

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREAT DANE CLUB

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The Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club would like to thank everyone, as well as all the clubs and organizations who assisted us in our efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Our efforts will continue as the lingering effects of the storm continue. You would think that almost two months after the storm, things would be better. In many ways they are, many people have returned to their homes, others are in the process of rebuilding and some have found temporary housing. But there still are many people who are struggling, the people who have lost everything and did not have or had inadequate insurance. Over the last month many people lost their homes due to the building inspector or insurance companies condemning homes that seemed to have minor damage but more severe damage was found. These are the people that still need help.

For all the sad or horrifying things that happen around this country or world, you also have the amazingly good things. We would especially like to thank the group listed below. All these people or organizations did something extra to help those in need. This is not to take away all the things others did, but a special thanks to the group below.

Hurricane Donor Summary

This list shows individuals, clubs or organizations which donated to the NNJGDC Hurricane Sandy Fund.

AKC Humane Hurricane Sandy Fund
Allen, CC & JM - In Memory of Jane Roppolo
Askew, Theda B
Ball Family
Blue Buffalo
Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs
Bristol, Barbara
Britts, Sandra
Cini, Mary Fran
Dlugosz, Cathy
Fremer, Sharon
Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City
Irek, Gwlynda

Kaiser, Debi
Langan, Caren
McCormack, Mark
NNJGDC members
Powers, Dianne
Ridgeway, Nancy
Roseman, Karin
Schuller, Karen
Snyder, Jean
Solazzo, Stacy
Unnamed Donors
Wayne, Gay Ann
Wright, Kira

Total Funds Raised \$2,355 plus toys and food.

Summary of assistance rendered on back

Jeffrey D. Ball, 11 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450, (201) 689-1323, email - jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com

Congratulations to the Officer and Board members elected for office for 2013

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Membership Applications to be voted on in January

Karin Roseman
124 Deer Valley Lane
Greenville, DE 19807

Janet Watson and Auburn Lyons
3278 State Route 2067
South Gibson, PA 18842

New Member application received - Pamela Anderson

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Corresponding	Donna Stuermer
Secretary	GDCA Delegate
Mary Fran Cini	Jeffrey David Ball

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Donations made by NNJGDC

All distributed donations were reviewed and approved by the board and members of the NNJGDC. The club's audit committee also reviewed all funds to assure all monies received were properly distributed.

This list shows the facility donated to, what was donated and a brief description of the issue or issues at the facility. With these donations, the NNJGDC was able to assist many of our animal friends in distress. We were also able to build relationships with these organizations. These groups now know to turn to us if they ever have Great Danes. This will allow us, with the assistance of the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League to look out for all Great Danes welfare throughout the state of New Jersey.

SEER Farms P.O. Box 91 Jackson, NJ 08527 732-928-1804 Temporary Housing, food and Medical care for animals	\$500.00 and Food
SAVE 900 Herrontown Road Princeton, NJ 08540 609-924-3802 Short term influx of animals due to other shelter damage	\$105.00 and Food and Toys
Bergen County Animal Shelter 100 United Lane Teterboro, NJ 07608 Influx of animals from northern region	\$250.00
Clifton Animal Shelter 900 Clifton Avenue Clifton, NJ Water/wind damage to facility influx of animals from southern New Jersey	\$250.00
Woodbridge Animal Shelter 2 George Frederick Plaza Woodbridge, NJ 07095 Water/wind damage to facility influx of animals from southern New Jersey	\$250.00
Sussex County CART (County Animal Response Team) Karen Dashfield, DVM 544 Route 94 Newton, NJ 07860 Money to help distribute food rent equipment	\$250.00
Humane Society of Atlantic County 1401 Absecon Blvd Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 Incurred \$125,000 damage to facility and number of dogs is increasing every day.	\$500.00 and Food
Monmouth County SPCA & Homeward Bound Adoption Center 260 Wall Street, P.O. Box 93 Eatontown, NJ 07724 Storm damage and increase in animal intake.	\$250.00 and Food

Working with the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, NNJGDC was able to deliver **28 pallets of Blue Buffalo food to the Humane Society of Atlantic County and 28 pallets of Blue Buffalo food to the Monmouth County SPCA & Homeward Bound Adoption Center.** These two facilities worked as distribution centers to assist owners and pets at their homes during these trying times.

Thank you again for all your assistance!

**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the November 19, 2012
Membership Meeting**

Fairfield Tavern
335 Fairfield Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (15): Jeffrey Ball, Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Jack Keenan, Gay Ann Wayne, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Rose Ann Tucker, Kira Wright, Betsy Ball, Carol Farro, Carol Keenan, Stacey Solazzo, Joy Genovese and Jean Snyder.

Guests in attendance (3): Yahaira Silva, Pete Passaro and Zach Weissman.

I. Minutes - The Treasurer's Report in the September minutes was amended to read expenses of \$255 not \$263. The corrected Minutes were approved on a motion made by Gay and seconded by Carol Farro.

II. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran had nothing to report.

III. Recording Secretary - No report.

IV. Treasurer - Diane B. reported an opening balance of \$5510.02; deposits of \$233.61 and an adjusted expense from \$263.00 to \$255.00 for a total of \$5480.63. She reported a closing balance of \$5820.23 with \$180.00 outstanding.

She also noted that GDCA dues must be paid by January 1, 2013. Jeffrey stated that we need to have an audit. Donna and Cathy will serve on the Auditing Committee and will work with Diane B.

V. Committee Reports:

Sunshine - Zuzanna was sent a gift basket after she was bitten by a Golden at Meet the Breeds. Mitch's wife fell and fractured her hip. Carol will send something.

Therapy - Kira reported that the Morris View Nursing Home located at 540 W. Hanover Ave. in Morristown would like to have Danes visit. They would accept a group and pictures can be taken with residents. Contact Kira if you would like to participate. Kira also noted that Bright & Beautiful dogs have been down in South Jersey.

Fund Raising - Cathy reported that there is \$794.74 in the iGive account. Photos with Santa brought in \$522.00

Website - Thanks to Zuzanna, the NNJGDC website is up-to-date. Carol was out of commission for a time dealing with Animal Control issues. Jeffrey will put out a notice on how to respond "when Animal Control knocks at your door."

Election of NNJGDC 2013 Officers - The Nominating Committee, composed of Betsy, Carol and Rose Ann, proposed the following slate of Officers:

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Jeffrey asked for Nominations from the floor. There were none so Nominations were closed.

Membership - After some discussion, a vote was taken, by secret ballot, as to the acceptance of Lisa Daum as a new member. Her application was unanimously rejected.

Jeffrey reported on two (2) new applications: Karin Roseman, who is being sponsored by Barbara Waldkirch and Jeffrey Ball and the family application of Janet Watson and Auburn Lyons also sponsored by Barbara Waldkirch and Jeffrey Ball.

The meeting was suspended at 8:10pm for a presentation by Dr. Briggs. It resumed at 9:30pm.

VI. Unfinished Business:

2012 National Specialty - Mary Fran, Jeffrey and Mercedes attended this event in Topeka. Jeffrey said that the location was great, but nothing was organized. He attended the Delegates, Membership and Board meetings. Mercedes attended the show and won the Open Black Bitch Class.

The GDCA Charitable Trust is involved in a Wobbler's Study, Genetic Study and Mega-Esophagus Study all of which need to be promoted. The NNJGDC will look into doing something for the Charitable Trust.

The Club nominated the following Breed Judges for the 2014 National to be held in Ohio: Eve Williams, Laurie Malucci, Dale Tarbox and M.J. Cohen. Judy Murdoch and William Urban were nominated as Futurity Judges.

VII. New Business:

Donations for the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund totaled \$1355.00 including \$250.00 from the GDC of Greater KC plus food and toys. It was suggested that the monies be distributed in the following way:

\$500 to Seer Farms
\$250 to Bergen County Animal Shelter
\$250 to Clifton Animal Shelter
\$250 to Woodbridge Animal Shelter
Balance plus food and toys to SAVE

Jean made a motion that we follow the suggestion. Carol Farro seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cathy submitted an application to the AKC for a Hurricane Sandy Grant.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 5th at 7:00pm at Jean's house. Please RSVP to her at gr8danes2@optimum.net or 973-263-3412 no later than 11/28.

There being no further business, Gay moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carol Farro and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Snyder

Jean Snyder
Recording Secretary

**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the December 5, 2012
Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10pm by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (20): Jeffrey Ball, Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Jack Keenan, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Kira Wright, Betsy Ball, Carol Farro, Carol Keenan, Diane Husar, Donna Stuermer, Martin Stuermer, Mickey Rufino, Deema Kounin, Zuzanna Zajdel-Kounin, Joy Genovese, David Litke, Ed Cini and Jean Snyder.

Guests in attendance (1): Pete Genovese.

I. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran received a letter from the AKC Canine Health Foundation seeking financial support. We will look into this in January.

II. Elections - The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of Officers for 2013:

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Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran Cini

Recording Secretary - Kira Wright

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The slate being uncontested, the Recording Secretary, Jean Snyder cast one vote in its favor.

III. Membership - Jeffrey reported that there are four applicants: Karin Roseman, Janet Watson, Auburn Lyons and Pam Andersen. Karin, Janet and Auburn are being sponsored by Jeffrey Ball and Barbara Waldkirch. Pam's sponsors are Cathy Dlugosz and Jeffrey Ball.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Jeffrey thanked Cathy for her efforts in attempting to secure a \$1000.00 grant from the AKC to be distributed by us for Hurricane Sandy Relief. The NJFDC suggested donations be given to: Sussex County Cart, Humane Society of Atlantic County and the Monmouth County ASPCA in Eatontown. Should we receive the AKC funds, Jeffrey suggested that \$250 be given to Sussex County Cart, \$500 to the Humane Society of Atlantic County and \$250 to the Monmouth County ASPCA. Carol Farro made a motion that we follow Jeffrey's suggestion. The motion was seconded by Kira and passed.

Jeffrey has a list of all who contributed to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. Kira made a motion, seconded by Carol Farro, that the donation summary and review be given to the Audit Committee. The motion passed. Jeffrey will send a "Thank You" to each person who contributed.

V. New Business:

The Club insurance policy, in the amount of \$532.50, is up for renewal and payable now.

Barbara Waldkirch and Karin Roseman have offered to collect Junior Showman clothes to be made available to interested parties at shows. Any donations received will be given to the GDCA Charitable Trust. Mary Fran made a motion that Barbara and Karin be allowed to organize this endeavor. Carol Keenan seconded the motion and it passed.

Jeffrey reminded everyone that 2013 Club dues are payable now and that you can donate to the GDCA Charitable Trust along with your dues. He will send out an e-mail addressing this issue.

Cathy asked everyone to remember iGive when doing their Christmas shopping.

There being no further business, Kira moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carol Farro and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Snyder

Jean Snyder
Recording Secretary

Why Do They ... Eat Grass?

Speculation runs from inducing vomiting to increasing fiber, but there's no nutritional benefit

This is the first in an occasional series exploring the reasons for dogs' often intriguing behavior. If you would like to submit a question, please write to DogWatch Editor, 800 Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, CT 06854, or email dogwatcheditor@cornell.edu.

Owners and veterinarians have long speculated about the reasons dogs eat grass. Given that some dogs vomit after ingesting grass, one popular theory is that they're trying to rid themselves of rancid food or clear a queasy stomach. Others theorize the dogs are trying to get more fiber in their diet.

"I have been asked this question many times by concerned pet owners," says Andrea N. Johnston, DVM, DACVIM, a clinical instructor in internal medicine at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, "and the truth is we don't really know why dogs eat grass. It may be multifactorial. If it is pathologic behavior or frequently followed by vomiting, it would be best to rule out the medical causes of pica [the ingestion of non-food objects]."

Inconsistent Findings. Another possible explanation is that dogs simply

like to eat grass, and sharp blades of grass cause vomiting. "I have heard this theory and witnessed my own dogs consuming grass and subsequently vomiting," Dr. Johnston says. "It is possible that the texture of the grass is emetogenic [inducing vomiting], but this is not a consistent finding. Some pets consume grass without vomiting."

It's also unlikely grass provides roughage or nutrients that might be missing from the dog's diet, Dr. Johnston says. "Most commercial diets contain adequate amounts of insoluble fiber, but I have read one case report that documented a reduction in grass eating behavior in one dog switched to a diet higher in fiber. However, there is no nutritional benefit to grass consumption, and no research studies address the issue."



Maybe they just like the taste.

A potential health risk does exist, though, Dr. Johnston says. "I recommend that owners limit grass consumption due to concerns about chemicals used in lawn care and fertilizers in the soil that could be toxic to dogs. Additionally, infectious organisms such as parasites may persist in the soil and grass."

As for those commercial grass-growing kits for pets: "I generally recommend offering fresh or cooked vegetables to dogs to increase their fiber intake first, but assuming the soil and grass in the kit do not contain any potentially toxic compounds, this may be a viable solution." ♦

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PAST DUE!

Dear NNJGDC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2013, are now due and payable by **December 31, 2012**.
Please make checks payable to the **Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club** and *mailed to:*

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

Diane Bocian

NNJGDC Treasurer

50 Mabie Street

Franklin, New Jersey 07416

_____ Junior Membership - \$10.00 (10-18 years old)

_____ Family Membership - \$40.00

_____ Regular Membership - \$25.00

*Please help us update our records. If there are any corrections or additions to your current listing in the roster, please make the changes below. **Please print:***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Kennel Name: _____

Website: _____

Please return this entire form with your payment, thank you.

The **Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust** supports Great Dane welfare and rescue efforts, educational programs, Scholarship Programs for junior handlers, initiatives to create great awareness of breed-specific health problems and medical research efforts to improve the quality of life of the Great Dane.

For many of us, Great Danes are a significant source of love and comfort throughout our lives. We depend on them for their loyalty and companionship and they in turn, depend on us.

Through your support, the GDCA Trust will have the necessary resources to respond to calls for help in the most critical areas of concern...the health and welfare of the breed.

Whenever the call goes out that Great Danes are in need - the GDCA Charitable Trust intends to be there. **Please consider a donation to this Trust by checking below and adding that amount to your check**

_____ GDCA Charitable Trust Fund Amount \$ _____

LEGISLATIVE ELERT!

You may already know about a pending court case in Franklin Lakes, NJ. If you recall, Danielle Weitz is appealing the ruling by a municipal court judge in Franklin Lakes. The appeals court has put it on their calendar for February 25, with the brief from Danielle's attorney due January 25. We understand that clubs need to follow a process when deciding on donations, and that many have no meeting in December. This court date is earlier than anticipated, but beyond our control. The need for donations is now time sensitive and urgent. Please make this issue known to your members so they will be able to act independently if they so choose. This is extremely important. Without your financial assistance the lawsuit may not be able to proceed. An appeal is the only way to remedy this situation. Every donation counts and is gratefully accepted. The judge found this hobby breeder guilty based on the following:

1. He found her to be operating a kennel business - the prosecutor used the online AKC breeder profile as evidence against her because it states the breeder will provide a "bill of sale" to a puppy buyer.
2. Guilty of "failure to apply for a kennel license" – there is no way any home hobby breeder could meet the requirements of kennel licensure (impervious concrete facility flooring, industrial fire & sprinkler systems, air handling systems, drainage, etc.).

ADDITIONALLY – THE JUDGE IMPOSED:

- A. Mandatory inspections of her home and dogs every 30 days by health department officials and animal control.
- B. She must prove she is NOT breeding via these inspections.
Selling one puppy through the local paper or online may be used as evidence of operating a "business".

SAVE HOBBY BREEDING - TAKE ACTION - DONATE TODAY

All donations are directed to the law firm handling the case (not Danielle personally).

There are two ways you can help hobby breeders in NJ by supporting this appeal:

1. Send checks made out to Trautmann & Associates Attorney Trust Account to the law firm handling the appeal:

Trautmann and Associates, LLC
262 East Main Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Or donate by phone:

Call the law firm at: 973-627-8000 to donate with your credit card.

The NJ Federation of Dog Clubs and NAIA Trust of NJ fully support this case. Thank you in advance for your support of hobby breeding. Questions should be directed to Barbara Reichman at barbreichman@comcast.net.

Barbara Reichman
NJFDC NAIA Trust of NJ Director

DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

JANUARY 16th, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Fairfield Tavern
335 Fairfield Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

**NNJGDC
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

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