and it is only as good as you and the other members are!

Hope to see you all next Wednesday!

Jeffrey

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American Kennel Club Cautions Owners as Pet Thefts Continue to Rise; State Lawmakers Consider Making 'Dog-Napping' a Serious Crime

– AKC Appearance on ABC's Good Morning America Highlights Prevalence of Trend and Reminds Owners to Keep Pets Safe –

The American Kennel Club® continues to remind pet owners to heed warnings about an alarming rise in "dog-nappings." State houses across America have taken notice and are proposing laws to toughen penalties for those who steal pets.

Since last year, when AKC® first noted concerns about the prevalence of pet theft, more dogs are disappearing. Through November 30, 2009, the AKC has tracked more than 115 missing pets via incidents reported by news media and customer reports. In 2008, the AKC tracked a total of 71 thefts.

The FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), which tracks stolen property nationwide, currently lists 200 stolen dogs, according to Steve Fischer, FBI Spokesperson. According to Fischer, "Dogs listed in our database must have permanent owner-applied serial numbers, such as those from embedded microchips. Unfortunately not all dogs have permanent ID, so we know this is only a fraction of the number of missing dogs."

"Each week I am reading about reports of pet theft from all around the country," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Some owners, desperate to find their beloved pets have contacted us, wanting to know what they can do to help get their 'family' members back. It's not just about the financial value of the dog for any of these people. It's an emotional attachment that can't be replaced by getting another dog."

Julie Austin of Idaho told Local News 8 that she was shocked when her 11-week-old puppy was stolen right out of the arms of her 5-year-old daughter while she was sitting in a public park. The Austins filed a stolen pet report with the local police. Fortunately, after they alerted the media and the police received a tip about their pet's whereabouts their puppy was recovered living at someone else's home. The alleged thief was recently charged with a misdemeanor possession of stolen property.

As a majority of owners view their dogs as valued family members, the value of pets in people's lives are being recognized by legislators across America. Recently in New York, following the disappearance of a Siberian Husky in his Brooklyn district, New York Assemblyman Joseph Lentol vowed to introduce dog-napping legislation which would make the theft of a companion animal a felony offense with up to four years in jail

depending on the circumstances.

Earlier this year, a bill was introduced in Texas which would have made it a state felony to steal a pet, including the family dog, with a possible two years in prison if convicted. California and Delaware have tried to regulate roadside pet sales as a way to combat the trafficking of stolen pets to unsuspecting consumers.

Regardless of the reason thieves are taking pets, whether to sell to unsuspecting local buyers or over the Internet or keeping them for personal use, these criminals need to know that pet owners are becoming more proactive by keeping pets close to them and also microchipping their pets ahead of time so that when these dogs turn up at shelters or veterinarian offices they can be scanned to find their rightful owners.

In response to this continuing trend, AKC offers the following advice to prevent your "best friend" from being the target of a crime. See more about pet theft on the [Good Morning America](#) Web site.

PREVENTION

In the Neighborhood

- **Don't let your dog off-leash** – Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves.
- **Don't leave your dog unattended in your yard** – Dogs left outdoors for long periods of time are targets, especially if your fenced-in yard is visible from the street.
- **Be Cautious with information** – If strangers approach you to admire your dog during walks, don't answer questions about how much the dog cost or give details about where you live.

On the Road

- **Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked** – Besides the obvious health risks this poses to the dog, it's also an invitation for thieves, even if you are gone for only a moment. Leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only encourage break-ins and possibly allow the dog to escape, even if the thieves don't decide to steal it too.
- **Don't tie your dog outside a store** – This popular practice among city-dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. If you need to go shopping, patronize only dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.

RECOVERY

- **Protect your dog with microchip identification** – Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Thieves will not know the dog has a microchip until a veterinarian or shelter worker scans it so keep contact information current with your microchip recovery service provider. For more information, enroll your pet in a 24-hour recovery service and sign-up at www.akccar.org.
- **If you suspect your dog has been stolen** – Immediately call the police / animal control officer in the area your pet was last seen and file a police report. If your dog has a microchip, ask to have that unique serial number, along with the dog's description, posted in the "stolen article" category on the National Crime Information Center.
- **Canvass the neighborhood** – Talk to people in the immediate vicinity where your pet went missing for possible sightings of the actual theft.
- **Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing** – Keep several current photos (profile and headshot) of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.
- **Contact the media** – Call the local TV station, radio station and newspaper and ask to have a web post put out about your missing pet.

New Year's Eve traditionally is a time to reflect on our past, and more importantly, look forward to the changes we want to make in the coming year. In addition to your own New Year's resolutions, your dog might have a few of his own. The American Kennel Club® (AKC), the dog's champion, reflects on some resolutions your dog might be thinking about for 2010.

Top 10 Resolutions by Dogs include:

10. *Owner on floor, dog in bed.*
9. *Stop begging and actually get a seat at the dinner table.*
8. *Give up the dream of ever catching my tail.*
7. *Bark like a big dog but still get cuddled on lap like a little dog.*
6. *Get back at cat for litter box incident.*
7. *Find every bone I ever buried.*
4. *No more haircuts! (come fall, I can go as a Komondor for Halloween).*
3. *Become alpha dog in my house. Well, at least stop letting the cat push me around.*
2. *Invent goggles that allow me to see the electric fence.*
1. *Finally pass that darn AKC Canine Good Citizen test.*

Additional information on responsible dog ownership can be found on the American Kennel Club Web site at www.akc.org

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREAT DANE CLUB

Great Dane Club of America, Inc Membership Application

Lynda Moriarty, Membership Chairman, PO Box 410, Wayne, IL 60184

I hereby apply for membership in THE GREAT DANE CLUB of AMERICA, INC, and remit herewith the application fee plus the dues **per person** as indicated.

Regular Membership: Dues (U.S. & Canada) \$36.00 plus Application fee: \$10.00 = TOTAL: \$46.00

Foreign Membership: Dues \$54.00 plus Application fee: \$10.00 = TOTAL: \$64.00 (US Dollars Only)

As part of my application, I submit the following information:

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dane Related Website (if any): _____

1) I have lived at the listed address above for _____ years

2) If less than 2 years please give former address: _____

3) Business profession or occupation: _____

4) I exhibit in [] Conformation [] Obedience [] Rally [] Agility [] Jr. Showmanship

5) I am a member of the following Breed, All Breed, Obedience/Rally/Agility Clubs:

6) When did you get your first Great Dane? _____ From whom/where did you get your first Great Dane?

7) How many Great Danes do you own at this time? _____

8) List Registered or Un-registered (AKC or Other) Names and Colors: _____

9) Please list all Danes owned over the past 10 years. (Do not name dogs listed in the previous question). _____

10) If you do not currently own all dogs referred to in the above questions, please explain what happened to them: _____

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11) Do you provide facilities for your dogs on your property? _____ If so, what facilities do you provide? _____

11a) If not, where are they kept and by whom? _____

12) Do you co-own any Great Danes? _____ If so, how many and with whom? _____

13) List names and colors (if not listed elsewhere on the application): _____

14) On whose property do these dogs live? _____

Address: _____

15) Do you intend to breed? ____ If no, please go to question 16. If yes, please answer question 15a and 15b.

15a) Do you have any breeding contracts on any Danes you own or co-own? _____ If yes, explain:

15b) Do you have any breeding contracts on any other breed of dogs? _____ If yes, explain:

16) Do you participate in Rescue? _____ If so, how? _____

17) Has any dog of any breed you have owned/bred/co-owned and/or co-bred ever been relinquished to rescue or animal control? _____ If yes, explain: _____

18) Has any dog of any breed sired by your stud dog been relinquished to rescue or animal control? ____ If yes, explain: _____

19) Have you ever been contacted by any rescue group or animal control about an animal associated with you or a member of your family? _____ If yes, explain: _____

20) Do you have a kennel name? _____ If so, what is it? _____

21) How many registered litters have you bred? _____ During what year(s): _____

22) Have you ever wholesaled a puppy or litter of puppies? _____

23) Would you ever wholesale a puppy or litter of puppies? _____

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24) Why do you want to join the Great Dane Club of America? _____

We welcome your interest in becoming a member of the GDCA and trust that you are aware of the Club's expectation that you will participate in the functions and fundraisers that are so vital for our success. These functions include the Charitable Trust and the National Specialty. We hope that you will become an active member of one of the many committees that are the backbone of the GDCA. **Please circle the committee(s) on which you would like to participate.**

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| Advisory Board | Health and Research |
| Awards | Historic Committee |
| Breeders' Education | Judges' Education |
| Budget and Finance | Judges' Selection |
| By-Laws | Junior Showmanship |
| Championship Awards | Legislation |
| Companion Events | Membership |
| Corporate Sponsorship | Newsletter |
| Fundraising | Pedigree Bank |
| Futurity | Rescue |
| GDCA Website | Standards Committee |
| | Yearbook |

I certify that all the questions are answered truthfully to the best of my knowledge. If my application is accepted, I agree to abide by the Constitution and the By-Laws, Breeder's Code of Ethics as well as the rules of the American Kennel Club, and am cognizant of the Breeders Color Code. **All questions must be answered in order to constitute a completed application.**

Applicant(s)

Print name: _____ Print name: _____
Signature: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

Sponsors

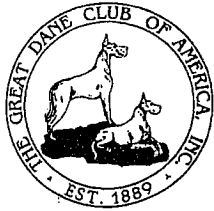
Members of at least two years, in good standing, may sponsor four (4) applicants per year. Sponsors must know the applicant(s) personally for a minimum of two (2) years at the time the application is signed. Each sponsor must complete an official 'Sponsor Form'. Sponsor must review the completed membership application.

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| Print name: _____ | Print name: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City: _____ | City: _____ |
| State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ | State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ |
| Email: _____ | Email: _____ |
| Signature: _____ | Signature: _____ |
| Date: _____ | Date: _____ |

Signatures of BOTH sponsors and ALL applicants must appear together on this page.

*Please use additional pages, if necessary, to complete all questions.
Please use proper postage when mailing your application.*

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREAT DANE CLUB



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NAME OF APPLICANT _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

Please complete this sponsorship form for the applicant and return it at your earliest convenience. All information will be evaluated by the Membership Committee – please give as much information as possible.

1. I have known the applicant for ____ years (A minimum of two years is required).
2. I [have] [have not] been at the applicant's home.
 - a. I [have] [have not] seen the facilities the applicant maintains for the dogs listed on this application.
 - b. If I have seen the facilities, in my opinion, the dogs [are] [are not] well cared for.
 - c. If I have not seen the home or facilities, I [have] [have not] seen photos or videotapes.
3. I [can] [cannot] attest that the applicant does not traffic in dogs or sell to pet shops.
4. I [can] [cannot] attest that the applicant is supportive of Great Dane Rescue.
5. I [have] [have not] observed the applicant at Matches and Dog Shows
6. I [do] [do not] consider the applicant to practice good sportsmanship.
7. I believe the applicant [is] [is not] interested in the welfare and the advancement of the breed.
8. The applicant [is] [is not] interested in learning and following the Breeders' Code of Ethics and is cognizant of the Color Code of Ethics of the Great Dane Club of America, Inc.
9. Has the applicant had any problems with all-Breed Clubs, GDCA Affiliate Clubs or individuals that might affect this application? [Yes] [No]
 - a. If yes, please elaborate on the reverse side of this page.
10. I [have] [have not] discussed the contributions the applicant might make to the Club. If I have, I feel the applicant would be of assistance as follows: _____

11. Please give any additional information that you feel might help the Membership Committee recommend approval of the applicant. _____

12. I have [] have not [] been a member of the Great Dane Club of America for 2 years.
13. Sponsor must review the applicants completed membership application. ****REQUIRED****
I have [] reviewed the completed membership application.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Note 1: PLEASE USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM TO CONTINUE ANY COMMENTS OR PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT.

Note 2: THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GDCA WILL KEEP COMMENTS IN CONFIDENCE.

DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

January 20, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Will be holding our January meeting at the Animal Emergency & Referral Associates Facility. AERA will be giving our club a presentation and tour of their facilities on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:30. Dr Michael Palescandolo, the owner/CEE of AERA and the Animal Eye Clinic of NJ, will give a 15 minute introductory presentation followed by a tour. Dr. Betty Pyatak-Monaghan, the CEO, will also be on hand to help with the presentation, tour and any questions the club may have. **AERA is located at 1237 Bloomfield Avenue in Fairfield, NJ** and here is a link about the facility which also includes directions:

<http://www.animalerc.com/vets/>

For any questions, or to RSVP, please contact
Bill Diesing by emailing him at bdiesing@hotmail.com

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