

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

NOVEMBER 2013

2008-2013

GDCA Northeast Division National 2013

A little over two years ago, our club was still not a member of the GDCA. But once we were, we got involved extremely quickly. Several of us went to the first meeting of the Northeast Division and we knew we wanted to be involved. That is the nature of our club members, to be involved. It was not long before Diane Husar and Cathy Dlugosz volunteered to be co-chairs of the Raffle Room. Charlie Marcantonio as Obedience Chair, Kira Wright and Diane Bocian co-chaired the Parades and Mary Fran and I took over the Theme Party. Kira and I also proposed doing CGC and Therapy Testing during the national which we did for two days. The first four were events that other clubs didn't seem to want to touch due to the difficulty; work involved or that it had been a failure in the past. This club took on those events and had their work cut out for them. But we are no stranger to that.

If all that was not enough, we put together a proposal for the theme and logo for the event. Carol Sloan was a big part of that with all her graphic work. As you all know, our proposal won and the National became, Magic Moments with Great Danes.

There was a lot of work involved and all the members deserve credit. A special thanks to those members who attended, put in so

many hours and a great deal of their own money to make things successful. They are:
Ken and Diane Bocian (And family)
Mary Fran and Ed Cini
Cathy and Eric Dlugosz
Leigh Ann and Matt Hunter
Diane Husar
Jack Keenan
David Litke
Charles Marcantonio
Karin Roseman (And Family)
Rose Ann Tucker
Barbara Waldkirch
Gay Ann Wayne
Kira Wright

Other who did not make it but did a great deal of work.
Betsy Ball
Carol Sloan

And of course those who attended and supported our club.
MJ Cohen
Carol Farro
Joy Genovese
Michael Pock
Alfred Valente
Janet Watson and Auburn Lyons

That is an amazing turnout of our members and we did an amazing job in every aspect!
Congratulations!

**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the October 16, 2013
Membership Meeting
Copperhouse Tavern
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey**

The meeting was called to order at 7:48pm By Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (14): Jeffrey Ball, Kira Wright, Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Donna Stuermer, Gay Wayne, Rose Ann Tucker, Jean Snyder, Vernest Kazer, Diane Husher, Zuzanna Zagdel-Kounin, Deema Kounin,

Guests in attendance (0):

I. Minutes- The Meeting Minutes from the September Meeting will be reviewed in the November meeting.

II. Corresponding Secretary- The National Premium list is out and a copy was presented at the meeting.

Mary Fran paid \$50 to overnight our ballot to the GDCA; unfortunately the address that was given was not open on Saturday so our vote did not go in.

III. Recording Secretary- No Report

IV. Treasurer- Diane B. reported an opening balance of 8846.65. There was a deposit for 872.01, and two checks were written to Cathy. The first check was for the lanyards for \$580.00 and the second check was for the glasses for \$1,184.45 for a closing balance of \$7954.21.

V. Committee Reports

Memberships- No new memberships

Health & Welfare- No Report

Match Show- No Report

Rescue- There are plenty of Danes looking for forever homes. One of the most recent Danes to enter rescue is a 4 yr. old mearl from Fair Lawn that is not good with kids and has a very high prey drive. The rescue Mary Fran was fostering found his forever home. Unfortunately a deaf, Cropped Dane who had just come in to rescue had to be put down because it went after Mary Fran's husband. Diane H. stated she has a number for a woman who takes in seniors called Rainbow Bridge that she would share with rescue.

MAGDRL is also seeking foster homes. If anyone is interested in fostering or helping at events please check them out on their website.

Fund Raising- The wine glasses for the national were brought in for members to purchase early. The glasses are 2 for \$10.

Pet Therapy- No Report

VI. Unfinished Business: The highest roller in the Theme party for the national will be determined by whoever has the most chips at the end of the night. The beautiful glass piece Gay created would be the draw to get more people to attend the casino night. For those people who would like to purchase more play money for the casino will be able to at a cost of \$20 donation for \$500 play money.

Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc. Was able to get their hands on the CGCA and will be able to administer it during the national.

Volunteers will be needed in all areas during the national to help. MAGDRL will also have a booth at the Nationals. Welcome Bags for the nationals will be given out at Check In.

Meet the Breeds went very well this year. On Saturday Kira with Mouse, Cathy and Eric with Kenzey, Kaytlyn, Kallen helped. On Sunday Jeffrey with Dixie, Kira with Mouse, and the Bocians helped. Thank You everyone who helped out with Meet the Breeds.

VII. New Business: In January we will look at supported entries for Match shows and reach out to the clubs.

There being no further business, Mary Fran moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gay and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira A Wright

Kira A Wright
Recording Secretary



“Please! I beg you ... call the police.”

CLUB NEWS - OFFICER ELECTIONS

Article IV

Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

Section 1. Club Year.

The Club's fiscal and official year shall begin the first (1st) day of January and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December.

The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of December at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take Office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring Officer shall turn over to the successor in Office all properties and records relating to the Office within thirty (30) days after the election.

Section 3. Election.

The nominated candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for each Office and as Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America shall be declared elected. If there are more nominees for the positions of Directors than there are vacancies, those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes for the respective classes to which they were properly nominated shall be declared elected.

- (a) The President shall appoint as tellers three (3) active members in good standing who are not candidates for Office or other positions. Tellers shall receive, verify and tabulate all ballots cast and report the results to the Recording Secretary. All ballots cast shall be given to the Recording Secretary who shall keep them on file for at least one (1) year. Results of the election are to be announced by the Recording Secretary immediately after the report is submitted by the tellers.

Section 4. Nominations.

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of September, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one (1) of whom may be a member of the Board. The Recording Secretary shall immediately notify the committeepersons and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the committee meeting to be held on or before October 1st.

- (a) The Committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each Office (and for Delegate to the GDCA, who may, but need not be an Officer or Director of the Club) and positions on the Board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations, in writing, to the Recording Secretary.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Recording Secretary shall, at least two (2) weeks before the November meeting, have published in the Club's newsletter the names of the candidates so nominated.

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- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance providing that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, the proposer shall present, to the Recording Secretary, a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position (except the position of Delegate to the GDCA.)
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee wishes to inform you of the following:
As per Article IV, Section 4a of the By-laws of the NNJGDC, the Nominating Committee is submitting the following nominations for the year 2014:

President - Jean Snyder
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

GDCA Delegate (3 year term) 2014, 2015, 2016: Janet Watson

Nominations maybe made from the floor at the November Membership meeting.

Current Officers - Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club Officers 2013

President
Jeffrey David Ball
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Treasurer
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Recording Secretary
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Vice-President
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Corresponding Secretary
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GDCA Delegate
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Board of Directors

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AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF

If a potentially catastrophic storm is approaching or there is a hazmat emergency, pet owners will be asked to leave their homes with little or no notice. Split-second decisions are made on what is most important to take with them: maybe their photos, but definitely their family and pets. What plans are in place to accommodate our pets in these situations?

Or without warning, a tornado, earthquake or explosion happens and animals seen wandering and lost after disasters are not strays or abandoned, they are our pets. They are lost, scared, possibly injured and in need of help. What will happen to our displaced animal companions?

Thankfully, regardless of the size or budget of a community, laws now require our local municipalities to prepare and care for its citizens and their pets in the event of a disaster. AKC Pet Disaster Relief can help our local Emergency Management be prepared.



What is AKC Pet Disaster Relief?

AKC Pet Disaster Relief helps local Emergency Management provide



Image is for illustrative purposes only and does not necessarily represent final trailer design.

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animal care services during the first 72 hours following a disaster... the critical time before FEMA support and services are deployed. Deployment of these trailers will help put an end to post-disaster tragedies which have historically affected pet owners, such as: putting themselves in harm's way to save a beloved pet, or even losing a family pet during a disaster.

We want every community to be prepared to help people and their pets for any disaster and its aftermath. That is why AKC Reunite is partnering with local AKC Clubs and their affiliates to raise funds to help supply AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers to local Emergency Management.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers are stocked with essential, nonperishable necessities for sheltering pets. The supplies can be used to create a safe, temporary home-base for displaced animals and can be used to create one of two types of animal shelters:

- Co-location Shelters: A shelter that houses both humans and their animal companions. The people housed at the

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shelter are responsible for their animal's general care.

- Lost and Found Pet Shelters: Displaced animals are housed in what often becomes a pop-up reunion center as people and animals are reunited. Approved volunteers and shelter staff provide animal care.

With AKC Pet Disaster Relief, our ultimate hopes are for:

- Better community preparedness
- More successful local disaster response
- Heightened awareness of the importance of disaster preparedness for their pets
- Peace of mind for pet owners – Safe, healthy sheltering environment that includes their pets — Happy reunions for separated animals and their human companions despite the chaos around them
- Lives will be saved

How Does it Work?

The AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer is stocked with essential supplies to house at least 65 pets the first 72 hours after a disaster is declared. The trailer has lighting and is wired for electricity, to run off either a generator or 110v power supply. Its contents are supplied based on North Carolina's State Animal Response Team expertise in handling hurricanes, floods, fires and tornados.

Following is a sampling of typical contents:

- Administrative Supplies: Log books, Volunteer registration forms, wrist/collar bands, check-in materials
- Maintenance Equipment: Batteries, Gas Can, Duct Tape
- Animal Care: Crates packed on rolling dollies for easy set-up, cat carriers,; litter, microchips and scanner, bowls, collars and leashes
- Equipment: Fans, Generator, Lighting, Hose
- Cleaning Supplies: Mop, trash can,



tarps, litter boxes, disinfectants

- Access to training materials: Turnkey implementation of Co-Located Shelters and Pop-up Reunion Centers, Volunteer Mobilization, Decontamination and Replenishment

Program Resources

Regardless of the size or budget of a community, local Emergency Management is now required by law to prepare and care for its citizens – including plans to accommodate people with their pets in the event of a disaster. To successfully meet these newer legal requirements, government organizations cannot alone meet the challenges posed by a catastrophe. AKC Pet Disaster Relief can be a key component to your local Emergency Management's disaster planning efforts.

Introducing AKC Pet Disaster Relief to your local Emergency Management is a powerful way to demonstrate your organization's concern for all pets and build meaningful grassroots relationships. If you do not know who to contact, FEMA.gov has a State Directory of Emergency Managers. You can also do a web search with your State's name and "local Emergency Management", oftentimes states have online directories at the regional or county level. For more information on Engaging with local Emergency Management, go to www.akcreunite.org/relief.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a grant program. To apply for a trailer for your local Emergency Management Team, please complete and submit the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Grant Application along with the signed AKC Pet Disaster Relief Agreement.

News from AKC President, Dennis Sprung:

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the 2013 AKC Meet the Breeds® a great success. More than 35,000 pet lovers attended this year's event and we had one of our busiest Sundays ever, with people still coming through the doors at 3:00 pm!

The crowds that come back year after year are there due to the work and dedication of our club booth volunteers. The effort you put into representing your breed, answering an untold number of questions and sharing your dogs with the public is greatly appreciated.



In addition to the educational breed booths, it was a successful event on other fronts. We debuted Woofipedia.com, a new website powered by the AKC that is aimed toward the general dog-loving public.

The site includes breed spotlights, an extensive Dog Library to educate consumers about grooming, care, training, behavior and "Why Does My Dog Do That?" plus fun games like Fact or Fiction and Guess the Breed that visitors were able to play at the Woofipedia booth. The Woofipedia app coming soon for iOS and Android will allow dog owners to interact and share photos of their own dogs, play games, and earn "Woof Points" and digital trophies by tracking everyday activity with their dog. Check it all out at www.Woofipedia.com.

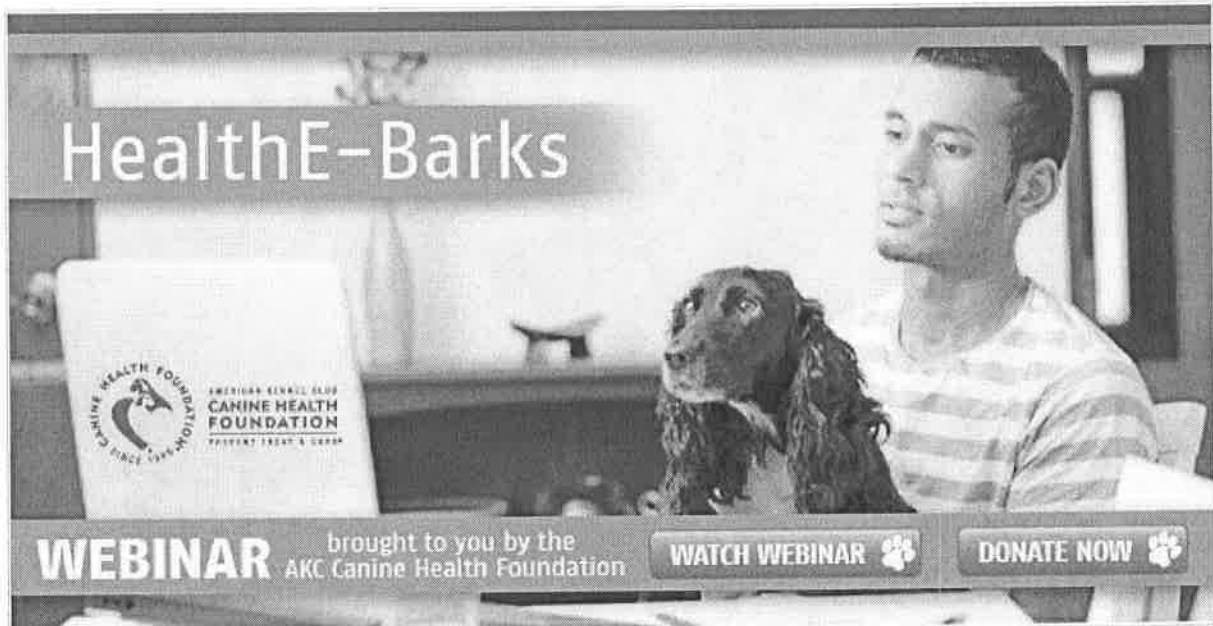
We also had great support from legislators again at this year's AKC Meet the Breeds. More than 110 legislators from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut signed on as Honorary Chairs of the event to show their support of responsible pet ownership. They were as engaged as they've ever been, helping us spread the mission of responsible pet ownership through their local media and social media.

State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. from New Jersey's 21st Legislative District sent out his own press release encouraging prospective pet owners to attend AKC Meet the Breeds, noting that, "Too many pets are abandoned, neglected, or mistreated because their owners haven't taken the time to learn about their needs before bringing them home. This show is a great educational opportunity for prospective pet owners to meet with and learn about the different breeds of dogs and cats that might be the best match for their home and lifestyle."

Many of the legislators attended the event, including State Senator CeCe Tcaczyk, who owns a 15-month-old Coonhound named Bayou and has a sheep farm in New York District 46; State Senator Mike Doherty who stopped from New Jersey's 23rd Legislative district who tweeted out a photo from the Boxer booth; and New York State Senator Brad Hoylman from the state's 27th district who stopped by to sign the AKC Responsible Dog Owner Pet Promise and promote it on Twitter.

This type of legislative support is vital to the work of protecting our breeds and breeders, so thank you to everyone who made the event such a success.

We'll have another great opportunity to reach out to the public and legislators coming up this December during AKC Meet the Breeds in Orlando. Hope to see you there!



Bloat Funding Webinar October 31, 2013

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has taken a significant step toward the eventual prevention of the devastating condition commonly known as bloat. CHF recently announced the approval of two research grants, totaling nearly \$500,000, which will work to establish the causes and pre-dispositions for gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), or bloat. These studies will provide the insight necessary to one day prevent the condition.

Dr. Shila Nordone, CHF's Chief Scientific Officer, highlights the goals and significance of the bloat grants in this free, 8-minute webinar.

<http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/multimedia/video/bloat-grants.html>

To learn more about the other newly funded research for 2014, additional webinars can be found at www.akcchf.org/videos.

Please consider making a donation today to support canine health research and educational programs.

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DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

NOVEMBER 20th, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Tierney's Copperhouse
4 Little Falls Rd, Fairfield, NJ 07004
(973) 227-6066

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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