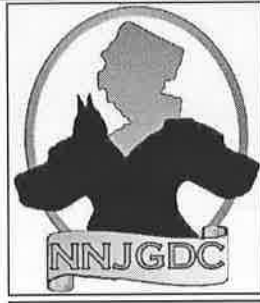


Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

AUGUST 2013

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREAT DANE CLUB

Website <http://NNJGDC.org>

Will be Participating in

AKC MEET THE BREED

on

Saturday and Sunday

September 28th and 29th, 2013

At the Javits Convention Center
New York City

We will be representing NNJGDC and GDCA. If you are interested in assisting, please let David Litke know so that we plan a schedule to accommodate everyone. **Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League** will also be there with us. Please come join us!

Please contact David Litke via the yahoo group.

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the June 19, 2013
Membership Meeting
Cielo Restaurant
168 Passaic Avenue
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm By Jeffrey D Ball.

Members in attendance (13): Mary Fran Cini, Cathy Dlugosz, Jeffrey D. Ball, Betsy Ball, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Kira Wright, Carol Farro, Jack Keenan, Carol Kennan, Rose Ann Tucker, David Litke, Joy Genovese

Guests in attendance (1): Dr. Jill Elliot, DVM

I. Minutes- The Meeting Minutes for May were approved on a motion made by Mary Fran and seconded by Carol F.

II. Corresponding Secretary- We received a thank you letter from Seer Farm for our donations from the Hurricane Sandy fund.

III. Recording Secretary- No Report

IV. Treasurer- Diane B. reported an opening balance of 805.08. A Deposit from the Garage and Show came to 2110.77. A check was written for the show site and judges gifts totaling 103.98. This leaves the club with an ending balance of 8,811.87.

V. Committee Reports-

Memberships- There are no outstanding applications.

Match Show- The Match show went very smoothly, with good participation considering the weather. The club would like to give special thanks to Jean and Mary Fran for all they did to coordinate the show. We would also like to thank all that came out to help with the show.

Sunshine-No Report

Therapy-There are many facilities that need dogs but not enough dogs for all the facilities.

Health & Welfare- Dr. Jill Elliot, DVM came to speak to the club about Orthopedic Manipulation, Laser Therapy, and Homeopathy. The club thanked Dr. Jill Elliot, DVM for coming to speak.

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Rescue- MAGDRL has an event on Friday. Currently they have a mantel in the kennel and a black male, who is good with kids and other dogs, also going to the kennel. On Friday they will be receiving a white female, and Gay has a 5mth old puppy in rescue. The next event is Broadway Barks, in NY on July 13.

Fund Raising- I-give has reached \$1006, and we made \$1047.85 at the Garage sale. Our next fundraiser is another garage sale on July 27th at Jeffrey's house in PA. Jeffrey has invited club members to bring their Danes for a fun day of romping in the fields.

VI. Unfinished Business:

The club has committed to do Meet the Breeds this year. We are just waiting for a response from the GDCA.

Ridgewood Responsible Group has had their 2nd event. The event showed people how to interpret dog body language. The event was held at the Ridgewood library and it was very well received.

Jeffrey got a concerned call from a resident of Fairlawn stating that Fairlawn was implementing a pet ordinance much like Ridgewood's. With Jeffrey's help and the help of the Ridgewood Responsible Group they were able to help Fairlawn set up their own Responsible Dog Ownership Program.

In NJ there is a new bill pending that seeks to outlaw tethering of a dog. The concern with the new bill is the way it is worded. The wording in the new bill will outlaw tethering a dog to a grooming table.

VII. New Business:

Bloomsburg Dog show will be Friday July 26th, Saturday July 27th, and Sunday July 28th.

The AKC has encouraged us to move up to an A Status in matches. The Board will meet on the topic and then it will be brought to the club.

National- Cathy has put together a packet so people can better understand what is going on and where in the National. For those interested in the packet please see Cathy. The next national meeting is August 17th.

Last week at Ramapo Kennel Club, Jeffrey was awarded the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award from the American Kennel Club. The club would like to wish Jeffrey congratulations on his award.

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AKC CAR is working to put emergence trailers together that clubs could use in major disasters. The trailers will hold large tents, crates, generators, evaluation tables, First aid kits, and other things needed in response to disasters.

The Next club meeting will be on September 18th. The location will be announced in the yahoo group.

There being no further business Mary Fran moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carol Farro and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira A Wright

Recording Secretary

OTHER CLUB NEWS

My name is Wanda Golden and I'm the treasurer for the Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley, LLC. Our club is holding a raffle for a unique queen size quilt with a Great Dane head motif. The squares were designed and made by Karen Lozenski (Thread Heads) and myself. We then took the squares to a local Mennonite family who creatively sewed them together and stippled the quilt for us. The pictures really do not convey how gorgeous the finished product is. It is truly a genuine quilt from here in the *heart* of Pennsylvania Dutch Country!

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the programs we support. The drawing will be held December 15th, 2013. The winner will be notified by phone and the quilt will be mailed to them.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. If anyone wishes to purchase a ticket, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

GDCLV, LLC
c/o Wanda Golden, Treasurer
1795 Brad Lane
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Include buyers NAME, ADDRESS, PH# and EMAIL. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. I will fill out their ticket and return the stub to them. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Hope to see you and many of your club members at our Specialty August 2nd and 3rd!

Danefully,
Wanda Golden

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!!!



Grand Prize awarded for
Best in Show

All proceeds donated
to the Charitable Trust

Casino Night

& Talent Show

at the **Great Dane National** Wednesday, October 23rd

for more details
or to **sign up**

contact *Karin Roseman*



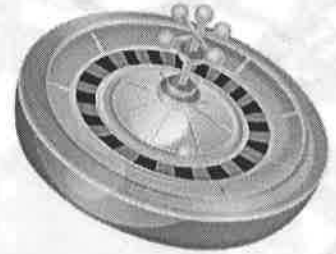
If you have hidden talent
or feel the need to **BELT OUT**
your favorite karaoke tune,

take it to the stage!

vote for your
favorite act
while helping
danese in need!!!

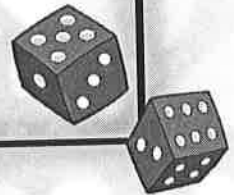
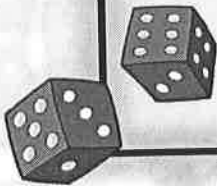


**CASINO
NIGHT**



**Come Join Us on
Wednesday Night at the Nationals
October 23, 2013
For
CASINO NIGHT**

**High Roller of the Night Will Win a
Beautiful Hand Crafted
?? X ?? Stained Glass Piece**



Examples of the Artist's Work





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KENNEL CLUB

Press Release

Date: August 15, 2013
Contact: AKC Communications
Phone: 212-696-8228
Email: communications@akc.org

NEW JERSEY FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS PRESIDENT JEFFREY BALL HONORED WITH AKC COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

New York, NY – Jeffrey Ball, president of the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs (NJFDC), has been honored with the AKC Community Achievement Award for the second quarter of 2013. The NJFDC, a statewide organization devoted to the welfare of dogs, is composed of 85 member clubs and organizations involving all phases of the dog fancy. The NJFDC promotes the responsible ownership, breeding, and exhibition of dogs and fosters public education on proper dog selection and care.

The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership.

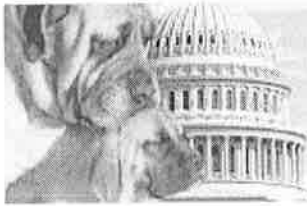
Earlier this year, Mr. Ball took action when the Ridgewood, New Jersey town council proposed a fee hike for owners of “potentially dangerous” dogs. He organized experienced dog trainers, club members and dog owners to testify on the importance of providing public education and resources to pet owners *before* dog problems develop in the community. Town leaders agreed to establish the Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee (RRPOC) with the assistance of the NJFDC.

The RRPOC’s first project was to promote the town’s free rabies clinic and encourage pet licensing renewal by hosting a free microchip clinic held in conjunction with the NJFDC and the Ramapo Kennel Club. The committee’s first public educational seminar, the *Canine Body Language Workshop* was held in June.

With the assistance of AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR), the committee donated two AKC CAR microchip scanners to the town of Ridgewood. “We taught them how to use the scanners and how to go about contacting the owners. The town has been able to reunite lost pets with their owners on their own, without wasting resources calling out [a non-local, fee based] animal control,” Ball said.

Mr. Ball and area dog owners have proposed a similar committee to serve pet owners in the town of Fair Lawn.

“We are pleased to recognize Jeffrey Ball for his work promoting responsible dog ownership and canine education in New Jersey,” said Sheila Goffe, AKC Director of Government Relations. “Under his direction, the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs has made a true impact on dog welfare in the state.”



AKC Government Relations



USDA/APHIS FINALIZES RULE IMPACTING PET BREEDERS

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Today, the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) released a finalized version of new federal regulations that narrow the definition of a “retail pet store” with the purpose of bringing internet-based pet breeders and sellers under the regulation of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The rule, originally proposed in May 2012 and essentially unchanged, effectively expands USDA oversight of pet breeders to include people who maintain more than four “breeding females” of any species and sell even one pet “sight unseen”.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) shares the USDA’s concern about unscrupulous and potentially substandard puppy sellers; and encourages responsible puppy buyers to meet the breeders of their new puppy and to work with responsible breeders to understand the commitment, challenges and requirements that a puppy of their chosen breed requires.

The AKC, however, is extremely disappointed that USDA/APHIS, by adopting the rule in the same form it was originally proposed, did not heed the comments of hundreds of thousands of responsible dog breeders and owners concerned with the complexity and ambiguity of this potentially onerous new rule. Specifically, the rule will:

- **Increase the “retail pet store” exemption to include those maintaining 4 or fewer breeding females.** Those with four or fewer “breeding females” will not be subject to USDA licensure and inspection. The AKC appreciates the intent of a continued exemption for small hobby breeders.
- **Deems any “sight-unseen” sale a covered activity, making the seller subject to USDA licensure and regulation.** The AKC remains steadfast in believing that the rule will unreasonably require regulatory compliance of many more individuals than originally intended by treating those who sell a dog “sight unseen”—perhaps due to repeat buyers or other known purchasers—in the same manner as commercial internet-based sellers. The AKC believes that reasonable regulation of true commercial breeding enterprises or Internet sellers, where regulation is based on the actual numbers of dogs sold, is a better alternative to regulation based on the number of dogs a person owns. If the goal is to regulate internet sales, then such sales should be defined to include only internet sales. If the goal is to regulate all commercial breeder/retailers, a better definition would be those who produce and sell more than 50 puppies in a year.
- **Vague definition of “breeding female” as one having the capability of breeding.** Currently, the USDA defines “breeding female” as “capacity to breed” and bases this assessment on a visual inspection on the ground of the animals involved, determining whether they are “of breeding age” and whether there are health or other factors that would limit that. The AKC believes that this is not a practical, efficient, or clear way to establish a threshold for licensing and

regulation, as it does not allow either APHIS or a breeder to assess whether a seller would be subject to licensing, regulation, and inspection without first being inspected by APHIS. The AKC remains extremely concerned that the rule will make it difficult for individuals to self-report, as they would not be able to know—without an APHIS inspection and examination of their animals before applying for a license—whether they would be required to obtain a license.

Operational standards originally designed for commercial-type facilities fail to account for circumstances appropriate for how hobby/fancy breeders who will be subject to the regulations will keep their dogs. As a result of AKC's long history and breadth of experience in advancing the care and conditions of dogs and conducting kennel inspections, we know that there are a wide variety of circumstances and kinds of facilities in which dogs may be suitably raised and maintained. AKC's Care and Conditions policy is based on performance standards, rather than strict engineering requirements. This is because many breeds would fail to thrive in the required commercial kennel setting and, therefore, are better raised in residential settings. It is not reasonable to expect small breeders, who keep a handful of dogs and make a choice to raise dogs in their homes, to be able to meet exacting USDA kennel engineering standards that are designed for large commercial wholesale or research kennels. Likewise, many could be prevented from adapting their facilities because of local ordinances, zoning limitations, restrictions on their ability to obtain business licenses or necessary insurance. We believe performance-based standards are a better option for small home-based operations. The AKC believes that the continued effort to subject small home-based breeding operations to the same exacting standards required of purely commercial facilities is unreasonable and unnecessary.

To learn more about our specific concerns with the rule, please visit [AKC's USDA/APHIS Regulations Resources Page](#).

NEXT STEPS:

USDA/APHIS expects the final rule to be published in the Federal Register later this week. The rule will become effective 60 days after publication.

The AKC is dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of all dogs and responsible dog owners and breeders. We are extremely disappointed with the content of the final rule and we will continue to study this rule and assess all options for addressing our ongoing concerns.

The AKC will continue to provide additional information and analysis regarding specific impacts and what this rule may mean to responsible dog owners, breeders and the dog-loving public in general.

Please remember that as a matter of company policy, the American Kennel Club does not release the registration information or history of any customer without a court order. The AKC, however, does expect individuals to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

For more information and updates, visit AKC GR's online [USDA/APHIS Regulations Resource Page](#); or contact AKC's Government Relations Department at doglaw@akc.org.

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Changing the future)

New York, NY - Last Thursday we posted a charming photograph of three Golden Retriever puppies on the American Kennel Club Facebook page. The caption was "I love my breeder" with a request to "share your love for your dog's breeder." The image was shared 2,500 times, received 11,000 likes and almost 500 comments. We posted this because we love responsible breeders, but also because we wanted to see the reaction it would elicit.

The post sparked a lengthy conversation about the merits of finding your new dog at a breeder vs. adopting a dog. That passionate debate proved two important issues. There are ardent, articulate, and knowledgeable supporters of responsible breeding who possess facts and are capable of persuasively educating the public about the truth of responsible breeding. However, it also proved that there is a great deal of misinformation about responsible breeding that result in significant prejudice against breeders. There is no doubt that prejudice against breeders has impacted our breeders, our sport, and the public's ability to enjoy the unique experience of a purebred dog in their lives.

Just 20 years ago, a purebred dog was the dog to have in your life. Twenty years ago, a responsible breeder was viewed as a respected resource. Twenty years ago there were virtually no important legislative efforts aimed at eradicating all dog breeding.

What changed in those 20 years? The noble quest to give every dog a "forever" home was co-opted by the animal rights organizations as a method to raise funds for their mission to completely eliminate pet ownership. Under the guise of supporting adoption, they have been raising a significant war chest - over \$200 million last year alone - to fuel a campaign aimed squarely at destroying our ability to preserve breeds for future generations.

As told by AR groups, responsible breeders have been dishonestly accused of being the sole cause of dogs in shelters - not irresponsible owners.

As told by AR groups, purebred dog breeders have been maliciously portrayed as evil people only interested in money and winning at events, at the expense of their dogs' health and well-being.

As told by AR groups, purebred dogs have been wrongly defined as being plagued with genetic health and temperament problems caused by breeders.

After 20 years of this propaganda - mostly unchallenged by those who know better - a portion of the public has accepted this fiction as reality.

No more.

AKC Staff led by Chris Walker along with Bob Amen and I have been working with Edelman, our new public outreach partner, on the plan that will change the current conversation, as demonstrated in that Facebook post, by confronting the prejudice and telling the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders.

We will focus our efforts on two key audiences - families with kids 8-12 and empty nesters. These groups represent the critical inflection points for dog ownership and hold our best opportunities to correctly educate the public about purebred dogs and responsible dog breeding.

An additional audience will be federal and local legislators. Our experience makes it clear that once legislators know the truth, the legislative outcome is positive.

We will expand our voice to include breeders, dog owners, AKC thought leaders, veterinarians, and AKC's over 700,000 grassroots followers.

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We will relentlessly focus on these foundational story themes: the unique qualities of purebred dogs, the desirability of purebred dogs as family pets, the truth about the health of purebred dogs, and the truth about responsible breeders.

We will use every outreach channel to relentlessly tell our story in a shareable and searchable way, including national and local media, hybrid media, AKC's own media, and social media.

By focusing on these key audiences with expanded, credible voices centered on our core narratives we will get better stories in the media, more often.

In addition, we will immediately and aggressively respond to any attack utilizing our partners, our supporters, and our full media assets.

There are three things you can do to help regain control of our destiny.

Tell us what you are hearing from your community, what the toughest questions are that you face. We'll compile the answers and get you a toolkit to respond from a position of knowledge, strength, and pride.

Tell us your story - how you picked your breed, why you became a breeder and what has changed about the health of your breed due to the efforts of your Parent Club.

Tell us who you know who can help tell the truth - supportive officials in parent, children's, or seniors' organizations either locally or nationally; a veterinarian who is actively involved in a professional organization either locally or nationally; or an informed and outspoken government official.

You can share all of this information with Chris Walker at cxw2@akc.org or 212-696-8232.

As an avid Bullmastiff breeder, I am reminded of the description of that great protector of the family and property - fearless and confident, yet docile. I believe the AKC is a great protector of our rights to responsibly breed dogs. We too are fearless and confident, but it is time to stop being docile regarding the lies and propaganda that defile purebred dogs and responsible breeders.

We will communicate the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders, emotionally and memorably.

We will increase the desire to own a purebred dog.

We will de-stigmatize responsible breeders.

We will change the conversation.

We will change the future.

As always, your comments are most welcome at atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,
Alan Kalter
Chairman

DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

SEPTEMBER 18th, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Tierney's Copperhouse
(used to be the Merchant House)
4 Little Falls Rd, Fairfield, NJ 07004
(973) 227-6066

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

NNJGDC
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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