

# Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

March 2013

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## **NNJGDC**

Website <http://NNJGDC.org>

### **Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club AKC Sanctioned Plan B Match and Sweeps**

Sunday May 19, 2013 ~ Montville Community Park  
130 Changebridge Road Montville, New Jersey 07045

**Registration:**

Sweeps – 9:30 - 10:30 AM Entry Fee: \$8.00 per dog

Match – 9:30 - 11:30 AM Entry Fee: \$10.00 per dog

Free Pre-Show Handling Class beginning at 10:00 AM

Therapy and CGC testing will be available from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM by Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. Website for more info: <http://www.golden-dogs.org/>

Sweeps Judging Time: 11:00 AM

Sweeps Judge: Auburn Lyons

Sweeps Classes for Dogs and Bitches

3-6 months

6-9 months

9-12 months

12-15 months

15-18 months

Match Judging to Follow Lunch

Match Judge: Janet Watson

Match Classes for Dogs and Bitches

3-6 months

6-9 months

9-12 months

12-18 months

Novice

Open

Dogs with ear tapes cannot be shown. Bring chairs and mats and water for your dogs. Lunch will be available. Ribbons will be awarded for Class Wins and Trophies for First in each Class.

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## Committees

**Match Show Committee** – Jean Snyder and Mary Fran Cini

**Hospitality Committee** – Cathy Dlugosz      **Public Education Committee** – Rose Ann Tucker

**Pet Therapy Committee** – Donna Stuermer      **Sunshine Committee** – Carol Farro

**Rescue** – Mary Fran Cini      **Website** – Carol Sloan/Zuzanna Kounin      **Newsletter** – Jeffrey Ball

**Fundraising** – Cathy Dlugosz      **Health and Welfare Committee** – Cathy Dlugosz

**Membership Committee** – Jeffrey Ball      **Historian** – Carol Sloan

*Pictures from the Junior Cloth Donations at the Rockland Shows*



## **AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** **-- Defending Our Rights --**

**New York, NY** – For years, animal rights extremists have focused on attacking the health of purebred dogs based on what they determined were improper breeding programs, and have indiscriminately discredited dog breeders with unsupported anecdotal stories as opposed to facts. We all know the unsubstantiated accusations all too well.

Unfortunately, the rather gullible media simply accepted these allegations without objective investigation. A case in point is the untruthful story about Bulldogs published in the *New York Times Magazine*. Interestingly, while we supplied significant factual information about the health of Bulldogs, as did the Bulldog Club of America, the article was selective – which is just a nice word for “biased” - in the utilization of those facts. In the end, the story was simply propaganda, not journalism.

But starting last year, there was a subtle, yet very noticeable shift in the communication tactics of the two largest animal rights organizations. Previously, for the most part, they had practiced a strategy of either ignoring or dismissing the AKC. Simply put, they did not see us as an organization of any concern to them in their quest to eliminate dog ownership through the elimination of breeders. As they have made very clear, their stated goal is “no new puppies” – a goal they intend to accomplish through legislation and ballot initiatives to mandate spay/neuter and restrict breeders to the point of oblivion.

So, what changed? We did. In the past few years all of us - you, your clubs, and the AKC - have become more aggressive, more organized, more vocal, and more visible in legislative matters.

The tipping point last year appears to have been our proactive approach to the proposed APHIS rule changes, which included both a well-documented, reasonable, and thorough review of all the issues with suggestions to make the intent of the regulatory changes achievable without unnecessarily damaging hobby breeders, and a petition of support signed by over 75,000 concerned dog owners. Our response to APHIS caught the extremists completely by surprise and sent them into a whirlwind of activity that amounted to nothing. Most likely, their evaluation after the storm was that the AKC needed much greater attention from them.

But the proactive plan around the APHIS rule changes was just the tip of the spear the AR extremists have been feeling of late. The AKC Legislative Department, led by the pleasantly indomitable Sheila Goffe, has made our presence, knowledge, and commitment felt on a myriad of legislative issues around the country. Last year, Sheila's department monitored more than 1,500 pieces of legislation. Contrary to what the AR extremists would have people believe, we are a respected resource in dog legislation for legislators and governmental organizations charged with animal care oversight. Our Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy is accepted as an intelligent and fair standard. Our careful analysis of proposed legislation helps reveal unreasonable requirements buried in a bill that would make it virtually impossible for a legislator's constituents to be in compliance. Our individual financial support of legislators' campaigns has made new and strong friends for the AKC and our mission. And your clubs, and the hard-working AKC legislative liaisons at both the state and local levels, have made significant inroads in protecting our rights to own and breed our dogs responsibly.

Today, the AKC is neither being ignored nor dismissed by the AR extremists. Instead, those organizations are now attacking us using the same propaganda tactics of lies and innuendo. I believe our position as squarely in the sights of the AR extremists is a status and a challenge we should accept with resolve and great pride.

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As a former ad guy, I am reminded of a 1915 magazine ad for Cadillac considered one of the greatest print ads of all time. It only ran once - in the *Saturday Evening Post*. I believe that ad, titled "The Penalty of Leadership," captures the essence of the American Kennel Club and the challenges we face from AR extremists. The ad explains why companies that honor "standards of excellence" become "targets of the envious."

Here are a few pertinent sentences:

"In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone. If he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging.

The leader is assailed because he is the leader. The follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy. If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader."

How are we leading in this fight for our rights?

First, we are proactively taking our messages of the Good Things We Do (the Parent Club rescue network, AKC kennel inspections, AKC CAR, and our collective commitment to improving the health of dogs) to the public; we are telling the facts about purpose-bred dogs and the desirability of owning a well-bred purebred as the family dog; and we are telling the stories of the passionate commitment of our breeders to protect, preserve, and improve purebred dogs. We are doing that through a combination of an aggressive public relations strategy utilizing every media opportunity imaginable to get our story told correctly and in its entirety. In addition, we now have an expert in social media, which gives us the ability to tell the narrative of the AKC throughout the world of social media. For the first time, we will have a constant and consistent platform to reach the general public every day.

Second, we will always be aggressive in responding to AR propaganda posing as media stories. The difference in our response to the Bulldog story and the response to the *New York Times* attack on the AKC is a demonstration of our new commitment to act quickly, broadly and emphatically.

While the cost to have a day-in and day-out public outreach program and an immediate response program is significant, we can afford it. In fact, we can't afford not to have it.

With Churchill as inspiration, our mantra now is this: we will fight with growing confidence and growing strength; we will defend our rights, whatever the cost may be; and we will never stop fighting.

Your comments and suggestion are most welcome [atk@akc.org](mailto:atk@akc.org).

Sincerely,



Alan Kalter, Chairman

**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club**  
**Minutes from the February 20, 2013**  
**Membership Meeting**  
Lombardi's Bar and Restaurant  
94 Fairfield Road  
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Jeffery D Ball.

Members in attendance (18): Mary Fran Cini, Cathy Dlugosz, Jeffrey D. Ball, Betsy Ball, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, David Litke, Kira Wright, Donna Stuermer, Diane Huser, Carol Farrol, Jack Keenan, Jean Snyder, Mary J Archer, Mitch Archer, Zuzanna Zagdel-Kounin, Deema Kounin,

Guests in attendance (0):

I. Minutes- The Treasures report in January was amended to read that Donna and Cathy have the final records. The Minutes were approved on a motion made by David and seconded by Diane.

II. President- Jeffrey informed the club Ridgewood just accepted a Responsible Pet Ownership Committee. The Reason for the town to come up with this committee was due to Dangerous Dog licenses fee for \$700. Jeffrey wanted to make the club aware on how town Ordinances can change the laws on ownership of a dog.

III. Corresponding Secretary- The ballot for the judges of the 2014 National in due by March 1, 2013. The ballot is for the National Specialty and Maturity judges. The Club nominated the following for the National Specialty Judges: Pat Ciampa, Leon Reimert, Laurie Maulucci. A Motion was made to accept these judges by Jean, and seconded by Betsy. The Club nominated the following for the Futurity Judges: Dale Desjardins and Fran Lass. A Motion was made to accept these judges by Ken, and seconded by Mary Fran.

IV. Recording Secretary- Kira had nothing to report.

V. Treasurer- In the audit Donna found an adjust that needed to be written off for \$16.81, Leaving a balance in the bank of \$7,754.79. Donna will rectify the account every month. A final statement will be sent out every month with minutes. Mitch Archer sent his dues, but many still owe their dues. Jeffrey stated he would get in contact with those that owe.

VI. Committee Reports-

Sunshine- Carol and Mary are back.

Pet Therapy- Morris View is very interested in accepting dogs and love having the Great Danes. Morris View is willing to have a day for just the Danes if we so choose. Kessler and Lincoln are also very much looking forward to dogs.

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Match Show- Mary Fran and Jean will look at the show calendar to see when it would be a possible to have our match show; they would prefer to have the show in September or October. We also have our supported entry Labor Day weekend.

Rescue- MAGDR is having a booth at the Rockland County Fair in NY this weekend. They were at the Super pet expo and did very well. Mary Fran has a rescue that got sick when being boarded. Dog had an obstruction that had been in the Dane for over 3 weeks. He got sick again this time he had to have 8 inches of bowel and a rag removed. Thanks to Dr. George Cattiney, and Pompton Plains Animal Hospital the Dane's surgery was only \$900.

Website- Thank You to Zuzanne for helping with website and changing it quickly on meeting location.

National Specialty- Jeffery showed an example of the sign for Special Moments with Danes that would hold the picture.

Karin Roseman also gave a proposal on a way to keep people at the theme party during the national by having a talent contest with the theme party.

### VII. Election of new members-

Pam Anderson's family membership application was voted on and unanimously approved. Pam's family membership is sponsored by Mary Fran and Jeffrey.

### VII. Unfinished Business:

Calendar of events for the club are to be gone over at the next meeting.

### VIII. New Business: No new business

### VIII. Old business:

Barbara has started to collect cloths for the Junior handler clothing drive. Jeffrey asked if the club could leave the cloths at the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue booth in Rockland County Fair and it was agreed upon. Barbara also reached out in regard to the AKC's junior jacket program. Barbara just received word that it was ok for us to do the program. It was recommended that more details on the programs should be given to the club.

There being no further business, Deema moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mitch and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kira A Wright*

Kira A Wright  
Recording Secretary

# Written in cooperation with the AKC CGC

Charles Marcantonio

Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, rally, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events.

AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program is one of the most rapidly growing programs in the American Kennel Club. There are many exciting applications of this wonderful, entry level that go beyond the testing and certifying of dogs.

The CGC test consists of ten exercises and the dog must pass all ten. All exercises are on lead with a buckle collar. Owners are instructed to talk to their dog and give lots of encouragement throughout the test.

The ten exercises are:

**Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger**

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

**Test 2: Sitting politely for petting**

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

**Test 3: Appearance and grooming**

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

**Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)**

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's

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movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

### **Test 5: Walking through a crowd**

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

### **Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place**

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

### **Test 7: Coming when called**

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

### **Test 8: Reaction to another dog**

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

### **Test 9: Reaction to distraction**

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

### **Test 10: Supervised separation**

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g., "there, there, it's alright").



## GDCA President's Message

Dear Friends and fellow members.

The club is in need of a webmaster for the GDCA website. That person will be responsible for maintaining the updates on the website in conjunction with the internet chair. Knowledge of Dreamweaver software is essential as is some familiarity with how websites operate. Time estimates are difficult but four hours or more weekly and more during the national etc. Please let me know if you are interested. The South East Division's annual Fundraiser to benefit the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust was held at the beautiful home of Mario and Anne Marie Gatto in Ocala, Florida on January 12th. The event was sponsored by the Gatto's, Steve and Jody Hill and Jay and I. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who sent donations. Thanks also to the Board members and Officers who made the three hour round trip from Orlando to attend. Jay represented the Trust and the event raised about \$5,000.00 and it is still coming in. We are coming up on a new election cycle for officers and board members. If you are interested let the nominating committee know. The committee will be formed in April and will be published on the website. The best way to effect change is to get involved. **Every part of the Great Dane Club of America is accountable to the membership, make your opinions known.**

The board has placed the responsibility for judge's selection on the division chairs and they will be responsible for its execution during the year of their national. The Division Chair cannot show or judge at their national and both have been a problem for past chairpersons. Please follow the link below and fill out the updated Great Dane Health Survey which was put together by the GDCA Health and Welfare Committee and the OFA. It is important so we know best where to spend our money. [http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey\\_greatdane.html](http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_greatdane.html) Several years ago we learned that in order to have Harlequin Danes there had to be Merles in the Harlequin breeding program. I know many of you surmised that long ago. However, since that is the case why not allow Merles to be shown? The community can write the color description and we can have more beautiful Great Danes to look at in the ring and maybe fewer in rescue. This is not the opinion of the BOD; I did not ask them formally, I am strictly responsible for this suggestion. Please help me also thank the members of the Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club for their work in the Meet The Breed booth in New York City in October and to the Southeast Division members for their work at the Meet The Breed Booth in Orlando in December where we won a working Group 3rd in the booth competition. We also made the MTB video broadcast on Saturday February 2nd on ABC What do you think?

Dave Miller  
GDCA President

# **DATES to REMEMBER**

## Membership meeting

*March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

7:30 p.m.

American Ale House  
The old "Fairfield Tavern"  
335 Fairfield Road  
Fairfield, New Jersey

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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