

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

JUNE 2010

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GREAT DANE CLUB

May 18, 2010

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Ms. Margaret Shappard
244 Callaway Road
Fayetteville, GA 30215

Re: Echocardiogram Clinic

Dear Ms. Shappard and the Great Dane Club of America,

Until several years ago, there was a recognized AKC and GDCA club in northern New Jersey called Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey. Due to declining membership and lack of interest, the club folded. Two years ago, a group of former members and current Great Dane owners decided that we would resurrect the club, with a minor change in name, after a number of people inquired about it and showed interest in being involved.

Currently, we have thirty-eight members and are proud to say that we are still growing. We have monthly meetings that are well attended and have a great list of accomplishments. We had a CERF clinic this month and had fourteen Great Dane attend.

The reason for this letter is to inquire to see if you would consider allowing us to host an Echocardiogram Clinic on behalf of the Great Dane Club of America. We do understand that we are not currently affiliated, but we are currently applying to the AKC for recognition and once that occurs, would then apply to the GDCA for affiliation.

We are currently a member of the New Jersey Federation of Dogs Clubs, the American Dog Owner Association and just sent in our paperwork to be affiliated with the AKC Canine Health Foundation. We do have several GDCA members in our club and they will be a great group to recruit a number of Great Danes for a clinic. With the membership activity we have, we would be very successful with this clinic. We would also be willing to assist in fundraising for it. We are currently planning future functions with our Health and Welfare committee and can now announce that in September, we are having a Bloat educational program at a local veterinary hospital.

We have enclosed with this letter a copy of the home page of our website <http://NNJGDC.org>, a copy of our health and welfare section, our CERF leaflet and the GDCA Health and Research Committee Questionnaire. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about us. We do hope that you will consider us.

On behalf of the NNJGDC Health & Welfare Committee and the members of NNJGDC, thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey David Ball
President

**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the May 19, 2010
Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (13): Jeffrey Ball, Mary Fran Cini, Bill Diesing, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Gay Ann Wayne, Donna Stuermer, Carol Farro, Ellen Le Rouzic, Kristeen Kohrs, David Litke, Rose Ann Tucker and Jean Snyder.

Guest in attendance (1): Tilly Grassa

I. Minutes - Ken moved to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill and unanimously passed.

II. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran will send a "Thank You" note to Dr. Brown for the Recent Eye Clinic.

III. Recording Secretary - Jean had nothing to report.

IV. Treasurer - Diane B. reported a balance of \$831.74 and noted that dues are to be paid by the 1st of June.

V. Committee Reports:

Rescue - Mary Fran stated that Jeff S. arranged for MAGDRL to be at the AMC theater in Rockaway Mall for the premiere of the Marmaduke Movie on June 4th from 3-5pm. Jeff is working with Clearview theaters to get more sites so that we can educate the public with regards to Great Danes. GDCA brochures will be available for distribution. We will try to get some press releases issued under the Club name. The Tricky Tray Committee is meeting in preparation for the October 7th event at the Bethwood and is requesting donations. Non-dog items are very welcome. Other MAGDRL events can be found on their website.

Therapy - Jeff B. congratulated Sieben, owned by Donna & Martin Stuermer, for passing her test on April 18th at Club Barks. Jeff suggested we have a contact person for Pet Therapy on our website. Donna volunteered to be that person.

Match Show - In the absence of Diane H., Jean went through a list of items that would be needed for the show. They all seem to be covered. She asked for volunteers: Jeff B. will do the Handling Class; Jean & Donna will take entries; Bill & Diane B. will sell raffle and 50/50 tickets; David will Steward and everyone will do clean-up. Members were asked to be at the site no later than 12:15pm.

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Elections - Jeff B. read a list of the nominated candidates:

President - Jeffrey Ball

Vice-President - Bill Diesing

Treasurer - Diane Bocian

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran Cini

Recording Secretary - Jean Snyder

Board Positions through 2013 - Gay Ann Wayne

Diane Husar

Since no Offices were contested, Jean, as the Recording Secretary, cast one vote to accept the slate for the year 2010 and 2011. Congratulations to all.

VI. Unfinished Business:

The Eye Clinic had an attendance of 14 and went well. Dr. Brown was pleased and is willing to work with us on future Clinics.

The application for an Echo cardiac Clinic sponsored by the GDCA has been completed.

VII. New Business:

The AKC Health Foundation is asking Clubs to join for a \$200.00 donation. Mary Fran made a motion that the NNJGDC affiliate with the AKC Canine Health Foundation based on the donations made by Carol and Gay. The motion was seconded by Ken and passed unanimously.

Bill reported that Dr. P. of AERA asked what issues we would like to address for our September meeting. The membership agreed that "Bloat" would be an excellent topic.

Jean suggested that we need a Publicity Person since we are having so many activities that we want to be open to the public.

Jeff B. reported that there is a discrepancy in the By-Laws regarding the fiscal year and the Club year. In an effort to be consistent, it was recommended that the fiscal and Club year be from January 1st to December 31st. David made a motion that the By-Laws be amended to reflect that the fiscal and Club year be from January 1st to December 31st. Ken seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ken made a motion that the Officers elected tonight should serve through 2011. David seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Diane B. moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rose Ann and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Snyder

Recording Secretary

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

MAY 2010

By NJFDC President Priscilla Gabosch

A248: Prohibits use of certain underwriting guidelines by insurers pertaining to guide dogs, service dogs, or hearing assistance dogs harbored on the insured property. Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee January 12, 2010. Identical Bill Number is S1168. Last session bills were S1389 and A1418.

A474: Prohibits certain breeding and sales practices; requires persons selling cat or dogs to provide certain information; and provides penalties. Bill was introduced in July 2006 and never came out of committee. It was then pre-filed for introduction on January 8, 2008 and now again it was referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on 12 January 2010. This is the bill that defines a breeder as one who offers for sale more than 5 cats or dogs per year. No one may sell more than 25 cats or dogs per year for use as pets. The bill contains requirement for maintenance of your facility and the fines for violations as very high. Last Session bill number A1591.

A678: Requires all cats and dogs released from shelters and pounds be sterilized with certain exceptions; increases certain dog-related fees; dedicates increases to Animal Population Control Fund; establishes new eligibility criteria for spaying and neutering program. Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 12 January 2010. Last session bill was A1568.

A832: Establishes new crimes concerning service dogs and upgrades crimes against certain other animals. Referred to assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on 12 January 2010. Identical bill # S1154. Last Session bill numbers were A4350 and S3106.

A1027: Permits the rabies inoculation of dogs at pounds or shelters under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, or other veterinarian permitted by law to administer vaccinations, who is employed by the licensed pound or shelter. Introduced, referred to assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee January 12, 2010. Last session bill was A449.

A1518: This bill revises current animal cruelty law to specifically identify the cruel restraint or confinement of a dog as both a criminal and civil offense. Bill defines cruel restraint of a dog. Sets limits, on the hours dogs may be tethered. Bill defines cruel confinement of a dog, specifying square feet of space of an enclosure that is used as the dog's primary living area or regularly used by the dog to eat, sleep, drink and eliminate. Primary sponsor is Anthony Chiappone. Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 12 January 2010.

A2731: Bill to permit various facilities dealing with dogs to provide municipal dog licenses, and municipal cat licenses where required, with municipal approval. Bill would permit licensed kennels, pet shops, shelters, pounds, or veterinarians, or pet grooming establishments, to solicit, accept, and process dog registrations and tags on any dog, within the jurisdiction of a municipality. Cat licenses are included

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in bill. Primary sponsor is Gordon M. Johnson. bill introduced and referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee May 13 2010.

S539: Establishes crimes of dog fighting and leader of a dog fighting network; amends RICO to add leader of a dog fighting network. Primary sponsors are Thomas H. Kean Jr. and Jeff Van Drew. Dog fighting is illegal in New Jersey however, dog fighting does not appear under "Racketeering activity " in New Jersey's RICO statute. Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee January 12, 2010.

S1125: Prohibits cruel restraint of dogs. Again, as in A1518, bill revises current animal cruelty law however this bill specifically identifies the cruel restrain of a dog as both a criminal and civil offense Last session Bill Numbers; S2510 and A539. Primary sponsor Jeff Van Drew. Introduced in the Senate referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee 4 February 2010

S1154: Establishes new crimes concerning service dogs and upgrades cries against certain other animals. Referred to Senate Economic Committee on 4 February 2010. Identical bill **A832**. Last Session Bill number A4350 . Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee on 4 February 2010. Last Session bill number S3106.

S1168: Prohibits use of certain underwriting guidelines by insurers pertaining to guide dogs, service dogs, or hearing assistance dogs harbored on the insured property. Referred to Senate Commerce Committee on January 12, 2010. Identical Bill Number is A248. Last session bills were S1389 and A1418. A248 introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee on 4 February 2010.

S1643: Requires all cats and dogs released from shelters and pounds be sterilized with certain exceptions, and establishes penalty for noncompliance. Referred to Senate Economic Commerce Committee, March 4, 2010 Primary Sponsor is Stephen Sweeney. Last session bill number was S1694.

S1506: Bill provides that an insurer shall not deny, cancel, or non-renew a homeowners insurance policy solely on the basis of the type or specific breed of dog harbored upon the insured property Last session Bill Numbers S1275 and A1951. Primary sponsor Jeff Van Drew. Bill introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Commerce Committee on 22 February 2010.,.

Local Legislation

Garfield, NJ was considering passage of a breed-specific ordinance. The NJFDC advised them in writing that such an ordinance would be in violation of state law. **Barbara Reichman** represented the NJFDC at the council meeting at which they acknowledged receipt of the letter and withdrew consideration of the ordinance. They are now considering a dangerous dog law. We will continue to monitor any new proposals.

Lodi, NJ is considering a breed-specific ordinance to be patterned after Garfield's ordinance. The NJFDC advised them in writing that such an ordinance would be in violation of state law. We will continue to monitor their activity.

NJFDC Legislative Seminar

Dear NJFDC Member Clubs,

The NJFDC Officers and Board of Directors have been working on several projects in recent months, the biggest one being a NJFDC Legislative Seminar. Years ago NJFDC had yearly seminars which were extremely popular and well attended. But over time, interest waned and they were discontinued. Well, we would like to resume them, but to do so, we would need all the member clubs to assist and or participate. Our goal in this project is to educate the canine world to the importance of the legislative world and help them better understand it. We know that the more people understand about the legislative process, the more important it will be to them and we hope it will enticed them to become more proactive. If this is to be done, we need to do it right and we believe this event will serve that purpose. Ideally, every club would purchase a block of tickets and give or sell them to their members to enabling them to attend. Our financial strategy would include targeting a minimum of one hundred assured attendees. This is a simple goal, but again, we need your assistance.

We have selected a date and put together an agenda. The proposed date is Saturday, January 22, 2011. The reason we selected this date was that it had the least number of conflicts; it seemed to be a great time to get canine people together and kick off the New Year with a very informative program. The location would be centrally located, hopefully at the Holiday Inn in Somerset where we currently hold our Delegate meetings. The cost of each ticket will be in the \$30 to \$40 range depending on the food selection and final number of attendees. In accordance with our desire for optimal attendance we plan to keep attendee cost as low as possible.

The idea if this NJFDC Legislative Seminar would be to educate the canine world about the legislative world and explain the problems we all face. So the theme would be "Recognizing, Understanding and Protecting Your Rights". This seminar would start with the basics of what a Bill is, how does it come about, who supports and votes on it and how a Bill becomes law on the national, state and local levels. Then we will have a speaker from the AKC talk about current laws and bills that are pending in New Jersey and throughout the country and how they all will affect us. After each of these speakers, we will hold a question and answer period.

We will serve lunch then return for additional speakers. The next speaker will talk about Animal Rights, what their agendas are and what they are doing. This will lead to a discussion about how our members' rights are being threatened. We will then have Political speakers and short question and answers session will follow. Our final speaker will motivate us to get out and protect our rights!

We have general ideas of speakers that we would like to see in each of these categories and have begun to reach out and find out about their availability. We will not make commitments until we hear from you.

Is this something your club would be interested in? Would they purchase tickets or help sponsor the event? Can you get your club members to attend and if so, how many? Please take a moment and let us know. Please email Jeffrey Ball at jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com with the answers to these questions. We will also have a sign up sheet at the June 7 delegates meeting, asking these same questions.

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Thank you for your assistance and we hope we can count on your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

The NJFDC Special Legislative Seminar Committee

Jeffrey Ball, Linda Deutsch, Barbara Wickland, Sue Sullivan and Joan Tabor

TENTATIVE AGENDA

NJFDC LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Saturday, January 22, 2011

“Recognizing, Understanding and Protecting your Rights”.

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| 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | Registration, beverages available, possibly breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions and summary of the day. |
| 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | The Bill
Basic level of what a Bill is, how it comes about, who supports and votes on Bill and how it becomes law on a national, state and local level. |
| 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | Question and answer time |
| 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | AKC Speaker
Speak about current laws and bills that are pending in New Jersey and throughout the country and how they all will affect us. They will also speak about what they are doing to address issues. |
| 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. | Question and answer time |
| 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Lunch, a few brief speakers |
| 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Animal Rights
Who are they and what type of threat are they. |
| 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. | Question and answer time |
| 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. | Political speakers |
| 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Motivational Speaker
Getting out and protecting our rights, having your voice heard! |

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Dear NNJGDC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2010 – 2011, are now due and payable by June 1st, 2010.
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

_____ Life Membership – No Fee required

*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.

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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)

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| <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 checked="" 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
 Individual Membership \$25.00
 Two Members of Immediate Family \$40.00
 Junior Membership \$10.00

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

June 16, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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

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