

Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey

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Legislative Successes Depend on Active Club Members and Breeders ..

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Next Meeting
September 16, 2009

New York, NY – The AKC's long-standing reputation and credibility as the authority for all matters relating to dogs are among the reasons why policymakers regularly seek our input when developing dog-related legislation. The AKC's grassroots organization of nearly 5,000 local dog clubs, thousands of responsible dog owners and breeders, and the number of dogs and litters registered each year means that AKC support or

opposition can help make or break the success of legislation.

Whenever state residents are threatened with unreasonable laws impacting responsible breeders and owners— and this year has seen more than 800 such bills across the country – the AKC Government Relations department works closely with AKC state federations, local clubs and breeders groups to address the problematic language. We provide these groups with significant resources, assistance, information and direct communications with lawmakers. This model works because, unlike for-profit competitors, the AKC puts its resources back into benefitting the dogs it registers and this includes legislation.

Policy officials throughout the nation recognize the AKC and its state

federations as supporting reasonable laws that protect the rights of dog owners and breeders while ensuring integrity of the purebred dog and the welfare of all dogs. The AKC's position statements are accessible and well-publicized. Legislators also know that the AKC is self-regulating: the AKC inspects its own breeders; has zero tolerance for neglect and abuse; and recognizes the obligations of dog owners to abide by clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws and other reasonable regulations.

AKC staff continues to develop successful legislative strategies based on mutually respectful interaction with policymakers. In Nebraska a bill that would have heavily regulated breeders and capped dog ownership at 75 dogs was recently postponed indefinitely (continued on page 2)

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because AKC worked closely with breeders in that state. AKC constituents from Florida to Minnesota to West Virginia have worked with our talented staff and taken advantage of our useful resources and, as a result, have seen legislative successes in defeating bad bills.

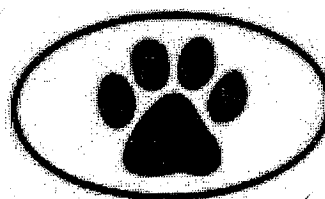
In our ongoing efforts to provide these resources to our constituents, we are pleased to now offer a nationwide legislative tracking service. Updated daily this handy database gives fanciers access to pending canine legislation, including bill text, official legislative summaries, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, as well as the most up-to-date AKC legislative alerts and messages. We recognize that numerous bills are constantly being introduced nationwide and that is why we still rely on local club members to notify us of new legislation. If you hear of a bill we should add to the list, please alert us at doglaw@akc.org or call the Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720.

I encourage you to utilize our new tracking service and sign-up for our complimentary e-newsletter Taking Command, for up-to-date information on protecting your rights as responsible dog owners and breeders. AKC is here to help you prepare to engage in the legislative process with your state lawmakers. For more information visit: http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker

Chairman



**GDCNNJ
NEWSLETTER**

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Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey
Minutes from the August 19, 2009
Membership Meeting
Merchants House
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (11): Jeffrey Ball, Mary Fran Cini, Gay Ann Wayne, Audrey Wright, Donna Stuermer, David Litke, Diane Bocian, Ken Bocian, Bill Diesing, Carol Farro, and Jean Snyder.

I. Minutes - Carol moved to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Gay and unanimously passed.

II. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran reported that she was in receipt of the Club letterhead.

III. Treasurer - Diane B. reported a balance of \$1051.00 and noted that she just received a dues payment that will be added to the balance.

IV. Committee Reports:

Therapy - Jeff will try to set up a Therapy Testing Session for October/November with Bright and Beautiful in West Paterson. He will also scan a test and send it on to the members via e-mail.

Rescue - Mary Fran informed everyone that MAGDRL will be hosting a "Tricky Tray" on October 1, 2009 at the Bethwood in Totowa. Tickets will be on sale at the MAGDRL website. They are \$35 prior to 9/15 and \$40 after that date. The ticket includes dinner and tickets for the Tier 1 prizes. There will also be a Tatoo Fund Raiser (for humans only) on September 13th from 12-6 at Monarch Tatoo on Route 23 in West Milford.

Sunshine - Carol was pleased to announce that there was no activity on the part of this Committee.

Health Clinic - Due to the absence of Diane H., no report on the progress of the "Eye Clinic" was given.

Website - Jeff noted that there have been significant revisions to the GDCNNJ website and that it is really taking shape. He will be working with Charlie to get the Therapy link up and going. Any corrections in spelling and grammar should be sent directly to Carol Sloan.

Public Education - Jeff reiterated that there will be a "Meet The Breeds" at the Ramapo KC Show on October 11, 2009 at 12:00pm. David and Jeff said they would be there and some other volunteers are needed.

Membership - Candace and David put together a leaflet for potential new members which was distributed to those present. Jeff made some suggestions for inclusion and asked that the members do the same.

V. New Business:

Constitution/By-Laws - Jean and Donna will rewrite a segment of the Constitution/By-Laws to include Board Conference Call Meetings and e-mail voting and polling of the members. This will be presented to the membership for approval.

GDCA New Members - Jeff had applications for membership in the GDCA and passed them out to interested GDCNNJ members.

Logo - David asked that the heads in our current Club Logo be re-evaluated. A profile instead of the 3/4 head was suggested. Jeff will be in touch with Carol regarding this change.

Jeff welcomed two guests at this meeting: Robin Galton and Linda Squillante.

The next full membership meeting will be September 16, 2009 at 7:30pm at the Merchant House Tavern , 4 Little Falls Road , Fairfield, NJ.

There being no further business, Gay moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Diane B. and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Snyder
Recording Secretary*



AKC NEWS

The AKC is pleased to make available the presentation on **AKC Obedience: Now and Into the Future**.

The Companion Events Department gave the presentation during the June 2009 Delegates meeting in Raleigh, NC, and received requests to make the program available for club use.

The presentation addresses the continuing decline in obedience entries and the AKC's new regulations and classes that have been enacted in an effort to combat that decline.

In addition, the program provides ideas for boosting obedience entries and making obedience more attractive to new exhibitors. At the conclusion, the program presenter can engage the audience members in a brainstorming session on new ideas for their clubs' events.

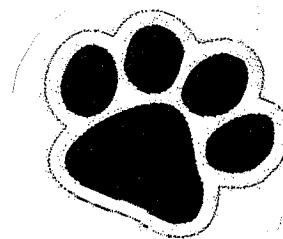
Both the PowerPoint presentation and a PDF file with suggested dialogue to accompany the program may be found on the AKC website at: www.akc.org/events/obedience/presentation.cfm.

Please be patient as the PowerPoint file is large and may take several minutes to download.

For more information and/or assistance, call 919-816-3575.

The AKC appreciates your support of AKC Obedience and welcomes all comments and suggestions regarding the presentation and the sport.

Sincerely,
Curt Curtis
Assistant Vice President
AKC Companion Events



Meet the Breeds™

SAVE THE DATES:

October 17th and 18th, 2009

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City

HEALTH NEWS

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust

The goal of The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust is to extend the legally required interval for rabies boosters to 5 and then 7 years, based on the findings of the rabies challenge studies currently underway at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. If the studies' results demonstrate that the rabies vaccine confers 5, and possibly 7, years of immunity, there would be a significant impact on controlling rabies and reducing adverse reactions associated with the vaccine.

Today I am writing to ask for your help. The Rabies Challenge Fund relies on donations to finance the multi-year challenge studies that began in November 2007. Due to the economic downturn, the Fund has a \$125,000 shortfall for the third year of the studies, scheduled for this fall. This deficit threatens the future of the research.

Costs for the studies' third year are \$175,000. Since January, we have raised nearly \$50,000 of that amount. We need to have eighty percent of the total funding for the year's budget in hand to begin the third year of the studies. Please contribute what you can, as soon as you can. **All donations received will be used to finance the direct research costs of the rabies challenge studies.**

With your help, we can raise the \$125,000 necessary to complete the third year of the 5 and 7-year rabies challenge studies. Tax-exempt donations can be mailed to The Rabies Challenge Fund, c/o Hemopet, 11330 Markon Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841. Credit card donations can be phoned in to Hemopet (specify they are for The Rabies Challenge Fund) by calling (714) 891-2022, ext. 13.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

Sincerely,
Kris L. Christine
Founder, Co-Trustee

The Rabies Challenge Fund

www.RabiesChallengeFund.org

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Successful efforts by The Rabies Challenge Fund over the past year leading to changes in state rabies laws/municipal ordinances to the 3 year national standard:

Cheyenne, Wyoming
Wichita, Kansas
State of Alabama
State of Arkansas
State of Rhode Island.





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Website <http://GDCNNJ.org>

and it's members ask you to join us at the

Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League

2nd Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

AT THE BETHWOOD IN TOTOWA

Admission will be limited to 250 people and we do expect to sell out before the event.

Doors open at 6:00 PM. There will also be a 50/50!

Admission is \$40 which includes a) A complete sit-down dinner b) One sheet of 25 tricky-tray tickets c) Gifts worth a minimum of \$35 and a great time.

For any questions, please contact Mary Fran at (201) 563-3911 or by emailing her at danemom1111@aim.com



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Will be holding a

MEET THE BREED

on

Sunday, October 11, 2009

At the Ramapo Kennel Club Dog Show
Sussex County Farm and Horse Show Grounds, 37 Plains Road,
Augusta, New Jersey 07826

At 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about Great Danes and meeting them in person, here is your opportunity. Both breeders and owners will be present to answer all your questions and give you the opportunity to meet their dogs in person. **Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League** will also be there to answer any questions you may have about rescue. Please come join us!

For any questions, please contact Jeffrey Ball at (201) 689-1323 or by emailing him at Jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com



**GREAT DANE CLUB
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**

Website <http://GDCNNJ.org>

and

Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dog, Inc.

Website <http://www.golden-dogs.org/>

Will be holding an All-Breed

THERAPY DOG TESTING

on

Sunday, November 8, 2009

At Club Barks, West Paterson, New Jersey
During the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Testing Fee is \$15.00

Pre-Registration is required by calling 1-888-PET-5770
You can find the actual test at <http://www.golden-dogs.org>
Click on "How does my Dog become a Pet-Therapist?"
When the new page opens, click on "The Test"

For any questions, please contact Jeffrey Ball at (201) 689-1323 or by emailing him at
Jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com

DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting



September 16, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

Please come and bring a guest.



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