

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

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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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**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes from the April 17, 2013
Membership Meeting**

American Ale House
335 Fairfield Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:51pm By Jeffrey D. Ball.

Members in attendance (15): Mary Fran Cini, Cathy Dlugosz, Jeffrey D. Ball, Betsy Ball, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, Kira Wright, Gay Wayne, Vernest Kazer, Carol Farrol, Jean Snyder, Rose Ann Tucker, Zuzanna Kounin, Deemea Kounin, David Litke

Guests in attendance (0):

I. Minutes- The Minutes for March were amended to correct Diane B's email. The corrected minutes were approved on a motion by Ken and seconded by Carol.

II. Corresponding Secretary- No Report

III. Recording Secretary- No Report

IV. Treasurer- Diane B. reported an opening balance of \$6,836.20; there was a deposit of \$280 for a closing balance of \$7,116.20.

V. Committee Reports-

Memberships- There are no new applications. Jeffrey Ball will report next month on members who did not renew their dues.

The club also received a letter from SAVE thanking us for the donation.

Pet Therapy- The infection outbreak that was going around the facilities seems to be under control; it was noted that this does happen about twice a year. Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs INC is one of the therapy groups that have been working with the Sandy Hook Elementary school by having dogs in the school when the children go back. At this time Bright and Beautiful is not needed for Boston, if they do send dogs the dogs must be seasoned therapy dogs that have worked in the field and are sound therapy dogs.

Health & Welfare- Cathy was able to get Holistic Vet Jill Elliot to join us for the June meeting.

Match Show- Assignment sheets were handed out to those who are helping. The sight for the show is secure. Mary Fran and Zuzanna have added the show to our website. We

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will also be advertising on Info dogs website, as well as trying for the Neighbor News {a local newspaper}, and the Star ledger. There have been minor updates to the food list, for the updated lists please see David or Donna. Any tricky tray stuff can be brought to the May meeting; there will be about 20 baskets.

Rescue- The next event for rescue is the Raritan Valley National May 3rd. The Harlequin who was in the boarding facility has found a forever home. All the puppies that were brought up from the south, except one, has found a home. The mother of the puppies is still looking for a home, she is 16mths old.

Fund Raising- The I give fundraiser is about \$60 short of the \$1000 mark. The fundraiser for shoes has sent about four checks so far. The clubs next big fundraiser is the Yard Sale on April 27th. Ads were placed in a lot of the local papers for the yard sale. The yard sale starts at 9am and we are asking for help to please arrive at 8am.

National Specialty-

VI. Unfinished Business: Reminder that Meet the Breeds is September 28 and 29th. David has agreed to coordinate Meet the Breeds for the club. Set up for Meet the Breeds will be on Friday the 27th.

Dr. Briggs has sent Cathy the corrected Certificates for a Laparoscopic Spay and/or Gastropexy. The Certificate grants \$100 and/or \$500 off a Laparoscopic Spay and/or Gastropexy at his vet practice. Anyone interested please see Cathy.

VII. New Business: Raritan Valley is having their Show on May 3rd. The NNJGDC with the help of MAGDRL will have the Junior clothing present. May 4th is the Bucks county Dog Show and Jeffrey is judging Sweeps for this show.

Jean and the club would like to send congratulation to Vernest. Tosh, Vernest's Great Dane, is being trained for an upcoming fox movie.

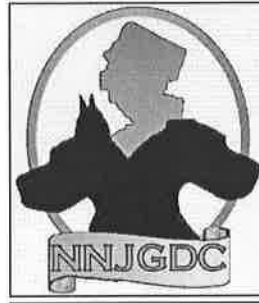
David has suggested looking in to the Cooper House or other local restaurants to allow for a better choice in menu options for club meetings. It was unanimously approved. Carol and Cathy have agreed to go check out other locations. Cathy will also check to see if the restaurants will have a separate room for us and if they are willing to do separate checks.

There being no further business, Gay moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Diane and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira A Wright

Recording Secretary



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Website <http://NNJGDC.org>

Will be Participating in

AKC MEET THE BREED

on

Saturday and Sunday
September 28 and 29, 2013

At the Javits Convention Center
New York City

We will be representing NNJGDC and GDCA. If you are interested in assisting, please let Jeffrey Ball know so that we plan a schedule to accommodate everyone. **Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League** will also be there with us. Please come join us!

For any questions or to schedule a time, please contact David Litke via the yahoo group.



"The GDCA Charitable Trust is a non-profit
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Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust

Trustees:

Jane Chopson, Paul Hardiman, Terry Wagner, - Administrator - terry@valterdanes.com

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The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust supports Great Dane welfare and rescue efforts, educational programs, Scholarship Programs for junior handlers, initiatives to create great awareness of breed-specific health problems and medical research efforts to improve the quality of life of the Great Dane.

For many of us, Great Danes are a significant source of love and comfort throughout our lives. We depend on them for their loyalty and companionship and they in turn, depend on us.

Through your support, the GDCA Trust will have the necessary resources to respond to calls for help in the most critical areas of concern...the health and welfare of the breed.

Whenever the call goes out that Great Danes are in need - the GDCA Charitable Trust intends to be there.

How you can help...

- **Through a tax-deductible contribution**
- **Through a deferred gift including life insurance or a bequest through your will**
- **Through various fund-raising efforts and special events with proceeds benefiting the GDCA Charitable Trust**

AKC Chairman Report - April 2013

-- Making a Difference for Canine Health and Well-Being --

At the March Delegates meeting, Article III of the American Kennel Club Bylaws was amended to include the following: "The objects of the Club shall be to advance canine health and well-being..." Someone unfamiliar with the AKC might see this as a beginning. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, this amendment signals the commitment each of us has to the never-ending journey begun decades ago by our responsible breeders and breed Parent Clubs - a journey that is making a difference for dog health and well-being, but one that is not truly understood by the public.

Probably the most well-known product of the journey is the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which was instituted by the AKC in 1995 and is the largest funder of exclusively canine health research in the world today. Since its inception, the AKCCHF has funded almost 600 grants, totaling nearly \$30 million - all addressing the health needs of dogs during their lifetime by focusing on all aspects of their physical, emotional and social well-being. What is not known by many people is that over 30 years ago the AKC was the first and the principle funder of the research that developed the vaccine for canine parvovirus, thus saving thousands of puppies' lives around the world.

There is no doubt that responsible breeders - in their efforts to protect, preserve, and improve their breeds with every litter - embrace the advances in health screening and tests. These breeders apply their understanding of the science of genetics by utilizing the screening and testing protocols designed to aid in the selection of a sire and dam. Today there are a number of health registries that support breeders in that selection process, including the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF). In addition, the AKCCHF and the OFA created the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Working with participating Parent Clubs, CHIC provides a centralized health database used as a resource for breeders of purebred dogs to research information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.

The AKC recognizes our breeders' motto of "Breed to Improve," and offers significant information to help them achieve their ongoing quest. CHIC is but one of the many examples of available information and opportunities for advancing knowledge for the AKC breeder. The AKC offers breeders information via the website and the quarterly *AKC Breeder Newsletter* - covering a wide range of topics of interest to breeders. The AKCCHF hosts the National AKC Parent Club Canine Health Conference, affording dog breeders the opportunity to meet, learn, and share ideas with some of the most sought after researchers and experts in their fields. The latest addition to AKC programs helping breeders is the AKC Breeder-to-Breeder Workshop coming to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando this December. This will be a free workshop open to all AKC breeders. Pre-eminent expert AKC breeders will share the thinking behind their successful breeding programs in a learning experience that is sure to deliver "news you can use."

The improvements we are seeing in the health of our dogs are a direct result of responsible breeders' commitment to utilizing today's science.

Our AKC Breed Parent Clubs are strongly committed to the journey of improving the health and well-being of their breeds through educational outreach and funding research studies. Virtually every Parent Club's website includes a prominent health section supporting health awareness and education in their

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breed, identifying beneficial screening and testing protocols, and reporting on funded studies. In the aggregate, AKC Parent Clubs have contributed millions of dollars to fund research studies - many already yielding the science to change lives.

As George Bernard Shaw said, "We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future." By adding "health and well-being" so prominently into our Bylaws, we are re-affirming our commitment and our responsibility to ensure that every AKC dog can be a better dog and a quality pet. Our collective commitment to protecting, preserving, and improving the dogs we breed is vital and strong.

While we continue our mission, we must address a crucial issue: The fastest way to improve the lives of dogs is to connect knowledgeable puppy buyers with responsible breeders who register with the AKC. Unfortunately, we know that is not always the case. Not every dog breeder shares the motto "Breed to Improve," and not every puppy buyer knows how to discern those that do from those that don't.

It is imperative that we have a better informed, more knowledgeable puppy buyer – particularly in regard to health and well-being. In the spirit affirmed by Nelson Mandela, educating puppy buyers is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the destiny of dogs. We are aggressively committed to being at the forefront of that education.

And it is imperative that we have a way for responsible breeders to identify themselves and their litters. Certainly, our 10,000-member Breeder of Merit program is one way for the public to identify breeders who certify that applicable health screens are performed on their breeding stock as recommended by their breed's Parent Club. However, not every responsible breeder meets all of the Breeder of Merit requirements around sport participation. A manageable way of identifying all AKC breeders who certify that applicable health screens were performed is a necessary goal in our desire to help buyers find healthy puppies.

In light of the importance of improving the health and well-being of all dogs, the Delegates acted wisely by writing the commitment to both into the Objects of the AKC Bylaws. While this is a reaffirmation of our beliefs and actions for the last 100+ years, it shall be addressed with energy – much like Yul Brynner's pronouncement from Cecil B. DeMille's epic film *The Ten Commandments*, "So let it be written; so let it be done."

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,



Alan Kalter
Chairman



GREAT DANE LAWS OF PROPERTY

1. If I like it, it's mine
2. If its in my mouth, it's mine
3. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine
4. If I can take it from you, it's mine
5. If it's mine, it must never be yours
6. If it looks like mine, it's mine
7. If I saw it first, it's mine
8. If you are playing with something else and put it down, it's mine
9. If I am chewing something up, all of the pieces are mine
10. If it used to be yours, get over it
11. If it's broken, it's yours



DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

May 15th, 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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Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

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