

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

JANUARY 2014

2008-2014

Membership Renewal

Dear NNJGDC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2014, are now due and payable by **December 31, 2013**.
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.

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the December 18, 2013
Membership Meeting
VFW Hall Post 7925
45 Plymouth Street
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm By Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (15): Jeffrey Ball, Kira Wright, Jonathan Ball, , Dawn Fierro, Betsy Ball, Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Edd Cini, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Gay Ann Wayne, Rose Ann Tucker, Diane Huser, Carol Farro, Mitch Archer

Guests in attendance (8): Justin Ball, Mary Archer, Ruth Ball, Juleen Ball, Hailey Schermeyer, Nathan Wilson, Roxanne Bocian, Nycole Bocian

*At the start of the meeting it was noted that all recording devices were not permitted in Club Meetings without written consent from ALL present club members.

I. Minutes- Diane H made a motion for Novembers meeting minutes to be read out loud. On a vote by the club it was unanimously approved not to read the minutes out loud since they were posted on both the clubs yahoo site and mailed to member's homes. Diane H. made it known to the club that she disagreed with the way that the November Meeting minutes were written in regard to the GDCA delegate, and that the minutes were wrong about the GDCA delegate. Jeffrey Ball stated he would be more than happy to bring all the paper work with him for the January meeting showing that the meeting minutes were written correctly.

It was also stated that in the last meeting there is no limit on the terms of positions in the club and that is how it is written into the constitution buy the members and accepted by both the AKC and GDCA.

Diane B. made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes and it was seconded by Carol.

II. Corresponding Secretary- Mary Fran stated the New Corresponding Secretary has to report to the GDCA the election of the new board.

III. Recording Secretary- No Report

IV. Treasurer- A check was written to the VFW for \$180 for Santa Photos. Diane B has a list of people who have paid their dues, but there are still many more that still have to pay. Seers Farms has sent a letter asking for donations. The club has also received a letter from David saying Happy Holidays and that he misses us.

V. Committee Reports-

Memberships- There is a new application for Justin Ball.

Health & Welfare- No Report

Pet Therapy- Saint Barnabas Medical Center is now running a therapy dog training program through the hospital and Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. The program is free to the public. In order to take the program your dog must have a solid understand of all basic commands, like people, and like other dogs. If anyone is interested in the program please see Kira Wright for more details.

Rescue- Mary Fran has taken a new rescue by the name of Angie. Angie is a sweet dog, but due to health issues cannot be around other dogs at this time. Mary Fran has to keep Angie and her dogs separate. MAGDRL currently has a Dane in the kennel that needs a home. The Dane is about 7 or 8 years old. MAGDRL will be at the super pet Expo this coming up February 7, 8, 9.

Fund Raising- For Santa photos we had a total of about 16 people show up. More info will follow in January's meeting. A very special thank you goes out to Gay for taking the photos and Jeffrey for being Santa.

VI. Unfinished Business:

Due renewals are now due. Please send all dues to Diane B.

VII. New Business:

The Slate of officers for the 2014 is:

President – Jeffrey D. Ball

Vice President - Cathy Dlugosz

Corresponding Secretary - Zuzanna Zajdel-Kounin

Recording Secretary - Kira Wright

Treasurer - Diane Bocian

Board of Directors (3 year term) 2014, 2015, 2016:

Deema Kounin

Carol Farro

The Slate being uncontested, the Recording Secretary, Kira Wright cast one vote in its favor.

There being no further business, Cathy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ken and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira A Wright

Kira A Wright

Recording Secretary



AKC communicates

December 2013

News from AKC President, Dennis Sprung:

The AKC is always looking for new ways to support club members working with their local legislators to help enact reasonable canine legislation. I'm pleased to share two new initiatives from the Government Relations department that will help empower AKC clubs and federations to expand their community and legislative outreach.



The new **Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSF) Educational Grants Program** will support clubs with micro grants of up to \$500 to expand their legislative advocacy and educational programming in the local community.

The grants are designed to offset the costs of events like "Legislative" or "Lobby Days" where club members visit legislators and staff members during pre-scheduled meetings. The funds can also be used when hosting informational tables on capitol grounds, sponsoring events to which legislators are invited, or participating in other educational outreach programs.

Ultimately, our hope is that the CLSF Educational Grants Program will assist AKC dog clubs and federations in educating dog owners, the public, and elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure that the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders are protected.

AKC Dog-Friendly Community Award

This new award honors dog-friendly communities and/or community officials for any actions taken to promote responsible dog ownership in that community. These actions could include establishing a responsible dog ownership committee in conjunction with a local dog club/federation, hosting events promoting responsible dog ownership or other actions that advance the well-being and breeding of dogs. The first winner will be announced soon.

If your club or federation is interested in either program, please let us know. For more information, contact AKC Government Relations staff at doglaw@akc.org or 919-816-3720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis B. Sprung".



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Bloat (GDV)

Gastric dilatation, commonly known as bloat, is a rapidly progressing and devastating condition that can develop in several different breeds of dogs. The condition is initiated when the stomach dilates and food and gas cannot be expelled. As the stomach dilates and expands, the pressure in the stomach begins to increase, causing inadequate blood return to the heart from the abdomen, loss of blood flow to the lining of the stomach, and rupture of the stomach wall. In some cases the stomach can become dilated enough to rotate in the abdomen, a condition called volvulus. The rotation can lead to blockage of the blood supply to the spleen and the stomach wall, and without immediate surgical correction of volvulus and removal of the dead tissues the patient can die.

Learn what all dog owners need to know about bloat.

WATCH WEBINAR

AKC Canine Health Foundation Bloat Initiative

Bloat Initiative Grants Awarded!!

We have taken a significant step toward the eventual prevention of the devastating condition commonly known as bloat. CHF is pleased to announce the approval of two research grants which will work to establish the causes and predispositions for gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), or bloat. These studies will provide the insight necessary to one day prevent the condition.

The two grants will provide nearly \$485,000 in bloat research. The first study, headed by principal investigator Dr. Claire Rebecca Sharp, BVMS of Tufts University will evaluate the complex genetic basis of bloat. Importantly, Dr. Sharp's grant will support the beginning of a biobank of samples that will facilitate the study of bloat by other investigators in the future. The second study, headed by principal investigator Dr. Laura L. Nelson, DVM of Michigan State University seeks to determine the abnormalities in the stomach's ability to contract and how this might predispose large-breed dogs to bloat.

[Read more about the grants>>](#)

Selection of the Bloat Initiative Grants:

In January of 2013 the Foundation has issued a call for research proposals. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was written as a program project and required a tangible outcome. The recipients of these bloat grants are expected to deliver something demonstrable so that research on bloat moves forward in a substantial way. Also, the budget this special emphasis RFP is greater than what we typically award for individual research grants, allowing the investigators to do research that may be cost prohibitive under normal circumstances. Grants awarded will allow us to make a huge leap forward towards prevention of bloat.

In response to our request for proposals (RFP) we received 9 Letters of Intent (LOIs). Our special emphasis review panel, composed of CHF Grant Committee members and breed club reviewers, found 5 LOIs compelling enough to invite back for peer review of full proposals. Of those full proposals, 2 stellar projects were considered highly responsive to the RFP and were deemed to be scientifically meritorious by both experts in the field of canine gastrointestinal disease and the special emphasis review panel.

[More about the Bloat RFP \(non-scientific language\)](#)

[View the Bloat RFP \(scientific language\)](#)

Education:

CHF is excited to offer a free educational webinar "Bloat: What Every Dog Owner Needs to Know" with Dr. Elizabeth Rozanski. In the webinar, Dr. Rozanski explains what every dog owner needs to know about gastric dilatation-volvulus, or bloat. She will present the signs and treatment options for bloat along with current options for prevention.

WATCH WEBINAR

The Foundation also plans to provide continuing education for veterinarians showing surgical procedures used for prevention - gastropexy during spay/neuter.

Bloat Initiative Sponsors

Champion Bloat Initiative Sponsors (\$50,000+):





Lead Bloat Initiative Sponsors (\$25,000 - \$49,999):

Basset Hound Club of America
German Shepherd Dog Club of America
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Charter Bloat Initiative Sponsors (\$10,000 - \$24,999):

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Briard Club of America Health and Education Trust
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Gordon Setter Club of America
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America
Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
Weimaraner Club of America

Bloat Initiative Sponsors (\$2,500 - \$9,999):

American Bloodhound Club
American Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club
Delaware County Kennel Club
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association
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Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation
Forsyth Kennel Club
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Irish Wolfhound Club of America
Kuvasz Fanciers of America
Poodle Club of America Foundation
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Scottish Deerhound Club of America
TarTan Gordon Setter Club
Versatility in Poodles

For information about how to become a sponsor contact chfgrants@akcchf.org. Or make an immediate donation of any amount to the Bloat Initiative.



American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 900061
Raleigh, NC 27675-9061

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If a member has agreed with and signed an authorization form, that newsletter will be sent to the member in a PDF format, other communications will be sent via word documents to email address supplied on signed authorization form. Such authorization will be revocable by notifying the Corresponding Secretary in writing.

NNJGDC Email Authorization Form

In order to cut the ongoing costs of running the Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club, as well as communicate faster and offer reminders, the club can utilize email rather than the USPS. Our Constitution and By-Laws mandates that we can only communicate via email if you have given us your authority to do so. If you wish to take advantage of this service please complete the fields below and return this form to us by one of these methods:

Send to current NNJGDC Corresponding Secretary

Email to: zzajdel@gmail.com
USPS to: Zuzanna Kounin
42 Eastern Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

I hereby authorize the NNJGDC to communicate with me using the email address below for the purposes including, but not limited to, club notices, reminders and or newsletters. This authorization form does not pertain to the NNJGDC Yahoo Group, as I have the opportunity to join or be removed from that group at will. I will make every effort to update NNJGDC, in writing, of any changes to my email address. I also agree not to forward NNJGDC material sent to me to non NNJGDC members unless I receive permission from the original sender.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate by signing below if you consent to receiving emails for the following:

General Mailings: _____
Signature

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Signature

Date _____

Date received by NNJGDC _____



December 2013

Director's Letter

As year's end approaches, it's time to reflect on experiences and lessons learned over the past year and to anticipate the challenges ahead.

On behalf of the American Kennel Club, we thank you for your dedication to protecting the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders in 2013. Your continued hard work and dedication to advocating for responsible dog ownership — whether as a Legislative Liaison, club member, a participant in a federation, an individual breeder, or donor — have helped ensure many legislative successes.

In the past year, the AKC Government Relations team has worked with many of you to monitor and address more than 1,300 legislative measures throughout the country that could impact dogs or dog ownership. Together, we supported a variety of bills that would make positive improvements for dogs, and provided alternatives or successfully opposed advancement of others that would be harmful for dogs and dog owners. For more information on these issues, please view the *2013 Canine Legislation Year in Review*.

Although we were disappointed by the new USDA/APHIS "retail pet store" regulations that were finalized in September, we appreciate the clarifications APHIS has made regarding some of our concerns. As we begin 2014, we will continue to monitor implementation and enforcement to determine the true impact the new regulations will have on small/hobby breeders and whether further action may be necessary to protect the rights of responsible breeders. New information will continue to be posted to AKC GR's [Regulations Resource Page](#) as it becomes available.

We also reflect on the crucial role that responsible dog ownership plays in creating dog-friendly communities and reducing unnecessary regulation. As part of our ongoing commitment to advancing responsible dog ownership, we are pleased to announce the new *AKC Dog-Friendly Community Award*. This award honors dog-friendly communities (or community officials) that have worked with a local AKC club or federation to promote responsible dog ownership in that community. AKC provides the award, but your club or federation gets to take the lead by nominating a local recipient and presenting the award to your community leaders at a local dog show or other public event. We hope this award will provide you with a unique opportunity to develop new relationships with community leaders and to honor those who honor the responsible dog owners and breeders in their midst.

Thank you again for the time and effort you spent on behalf of dogs in 2013. We look forward to working with you again in the coming year.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season,

Sheila Goffe

Director, Government Relations

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREAT DANE CLUB

**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Membership Application**

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE:(home) _____

(work) _____

ADDRESS: _____ (cell) _____

(fax) _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ E-MAIL _____

Are you a member of the Great Dane Club of America? Yes No

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

List other All-Breed or Specialty Clubs to which you now belong or have belonged and offices held (if any): _____

If elected to Membership, are you be willing to serve on a Committee(s): Yes No

Committee(s) interested in working on: (please check ANY of interest)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Catalog | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Roster | <input type="checkbox"/> The Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Therapy/Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Handling Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breed Trophies | <input type="checkbox"/> Match Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Point Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget / Audit | <input type="checkbox"/> Material/Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian | | |

If elected to Membership, I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey and the Rules and Regulations of the Great Dane Club of America and American Kennel Club.

Signature of Applicant

Annual Dues, check application box	ONE time Application Fee:	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Membership	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Two Members of Immediate Family	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Junior Membership	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: 1) Application fee must be included with membership application and is not refundable.
2) Annual Dues should not be paid until membership is accepted.

Sponsorship		
Name of Sponsor	Signature of Sponsor	Length of time known

There must be two sponsors from different families for each applicant.
Letters of Recommendation from each Sponsor must accompany this application.
Please forward completed application along with application fee to:

FOR CLUB USE ONLY
Received by Membership Chairperson _____
Read at meeting _____
Voted on: _____

Notice to membership _____
Accept Decline

DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

JANUARY 15th, 2014

7:30 p.m.

New Location

Franklin Steakhouse Tavern
318 Passaic Ave
Fairfield, NJ 07004

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

NNJGDC
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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