GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA



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Cynthia Gay Hurley

September 30, 1950 - July 10, 2011



Ink Spots Great Danes

Lisa has proudly owner-handled (O/H) all our girls to their AKC Championships! Shown very sparingly in the breed ring, Belle is the 2nd Grand Champion Mantle, ALL points O/H with several specialty majors! Sincere Thanks to all the Judges who have awarded all our Danes outstanding merits!

We are very proud of our extended family, and blessed that all puppies are in such wonderful loving homes! Each puppy has passed at least basic obedience classes and many have moved to advanced obedience, rally and agility! Congratulations to all of you!! Special congrats to Skye, Bruno, Button, Molly, Pony and Slick and their families....ALL attaining CGC titles at a mere 7 & 8 months old!



Our newest family member and young puppy hopeful: Ink Spot's In The Midnight Hour "Rebel" Watch for Rebel rockin' the ring O/H on the West Coast!!!

A sincere "Thank You" to Jan Miner, Suzzane Kellerher-Duckett, Dana Litzinger, MJ Cohen and Laurie Lutton for your tremendous contributions to our Dane family!

We would also like to send a very **special** thanks to **all** our wonderful friends and mentors in the Dane world!





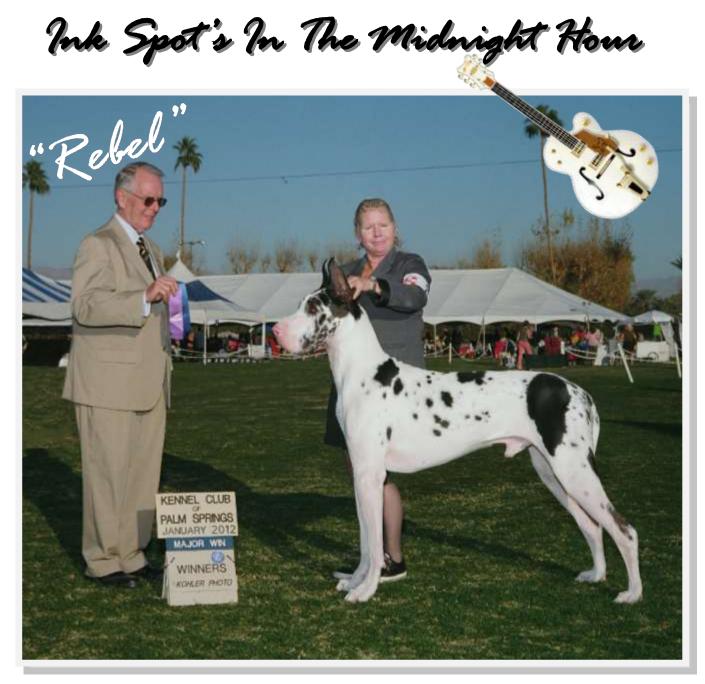


CH. RainMaster's She's My Kind Of Rain CGC ("Cali") CH. Ink Spots Bring Me Diamonds CGC ("Gem") GCH. Ink Spots Fashionably Late AOM CGC ("Belle")

A Salute To Our Beautiful Girls



Thanks For Letting Us Share Some Pics Of Our Beautiful Babies!



CH. Thor-Kourt's Taku Trafpokur AOM CGC x CH. Ink Spot's Fashionably Late AOM CGC



Rebel wins the Bred By Class and is pulled first to be considered for WD at The Great Dane Club Of Tucson Specialty preceding The National! Rebel continued to Shine and placed 3rd in his Futurity class, and 2nd in the Bred By Class!

Lisa and Rebel Rock The Ring with Back-to-Back Majors out of Bred-By Class at the Palm Springs Kennel Club Shows! A Sincere Thank You To Judges Mr. William Sahloff (pictured) & Mrs. Dorothy Collier

With Very Limited Showing, Rebel is rockin' the ring on the West Coast!

Loved, Bred, Owned and Proudly Handled by Lisa Garrison Inkspotsgreatdanes.com









Watch for our beautiful girls this spring! Pictures to come!

Ink Spot's Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic ("Abracadabra")
Loved, Adored & Bred By Lisa & John Garrison

Ink Spot's Love Potion No. 9 ("Charm") Loved & Adored By Kristi & Scott Sumpter Co-Owned By Lisa Garrison

Ink Spot's Under The Spell Of Magik ("Isaboo")
Loved & Adored By Mary & Bob Brownell
Co-Owned By Lisa Garrison



Wishing Everyone A Very Happy And Bl essed New Year From Our Home To Yours!

Ink Spot's Great Danes

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Awards Trophies: Jim Howey Susan Richards President: Mindy Donovan-Tandy 1st Vice President: Linda Tonnancour Breeder Referral Shari Ziegenbein (805) 238-6034 2nd Vice President: Mindy Donovan-Tandy (Club Members Only) E-mail: mszig@tcsn.net Treasurer: Carole Horton **Bulletin / Web-store:** Mindy Donovan-Tandy Recording Secretary: Cathy Schaefer Club Trophies: Lisa Garrison Janet Lampe Corresponding Secretary: Vicki Kimbell 732 S. Gilbuck Drive Dane Rescue Referral: Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett Anaheim, CA 92802 (714) 774-477 Education/Betterment of the Jackie White Breed: E-mail: jvdanes@sbcglobal.net **Event Publicity:** Mindy Donovan-Tandy Vicki Kimbell BOARD MEMBERS: (2-Year Terms) Futurity: **Penny Twaits** Susie Powell (Expiration 2013) Bruce Powell (Expiration 2012) Historian: Available Dick Schaefer (Expiration 2013) Warren Hennigan (Expiration 2012) Membership: Cathy Schaefer Bob Tonnancour (Expiration 2013) Mal Helman (Expiration 2012) Puppy Match: Linda Tonnancour DELEGATE TO Dick Schaefer Raffle & Silent Auction: Susie & Bruce Powell PARENT CLUB Show Banquet: As Assigned **2012 GDCC Meeting Calendar** Show Facilities: As Assigned Specialty: Bruce Powell **General Closed Meeting** February 1, 2012 (Wednesday) Location: Hamlet Restaurant Ways & Means: Susie Powell Time: 7:00pm Watchdog: Pat Schempp

February 19, 2012 (Sunday)

General Open Meeting/Awards Banquet Location: Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana, CA

Time: 11:30am

March 14, 2012

Board Meeting Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA

Time: 7:00pm

(Wednesday)

April 14, 2012 (Saturday)

GDCC Puppy Match & General Open Meeting Location: Arcadia Park, Arcadia, CA

May 26, 2012 (Saturday)

General Open Meeting & Board Meeting

Mission Circuit (After Dane Judging)

Location: Pomona, CA

June 20, 2012

Board Meeting (Wednesday)

Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA

Time: 7:00pm

July 7, 2012 (Saturday)

General Open Meeting & Picnic Santa Maria KC (After Dane Judging)

Location: Ventura, CA

August 22, 2012

Board Meeting

(Wednesday)

Location: Marie Callender's, Azusa, CA

Time: 7:00pm

September 22, 2012

(Saturday)

General Open Meeting

Santa Ana Valley KC (After Dane Judging)

Location: Cerritos, CA

November 7, 2012 (Wednesday)

General Closed Meeting & Board Meeting Location: TBA

Time: 7:00pm

December 29 or 30, 2012

General Open Meeting/Awards & Christmas Dinner

Location: TBA

Directions to February General Closed Meeting Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 7:00pm The Hamlet Restaurant 214 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 449-8520

Jerry Tandy

jerrytandy@earthlink.net

Special Note: This restaurant does not provide separate checks. The club is billed on 1 check. Please bring cash to pay your tab and help to expedite the final bill.

This meeting is **closed** to guests.

Web-site:

From Orange County: Take "55" Frwy North to "I-5" North. Continue to "110" Frwy North. Turn Right on Del Mar Blvd. Turn Left on S. Lake Avenue. Restaurant is on the Right.

From Los Angeles: Take "101" South to "134 "East to "210" East Frwy. Exit Lake Avenue onto Corson Street. Turn Right on Lake Avenue. Make u-turn at Del Mar Blvd on Lake Avenue. Restaurant is on the Right.

From Riverside: Take "210" Frwy West. Exit Lake Avenue offramp onto Maple Street. Turn Left on Lake Avenue. Make u-turn at Del Mar Blvd on Lake Avenue. Restaurant is on the Right.

Note: Please remember to verify these directions yourself

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.

TAKU'S son "Kenai"



INTL PUPPY CH INK SPOT'S DARK SIDE OF NIGHT V THOR-KOURT S.T.A.R.

CH Thor-Kourt's TAKU Trafpokur AOM CGC X GCH Ink Spots Fashionably Late AOM CGC

Owned by: Dana R. Litzinger & MJ Cohen

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THE PREZ SEZ.....

Happy New Year to all!

On behalf of the Great Dane Club of California, I want to wish all of you a happy and SHOWFUL year! 2012 will be a great year for all of us to get out there and show everyone what wonderful presentations of the breed we know and love. That was more than apparent last year at the GDCA National Specialty where the best of the best came out to perform. The venue and weather was fantastic and I hope all that went had a great time!

The GDCC has some exciting events coming up, our annual awards banquet on February 19 that Warren and Norri are planning for us. We also have a puppy match scheduled for April 14 that Linda Tonnancour is putting together for us. Be sure to mark your calendar for these up coming events! And let's not forget the annual Pet Expo on April 20-22. Let Pat Schempp know if you can volunteer in manning the booth!

Once again, moving into the New Year, let's all be thankful for the health and welfare of our family's and extended families and wish everyone a prosperous year!

Jim Howey

Cover Story

In Memory Of Bindy Gurley

In July of 2011, we lost GDCC member, Cindy Hurley. Cindy, and her husband Jerry Heap, made up the team of Paraclete Great Danes in Bakersfield. Cindy was our club historian as well as an integral part of GDCC's rescue referral. Many of us enjoyed their annual Bakersfield potluck hosting at the Kern County KC Shows. Cindy will be very missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jerry and their family.



On January 9, 2012, we received word of the passing of Ron Biscaro (TLC Danes), a longtime GDCC member for 16 years. We extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Some of you may want to send a card or more.

If you would like to send a card, please send to: David Osorio 30546 Sutter Road Lucerne Valley, CA 92356

If anyone would like to make donation to the Great Dane Charitable Trust in Ron's name, you can find the appropriate information here - http://www.gdca.org/charitable.htm

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Membership Applications

The following applicant will be voted on at the February 2012 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.

Final Publication: Maggie Foerschler

Sponsors: Maren Cornish

Mindy Donovan-Tandy

Please Welcome - New Members

The following applicants were voted in at the November 2011 Closed Meeting. Please welcome them into our club when you get a chance. Update your existing membership rosters according. A new membership roster for 2012 will be published shortly.

Eleanor Bartman George & Rose Hielscher Melanie Yellish

Nominations for 2014 GDCC Specialties - Regular & Sweepstakes Judges

In this issue, you'll find a nomination form for our 2014 GDCC Specialty Judges for both the Sweepstakes Classes and Regular Classes. Members must be in good standing to nominate. Voting for these judges will take place at the February Closed Meeting. Please contact Vicki Kimbell with your choices. Nominations must be in to Vicki by January 31, 2012.

Bulletin Advertising Ads

Showcase your dog in the bulletin and support the club!

Payment for ads are as follows:

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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!

Nominations for 2012 GDCC Puppy Match Judge

A nomination form is included in this bulletin for our 2012 GDCC Puppy Judge in April. Members must be in good standing to nominate. Voting for these judges will take place at the February Closed Meeting. Please contact Vicki Kimbell with your choices. Nominations must be in to Vicki by January 31, 2012.

Pet Expo Volunteers Needed!! April 20-22, 2012

GDCC is again sponsoring the Great Dane Breed Booth at the Pet Expo this year. It will be held at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. This is a very important activity as it's our chance to educate the public about our breed!

What do you need from you??? YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP!!!

First of all, we need doggie volunteers!! All ages, colors, sex, ears cropped or natural are welcome! HOWEVER, this is an intense and tiring day for the dogs as they are constantly being petted, in close quarters with other dogs and people, and alot of noise. If you would like to volunteer yourself and dog, we'd love to have you, but please be sure your dog can function under control in close quarters with other dogs and people. They have to be "bombproof". IMPORTANT NOTE: Please no bitches in season!!

Second of all, we need people volunteers too! Even if you don't have a dog available to man the booth, we can use you! There's hundreds of people asking questions about our great breed. (How many times can you answer -- How long do they live? How much do they weigh? How much do they eat?, etc.) It's fun to talk to all the people who visit this big event.

If you can volunteer any or all of the days of the Pet Expo for at least a couple of hours, the club greatly appreciates it.

Pat Schempp is coordinating the set-up and volunteers and everything else for the booth. Please contact Pat for questions and details. Her contact info is PSchempp47@aol.com and phone number is (562) 429-4190.

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Announcements & Brags -

- * Many of these are old brags that happened awhile ago. Now that the main bulletin is back on track, I still wanted to publish them, so you can ("relive the past"). Everybody can always celebrate good news and remember the ones we've lost.
- ♣ In Loving Memory Our beautiful "Lily", CH RB's FIRST EDITION V TALLBROOK, left us on June 24, 2011 — She was loved by her family, Bob and Mary



Brownell and Josey too!! We all miss her so very much.

"Lily" July 21, 2001 ~ June 24, 2011

- HAUERDANES DON'T BURY THE TREASURE V CAPS ("Jewel") received 2pts @ Orange Empire Shows 2011 under Ms.Chie Ejima, Angels Canyon, she went WB/BOW. Jewel continued her winning streak for 2pts under Mr. Dana P. Cline @ .Mt. Palomar KC & 2pts under Mr. Kennth Buxton @ Rio Hondo. Continuing on she took 1 point under Christiane Salyers Anderson and a 4 point Major at the Great Dane Club Of California and BOW under Ms. Nikki Riggee. Another point was snagged at Bahia Sur KC under Mr. Alberto Berrios. Jewel is loved and owned by Annette Brill.
 - NEW CHAMPI ON! Needless to say!
 Jewel is now CH. HAUERDANES DON'T
 BURY THE TREASURE V CAPS!
- © CH BENT-ON BOWTIES AND HANDKERCHIEFS ("Hank"), just returned to the ring to be selected for his first major points toward his Grand Championship at the Southern Oregon Kennel Club show on May 12, 2011. Many thanks to Judge Vern Harvey! Hank's owner/breeder is Debbie Bent, who is extremely proud of him! Hank is expertly handled by Louise Van Alstyne.
 - "Hank" is proud to announce the arrival of his first litter of 12 beautiful healthy puppies resulting from frozen semen on May 28, 2011! Mom, Danewoods Diamond In The Ruff, and puppies are all doing well. The

litter has been futurity nominated. Inquiries can be sent to owner/breeder, Carie Woods, at danewoods2003@yahoo.com.

- Hank's niece, BENT-ON STEPPING OUT IN STYLE ("Flair"), has begun her show career at 6 months old. Watch for Flair in the ring, expertly handled by Louise Van Alstyne. Flair is owned and loved by her breeder, Debbie Bent.
- We are very happy and proud to announce our newest champion! CH. PAXTON'S A CHANCE ENCOUNTER AT DE ROBLES CGC ("Lena"), went winners bitch with a 4 point major, BOW ~and~ BOS at the Monterey Great Dane Club on Friday at their a.m. show under



judge Treasure Hauer-Wylie, handled by Allison Paxton. She was then awarded Select Bitch at the p.m. show under Karen Martin handled by me!!!

- This is the fourth champion out of my boy Chance, Ch. De Robles Colorado Caper CGC and Schatzi, Ch. Shady Crks Lady Smith N Wesson, owned by Allison Paxton. Lena is owned, loved and spoiled by Shari and Ken Ziegenbein.
- DUN ROMAN'S GETAWAY DRIVER ("Auto") went back to back RWD (majors) at the GDCC Specialties from Bred by class. What a nice compliment to our young boy. Auto got away with the points the following weekend going Winners Dog/BOW/Best Bred By & Bred by Group 2 at Bahia Sur under judge Mr. Alberto Berrios. Auto is owner/breeder handled by Betty Jo Costantinidis. Auto is out of BISS CH Meadowoods I'm Stormin Norman x BISS GCH Dun Roman's Element of Earth LMLD.
- The Lampe Family is proud to let everyone know that DANIELLE LAMPE graduated high school this summer with a 3.5 average all 4 years AND earned her California State Nursing Assistance License!



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Announcements & Brags -

- © VON EVANS MNM I AM, I CAN, AND I WILL OF LORE ("Gidget") goes winners bitch on Sunday, June 5th at the Pasadena shows, her first week end out! Proud Owners: Marty Mtichell, Mort & Bev Evans, & Pat Schempp. Breeders: Bev. Evans, Marty & Magdaline Mitchell Handlers: Mort & Bev. Evans Thank you Judge: Larry Chu
 - Gidget continued to compete beautifully, and finished in Utah at the Intermountain West Working Group under Judge Janet Lobb with a 4-point Major (WB/BOS—CH. VON EVANS MNM I AM, I CAN, AND I WILL OF LORE!
- © LAMPE'S SWEET PICKLES DON'T YA LOVE HER MADLY ("Pickles") qualified 4 out of the 5 runs at an agility trial on December 4th in Winchester with the TVAC in CPE. This was our 2nd trial in CPE 3rd trial over all. Pickles was a star! She loves agility!!



Temecula Christmas Parade





A fun time was had at the Temecula Christmas Parade. We all had a blast and Jim wowed the crowd with Shane on his shoulders. They even made our local paper! Pickles made the crowd laugh as she chased the laser. Millie at 9 years old held her head high!! Reagan, Eleanor and Jack our Chinese Crested dazzled the crowd!! Check out the newspaper at http://www.nctimes.com/gallery/thousands-pack-old-town-temecula-for-holiday-parade/collection/ 3f01891a-2b7c-50e8-9970-8036b0fb29d7.html#1



Upcoming Shows

Friday, January 27, Tri-Valley Working Dog Club, Orange Show Center, 689 S. "E" St. San Bernardino, CA

Judge: Judith Daniels

Saturday, January 28, Orange Empire Kennel Club, Orange Show Center, 689 S. "E" St. San Bernardino, CA Judge: Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina Sunday, January 29, Orange Empire Kennel Club,

Orange Show Center, 689 S. "E" St. San Bernardino, CA Judge: Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina

Monday, January 30, Tri-Valley Working Dog Club, Orange Show Center, 689 S. "E" St. San Bernardino, CA Judge: James Reynolds

Friday, February 3, Sahuaro Kennel Club, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ Judge: Patricia Sosa

Saturday, February 4, Sunmaid Kennel Club, Fresno

County Fairgrounds, 1121 S. Chance Ave, Fresno, CA Judge: Ruth Zimmerman

Sunday, February 5, Sunmaid Kennel Club, Fresno County Fairgrounds, 1121 S. Chance Ave, Fresno, CA

Judge: Jill Ferrera

Sunday, February 5, Lost Dutchman Kennel Club, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ Judge: Robert Eisele

Saturday, February 11, Great Dane Club of Arizona, Clarion Hotel Phoenix, 5121 E. La Puente Ave, Phoenix, AZ Judge: Lynn Smith

Sunday, February 12, Great Dane Club of Arizona, Clarion Hotel Phoenix, 5121 E. La Puente Ave, Phoenix, AZ Judge: Robert Shreve Saturday, February 25, Silver Bay Kennel Club, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA

Judge: Burt Yamada

Sunday, February 26, Silver Bay Kennel Club, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA

Judge: Faye Strauss

Friday, March 2, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers, Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

Judge: Jason Hoke

Saturday, March 3, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers, Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

Judge: Sam Houston McDonald

Sunday, March 4, Superstition Kennel Club, Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

Judge: Catherine Diagiacomo

Monday, March 5, Superstition Kennel Club, Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ Judge: (Mrs.) Chris Walkowicz

Saturday, March 17, Del Mar Kennel Club, Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Rd, Valley Center, CA

Judge: James Noe

Sunday, March 18, Del Mar Kennel Club, Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Rd, Valley Center, CA

Judge: Jim Briley

Saturday, April 14, GDCC Puppy Match, Arcadia Park, Arcadia, CA

Judge: TBA

Other Announcements!



Next Bulletin Deadline: Next Bulletin 2012 March 19, 2012



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.

You Can't Help But Love Them Madly...... Danielle & Lickles



Shown above winning Reserve Winners Bitch at the 2011 Great Dane of California Specialty

Danielle and Pickles are successfully multi-tasking in not only Conformation, but Agility as well!

They're looking forward to taking 2012 by storm!

Owner / Handled: Danielle Lampe Owners: Danielle & Janet Lampe



GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

2012 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 upcoming February 1, 2012 closed meeting.

 Return nominations by January 31, 2012 to: Vicki Kimbell, 732 S. Gilbuck Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802 - or via email: jvdanes@sbcglobal.net

MATCH JUDGES		
BREEDER JUDGE? (yes or no)	ALL-ROUNDER? (yes or no)	-
IF YOU WISH TO GIVE BACKGROUN!	O INFO, PLEASE DO SO:	
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GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

2014 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 February 1, 2012 closed meeting.

 Return nominations by January 31, 2012 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: 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 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:



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Booking Sat. Now!!



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- AKC Owner-Handler Series Kicks Off This Month --

New York, NY - This month, we're pleased to launch a new event that will take place at select dog shows around the country - the AKC Owner-Handler Series.

Owner-handlers are the core of the conformation dog sport, making up the majority of show entries. We're pleased to put the spotlight on all of our owner-handlers and acknowledge the time and dedication they put into their dogs.

The AKC Owner-Handler Series will take place after Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. This competition will be open to all non-professional owner-handlers, whether experienced or novice. All dogs' eligibility must be indicated by checking the Owner-Handler box on the entry form at the time of entry and will be marked as Owner-Handler eligible with an asterisk (*) in the steward's book and catalog.

Owner-Handler Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handler eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handler Best of Breed/Variety. If BOB is ineligible and Best of Opposite Sex is eligible, BOS will compete against the eligible Best of Breed dogs of the other sex. If the BOB and BOS winners are both ineligible, the judge will choose Owner-Handler Best of Breed from the eligible Selects and eligible WD or WB. If one of the Selects is eligible, the judge will excuse dogs of the same sex as the Select and judge the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible WD or WB. If the BOB, BOS and Selects are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring.

Based on points from Breed, Group and Best in Show wins accrued throughout the year, we'll rank the dogs and invite our top owner-handled exhibits to a special year-end event to compete for a Best Owner-Handler Award.

AKC Owner-Handler Series Point Scale:

(Note: Owner-Handler Series points do not contribute to championship points)

Best in Show 100

Group 1 30

Group 2 20

Group 3 15

Group 4 10

Best of Breed 5

I hope that many of you will take part and we look forward to your feedback about the new Series. We plan to add shows featuring this new event throughout the year, so stay tuned for updates on www.akc.org.

The first events in the AKC Owner-Handler Series will take place at:

Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon - January 21st Oakland County Kennel Club - January 21st Sahuaro State Kennel Club - February 4th Colorado Kennel Club - February 19th International Kennel Club of Chicago - February 26th Ft. Worth Kennel Club - March 24th Atlanta Kennel Club - April 14th Greenwich Kennel Club - June 9th

If you have any questions or feedback to share about the AKC Owner-Handler Series, we encourage you to contact Bri Tesarz at glt@akc.org or 919-816-3514.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the ABC Television Network broadcast of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on February 4th. Check your local listings for airtimes. The national exposure this broadcast brings helps us share all the good things AKC does for dogs with the pet-loving public.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker Chairman



Lily is a Great Dane that has been blind since a bizarre medical condition required that she have both eyes removed.

For the last 5 years,
Maddison, another Great
Dane, has been her sight.
The two are, of course,
inseparable.



"People will forget what you said; People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

Why Do Dogs Leave Earth First?

a child answers

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found that he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything more for Belker, and offered to perform the cuthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. The young boy, Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a long while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try to live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life – like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The Six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

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It's Amazing How Some Things Happen! Contributed by Karen Dwerlkotte-Ray





JAMESDANE DANERIDGE HI-STAKES GUNSLINGER





Hi-Stakes Lucky Spo(r)t x Daneridge JD's Cassandra Cash

Handled By: Jeff Laurence

SHANE

Owners/Breeders: Jim Howey & Maryann Wilson







RANCHO DEL SOL TALLBROOK ONE SINGULAR SENSATION

Caleb is pictured winning Best of Winners & Winners Dogs, beautifully presented by Dick Schaefer.

Burbank Kennel Club Judge: Mr. Carl Liepmann

Owners/Breeders: Mal & Virginia Helman Jackie White-Vorst

Whatcha Gonna Do When You're Almost Eighty-Two?



Rancho Del Sol Tallbrook One Singular Sensation "Caleb"

Best of Opposite Sex Best of Winners Winners Dog Kennel Club of Riverside

Winners Dog Best-Bred-By Group 4 - Bred By Antelope Valley Kennel Club



When Dick was away, Mal decided to play......Handler!

> Breeders / Owners / Handler: Mal & Virginia Helman Jackie White-Vorst



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

