Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

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Great Danes Going Missing Across Missouri

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(KTVI-FOX2now.com)— There are growing concerns about a recent spike in missing dog cases; one breed, in particular: Great Danes. Owners have reported them missing from Wentzville, DeSoto, along with the Rolla, Sullivan, and Kansas City areas in the past two weeks.

The most recent case was that of two Great Danes that disappeared near Sullivan. Owner, Candace Berkholz, said they disappeared around 5:00 a.m. Saturday. One was black, 1 and ½ years old, named Zoey; the other was Merle, 6 months old, named Gooch.

She said they were with a third Great Dane; oddly, the one that returned home had no collar but the two that disappeared, did.

Three days earlier, Callie Dennis's Great Dane, Stanley, disappeared from the family's yard along Highway 21 on the south end of DeSoto.

It happened around the same time of day: 5:00 a.m.

Dennis said Stanley was out, as always, with the family's other dog, Brumby [not a Great Dane].

When her father called for the dogs to come in, only Brumby came home.

'We pretty much knew something was going on as soon as we couldn't call him and he'd come running back. She came running and they're never separate,' Callie Dennis said. 'She [Brumby]came running right back and you could tell she was a little shaken up by something. '

'He knows the woods,' Callie's sister, Mary Kate, said of Stanley. 'He's been since he's been a baby. He knows his way around the woods at this house. There's no way he could have just wandered off and got lost.'

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Stanley was full grown but under two years old.

They organized search teams right away; combing the woods behind their house.

'We've taken four-wheelers out. We've had groups of 10 and 12 people walking side by side through all these fields,' Callie said.

She added that DeSoto Police were also keeping their eyes peeled. They'd circulated more than 200 missing posters. There had been no reported sightings as of Monday night.

When Callie posted the information online on sites like Craigs List and Petfinders, she got surprising responses.

Berkholz e-mailed her about her missing Great Danes and the breeder who sold Stanley to Callie's father, reported 3 more missing Great Danes near Kansas City

She said she'd learned of 10 Great Danes disappearing statewide in the past two weeks. One, in Wentzville, was found and returned.

Callie hoped it wouldn't be the last.

'I haven't spent a night away from him. He sleeps every night with me in my bed. He's my buddy. I want him back,' she said.

There was no word on motive.

Breeder Claire Nichelson said they were valuable; Stanley was worth \$1500. She said Great Danes had been sold to research labs in the past.

The Dennis family is offering \$1,000 reward for Stanley's return, no questions asked.

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Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club Minutes from the February 15, 2012 Membership Meeting

Merchants House 4 Little Falls Road Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (14): Jeffrey Ball, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Cathy Dlugosz, Rose Ann Tucker, Mary Fran Cini, Carol Farro, Kira Wright, Donna Stuermer, Zuzanna Zajdel-Kounin, Deema Kounin, Jack Keenan, Carol Keenan and Jean Snyder.

Guests in attendance (1): Deirdre Wright.

- I. Minutes The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion made by Mary Fran and seconded by Carol.
- II. Corresponding Secretary No report.
- III. Recording Secretary No report.
- IV. Treasurer Diane B. reported that there was no new activity.
- V. Committee Reports:

Pet Therapy - Donna reported that Ocho and Sieben were accepted for Hospice Therapy and that St. Clare's Hospital in Denville is looking for Therapy volunteers. Bright and Beautiful will handle registration for Therapy Testing at the Match Show. CGC Testing will also be offered.

Rescue - Rose Ann Tucker attended the Pet Expo. Mary Fran noted that a lot of good contacts were made. No immediate events are scheduled.

Fund Raising - The First NNJGDC Garage Sale is scheduled for April 21, 2012 at the home of Carol Farro, 22 Sherman Avenue in Cedar Grove. All members are asked to arrive at 8:00am. Jeff will insert a leaflet in the Newsletter for publicity distribution. Cathy reported that the Club has received \$523.00 from iGive.

Match Show - The date of June 10, 2012 has been booked with the Montville Recreation Association. Jeff will get a list of potential judges for the next meeting.

Members are asked to submit names of potential judges for the Match and Sweeps at the March meeting.

Membership - Jeff sent letters to previous members who have not yet paid their dues. He will follow up with a phone call.

Health & Safety - Cathy reported that the Red Cross CPR training course was filled to its capacity of 14. The instructor left something to be desired and supplies were limited. As a result, the cost to the Club was reduced by \$280.00. Jeff reported that Dr. Brown cannot do an Eye Clinic in March but will try to schedule for May. He also noted that Mass Vet Cardiology travels to NJ to do clinics and he will follow-up with them. Jeff also reached out to Pets Aloud Mobile Vet to possibly do something with them in the future. He also spoke with Dale Tarbox from the GDCA regarding possible grants for clinics held by the Club.

Show Committee - Jeff reported that the NNJGDC has been approved by the AKC for a Supported Entry. He suggested that we support the entry at the Newton KC Show on September 1, 2012 to be held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. He will contact them.

Website - Cathy suggested that we put the Club Calendar of Events on the website. Kira noted that the address for Bright and Beautiful needs to be corrected.

VI. Unfinished Business:

Jeff spoke with Rita regarding a budget for the up-coming National. She will get back to him. Every Club in the Division needs to contribute to the "Welcome Bag". Magnets, Candy bars, and Emergency Signs were suggested.

VII. New Business:

Jeff noted that it was imperative that letters be written to the AKC regarding opposition to the proposed inclusion of the Great Dane in the Molosser Group.

There being no further business, Rose Ann moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cathy and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Snyder Recording Secretary

New Jersey Search and Rescue K9 Team:

Below you will find a listing of our current K9 Team training dates, in which we need volunteer "subjects" to hide for the dogs. If you are available on any of these dates to help train the dogs, please let me know by replying to this email. (No outdoor or dog training experience is required. Friends and family are welcome.)

When and where:

4/13 Beech Rd, Ringwood, NJ (This is a night drill. We will be starting around sunset and finishing up around midnight.)

5/12 Clinton Woods (Long Meadow Extension) area of Sterling Forest, Tuxedo, NY (8:30am-5pm) 5/20 Schunemonk Mountain area, Woodbury, NY (8:30am-5pm)

6/3 Hamburg Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Vernon, NJ (8:30am-5pm) 6/23 Paradise Rd area of Newark Watershed, West Milford, NJ (8:30am-5pm)

(Our members also train weekly on their own. The above dates are K9 Team trainings only, meaning the entire team. If you are ever available on a weekday/weekend end to help, please let me know. Our handlers live in the Northern NJ area - i.e. West Milford and North Arlington.)

What to expect:

Our trainings run a full eight or more hours (some wrap up sooner, for example, around four to six hours). Volunteers will be placed in the field by a team member. You will have a radio and your position will be marked via GPS. The dog and handler will then come out and find you (this could take up to several hours, or as little as one). At which point, you will be asked to play tug with the dog as his/her reward.

What to bring:

Items to bring should include; lunch, water, snacks, <u>clothing appropriate for the weather and the</u> <u>wilderness</u> (no cotton, no jeans, no sneakers - hiking boots only, no shorts, no tee shirts), backpack, book, iPod/ipad, ground pad, and anything that will make you more comfortable in the woods.

Confirming your attendance:

When confirming, please give me the date, number of people attending, your name, and your cell phone number. Once you have confirmed the date, an email will be sent to you a week before with directions to the training and as a final confirmation.

Attachment:

I have attached a flyer that we currently use to recruit volunteer "subjects". Please feel free to distribute this or post where appropriate. We are always in need of volunteers.

Speaking for all of our team...THANK YOU!!!! Your support is truly appreciated. If you have any questions, please let me know.

All the best, Chris Kempey New Jersey Search and Rescue K9 Team 201-805-1533

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Canine Partners Program Celebrates Several Milestones --

New York, NY – I'd like to share an update with you on the Canine Partners program. Since the program's inception, cumulative trial entries have topped 30,000. Last year, 85% of the events that were eligible to allow AKC Canine Partners listed dogs did invite them to enter. That figure is up to 89% so far this year.

Clubs welcoming Canine Partners enrollees have allowed these dogs and their owners to experience AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally. Those clubs offering the Coursing Ability Test, which also includes Canine Partners enrollees, have also seen an increase in entries.

We recently reached a milestone by awarding the first MACH, MACH2 and MACH3 titles to one accomplished dog listed in the Canine Partners program, "Princey," who achieved all three titles.

Staff has also been working on the "My Dog Can Do That" experience. This program exposes new owners and dogs to AKC events. It allows people to try different companion events with one-on-one attention from a trainer. The "My Dog Can Do That" program is getting off to an impressive start. Two hundred thirty dogs participated in the program at the Rose City Kennel Club dog show in Portland, Oregon, and two hundred four dogs took part in the program at the Middle Peninsula Kennel Club show in Doswell, Virginia. The majority of these dogs had never tried an AKC event. We hope to welcome many more dogs and owners to the wonderful world of AKC through this program.

Later this month, we are pleased to welcome dogs listed in AKC Canine Partners to the National Agility Championship in Reno, Nevada from March 30th through April 1st. We are delighted that a number of Canine Partners enrollees have qualified for and will compete in this prestigious event.

Notably, we've continued to see growth in Agility, with the achievement of over one million entries in 2011. I encourage you to check the <u>AKC website</u> and the AKC <u>Facebook</u> page for complete coverage and results of the NAC. We wish the best of luck to all entrants.

As we continue to develop programs for all dogs, we hope you will encourage dog owners in your communities to participate. It's easier than ever to learn the ropes and get involved.

Turning now to another subject, I am pleased to report that our 2012 budget is projected to show an operating surplus of \$1.7 million.

I extend my thanks to the management, staff and Board for achieving this important, positive result.

During my tenure as Chairman, I have been truly fortunate to have had the support of many dedicated Board members – and especially two outstanding Vice Chairmen. The first was the Honorable David Merriam, and the second – who has served as Vice Chairman for the past three years – is Dr. Tom Davies.

While Tom is also leaving the Board today, I know he will continue to be an important contributor to the Delegate Body. AKC and our sport will benefit from Tom's

involvement hopefully for many years to come. Tom has been invaluable as Vice Chairman. While he may be accused of many things, being a "yes" man or being too subtle are not among them. You always know where Tom stands on the issue, and if he disagrees with you, he will not be bashful about letting you know. Fortunately for me, we agreed far more than we disagreed.

The third Board member leaving today – after twenty-four years of service – is the incomparable Walter Goodman. We talk about legends and icons of the Sport: Walter is a living legend. There are few who have contributed so much to the Sport of dogs over so long a period. As a breeder, exhibitor, judge, club officer, not to mention President of the most prestigious terrier club in the world, Walter has done it all, done it well, and done it with grace and dignity. I know the Board will not be the same without him.

Tom and Walter, thank you both for your support and contributions to AKC, as well as your continuing friendship.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker Chairman

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The American Kennel Club (AKC) proudly celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC 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. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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AKC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

-- Patricia M. Cruz, William J. Feeney, & Thomas S. Powers Elected --

New York, NY – At the Annual Meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 13, 2012, the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2016 was elected. The three Directors elected were: Patricia M. Cruz, Delegate for Heart of the Plains Kennel Club; William J. Feeney, Delegate for Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.; and Thomas S. Powers, Delegate for Kennel Club of Beverly Hills. In addition, Alan Kalter (American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.) was elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Robert D. Smith (Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.) was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

Alan Kalter, of Ann Arbor, MI, brings a unique combination of experience in the world of purebred dogs, business, and marketing to the AKC Board. As an active breeder/exhibitor of Bullmastiffs for over 20 years, he has produced 160 champions including BIS, BISS, and five generations of Group winners under the HappyLegs registered prefix.

He serves as President and Delegate for the American Bullmastiff Association and was the Vice President and Treasurer of the Detroit Kennel Club, where he was responsible for the marketing of two benched shows that attract tens of thousands of purebred dog lovers each year. Alan was also one of the original Board members of the AKC PAC and on the three-person committee responsible for evaluating recipients of legislative donations.

Professionally, Alan was the CEO and owner of a multinational, multibillion dollar advertising agency employing 1000 people throughout 11 offices in three countries. The company developed Morris Animal Foundation's communications including the Canine Cancer Campaign, as well as AKC pro bono marketing, and originating "We're more than champion dogs. We're the dog's champion."

❖ <u>Dr. Robert D. Smith</u> of St. Stephens Church, VA has been involved in the sport for more than 50 years, primarily as a breeder/owner/handler of American Foxhounds. Elected to the AKC Board for the first time in 1997, he served for five years, proposing the creation of a Registered Handlers Program and the Breeders Education Program. Both initiatives were adopted and ran successfully.

He served as Huntington Kennel Club's Delegate from 1996 until 2002 and has held every office and most committee positions in kennel clubs in several states. Currently, he serves as the Delegate from the Memphis Kennel Club.

Approved by AKC to judge two breeds in 1966, Dr. Smith became an All-Breed judge in 1996. Still active today, he has judged in 49 states and many foreign countries, and presided over Best in Show at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in December 2008. Professionally, Dr. Smith ran highly successful small business programs for the states of Mississippi and Virginia, retiring in 1996.

AKC Board of Directors Class of 2016

- ❖ Patricia M. Cruz, of Coram, NY, has been part of the dog world for more than 40 years and currently serves as delegate for the Heart of the Plains Kennel Club. She is a former AKC Field Representative, a member of the Afghan Hound Club of America, Long Island Kennel Club, Morris and Essex Kennel Club and an officer of the Ladies Kennel Association of America, Riverhead Kennel Club, and Afghan Hound Club of L.I. She is also an internationally-experienced judge for over 40 years as well as one of the founders of the Owner Handler Association. Professionally, Patricia is a journalist and Board member of Dog Writers Association of America. She is the former president of a civilian employee union in one of the largest police departments on the east coast and secretary of a county-wide union representing over 10,000 employees. She also served as sales manager and marketing consultant for radio stations in the number one market in U.S.
- William J. Feeney, of Cotati, CA, got his start in the dog world 33 years ago in Golden Retrievers. Bill and his wife Sylvia breed Goldens under the Birnam Wood prefix. He served the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) from 1988-1997, initially as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee and later as a director and officer. In 1994, he was elected GRCA President and served in that capacity for two years. He is currently the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club's Delegate to the AKC. Since 1997, Bill has devoted time to working for canine health as Vice President of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. In addition to his regular work as a lawyer, Bill has also judged several specialty sweepstakes and futurities.
- Thomas S. Powers, of Northridge, CA, is a second generation dog fancier. He has participated in the sport as a breeder, club president, show chair and delegate. He has also served on the AKC Board's Constitution and Bylaws Committee and currently sits on the Southwest Trial Board as Chairman. Thomas breeds and exhibits Irish Wolfhounds with his wife and has also exhibited and finished a number of Dachshunds, Beagles, Mastiffs and Harriers, including the number one Harrier in 1990, Ch. Powerscourt Patience DeAmo. Professionally, Thomas has practiced law in California for 35 years, with clients including major Fortune 500 companies. He has also owned and operated a chain of dry cleaners, a chain of retail pet supply stores and a veterinary hospital.

DATES TO BEMEMBER

Membership meeting

March 21, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern 4 Little Falls Road Fairfield, New Jersey

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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