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AKC ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM

New York, NY- At the January meeting the AKC Board of Directors voted to amend the Obedience, Rally and Agility regulations to allow mixed breed dogs to compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as purebreds. In addition, all clubs holding an AKC Obedience, Rally or Agility trial will have the option to accept entries for mixed-breed dogs enrolled in the Canine Partners Program.

"One of the main goals of this program is to reach more dog owners with the responsible dog ownership message and help them enrich their relationship with their dog," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "We are pleased to expand the option for participation in Canine Partners to more AKC clubs and provide mixed breed dog owners more opportunities to compete in eligible AKC Companion events."

Starting April 1, 2010, dogs with an AKC Canine Partners listing number will be eligible to participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally trials accepting mixed breed entries.

Some program benefits include a complimentary 60-Day trial of the AKC Pet Healthcare Plan, a one-year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine, an AKC Canine Partners Certificate and an AKC Canine Partners Decal. The Canine Partners listing is available to spayed and neutered dogs that are not currently eligible for AKC registration, AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) enrollment or an AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL).

For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program, please visit www.akccaninepartners.org/ http://www.akccaninepartners.org/

MAGDRL FUNRAISER

Hi everyone,

MAGDRL joined TD Bank's Affinity Membership Program, which provides us the opportunity to earn annual cash contributions. It is super easy.

Here's how it works:

MAGDRL must have 50 households that bank with TD Bank to receive a donation of \$500 a year, if we get more households we get more money!!! Just recently a little league team received an \$1800 check!!!! I know we can do that for MAGDRL!!!!!

Here's how you can help:

Make TD Bank your bank. Visit any TD Bank location and open any account. Let the TD representative know that you want your account linked to the "The Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League Affinity Program". That's it...TD Bank will take care of the rest. Attached is a coupon for \$25 if you open a new checking account, that's \$25 in your pocket plus you get to help the Danes!!!! Its a win win situation!!!!

If you already have a TD Bank account, you can e-mail me your name and address and I will have TD Bank link your account to MAGDRL, its that easy!!!

Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have regarding this program, or visit any TD Bank location to speak with a Customer Service Representative. We are very close to reaching the "50" mark!!!!!

Thank you, in advance for your continued support of MAGDRL.

Cathy Dlugosz Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League Northern NJ Event Coordinator Board of Directors - Fundraising/ Grant Writing

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Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club Minutes from the February 17, 2010 Membership Meeting

Merchants House 4 Little Falls Road Fairfield, New Jersey

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

Members in attendance: Jeffrey Ball, Mary Fran Cini, Linda Squillante, Rose Ann Tucker, Donna Stuermer, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Cathy Dlugosz, Jeff Scudillo, Gay Ann Wayne and David Litke

- I. Minutes Mary Fran moved to accept the Minutes from the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Bocian and unanimously passed.
- II. Corresponding Secretary Mary Fran reported that a letter of thank you was sent to AERA for the hospitality they showed the club during last month's visit to the facility.
- III. Treasurer Diane B. reported a balance of \$812.24.
- IV. Committee Reports:

Sunshine - Jeffrey reported that Jean would not be at meeting this evening since she was not feeling well, but that it was nothing serious.

Membership – The club received a new application for the Scudillo family which was accepted.

Therapy – Jeffrey reported that Therapy Testing Sessions with Bright and Beautiful were set up for the next several months. They are February 21 at Cheshire Home in Florham Park, March 20 at Paws-itive Experience Rockaway, April 18 at Club Barks West Paterson and May 16 Cheshire Home in Florham Park, Jeffrey stated that he would send around and email to remind people. He also stated that the club set up another testing at anytime if we could recruit people and dogs to be tested. That testing could be done at any location now since we do have our own insurance.

Rescue - Cathy informed everyone that the "2010 Tricky Tray" was currently accepting donations. The items most needed were non-dog items since many of the people who attend the tricky tray do not own dogs, but are general public that supports MAGDRL. Another item needed was large baskets to fill for the tricky tray. Jeffrey advised Cathy that he could assist with getting them. Petco made a \$1,000 donation to

MAGDRL.

Cathy along with Gay discussed the new Marmiduke movie that was coming out. Their concern was that once the movie hits the theaters, people would then immediately want a Great Dane. This is what has accord with other dog movies, that breed instantly becomes popular with the public. Then once the excitement of the movie and owning a Great Dane wears off, there is a large influx of rescues. MAGDRL plans to set up tables at theaters to try and educate the public about owning a Great Dane prior to them purchasing one. Jeff Scudillo stated he might be able to assist MAGDRL in getting permission to set up tables at theaters. Jeff asked that MAGDRL give him a letter as to what they would like to do and when.

Health Clinic – Jeffrey Ball is in the process of setting up an eye clinic with Dr. Brown of the Animal Eyes Center in Little Falls, New Jersey. Jeff would be working with Bill Diesing on this.

Constitution/By-Laws – Jeffrey Ball reviewed several changes that needed to be voted on for the NNJGDC Constitution and By-Laws.

The first change was in the name. The original Constitution and By-Laws contained the Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey name. The club agreed to change the name to accommodate the need to incorporate with the state of New Jersey. So any ware in the Constitution and By-Laws that used the name Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey or GDCNNJ was changed to Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club or NNJGDC.

The second change was the fiscal year. The original Constitution and By-Laws had a fiscal year from June 1st to May 31st. It was change to read January 1st to December 31st. The reason for this change is since we were incorporated with the state on December 22, 2009, it would be easier to do our fiscal year starting January 1st and file taxes the next year as we would individuals.

The final change was the original Constitution and By-Laws stated that the club would incorporate with the state after it was recognized by the AKC and GDCA. The club learned that the AKC would prefer that a club was incorporated before applying to them. The reason was that there could be legal problems with the name, which we did find out was true when we submitted our application to the state. The new language read that we would incorporate.

Cathy Dlugosz made a motion that the club approve the changes; this was seconded by Mary Fran Cini and unanimously passed by the membership.

V. Unfinished Business:

Jeffrey Ball passed around an index draft of the information that will be submitted to the AKC and GDCA. The handout was detailed and Jeffrey reviewed what was complete, what he need to do and the goals for submission to be recognized by both the AKC GDCA.

VI. New Business:

Jeffrey Ball brought up the fact that a nominations and elections committee was needed for the upcoming officer and Board member elections. He reviewed the procedure and offices that were up for election in May and reminded everyone that anyone running for an office could not serve on the committee. He asked for volunteers from the group to serve on the committee. Betsy Ball volunteered Chair the committee. Two more members would be needed. Rose Ann Tucker offered to be the Board Member on the committee and Jeff Scudillo also offered to serve on the committee. Jonathan and Jennifer Ball offered to serve as alternates on the committee.

Jeff Scudillo asked if anyone or a club had ever done a trade show / convention show for Great Danes. A lengthy discussion proceeded about things that could be done. Everyone thought it was a great idea but that it would take a tremendous amount of work. Jeffrey stated it is something to be considered and it would be discussed again at a later date.

The next full membership meeting will be March 17, 2010 (St. Patrick's Day) at 7:30pm at the Merchant House Tavern, 4 Little Falls Road, Fairfield, NJ.

There being no further business, Diane Bocian made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Rose Ann Tucker and unanimously approved by the membership at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Ball, President







HEALTH NEWS

People Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pets From the ASPCA Poison Control

http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/people-foods.html

Chocolate, Macadamia nuts, avocados...these foods may sound delicious to you, but they're actually quite dangerous for our animal companions. Our nutrition experts have put together a handy list of the top toxic people foods to avoid feeding your pet. As always, if you suspect your pet has eaten any of the following foods, please note the amount ingested and contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine - These products all contain substances called methylxanthines, which are found in cacao seeds, the fruit of the plant used to make coffee and in the nuts of an extract used in some sodas. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death. Note that darker chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate. White chocolate has the lowest level of methylxanthines, while baking chocolate contains the highest.

Alcohol - Alcoholic beverages and food products containing alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death.

Avocado - The leaves, fruit, seeds and bark of avocados contain Persin, which can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs. Birds and rodents are especially sensitive to avocado poisoning, and can develop congestion, difficulty breathing and fluid accumulation around the heart. Some ingestion may even be fatal.

Macadamia Nuts - Macadamia nuts are commonly used in many cookies and candies. However, they can cause problems for your canine companion. These nuts have caused weakness, depression, vomiting, tremors and hyperthermia in dogs. Signs usually appear within 12 hours of ingestion and last approximately 12 to 48 hours.

Grapes & Raisins - Although the toxic substance within grapes and raisins is unknown, these fruits can cause kidney failure. In pets that already have certain health problems, signs may be more dramatic. Yeast Dough - Yeast dough can rise and cause gas to accumulate in your pet's digestive system. This can be painful and can cause the stomach or intestines to rupture. Because the risk diminishes after the dough is cooked and the yeast has fully risen, pets can have small bits of bread as treats. However, these treats should not constitute more than 5 percent to 10 percent of your pet's daily caloric intake.

Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs and Bones - Raw meat and raw eggs can contain bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli that can be harmful to pets. In addition, raw eggs contain an enzyme called avidin that decreases the absorption of biotin (a B vitamin), which can lead to skin and coat problems. Feeding your pet raw bones may seem like a natural and healthy option that might occur if your pet lived in the wild. However, this can be very dangerous for a domestic pet, which might choke on bones, or sustain a grave injury should the bone splinter and become lodged in or puncture your pet's digestive tract.

Xylitol - Xylitol is used as a sweetener in many products, including gum, candy, baked goods and toothpaste. It can cause insulin release in most species, which can lead to liver failure. The increase in insulin leads to hypoglycemia (lowered sugar levels). Initial signs of toxicosis include vomiting, lethargy and loss of coordination. Signs can progress to recumbancy and seizures. Elevated liver enzymes and liver failure can be seen within a few days.

Onions, Garlic, Chives - These vegetables and herbs can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to red blood cell damage. Although cats are more susceptible, dogs are also at risk if a large enough amount is consumed. Toxicity is normally diagnosed through history, clinical signs and microscopic confirmation of Heinz bodies. An occasional low dose, such as what might be found in pet foods or treats, likely will not cause a problem, but we recommend that you do NOT give your pets large quantities of these foods.

Milk - Because pets do not possess significant amounts of lactase (the enzyme that breaks down lactose in milk), milk and other milk-based products cause them diarrhea or other digestive upset.

Salt - Large amounts of salt can produce excessive thirst and urination, or even sodium ion poisoning in pets. Signs that you're pet may have eaten too many salty foods include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, elevated body temperature, seizures and even death. In other words, keep those salty chips to yourself!

LETTER FROM GDCA

More Echo clinics at an affordable price? Plz help!

If you are in a GDCA affiliate club (or even perhaps another recognized Dane organization here in the USA), please take the time to give your opinion on what is needed for your group to offer echo clinics to your local/regional Dane owners & breeders.

The Health & Research committee of the GDCA is currently soliciting opinions for what the affliates need to follow the lead of the GDCA which has now, since AZ, held an annual echo clinic at the National, underwritten by the Charitable Trust(CT). This has been wildy popular & a great success. It's now a sustainable model. So we are looking to expand. There is a form (below) to fill out to help us understand your needs.

We recognize (1) not everyone can travel to the Nat'l, (2) not everyone who travels to the Nat'l can bring all their dogs, (3) not everyone can afford the cost of an echo (or multiple echos) as often as they'd like to see them done, & (4) not everyone know where & how to find a certified cardiologist to administer echos (which most of the all-breed dog shows do NOT offer when offering "heart clinics") or can travel to them,

and (5) for all the affiliate clubs would LIKE to help their members to get affordable echos annually, they are hampered themselves by various constraints (be it affordability, organizational skills, available DVMs, or other issues).

So we are asking you to tell us what it would take for you to be able to offer an echo clinic (ideally annually) via your club/organization. Tell us your woes<G>?

And despite some of the "word going around," the idea here is primarily to help the affiliates support their own members/regional breeders & owners, so these individuals can bring in the dogs they want to bring in to get echo tested. Ideally we have a situation where all breeders/owners in a region can count on a Dane organization to hold an echo clinic annually, so everyone can figure out how they want to personally manage the testing of their own dogs.

There is no move to make echoes compulsory; only a recognition that cost & distance from experts keep a lot of Dane owners from being able to test as they like, a recognition in this breed ECHOS are what are needed to objectively comment on heart health, an understanding we therefore need more echos. And, sure, if more people can bring in their veterans as not traveling, and those folks then ALSO (this would be extra) want to involve their veterans in research (or their heart sick younger dogs), that's great, and the breed's future needs this sort of commitment.

But the idea here is for breeders to be able to test even their young adults and then retest them later (especially those all important males used in breeding programs), KNOWING a program was in place. This is an efforst for Dane owners to be able to plan for and reply upon (hopefully at some point) being able to have affordable echos available routinely. There ARE some (a very few) affiliates doing this even now, and hats off to them! And they are invited, certainly, to chime in, tell all how they are getting this done. But we need more clubs to participate in coordinating this very important diagnostic test for breed health.

So we want to inform and inspire more affiliates and even other Dane committed organizations to follow suit & help them find the information and funding they need to offer Dane owners, coast to coast, a chance at the best sort of diagnostic for heart diseases that affect the breed that there is.

Here is the PDF for those that can download it, and what follows is a way to find the info if you cannot: http://www.gdca.org/cardiac% 20questionnaire.doc

Echo Clinics -please download and print HERE. PDF format HERE:

This all at the front page of the GDCA website:

http://www.gdca.org/

Please let us know your thoughts.

Best regards, JP Yousha Chairman, Health and Research Committee Great Dane Club of America http://www.gdca.org/healthandwel fare.htm danehealth@gdca. org 432-684-8940 (TX)



Letters to the Club

(This letter was sent to Mary Fran and shared with us by her.)

Mary Fran,

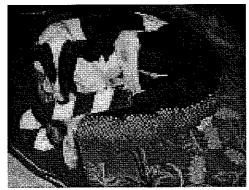
Please send my thanks to the Great Dane Club for their donations of the Candy Cane Toy and the bucket of liver treats!

The Candy Cane Toy was an absolute FAVORITE at our house. The foster loved it, (so did Brutus!). The bucket of liver treats has been so helpful. Our earlier foster (Marmaduke) had some obedience training, and while we did use some to help solidify his obedience skills, we are going thru the bucket like mad for the current foster Roy. He had basic skills, but his personality mandates our having to work on his listening & obedience skills much more than Marmaduke. Roy still thinks he is a puppy!

Please convey my gratitude to the club!

Jane

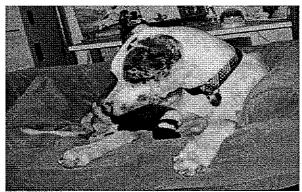




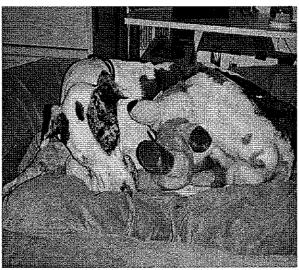


My foster Dane, Apache, was one of the recipients of toys that were donated by the Northern NJ Great Dane Club. Apache has been sick for several weeks so we saved the toys for when he was feeling better. Yesterday was the BIG day!

Here are some pictures of him with his new stuffies. He's also been enjoying the Natural Balance Dog food that was donated.



I put the toy up on my desk so there were no doggie arguments while I was out of the room. While I was in the kitchen Apache took the toy off my desk and brought it back to bed with him!



Here is a short video of him playing with the lion: http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=lAEm9uqTz5c

Apache's profile can be found here: http://www.magdrl-nj.com/avail_dogs05.html
You guys made him a VERY happy puppy. Thanks SO much for your generosity to a dog that has gotten a rough start in life!

Thanks,

Kristeen

U. S. SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S 125 YEARS OF GOOD WORKS FOR ALL DOGS

- Senate Resolution 393 Joins Earlier House of Representatives Resolution 160 -

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC), the nation's largest and only not-for-profit all-breed dog registry, is pleased to announce that in honor of its 125th anniversary, the United States Senate passed S. Res. 393 yesterday in recognition of AKC's many years of contributions to responsible dog owners and breeders across America.

Introduced by Senator Kay Hagen (D-NC) and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), this measure has now passed both the House and Senate, giving formal national and congressional recognition to AKC and dedication to its mission of promoting responsible dog ownership through public education programs and protecting the rights of all dog owners for continued enjoyment of their companions.

Representative David Price (D-NC) pioneered a similar resolution supported by 53 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives, H. Con. Res. 160, which passed on a roll call vote of 419-0 in conjunction with AKC's 125th Anniversary - Sept. 17, 2009.

"We feel incredibly privileged to be recognized by the United States Congress for the work we've been doing for more than a century," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "The AKC plans to continue its good works, most recently donating \$25,000 from the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund – which has given out more than \$3 million to date – to the United States Police Canine Association in support of the search and rescue K-9s that saved lives in Haiti."

AKC and its state federations support reasonable laws that protect the rights of dog owners and breeders while ensuring the integrity of the purebred dog and the welfare of all dogs. The AKC's policies and positions are well-publicized and include inspecting its own breeders; zero tolerance for neglect and abuse; and recognizing the obligations of dog owners to abide by clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws and other reasonable regulations. For more information visit: www.akc.org/ U.S. Senate Resolution 393:

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of the American Kennel Club.

Whereas the American Kennel Club (AKC), headquartered in New York City, with an operations center in Raleigh, North Carolina, was founded in 1884, operates the world's largest registry of purebred dogs and is the Nation's leading not-for-profit organization devoted to the advancement, study, responsible breeding, care, and ownership of dogs; Whereas the American Kennel Club approves, sanctions, and regulates the events of its 609 member clubs and monitors more than 4,000 licensed and sanctioned clubs throughout the United States who hold events under American Kennel Club rules and regulations; Whereas in 2008, the American Kennel Club sanctioned or regulated 22,630 sporting events that included breed conformation, agility, obedience, earth dog, herding, field trial, retrieving, pointing, tracking, and coonhound events; Whereas the American Kennel Club honors the canine-human bond, advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners, and promotes responsible dog ownership; Whereas the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership and breeding practices and supports thousands of volunteers and teachers from affiliated clubs across the country who teach responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs; Whereas the American Kennel Club founded and supports the AKC Humane Fund, which promotes the joy and value of responsible pet ownership by supporting breed rescue activities, educating adults and children about responsible dog ownership, and assisting human-services organizations that permit domestic abuse victims access to shelters with their pets; Whereas the American Kennel Club trains and employs kennel inspectors and conducts over 5,200 kennel inspections each year; Whereas the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership, care, and handling of dogs to over 21,000 youths ages 9 to 18 years old enrolled in its National Junior Organization; Whereas the American Kennel Club is the largest purebred dog registry in the world and the only registry that incorporates health screening results into its permanent dog records; Whereas the American Kennel Club offers the largest and most comprehensive set of DNA programs for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity to ensure reliable registration records; Whereas the American Kennel Club created and supports the Canine Health Foundation (CHF), which funds research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies, and has donated over \$22,000,000 to the CHF since 1995; Whereas the American Kennel Club created and operates DOGNY: America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs, which supports canine search and rescue organizations across the United States; Whereas the American Kennel Club annually awards \$170,000 in scholarships to veterinary and veterinary technical students; Whereas the American Kennel Club has reunited more than 340,000 lost pets and their owners through the AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program; Whereas the American Kennel Club established the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, which certifies dogs with good manners at home and in the community; Whereas the American Kennel Club maintains the world's largest dog library and the Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, which houses one of the world's largest collections of dog-related fine art and artifacts, both of which are open to the public; and Whereas the American Kennel Club celebrates its 125th anniversary this year: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate honors the American Kennel Club for its service to dog owners and the United States public.

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club **Membership Application** TELEPHONE:(home) (work)_____ ADDRESS: (fax) CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____E-MAIL____ □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 (i: ☐ 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) Publicity Advertising/Catalog Dinner Arrangements Membership Obedience Classes The Newsletter Roster ☐ Audio/Photography **Show Handling Classes** Pet Therapy/Health Awards Historian Special Events Match Show ☐ Breed Trophies ☐ Point Show Sunshine ☐ Material/Property Programs ☐ Budget / Audit Public Education Web Site Community Service ☐ Meeting Hospitality Librarian Phone Tree 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 ONE time Application Fee: Individual Membership \$10.00 Annual Dues, check application box \$25.00 Two Members of Immediate Family \$40.00 \$10.00 Junior Membership 1) Application fee must be included with membership application and is not refundable. Note: 2) Annual Dues should not be paid until membership is accepted. Sponsorship Length of time known Signature of Sponsor Name of Sponsor 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 Notice to membership Accept Decline Decline Voted on:

DATES TO BEWENDER

Membership meeting



March 17, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern 4 Little Falls Road Fairfield, New Jersey

Please come and bring a guest.

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