

# Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

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Match Judge: Michael Pock  
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**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club  
Minutes from the March 21, 2012  
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 (14): Jeffrey Ball, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Cathy Dlugosz, Rose Ann Tucker, Mary Fran Cini, Carol Farro, Donna Stuermer, Jack Keenan, Carol Keenan, Gay Wayne, David Litke, Michelle Schueller and Jean Snyder.*

*Guests in attendance (1): Michael Pock.*

*I. Minutes - The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion made by Mary Fran and seconded by David.*

*II. Corresponding Secretary - No report.*

*III. Recording Secretary - No report.*

*IV. Treasurer - Diane B. reported a \$50 payment to the State of NJ leaving a balance of \$3804.37.*

*V. Committee Reports:*

*Membership - Jeffrey was in contact with previous members who have not paid their dues as yet. Many of them are planning on renewing their memberships.*

*Match Show - Charlie Marcantonio and Michael Pock volunteered to judge at our Match Show on June 10, 2012. The members approved Charlie for the Sweeps and Michael for the Match. Jean will be filing the application with the AKC. Mary Fran circulated a "Jobs Assignment" sheet.*

*Show Committee - Jeffrey reported that the NNJGDC is confirmed for a Supported Entry at the Newton KC Show on September 1, 2012. Newton is offering us a choice of Judge from their pool, a picnic area and trophy tables. Jean will work with Cathy on the trophies for the Show. Mary Fran made a motion that the budget for trophies be \$150.00. Gay seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

*Fund Raising - Cathy reported that the iGive account has 18 supporters and earned \$586.00 so far. She also distributed flyers for the up-coming Garage Sale. Ads will be placed in the local papers, NJ Pet Events and North Jersey Events.com.*

*Health - Jeffrey reported that Dr. Brown will do an Eye Clinic in early May.*

*Website - Cathy will get in touch with Carol to up-date the website with the Club's Calendar of Events.*

*Rescue - Mary Fran stated that there is a large, black, male 4 year old Dane that needs a foster home. October 4, 2012 is the date for the Tricky Tray. Check the MAGDRL website for future events.*

*Pet Therapy - Bright and Beautiful will handle registration for Therapy Testing at the Match Show. CGC Testing will also be offered. Kira will be in charge.*

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

*Diane B. will ask M.J. to speak at the June meeting.*

**VII. New Business:**

*Gay unfurled a flag imprinted with the GDCA 2013 National Logo. She suggested that we have these made for sale at the National as a Club fund raiser.*

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jean Snyder*

**Jean Snyder  
Recording Secretary**

**NNJGDC  
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### Directions to show site:

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FROM ROUTE 80 WEST: Take EXIT 48- MONTVILLE/PINE BROOK. At exit, make LEFT onto HOOK MOUNTAIN ROAD. Make RIGHT at 1st light onto BLOOMFIELD AVE. Follow from \* above.

FROM ROUTE 287 NORTH: Take EXIT 47- MONTVILLE/LINCOLN PARK. At exit, Make LEFT onto ROUTE 202 N. Continue on ROUTE 202 N. approximately 1/4 mile to traffic light. At light, make RIGHT onto CHANGEBRIDGE ROAD (Exxon station on your right). Continue approximately 1.25 miles. Community Park and the Youth Center are on the left.

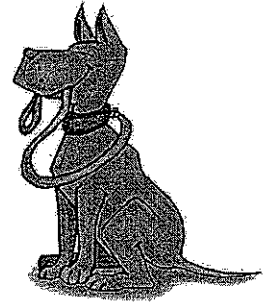
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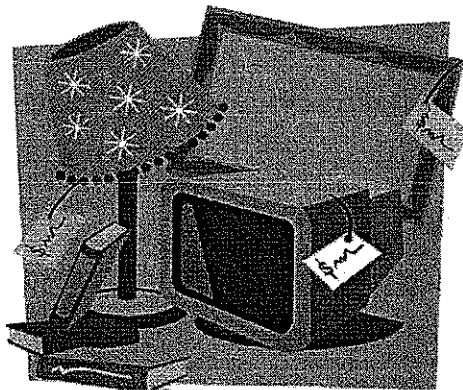
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**To Benefit The**  
**Northern NJ**  
**Great Dane Club**



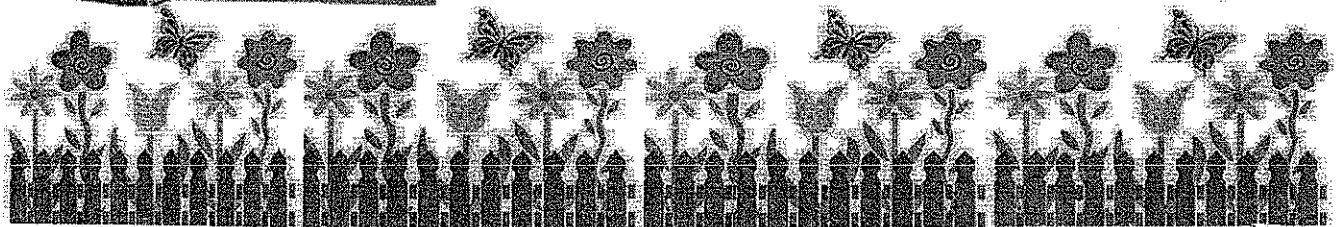
**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**22 Sherman Ave.**  
**Cedar Grove**

Rain Date  
April 28<sup>th</sup>



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## **AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Join Us in the AKC Conversation**

New York, NY – This isn't so much a Chairman's Report as it is a little straight talk among friends. And I intend it to be the first of many.

We are fortunate that my predecessors, Ron Menaker and David Merriam, had the foresight to carefully plan for a financially sound American Kennel Club. Your Board and Staff developed and are executing a plan for this year that will allow the AKC to be in the black and still maintain the deep resources of our reserves and endowment.

The challenges we have been addressing seem to occupy all of our conversation, but I assure you, they do not occupy all we are doing. Beyond the challenges, there are exciting opportunities in every area of everything we do. It is our opportunities, those we have in hand today and those we will innovate tomorrow, that hold the true future of the AKC - and they require attention from us all.

Our potential for successful growth encompasses the 100 million Americans who own a dog – purebred or mixed breed. Today, we only scratch the surface of those who make dogs an important part of their lives. We are concentrating on three major areas in order to engage, excite, and enroll more of them into the world we all hold so dear.

At the core is our advocacy for the purebred dog, which is the gateway to so many defining aspects of the AKC. The discernibility of the purebred dog in form, purpose, and temperament is undeniable - and desired by millions of people. Responsible breeders need our support, encouragement, and recognition. The AKC Breeder of Merit program is an example of how we put that commitment into practice – it is no surprise the Fancy has enthusiastically embraced the program. Our successful “AKC Meet the Breeds®” events in New York and Orlando bring purebred dogs to the public in an entertaining and educational format. We will continue to explore ways in which we can bring this event in some form to more people. An exciting new initiative is the re-imagining of our website, which draws more than 1.5 million unique visitors each month. The new website will serve as an important and useful resource for breeders, puppy buyers, owners, exhibitors, clubs, judges, and the general dog-lovin! And, yes, it will be much easier to navigate.

Our sport is evolving to be more inclusive and inviting than ever before. There are plans in place to create greater ease of entry into each of our sports and compelling reasons to continue participation. We have conducted significant research to understand the needs of our exhibitors and have subsequently created innovative new programs aimed at growing participation in every sport. Some are completed, some are being pilot tested today, some will be launched soon, and some are still being developed. Most importantly, the quest for continuous invention, while still maintaining our heritage, is unwavering. These initiatives include the 4-6 Month Puppy competition, the new Grand Champion achievement levels, the Owner Handler Series, the soon to be launched Open Shows, the “My Dog Can Do That!” introduction to Agility and Rally, the Coursing Ability Test for all dogs, and others.

Our commitment to improving our sport includes event process improvement as well. Our new Competition Management System will provide faster, easier, and more flexible service to clubs and exhibitors in Conformation, Companion, and Performance events. There is a current pilot test being conducted and we will be rolling out aspects of the program later this year, with even more to come.

The third major opportunity is community impact in support of dogs, dog ownership, and responsible dog breeding. This area encompasses initiatives to enhance the image of breeders and purebred dogs, expand our efforts for responsible dog ownership (including potential new additions to our successful CGC

program), and continue our involvement with legislative issues, with a greater emphasis on legislator education and proactive community support. Importantly, our commitment to improving the health and welfare of dogs is unparalleled and will continue with fervor.

We can accomplish all this and much more if we make one further commitment – to all work together to achieve all that we must. There is ample proof that when the Fancy, Staff and the Board band together with common purpose, we are an unstoppable force. I personally commit to open better lines of communication with all AKC constituents, to solicit new ideas from everyone to advance our mutual opportunities, and to better serve our clubs, exhibitors, breeders, judges, and owners. I ask for your support of our mutual goals with the same positive, passionate spirit you all bring to our sport every day.

I always appreciate hearing from you – please contact me at [atk@akc.org](mailto:atk@akc.org).

Sincerely,  
Alan Kalter , Chairman

## **DOGS IN REVIEW** Food Safety and Your Dog

**Learning proper dog food handling and storing can save your dog's life** *By Deb Eldredge, DVM*

Whether you feed commercial dog food, home cook your dog's meals or feed a version of a raw diet, odds are good that a food recall affected you to some extent in 2011.

Since the 2007 pet food recall due to melamine contamination, most dog lovers have been acutely aware of the potential for contaminated dog food. The Food and Drug Administration has fairly strict guidelines for foods made in the US, but in that case, an imported ingredient brought the contamination. The melamine recall was exceptional both for animal illnesses and deaths as well as the scope of the problem — even reaching into human foods.

Most pet food recalls are due to the detection of Salmonella or aflatoxin on routine screening. Salmonella is a bacteria that produces a toxin that can cause gastrointestinal distress in animals and people. Salmonella is generally found on animal products as evidenced by the many pig ear chew recalls in 2011.

Young or elderly dogs, as well as any dogs that are immunocompromised, are most at risk. While most show dogs are in their prime, they are under the stress of campaigning that could make them somewhat susceptible.

Aflatoxin is a mold toxin made by Aspergillus molds. This mold tends to grow on grain crops before harvest and can contaminate the grains. Corn is a favorite host but the mold can grow on virtually any grain crop as well as peanuts. Aflatoxin causes liver damage.

Currently pet foods (and human foods, so the recent ground beef recalls are relevant here as well) are tested and screened by the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. Virtually all of the pet food recalls for 2011 caught the contamination before any pets became sick. Many problems were caught before foods made it to retail shelves and most problems were quickly contained. Not so with the ground beef recall.

A source at the CVM was asked if pet foods truly are experiencing an increase in contamination or are we simply getting better at detecting contamination. The source felt that more sampling was being done and detection methods have improved, so testing is picking up smaller amounts of contamination and doing so faster.

The FDA has announced a plan to up the testing of commercial pet foods for Salmonella in 2012. The intention here is to minimize the chances of any human illness from Salmonella, but it serves the purpose of keeping dogs safer, too. Food, treats and supplements, but not canned foods, are all to be included in these screenings. Special emphasis will be put on checking products that are handled by large retailers such as Petco, PetSmart and Wal-Mart.

How can you keep your dog's food safe? There are different strategies for home cooking, raw and commercial foods. For any diet, use clean bowls. Wash food and water bowls after each meal. For home cooking, you need to follow the same food hygiene you do for your own food. Dogs do have a greater ability than humans to handle contamination (probably due to their scavenger history) but even so, clean counters and utensils are important. Use the dishwasher to truly sanitize these.

Foods should be thoroughly cooked, using a meat thermometer if need be. Meats should be kept frozen or refrigerated until used. Any leftovers should be refrigerated after preparation and feeding. For travel, foods need to be handled carefully — preferably kept frozen or at least chilled until fed.

When you purchase meat, whether to cook or feed raw, you should keep track of the batches. Sometimes store receipts will track this or you may need to copy down the information off the package when you use the meat. It pays to have a hard copy file or digital file on your computer with the data entered. Yes, it takes a minute but that minute could be worthwhile, both financially to get a refund and in terms of the health of your dog, if there is a recall.

Raw foods, especially meats, need to be handled carefully as mentioned above. Keep meat frozen or refrigerated until you use it. This can be tricky when traveling. If you repackage meat, be sure to wrap thoroughly and date the packages. You may need to resort to purchasing fresh meat almost daily instead of relying on a cooler and ice. Developing alternative protein sources such as hard-boiled eggs is another way to handle this.

Many dogs do well on a combination diet with some kibble along with either home-cooked or raw foods. For commercial foods, there are more suggestions. Start by only purchasing products with intact packaging. Dented cans or torn bags could be contaminated post manufacture and would not have been screened again. Read the fine print on treat and food bags. Foods made in the US are generally safer than those made in China.

Many people choose to store dog food in airtight containers. Either keep the food in its original packaging inside the container or cut off the codes and lot numbers from the bags when you dump them. Without that information you won't know if food you purchased is involved in a recall. The information can be kept in a hard copy file or copied onto a digital file in your computer. You could simply cut the information section off the bag and stick it on the refrigerator with a magnet with the date of purchase written on.

Purchasing smaller bags of food may be slightly less economical, but that way if you get a contaminated batch, you will not have fed so much. Mixing flavors and mixing brands can be a good idea to dilute any possible contamination. Just check with your veterinarian or a nutritionist to be sure you are maintaining a balanced diet with the mixing and matching. Store your dry food in a cool, dry location. Bags that get damp should be discarded.

The bottom line is that pet food in the US is actually safer than human foods in many countries. By following proper handling and taking some precautions you can avoid many food-related problems.



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 )

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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:

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Received by Membership Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Read at meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Voted on: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice to membership \_\_\_\_\_

Accept  Decline

# **DATES to REMEMBER**

## **Membership meeting**

***April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012***

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern  
4 Little Falls Road  
Fairfield, New Jersey

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

**NNJGDC  
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Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

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