

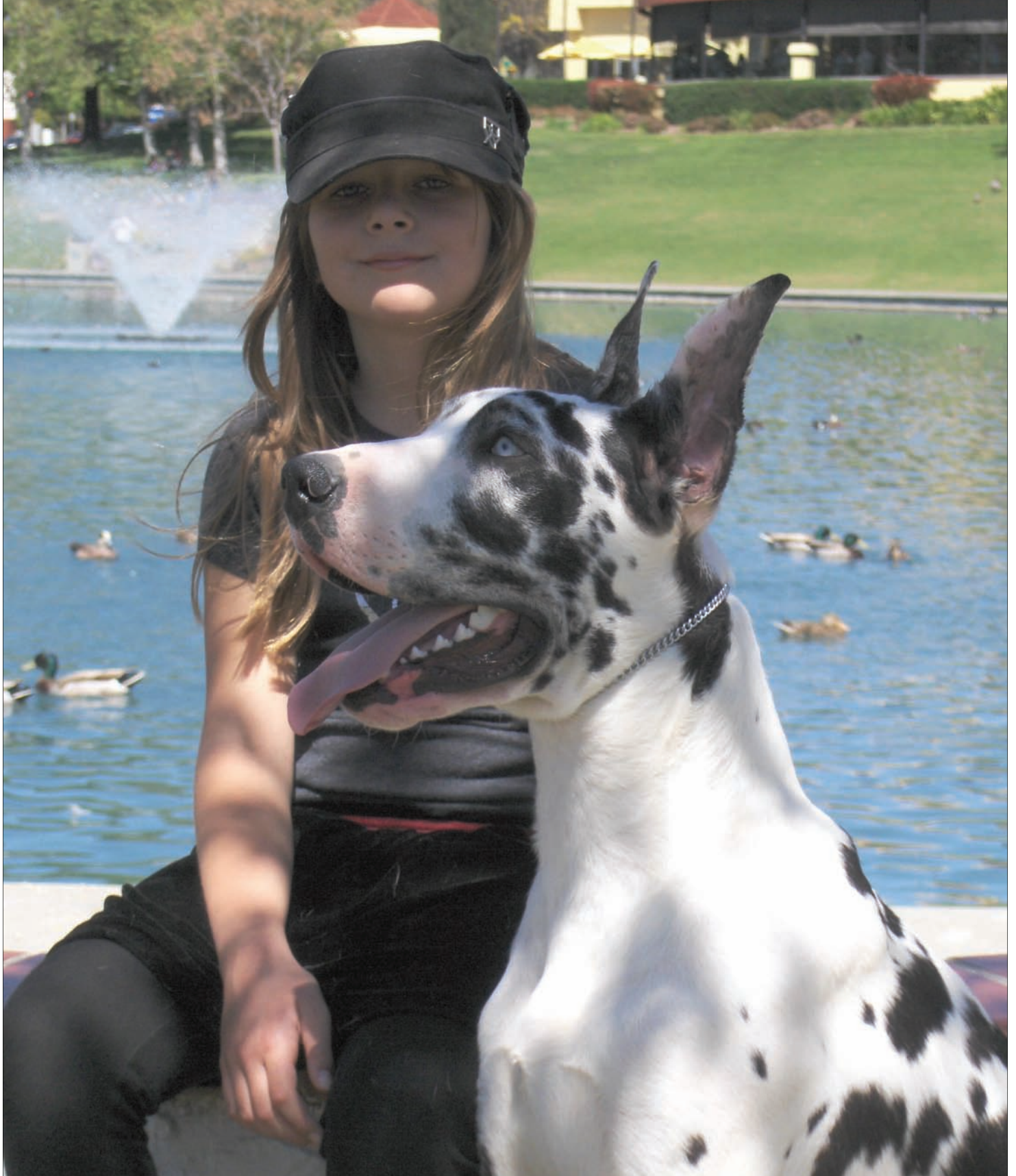
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*We're Always
In The "Pink"*



Ch. Krisda Shannons Blade Runner x Ch. Rondomar Anasazi Shalako Dance

Ch. Shalako Conspiracy of Rondomar

Pink is scooping up the wins right and left and
shows no sign of slowing down!

She's currently ranked #2 in Breed & Group Standings

Owner & Mom's Breeder:
Rondomar
Doety Marks
Laguna Beach, CA

Shown To Perfection By:
Linda Mattson
Newbury Park, CA

OFFICERS: (1-Year Term)

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2009 GDCC Meeting Calendar

May 6, 2009 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting Location: Marie Callendar's, Azusa, CA Time: 7:00pm
May 23, 2009 (Saturday)	General Open Meeting Mission Circuit Shows (After Dane Judging) Location: Pomona Fairgrounds
July 4, 2009 (Saturday)	General Open Meeting & Picnic & Board Meeting Ventura Shows (After Dane Judging) Location: Ventura, CA
September 9, 2009 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting Location: Marie Callendar's, Azusa, CA Time: 7:00pm
September 19, 2009 (Saturday)	General Open Meeting Burbank Kennel Club (After Dane Judging) Location: Van Nuys, CA
November 18, 2009 (Wednesday)	General Closed Meeting & Board Meeting Location: Pepper Tree Café, Glendora, CA Time: 7:00pm
December, 2009	General Open Meeting/Awards & Christmas Dinner Date: TBA Location: TBA

Directions to May General Open Meeting
Saturday, May 23, 2009 — (After Dane Judging)
Antelope Valley Kennel Club Show
L.A. County Fairplex
1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA
 (Location To Be Announced At Ringside)

This meeting is **open** to guests.

From Orange County: Take "91" Frwy East to CA-71. Continue to "I-10" Frwy East to "14-A Exit" (Holt/Valley Blvd). Continue on Fairplex Drive. Turn right on McKinley Avenue.

From Los Angeles: Take "I-5" South to "210" East to "57" South to "I-10" East Frwy. Exit "45-A" / White Avenue. Turn Left on Burdick Avenue. Bear Left on White Avenue. Turn Left on McKinley Avenue.

From Riverside: Take "91" Frwy West to CA-71. Continue to "I-10" Frwy East to "14-A Exit" (Holt/Valley Blvd). Continue on Fairplex Drive. Turn right on McKinley Avenue.

Note: Please remember to verify these directions yourself. They are from the internet and may not be accurate for your location.

Note: The Great Dane Club of California recognizes that individual members may support any Great Dane Rescue efforts they choose; however, the Great Dane Club of California as a Club endorses the Great Dane Club of America's Rescue Programs.



*Happy Eleventh Birthday!
Ch Anadane's Summer Solstice "Soleil"
Anadane's Sassafrass "Sassy"*

*In Loving Memory:
Jtn'l ChAnadane's Shelby By The Shore "Shelby"
30 May 1998 - 16 Jan 2009*

*Anadane's Sweet Caroline "Caroline"
30 May 1998 - 16 Mar 2009*



Get Well Soon!

GDCC Club Member, Brucie Mitchell, was recently injured. Please keep Brucie in your thoughts and prayers on her way to a speedy recovery.

You can send cards and letters to:

3148A Via Vista
Laguna Woods, CA 92653

Please Welcome - New Members!

The following applicants were voted in at the February 18, 2009 Closed Meeting. Please welcome our new club members!

John & Cynthia Neet

Warren & Norri Hennagin

Robert & Laura Jarek

Membership Roster

Enclosed in this issue is the 2009 GDCC Membership Roster. If you have any updates or corrections, please forward them to Mindy Donovan-Tandy at MLDT@earthlink.net or 909.628.8289.

2009 Specialties Updates

Raffle: We are still accepting donations. Please direct any questions/comments to chairpersons: Bruce & Susan Powell at 661.424.9529 or wildride2@netscape.net (Bruce) or Susie@micalamps.com (Susan).

Catalog Advertising: The official deadline is May 5, 2009. If you need assistance with your ad, please contact chairperson, Mindy Donovan-Tandy at MLDT@earthlink.net or 909.628.8289. Remember to take advantage of the Breeder's Directory Listing: This will include your Name, Kennel Name, Address, Two Phone Numbers, E-Mail, and Colors Bred. Please direct any questions/comments to Mindy.

Foster Home?

If you are interested in offering your home to foster a rescue dog, please contact Cindy Hurley. Any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated! You can contact Cindy (see enclosed membership roster for contact info), if you are interested!

Inside Cover

Story! A DAY AT THE PARK

Sasha Baxter (9 years old), Maryann Wilson's grand-daughter, and Daneridge's Delaney (5 1/2 months) enjoy a sunny day at the park together! Delaney is out of AM / Int'l CH. Saravilla DND's Toast v Dublin ("Dublin") x Daneridge's Hot Wire ("Electra").

We hope to see both Sasha and Delaney start their show careers in June!

Funny Pics?

If you have a funny picture of your dog (probably doing something they shouldn't be???) , send it to the bulletin editor. We're trying to get a collection to use when space is available. Any questions, contact Mindy at mldt@earthlink.net or 909.628.8289.

Time To
Celebrate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Redford ~10 years old (January 09)
daughter, Roxy ~ 5 years old (March 09),
and grand-daughter, Gracie (3 months old)
Owned and loved by Bob and Linda Tonnancour

Announcements & Brags –

- ☺ ANADANE'S TRANSPAC PYEWACKET ("Squeeze") went WB-BOW-BOB at the Hawaiian Kennel Club show on Saturday, 28 Mar 09. "Squeeze" is shown in the bred by class by Susan, loved and owned by Susan and Putt Richards and bred by Anadane Kennels, Registered
- ☺ ANADANE'S UPTOWN GIRL V NAPLES ("Christie") went WB-BOW-BOB at the Hawaiian Kennel Club show on Sunday, 01 Mar 09. "Christie" is adored and owned by Putt and Susan Richards, bred by Marin Cornish and beautifully handled by Selena Willard.
- ☺ DANA TLBRK R'CHO D SOL'S COVER GIRL ("Kelly") is making her way to her championship. With both majors earned, she's not far away! Kelly is expertly handled by Dick Schaefer.



- ☺ **New Champion!!** It is now CH DUNDANE'S LOOK AT ME (CH Maitau's Here's Lookin At U Kid x CH Dundane's How Sweet It Is). "Leila" finished in Atlanta, Ga. with a 4 point major under Lenora Riddle. And on her way to finishing Lowell Davis awarded her points too. She had Best of Breeds from the classes and a Group 3, Best Puppy and Puppy Group 1. She is owned & loved by Pat Tripp.
- ☺ PBJ'S STOLEN ASSET V BRAG ("Havanna") won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners all three days at the Bakersfield shows.

- ☺ Zoe Costantinidis backs up Professional Handler Mort Evans at Silver Bay Kennel Club on his 12 - 18 month old girl "Vanna", going Winners Bitch for a 3 point major. Way to go Vanna, Zoe and Mort!

- ☺ PASK-SCHILLS WHAT A TRIP V MEMORE ("Journey") took Reserve Winners Bitch at the San Antonio Kennel Club! Journey's breeders are Peggy Schilling, Susan Richard, & Bev Evans. She is loved and adored by Tom & Lori Masse.



- ☺ PASK-SCHILLS DANCING IN THE RAIN V ANDANEY ("Rayna") took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed at her first show at Chintimini Kennel Show on March 28, 2009! Rayna is owned and loved by P & D Schilling & M Gaffney & S Richards. Breeders are P Schilling & D Rivello & S Richards & B Evans.

- ☺ On Sunday at the Oakland Kennel Club, my grandbaby, PAXTON'S HAPPEN CHANCE ("Rylee"), took a 3 point major, BOW and BOS at 9 mos.! Rylee has 8 points with both majors. She is out of my Chance, BISS Ch. De Robles Colorado Caper x Ch. Shady Crks. Lady Smith N Wesson, owned and loved by Allison Paxton. Bragged on by Shari Ziegenbein.

Bulletin Advertising Ads

Showcase your dog in the bulletin and support the club!

Payment for ads are as follows:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Front Cover	\$35.00	\$45.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$35.00
Half Page	\$20.00	\$30.00

It's on a first-come-first-serve basis excluding previous reservation commitments. If you would like to include your ad in upcoming issues, please contact Mindy at MLDT@earthlink.net or (909) 628-8289 to submit your reservation!

Bulletin Information:

Subscription rates:

Non-Members: \$15.00 (12 issues). Send request & check to bulletin editor. (payable to Great Dane Club of California)


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If you are interested in receiving an e-bulletin instead of a hard-copy, please contact Mindy.

"Gem"

She Simply Shines!



Ink Spots Bring Me Diamonds 

Gem is well on Her Way to Her Championship with 2 More Wins!
BOW at Sequoia KC on 2/26!! Thank you to Mrs. Donna J. Buxton!!
WB at Kings KC on 2/28!! Thank you to Judge Mr. Kenneth Buxton!!

Bred, Owned, Loved, & Proudly Handled By Lisa Garrison
Ink Spots Great Danes
Homelgarrison@yahoo.com
<http://www.inkspotsgreatdan.es.com/>

*Watch For Her
Flashy Ring Presence
In The
Open Harlequin Class!!*

New Champion !! "Belle"



Ch. Ink Spots Fashionably Late

CH PCH Start The Commotion ("Rumpus") x CH RainMaster's She's My Kind Of Rain ("Cali")

"Belle" Finishes In Style...Championed at 17 mo with 3 Majors, the 2nd Mantle to Have Taken All Points Out of BBE Class! We are So Proud of This Lovely Girl!

Watch for her on the Big Stage as a Special...owner handled of course!!

"Belle"...The Bitch That's Worth The Wait!

Bred, Owned, Loved, & Proudly Handled By Lisa Garrison
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New
Champion
Dundane's
Look At Me

Proudly Owned & Loved
by
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"Ava" is owned, loved, and provided all
furniture rights by Maren, Joe, and Tori Cornish

And Where Is Your
Comfort Zone?





Great Dane Club of California
30044 Abelia Road
Canyon Country, CA 91387
661-424-9529 or 661-373-3794

February, 2009

Dear Club Member,

As Raffle Chairpersons for the 2009 GDCC Specialties, we are appealing to all club members to support this fund-raising event by assisting with the donation of either items (doggy or non-doggy, small or large -- not too large) or \$5.00 in cash to purchase items for inclusion in baskets or larger items to be offered individually. In lieu of items or cash donation, you may wish to get together with a few people and donate a basket. These donations will cover our major fund-raising club event – *the raffles!*

Remember, this year our specialty is being held in conjunction with the Great Dane Club of San Diego Specialty, so your generous donations will help to make our raffle the best ever.

All items and donations should be forwarded to us As Soon As Possible in order to allow us time to prepare the baskets. Items may be delivered to Bruce & Susan Powell or Dick & Cathy Schaefer at any show or call 661-424-9529 to make arrangements. Please make checks payable to “GDCC – Raffle”.

Please indicate what you can donate below and return a copy of this letter to the above address.

_____ I can donate items as follows: _____

_____ I can donate money. My check is enclosed.

_____ My check for even more in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

_____ I can donate and will bring a basket to the Specialties.

The theme for my basket: _____

Additional donors for the basket are: _____

My name is: _____ My phone number is: _____

As always, our sincere thanks for your support.

Bruce & Susan Powell
Specialty Raffle Chairpersons

Upcoming Shows

- **Saturday, May 16, Mt. Palomar Kennel Club** Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center, CA
Judge: Rudy Munoz
- **Sunday, May 17, Mt. Palomar Kennel Club** Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center, CA
Judge: Robert Shreve
- **Friday, May 22, Los Encinos Kennel Club** L.A. Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA
Judge: Glen Lajeski
- **Saturday, May 23, Los Encinos Kennel Club** L.A. Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA
Judge: Betty Leininger
- **Sunday, May 24, Antelope Valley Kennel Club** L.A. Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA
Judge: Judy Harrington
- **Monday, May 25, San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club** L.A. Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona, CA
Judge: William Sahloff
- **Saturday, May 30, Kennel Club of Pasadena**, Brookside Park, Arroyo & Seco, Pasadena, CA
Judge: Debra Thornton
- **Sunday, May 31, Kennel Club of Pasadena**, Brookside Park, Arroyo & Seco, Pasadena, CA
Judge: Lynn Jech
- **Thursday, June 4, Great Dane Club of California**, Santa Fe Dam, 15501 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA
Judge: Robert Edison
- **Friday, June 5, Great Dane Club of San Diego**, Santa Fe Dam, 15501 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA
Judge: Raymond Goldstone
- **Saturday, June 6, Great Dane Club of California**, Santa Fe Dam, 15501 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA
Judge: Don Carmody
- **Sunday, June 7, Great Dane Club of San Diego**, Santa Fe Dam, 15501 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA
Judge: Katie Edwards
- **Saturday, June 13, Bahia Sur Kennel Club**, Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Rd, Chula Vista, CA
Judge: George Marquis
- **Sunday, June 14, Bahia Sur Kennel Club**, Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Rd, Chula Vista, CA
Judge: Leslie Valiunas
- **Friday, July 3, Channel City Kennel Club**, Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
Judge: Nancy Liebes
- **Saturday, July 4, Santa Maria Kennel Club**, Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
Judge: Meredith Johnson-Snyder
- **Sunday, July 5, Ventura Co. Dog Fanciers**, Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
Judge: Eric Liebes

Important
DATE!

Other Announcements!

Next Bulletin Deadline:
May 18, 2009



WHAT KITTY?
WHERE? I DON'T
SEE NO KITTY

Understanding Harlequins and their Merle Spots - Dr. Neil P. O'Sullivan

<http://www.gdca.org>

I respectfully submit the following understanding of the presence of merle spots on harlequins.

To date we believe the harlequin color is unique to the Great Dane breed. Two independent research studies appeared in peer reviewed scientific journals in the 1980's which went on to describe the genetic basis, and inheritance, of the harlequin coat color in Great Danes. I was the senior author on one of these two papers. Both Phil Sponenberg in his study, and we in our studies, of harlequin breeding records, found the harlequin pattern depended on a dog having two major genes influencing coat color, a then newly discovered (hypnotized) harlequin gene, and the already well know merle gene. All harlequins were found to have both genes and both genes must be inherited by an individual great Dane to produce this unique coat color pattern.

Our study, because of the very large sample sizes involved, found that not only were all harlequin carrying both harlequin and merle, but two additional facts not understood from Sponenberg data we discovered. One was that the merle gene was always involved in what is known as cell level mutation (both, somatic and germinal cell mutations) at a high frequency typical of a so called "jumping gene" reported first in Corn by Barbara McClintock. Secondly, that all harlequins, and dogs from harlequin breeding carry only one copy of the harlequin gene (to carry two copies we found was lethal and leads to death in utero) of course many non harlequin Great Danes carry no copy of the harlequin gene.

The effect of these cell level mutations is rather surprising, so a White Great Danes (those Danes which have two copies of the merle gene, so called Homozygous Merle,) should never have any black or mantle progeny, only white, merle or harlequin. However because of the jumping gene action we found a small number of these mantles and blacks from breeding of White dogs, the merle gene had jumped back to the non merle form, resulted in a small number of sperm or egg cells which didn't carry the merle gene. These sperm or eggs could

produce black or mantle puppies. This fact also allowed us to then understand the torn pattern of the harlequin color and the presence of merle spots on harlequins. Since the black areas were at the cell level jumped back to non merle so the dog has full black pigment, in areas with merle gene intact the merle or graying of the coat happen. A so called somatic cell mosaic pattern resulting from somatic cell mutation.

Since there are genes for the piebald pattern in Great Danes, we found breeders were actively looking for the merle spots on harlequin, to confirm they were harlequin, with torn pattern of the patches, compared to the piebald (Marked like a black and white Pointer), the piebald Great Danes always having the smooth rounded pattern to the "spots" and lacking a ragged torn look to the black patches of our harlequin. Since the harlequin gene only converts the merle areas in the coat to white the blacks areas on the coat are unaffected. However small areas which should have been converted to white, are left merle, as we could again see in some cell clusters the genes had indeed again jumped. The result was small merle patches left on harlequins.

Understanding Harlequins and their Merle Spots - Dr. Neil P. O'Sullivan (cont'd)

<http://www.gdca.org>

Our research found all harlequins had some merle on them, obvious on most, harder to detect on some, and where merle was absent in a black and white spotted dog, the pattern was obviously not that of a harlequin but was a piebald, with rounded spots, but which lacked the characteristic ragged torn patches of the harlequin pattern seen only in Great Danes.

I know this explanation is a bit dense with the science of coat color genetics. So let me try to, in text, paint a picture. Start with our basic black or mantle dog, add the merle gene and some of the black areas become grey (merle) in color, the mosaic effect of merle, then add a harlequin gene, and the merle areas now become white, but the black areas remain black except these genes never work perfectly because of this "jumping gene" action, so some of the areas which were meant to get turned to white, were accidentally left merle, so the odd merle spot(s), appear on harlequin Great Danes.

For 150 years some people have tried to breed harlequins without merle spots. To date no reported successes! Time for all Harlequin breeders to concentrate on breeding for type, temperament, health, and all the other really workable characteristics we can shape and improve in our breeding programs of our beloved Great Dane.

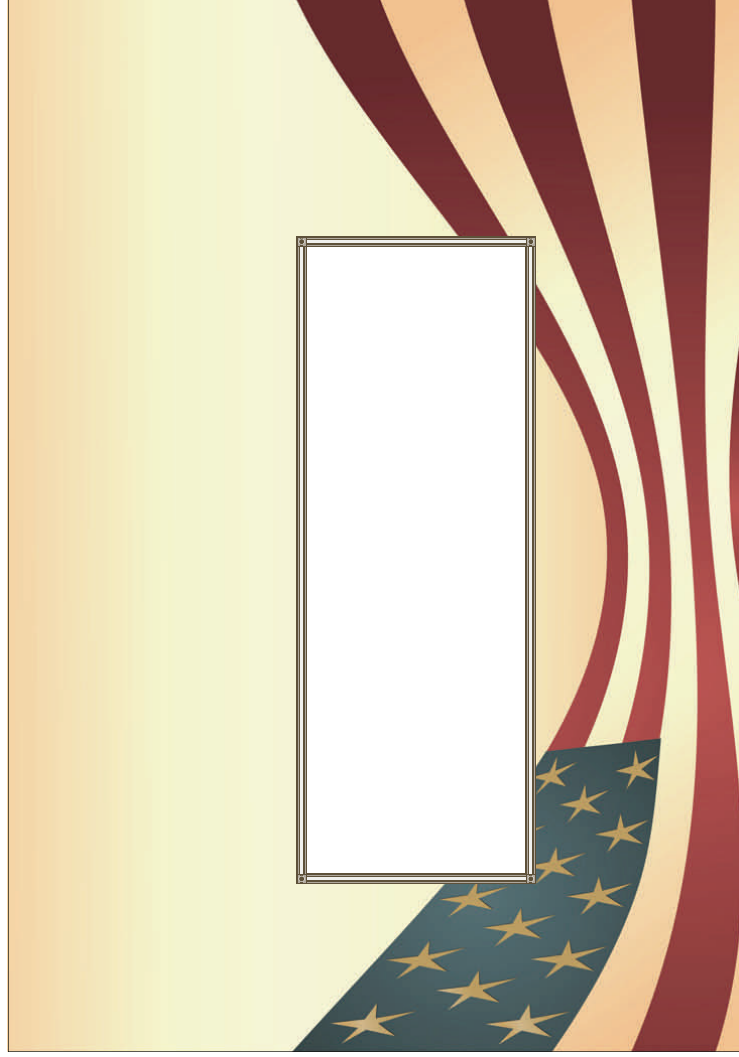
Respectfully submitted,

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See You At
The May 23rd
Meeting!