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Luna, Soleil, Rena, and Miley

Introducing The 2011 Dream Team

Goodbye Big Beautiful Girl



Thor-Kourt's Tsunami

July 10, 2001-July 28, 2010



We miss you so much Nami.....

Dana, Juel, & TAKU

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

Will Rogers, 1897-1935

OFFICERS: (1-Year Term)

President:	Bruce Powell
1st Vice President:	Leah Hayes
2nd Vice President:	Mindy Donovan-Tandy
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BOARD MEMBERS:

(2-Year Terms)

John Garrison (2008)	Susie Powell (2009)
Jim Howey (2008)	Dick Schaefer (2009)
Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett (2008)	Mal Helman (2009)

DELEGATE TO PARENT CLUB:

Dick Schaefer

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Awards Trophies:	Susan Richards Mindy Donovan-Tandy
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Futurity:	Penny Twaits
Historian:	Cindy Hurley
Membership:	Cathy Schaefer
Puppy Match:	Robert Hayes
Raffle & Silent Auction:	Susie & Bruce Powell
Show Banquet:	As Assigned
Show Facilities:	As Assigned
Specialty:	Bruce Powell
Ways & Means:	Robert & Leah Hayes
Watchdog:	Jerry Heap
Web-site:	Jerry Tandy jerrytandy@earthlink.net

2010 GDCC Meeting Calendar

December 19, 2010

General Open Meeting/Awards & Holiday Dinner
Location: Pomona Valley Mining Company
1777 Gillette Road
Pomona, CA
Time: 11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Directions to November General Closed Meeting & Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2010
Acapulco Mexican Restaurant
998 E. Alostia Avenue
Azusa, CA 91702
(626) 969-8818

This meeting is a CLOSED meeting. Members Only, Please!!**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!

From Orange County: Take "91" Frwy East to "57" North to "210" Frwy West to Citrus Avenue Offramp. Bear Left onto Baseline Road. Turn Right on Citrus Avenue. Turn Right on Alostia Avenue. Restaurant is on the Right.
From Los Angeles: Take "I-5" Frwy South to "210" Frwy East. Take Citrus Avenue and turn Left. Turn Right on Alostia Avenue. Restaurant is on the Right.
From Riverside: Take "210" West Frwy to Citrus Avenue Offramp. Bear Left onto Baseline Road. Turn Right on Citrus Avenue. Turn Right on Alostia Avenue. Restaurant is on the Right.

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

Note: There is a pre-selected menu to order from. It is included in this bulletin for your convenience.

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.



Great Dane Club of California

Menu

Nov. 17, 2010

"Soup & Salad"

\$8.49

A bowl of our house-made Chicken Tortilla Soup or Sopa de Albondigas and your choice of our popular Mexican Caesar or Garden Salad.

"Grilled Chicken Cesar Salad"

\$9.99

Crisp romaine, roasted pepitas and chipotle tortilla strips tossed with our homemade cilantro cesar dressing.

"Mahi Mahi Tacos"

\$9.99

Crispy battered mahi mahi with cabbage, zesty pico de gallo and smoked jalapeno tartar sauce in soft flour torillas. Served with rice and sautéed fresh vegetables.

"Mex & Match"

\$9.99

Mex and Match any of the following items to create your own combination. Each combination is served with rice and refried beans or you may substitute sautéed fresh vegetables.

Please choose two of the following items:

- Taco: Shredded beef, chicken, picadillo, or carnitas
- Enchilada: Cheese, shredded beef, chicken, or carnitas.
- Tamale: Wrapped filled with beef and salsa colorada, or chicken with Salsa Tomatillo.
- Chicken Taquitos: Crispy rolled corn tortillas with grilled chicken, pasilla chiles, mushrooms and jack cheese. Topped with fresh guacamole.
- Chile Relleno: Fresh Anaheim chile filled with melted jack cheese.

A la Carte

Taco	\$ 4.29	Enchilada	\$ 4.29
Tamale	\$ 4.29	Taquitos	\$ 4.29
Chile Relleno	\$ 4.29		

Drinks

\$2.69

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Orange slice, Mug Root Beer, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, Iced Tea.

998 E. Alostia Ave. * Azusa, CA 91702 (626) 969 8818

Nomination Committee Selection

The Committee met prior to the November 17th Board Meeting to select the 2010-11 slate/nominees for Officers and Board of Directors. The recommended slate is included in this bulletin. The requirements for selection for the Nominating Committee and Officers/Director are per Article VI.

GDCC Awards & Deadlines

There are two important deadlines to keep in mind for this year's Award Nominations. Please note them down, so you don't miss them! The sooner you apply for your award(s) the better!

November 8, 2010: You may only apply for awards that have been earned on or before this date.

November 12, 2010: Please notify Susan Richards by this date (6:00pm) for any and all awards that you are eligible for during this past year.

For your convenience, the GDCC Award Rules have been included in this bulletin and will be posted shortly on the club web-site at: http://gdcc.org/awards_rules.html.

Calling For Photos - Meet The Breed Booth

We are looking for images of Great Danes to be included in the 2010 Eukanuba Meet the Breed Booth. Needed are pictures of Great Danes participating or performing in agility, obedience, rally, weight pulling, carting, therapy, mobility, reading programs and/or anything else that is unique and shows how versatile our breed can be to the public. Natural ears and pet colors are welcome and desirable!! Please send high resolution images, individually, to Dana R. Litzinger at dr.litzinger@verizon.net

Updated Membership Roster Info

Carol Grossman:

New E-Mail Address

Angelique Bowman:

New Mailing Address

New E-Mail Address

Mark Smith:

New E-Mail Address

Jim Howey:

New E-Mail Addresses

Terri Dillistin:

New E-Mail Address

Cynthia Neet:

New E-Mail Address

Lora Thill:

New E-Mail Address

Membership Applications

The following applicant will be voted on at the November 17, 2010 Closed Meeting. If you are a sponsor, you need to attend this meeting. At least one of the sponsors will need to speak on behalf of these applicant.

To Be Voted On At **Karin R. McAleese**
November 2010
Meeting:

To Be Voted On At **Jimet & Brunson Achiu**
November 2010 Sponsors: Maren Cornish
Meeting: Susan Powell

Volunteers - Meet The Breed Booth

Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett is currently doing the staffing for the "Meet The Breed" for the Eukanuba Shows on Saturday & Sunday, December 4-5. We are looking for volunteers and/or their dogs to work the booth on both days. The booth will be located indoors on the 2nd floor of the convention center.

Hours are from 10:00am to 4:00pm on both days and the booth will need to be staffed at all times. Shifts are usually 2 hours a piece so as not to exhaust person and dog. Your dog should be "bomb-proof" as there are hundreds of people petting your dog and asking all sorts of questions about them and our great breed.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Suzzane directly at pchggreatdanes@aol.com.

Nominations for GDCC 2011 Match Judge

Please find a form to nominate our 2011 Match Judge. Members must be in good standing to nominate. Voting for the Match Judge will take place at the November Closed Meeting. Please contact Vicki Kimbell with your choices by November 16, 2010

Nominations for GDCC 2012 Specialty Judges

Please find a form to nominate our 2012 GDCC Specialty Judges for both the Regular Class & Sweepstakes Class. Members must be in good standing to nominate. Voting for these judges will take place at the November Closed Meeting. Please contact Vicki Kimbell with your choices by November 16, 2010

Announcements & Brags —

- ☀ **Litter Announcement !!** On October 28, 2010, Jack and Alice Bonne, owners of sire CH BONNEVILLE SPRING TSUNAMI and Jerry and Joy Lobato, owners of dam CH LOBATO'S HOT TARGET welcomed a beautiful fawn and brindle litter. Everyone is doing well and the babies are quite an active group. Contact the Bonnes at jrbonne@aol.com or the Lobatos at jjlobato@earthlink.net. Weekly update pictures available on the Lobato's web site www.lobatogreatdanes.com
- ☀ **New Champion!!** CH. PASK-SCHILLS PEACHES LATOUR V MCADANE ("Peaches") finished her Championship in Prescott under judge Mrs. Sharon A Krogh earning Best of Winners and Best Opposite. On Sunday under Mr Robert J. Caswell Jr. she went Best Opposite as a special. Linda Mattson handled her beautifully both days. ~~ Peaches' Proud Owner: Karin R. McAleese
- ☀ **New Champion!!** CH. CROWBAY'S WIND IN THE USA ("Windy") earned her championship at 13 months and was one of the youngest Champions to make the cut at the National this year! Experly handled by Mort Evans. Proudly owned by Neet Danes and Rose Hielscher.
- ☺ At the Redwood Empire Shows, our "Lena", PAXTON'S A CHANCE ENCOUNTER AT DE ROBLES, went WB/BOW both days! Judges were Adrian Woodfork and George Murray. Lena was presented beautifully by Dick Schaefer. We are very proud of our baby girl! ~~ Ken & Shari Ziegenbein
- ☺ Two of my grandbabies, CH. Piper and CH. Rylee have completed, ~and~ passed, all the tests required to receive their CHIC #'s CH. Padme has one more and she will have hers also! Piper, Rylee and Padme are bred, by Allison Paxton, Padme is owned and loved by Kasey Traeger. These lovely ladies are out of my Chance, BISS Ch. Colorado Caper, CGC x Schatzi, Ch. Shady Crks. Lady Smith N Wesson. Thanks for letting me share!!! ~~ Shari Ziegenbein
- ☺ LAMPE'S SWEET PICKLES DON'T YA LOVE HER MADLY ("Pickles") went Reserve Winners Bitch at the Santa Barbara Kennel Club & Conjeo KC, expertly handled by owner-handler, Danielle Lampe.
- ☞ At the Burbank KC, Pickles took Reserve again on 8/4/10, owner-handled by Danielle.
 - ☞ Pickles took Winners Bitch & Best of Winners at the Cabrillo KC Show under Judge Ted Nichols handled as always, by Danielle Lampe!
- ☺ ECHO-EVANS HIJACK MY HEART ("Baby-Jack") took a 5-point major on 7/16 at the Monterey Bay Great Dane Club under Judge William Stebbins. On 8/28 at the Santa Barbara Shows, Jack won another single point under Judge Mr. Lajeski. Breeders: Timmi Williams & Bev Evans — Owners: Steve & Yapha Mason, Mort & Bev Evans
- ☺ At the Burbank KC Show, GILHAM PATTERSON LIMITED EDITION ("Raiffe") captured his first Reserve Winners Dog on Sunday, 10/2. Proud Owners are Helen Patterson & Georgia Gilham. Raiffe is expertly handled by Danielle Lampe.
- ☞ Raiffe went Winners Dog at the Cabrillo KC Show earning his first point handled by Danielle Lampe.
- ☺ MDT NAPLES STRICTLY TOP DRAWER CGC ("Topper") captured Winners Dog & Best of Winners for 2 points under Judge Albert Bianchi at the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club. Topper then earned another point at the Cabrillo KC Show under Judge Ted Nichols. Both wins came out of the Bred-By Class, handled by Mindy Donovan-Tandy.
- ☺ MDT NAPLES BARE ESSENTIALS CGC ("Barrie") took Reserve Winners Bitch at the Burbank KC Show under Judge Mrs. Houston ("Toddie") Clark out of the Bred-By class handled by Mindy Donovan-Tandy.



September 29, 2010

Hi Mindy.

The Nominating committee met on Saturday 9-25-10

The nominating committee elected was:

Susie Powell

Vickie Kimbell

Carole Horton

Jim Howey

Warren Hennagin

Laura Jarek

Lisa Garrison

Alternates: Dick Schaefer and Cathy Schaefer

All were present except Lisa Garrison. The chairman was Susie Powell

The Nominees are as follow:

President: Jim Howey

First Vice President: Leah Hayes

Second Vice President: Mindy Donovan-Tandy

Recording Secretary: Cathy Schaefer

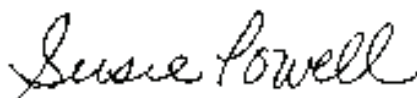
Treasurer: Carole Horton

Corresponding Secretary: Vicki Kimbell

New Board members: Bruce Powell, Warren Hennagin and Laura Jarek

Remaining Board members: Dick Schaefer, Mal Helman and Susie Powell

Thank You,
Susie Powell



2011 Dream Team

Look for the debut of the Naples San Roque Dream Team at the 2011 GDCC June Specialties — Handled By Maren Cornish.

Proud Team Members Are:

CH. Naples San Roque Little Miss Dangerous BGL (“Luna”)

Naples San Roque Champagne Supernova (“Soleil”)

CH. Dana Tallbrook Emerald (“Rena”)

Naples San Roque Rockstar (“Miley”)



It's Time To
Get
Gussied
Up For the
Holidays !

From
Robert & Laura Jarek
and
Tank!

IT'LL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

The annual Holiday/Awards party, of course
Please join us for a fun afternoon of celebrating.....
wins, good works, and each other's company.

Sunday Brunch, December 19th - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$26.00 per person

Pomona Valley Mining Company

1777 Gillette Road

Pomona, CA

**We will be treated to an encore performance by the lovely
Joy DeGruccio as mistress of ceremonies!**

RSVP by December 7th (Why not do it right now?)

Susie Powell at 661-424-9529

Susie@micalamps.com

Or

Cathy Schaefer at 818-399-0408

dickschaefer@gmail.com

The generosity of all the members of the GDCC is well
established, and we'd love to exhibit it again this year for
those less fortunate than we are.

Please bring a non-perishable food item and a new,
unwrapped toy for either a girl or boy.

Let's exchange wrapped "doggie" gifts again this year.

Send your checks for \$26.00/person directly to:

Carole Horton, Treasurer

27890 Kalmia Ave. Moreno Valley, CA 92555

But please don't forget to RSVP to Susie or Cathy

LET' CELEBRATE THE SEASON TOGETHER!

EDEN



IABCA / UKC Int'l Nat'l Puppy Champion
All About The Neet One

3rd Place in her large Futurity Division at the National!
This big girl is finally growing up...

Owners: Neet Danes

Handler: Mari Lynn Davisson

Windy

New Champion!



Ch. Crowbay's Wind In The USA

Champion at 13 months...
and one of the youngest Champions
to make the cut at the National!

Owners: Neet Danes
Rose Hielscher

Handler: Mort Evans

Benni



IABCA/UKC Int'l/Nat'l Puppy Champion

HIGHESTEEM SHE'S A HEARTBREAKER

Almost finished with her AKC championship...
looking for her last few points on the east coast where she moved with her family.
Neet Danes, friends & family will miss her deeply.

BIG Thank You to Mort Evans for all of the Skillful Handling that has taken this
lovely young girl so far!

**Uh...Oh...More Neet Puppies Being Naughty...
Coming soon to a ring near you.....
We apologize in advance :D)**



Ch. Windy Hill's Ruff n Ready v BRF and Fin Ch. All About the Daisy Chain



Blame it on Grandpa Archi and Grandma Rökkari!



Upcoming Shows

- **Saturday, November 20, San Luis Obispo Kennel Club,** CA Mid-State Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside, Paso Robles, CA
Judge: Dennis Morgan
- **Sunday, November 21, San Luis Obispo Kennel Club,** CA Mid-State Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside, Paso Robles, CA
Judge: Jane Roppolo
- **Monday, November 22, Santa Maria Kennel Club,** CA Mid-State Fairgrounds, 2198 Riverside, Paso Robles, CA
Judge: Arlene Davis
- **Wednesday, December 1, Beverly Hills Kennel Club,** Long Beach Convention Center, 300 Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA
Judge: Tomio Fujihata
- **Thursday, December 2, Los Encino Kennel Club,** Long Beach Convention Center, 300 Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA
Judge: Beverly Vics
- **Friday, December 3, Long Beach Kennel Club,** Long Beach Convention Center, 300 Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA
Judge: Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark
- **Friday, December 3, Yuma Kennel Club,** Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ
Judge: Carl Anderson
- **Saturday, December 4, AKC - Eukanuba,** Long Beach Convention Center, 300 Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA
Judge: Glynn Payne
- **Saturday, December 4, Yuma Kennel Club,** Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ
Judge: Debra Thornton
- **Sunday, December 5, Imperial Valley Kennel Club,** Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ
Judge: Joe Purkhiser
- **Sunday, December 6, Imperial Valley Kennel Club,** Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ
Judge: Faye Strauss
- **Friday, December 10, Shoreline Dog Fanciers,** Orange Co Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA
Judge: Kimberly Meredith Cavanna
- **Saturday, December 11, Shoreline Dog Fanciers,** Orange Co Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA
Judge: Mrs. Lee Canalizo
- **Saturday, January 8, Kennel Club of Palm Springs,** Empire Equestrian Park and Polo, Indio, CA
Judge: Victoria Jordan
- **Sunday, January 9, Kennel Club of Palm Springs,** Empire Equestrian Park and Polo, Indio, CA
Judge: Grace Acosta
- **Thursday, January 20, Channel City Kennel Club,** Seaside Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA
Judge: Marcia Feld
- **Friday, January 21, Simi Valley Kennel Club,** Seaside Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA
Judge: Sharon Krogh
- **Saturday, January 22, San Fernando Valley Kennel Club,** Seaside Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA
Judge: Carolyn Alexander
- **Sunday, January 23, Channel City Kennel Club,** Seaside Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA
Judge: Cheryl Koenitz



Other Announcements!

*Next Bulletin Deadline:
November 24, 2010*

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.

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THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA ELIGIBILITY LIST – 2010
AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

By Laws Article VI: Nominations and Elections

All Nominees for office must have attended at least four (4) meetings, one (1) of which must be a closed meeting as a member during the current fiscal year, and have been a member in good standing for at least one year.

The following members meet the above criteria as of 9-25-2010

Mindy Donovan-Tandy	Laura Jarek
Bobby Ernst	Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett
Beverly Evans	Vicki Kimbell
Mort Evans	Dana Litzinger
Lisa Garrison	Bruce Powell
Robert Hayes	Susan Powell
Warren Hennigan	Dick Schaefer
Carole Horton	Linda Tonnancour
Jim Howey	Robert Tonnancour
Beth Witcher	

The following members have attended three or more meetings. At least one more meeting is needed, which must be a closed meeting:

Natalie Andrews Ballreich	Hilary McLeod
John Garrison	Cynthia Neet
Leah Hayes	John Neet
Janet Lampe	Cathy Schaefer
Doety Marks	Jerry Tandy

The following members have attended three meetings, including a closed meeting. One more meeting is needed:

Norri Hennigan

If any Club member has any questions or corrections to this list, please e-mail me at: dickschaefer@gmail.com. I will be happy to review the sign-in sheets that I have on file for this year.

Cathy Schaefer
Recording Secretary



GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

2012 Back to Back Specialty Judges Nomination Form

You must be a member in good standing to nominate Judges. There is no limit on the number of judges you can nominate. Voting will take place at the November 17, 2010 closed meeting.

- **Return nominations by November 16, 2010 to: Vicki Kimbell, 732 S. Gilbuck Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802 - or via email: jvdanes@sbcglobal.net**

CONFORMATION JUDGES

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO:



GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

2011 Puppy Match(es) Judges Nomination Form

You must be a member in good standing to nominate Judges. There is no limit on the number of judges you can nominate. Voting will take place at the November 17, 2010 closed meeting.

- **Return nominations by November 16, 2010 to: Vicki Kimbell, 732 S. Gilbuck Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802 - or via email: jvdanes@sbcglobal.net**

MATCH JUDGES

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO: _____

- NAME: _____

BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no) _____ ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no) _____

IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO: _____

- NAME: _____

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IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFO, PLEASE DO SO: _____

WHAT IS MEGAESOPHAGUS?

<http://www.doggedhealth.com/diseases-a-symptoms/diseases-a-conditions/megaesophagus.html>

Megaesophagus literally means an enlarged esophagus. The esophagus is the muscular tube forming the passageway from your dog's throat to his stomach. When food enters the esophagus, the muscle contracts and expands to push food into the stomach. With megaesophagus, the esophagus loses its ability to contract and expand effectively. Megaesophagus is classified as either congenital megaesophagus – a hereditary condition – or adult-onset megaesophagus.

Megasophagus is a serious condition that requires ongoing commitment and management from you and your veterinarian. Dogs with megaesophagus frequently also develop [aspiration pneumonia](#).

What will megaesophagus look like in my dog?

Your dog will regurgitate or aspirate small or large amounts of food, and, if the condition is not addressed, your dog will appear malnourished. The regurgitation observed with this disease is most often confused with vomiting. Vomiting is an active process – when a dog vomits he is actively using abdominal muscle to push food out. In regurgitation as seen with megaesophagus, the food just falls out of your dog's mouth without him having to force it out as with vomiting. In some puppies with congenital megaesophagus, if you lift the puppy by his back legs you can see the enlarged esophagus protruding from the side of the puppy's neck.

How does my dog get megaesophagus?

Congenital megaesophagus, the hereditary type of megaesophagus, occurs in puppies. Congenital megaesophagus generally will be first noticed when your puppy begins to eat solid food. It is most common in [German Shepherds](#), [Irish Setters](#), and [Great Danes](#). Congenital megaesophagus is caused either by a developmental abnormality in the nerves of the esophagus or by a condition known as [vascular ring anomaly](#). With vascular ring anomaly, a ribbon of tissue composed of fetal blood vessels which normally disappear before birth surround the esophagus and prevent it from constricting and expanding successfully.

Adult onset megaesophagus is caused by nerve damage to the esophagus triggered by another disease or conditions. Common diseases and conditions that can cause megaesophagus include [myasthenia gravis](#), [hypothyroidism](#) and [hypoadrenocorticism](#).

How is megaesophagus diagnosed?

Blood tests to rule in or out treatable causes of megaesophagus should be performed. Your veterinarian will have to take either an x-ray of your dog's chest or a fluoroscopy (an x-ray that captures movement) of your dog eating his food mixed with some barium liquid. The barium liquid will allow the veterinarian to track the food as it travels through your dog's esophagus to evaluate his condition. The veterinarian will also take blood to see if there is an underlying condition that might either be causing megaesophagus or masking itself as megaesophagus.

WHAT IS MEGAESOPHAGUS? (con'td)

<http://www.doggedhealth.com/diseases-a-symptoms/diseases-a-conditions/megaesophagus.html>

Finally, your veterinarian will want to perform an endoscopy of the esophagus. Through the endoscopy, the veterinarian will be able to see if the esophagus is constricted, and if there are any ulcers, scarring, tumors or lesions on the esophageal walls. The veterinarian will also perform lung radiographs to assess if aspiration pneumonia has occurred.

How is megaesophagus treated?

Medical therapy consists of feeding your dog soft food in small meatball-like or gruel portions while your dog is standing in an elevated position (head higher than body) so gravity assists in keeping the food in the stomach. Your dog should stay in this position for 15 to 20 minutes after feeding. Medications such as motility drugs are also used to help move food along.

How is megaesophagus prevented?

Treating diseases as soon as possible before the secondary megaesophagus develops is the only known prevention.

Can I get megaesophagus from my dog?

No, you cannot contract megaesophagus from your dog.

Raiffe & Danielle



Gilham Patterson Limited Edition

What a great weekend at the Cabrillo Kennel Club Shows !
Danielle & Raiffe took Winners Dog to earn Raiffe's first point under
Judge Angela Porpora!

Owners:
Georgia Gilham
Helen Patterson

Handler:
Danielle Lampe

Danielle & Pickles



Lampe's Sweet Pickles Don't Ya Love Her Madly

What a great weekend at the Cabrillo Kennel Club Shows !
Danielle & Pickles went Best of Winners and captured their first point under
Judge Ted Nichols!

Owner/Handler:
Danielle Lampe

Owners/Breeders:
Janet & Danielle Lampe



GDCC
Mindy Donovan-Tandy
5676 Francis Avenue
Chino, CA 91710



Happy
Thanksgiving!