

# GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

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## NEWS AND VIEWS



### The Prez Sez:



to you all! Hopefully, this year will be a year that we can get back to normal and participate in shows in our area and gather as friends. Most of all, have our GDCC events that may be scheduled this year. Yes, the words are “**may be**”, but let’s be positive that they may happen in this current environment.

If not, we will have our meetings via zoom going forward until we are confident that life, as we knew it, will get back to normal. At this time, the board has scheduled the zoom meetings that will occur this year, so look for those meetings listed in this bulletin and look for reminder emails from Mindy.

I encourage all to attend. Hope to see you all soon, in the meantime stay safe and healthy!

*Thank You!*

Jim Howey



### OFFICERS

**President:**

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Mike Rodriguez (20121)

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Maren Cornish (2021)

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**Recording Secretary:**

Victoria Cornish(2021)

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E-mail: [mydelites@gmail.com](mailto:mydelites@gmail.com)

**Board Members:**

(Directors)

Bruce Powell (2021)

Susie Powell (2020)

Hillary Mcleod (2021)

Joy DeGruccio (2022)

Brianne Rock (2022)

**Delegate to Parent Club:**

Dick Schaefer

# 2021 GDCC Meeting Calendar

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

## Breeder Referral

Joy DeGruccio  
E-mail: joydegruccio1@gmail.com  
(Club Members Only)

## Bulletin / Web-store:

Maren Cornish  
Maggie Foerschler

## Club Awards:

Gary Romerosa  
Maren Cornish

## Club Specialty & Match Trophies:

Open position

## Dane Rescue Referral:

Suzanne Kelleher-Duckett  
Susie Powell

## Education/Betterment of the Breed:

Jessica Gibbs

## Event Publicity:

Mindy Donovan-Tandy

## Historian:

Hilary McLeod  
Jim Howey

## Membership:

Tori Cornish  
E-Mail: toricornish996@gmail.com

## Puppy Match:

Mike Rodriguez

## Raffle & Silent Auction:

Open position

## Rescue Report:

Susie Powell

## Specialty:

Bob Ardecky

## Volunteers:

Maren Cornish

## Ways & Means:

Open position

## Watchdog:

Pat Schempp

## Web-site:

Jerry Tandy  
jerrytandy92@yahoo.com

**March 10, 2021**  
**(Wednesday)**

Location:

Time:

Board Meeting

Online Zoom Meeting

5:30pm PST

**April 7, 2021**  
**(Wednesday)**

Location:

Time:

**General Open Meeting.** Guest Welcome

Online Zoom Meeting

5:30pm PST

**May 8, 2021**  
**((Saturday))**

Location:

Time:

**General Open Meeting.** Guest Welcome

Puppy Match, Canyon RV Park,  
24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road,  
Anaheim, CA

Immediately after puppy match

## **Preview of the upcoming GDCC Club Meeting Dates & Events for 2021 :**

**Dates with the most current information will be shown on this page in each bulletin.**

**Our Spring Puppy Match  
is a GO!**

**“See” inside for details**



**Tentative date for Back to back  
Specialties**

# *Brag! & Announcements---*

## **Brag from the February Zoom meeting:**



**Bob and Linda Tonnancour announced that they broke ground on their new house [in Tucson] this week.**

**Janet Lampe introduced her new puppy to the meeting via Zoom**



**Natalie Andrews asked if her new knee replacement counted as a brag...**



**and it does!**

## *Roster Correction*

Correction to a previous correction.... Gonna get it right this time

The last issue I incorrectly reported Jerry Tandy email address. Please verify you have the correct address of [jerrytandy95@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrytandy95@yahoo.com) in your roster so you can contact him especially for website information.

# Brag! & Announcements---

## GDCC Social Media Think Tank:

All interested GDCC club members are invited to participate in a new committee. This committee is being formed to brainstorm new ideas for better utilizing our club's Facebook page and website.

New Dane owners, club members, and perspective puppy buyers are relying on these platforms for easy communication and connection during the pandemic. The goal would be to make everything accessible, friendly, and positive. This would keep our club up to date, be inviting to new people, and provide educational info.

A group will gather ideas and bring them back to the membership for consideration. Contact Maren Cornish if you would be interested in joining this group, [all are welcome to contribute](mailto:allarewelcome@gdcc.com).

Maren Cornish: NSRDanes@gmail.com, (951)692-6444



**Another position has been updated –  
Please take a few minutes to offer your  
help to our new**

**Show Chairman**

**Bob Ardecky**

**We all need to thank our new member, Bob  
for stepping into this position during these  
uncertain times and time limits in order to  
put on our Specialties .**

**We are making great progress since we  
have a Show Chairman in position to get  
us our AKC approval.**

**Check out the Committee Chairperson list. The Breeder Referral position has been updated. There are a few still looking to be filled.**

Our new Breeder Referral chair is Joy DeGruccio. Please contact her by email only [joydegrucio1@gmail.com](mailto:joydegrucio1@gmail.com)

Breeder Referral is part our ongoing effort to promote responsible breeding and opening up access to new Dane people. Our first request is creating a **GDCC Breeder Referral List**. To be included we are asking our members who would like to be included, to submit the following to Joy; names, kennel name, contact info, and colors bred.

You can't be included if you don't get your information to Joy, One of our primary goals is to **educate the people with an interest in Great Danes** and making sure they are pointed in the right direction to meet quality breeders.

**The 12 seasons of California**

- Winter
- Fools Spring ← **We are here**
- 2nd Winter
- Spring of Deception
- 3rd Winter
- Road Construction
- Actual Spring
- Summer
- Fire
- False Fall
- 2nd Summer
- Actual Fall

Just a reminder for all the club members who might be experiencing bad weather since they left CA, there were more than just 4 seasons to look forward to!



## 2021 GDCC Year-End Awards

The Award Co-Chairpersons wanted to post an [early reminder](#) of the rules for submitting for club awards at the end of the year.

Awards can be submitted at any time (i.e., as they are earned) not just at the end of the qualifying period.

Awards already submitted for and earned in 2020 as published will be presented along at the 2021 Holiday Awards party in December.

- **EVERY INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBER WHO IS THE OWNER/CO-OWNER OR BREEDER-CO-BREEDER OF A DOG EARNING AN AWARD MUST INDIVIDUALLY APPLY FOR THEIR AWARD TO THE AWARDS CO-CHAIRPERSON OR NO AWARD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE GIVEN.**
- Family members must apply/request individually, regardless of ownership or breeder status.
- No awards will be given to non-club members, regardless of ownership or breeder status.
- Beginning date for the year is **November 10, 2020 through November 8, 2021.**
- For all clarification purposes, please contact the Awards Co-Chairpersons. for additional information on Club Award Rules.
- Documentation required:
  - Attach the AKC certificate for the award or insert a copy to the appropriate web-site link (if no password is required)
  - Attach points awarded for the award or insert a copy to the appropriate web-site link (if no password is required)
  - Please note that in some cases you may have to purchase a report from the AKC store to substantiate your documentation.
- **Contact Information for Award Co-Chairpersons**
  - Gary Romerosa
    - Gromeo78@aol.com
    - (559)410-1822
  - Maren Cornish
    - nsrdanes@gmail.com
    - (951)692-6444

Thank you and we wish everyone success in their endeavors this year,  
Gary and Maren



Below is a preview of the upcoming GDCC Club Meeting Dates & Events for 2021 --  
All dates, times and venues are subject to change due to the current environment. These  
changes will be published via e-mail.

**\*\* A few special notes –**

**Please note that the February & November Meetings are Closed Membership Meetings this year.  
Open to members only.**

**Puppy Match Date: May 8, 2021 (Canyon RV Park, Anaheim, CA)**

**Pet Expo Dates: Pending – Will send out any new info when available (Orange County Fair & Event  
Center \* Fairgrounds \* Costa Mesa)  
Nothing has been posted to date**

**GDCC Specialty Date: TBA shortly  
Pending Confirmation of a new date (June/July) and location  
(L.A. Fairgrounds, Pomona  
– Mission Circuit Weekend has been cancelled)**

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**Please mark your calendars and see you soon!**

**March 10, 2021 (Wednesday): Board Meeting**

**Location: Online Zoom Meeting**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**April 7, 2021 (Wednesday): General Open Meeting & Board Meeting. Open to Guests.**

**Location: Online Zoom Meeting**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**May 8, 2021 (Saturday): General Open Meeting. Open to Guests.**

**Location: Puppy Match, Canyon RV Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA**

**Time: After Match**

**June 9, 2021 (Wednesday):** General Open Meeting, Open to Guests.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm

**GDCC Specialty Date: June 25, 2021 (Friday) Pending Confirmation and location**

**July 7, 2021 (Wednesday):** Board Meeting

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm

**September 8, 2021 (Wednesday):** General Open Meeting. Open to Guests.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm

**November 10, 2021 (Wednesday):** General Closed Meeting & Board Meeting - Members Only.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm

**December 11, 2021 (Saturday):** General Open Meeting & Annual Awards Brunch. Open to Guests.

Location: Alta Vista Country Club, 777 E. Alta Vista Street, Placentia, CA

Time: TBA

**Since there are ongoing plans concerning the Specialties and the Puppy Match**



**There will be a mini bulletin for March along with emails to be provided from Mindy as information is made available.**





All Breed  
**Eye Clinic**

Sponsored by the  
**Cocker Spaniel Club of Orange County**

Sat. Feb. 27th 2021

with Brian Marchione D.V.M.

Cost is \$45.00 per dog

3 dogs or more \$40

Held at Mindy Donovan-Tandy

5676 Francis Ave.

Chino, Ca 91710

For Directions call

(909) 628-8289

For Appt. please call

Quinn Ruvacava @ (714) 330-0201

**Booking Now!!**  
**Curbside Pick Up Only!!**

Due to COVID No Restrooms - only checks or exact cash accepted

Due to the pandemic this will be another limited clinic with diligent social distancing put into place. You must have exact change. Stay in your car. There is no bathroom for you to use. Consider using a public restroom prior to arriving. If you have a fever, cough or know anyone who does please stay home! Keep in mind your dog might have a disinfectant wipe ran over them and their harness/collar. There is a public park next door that can be used for the dogs, bring your own bags for pick up. If you do not think your dog will walk with someone else to go into the clinic then please do not make an appointment. Thank you!

# ***K9 Dental Clinic***

***February 27, 2021 Saturday***

***Hosted here at Celyn's Cockers***

*In the Temecula Valley*

## ***Gentle Doggie Dental***

***Price is \$85 per sm breed canine. \$95 per large breed canine.***

*Discount of minus \$5 per dog for 3+. Puppies are half price (one year and under)*

***All breeds welcome. No Anesthesia.***

***Cleaning above and below the gum line.***

***Appointments starting at 8:30AM***

*Umm... I love having clean teeth and healthy gums!!*



***Also Offering a PHOTO SHOOT for your 4-legged kidz! There will be a photo area set up (weather permitting). Let me know if you want more info.***

***To make your K9 dental appointment I will need your first and last name, your day of the clinic contact phone #, your dog's breed(size), the dog's call name and if you have a time preference morning or afternoon etc.***

**Hosted by Volunteers of CSCSC  
"Responsible Ownership"**

To make appointments Contact:

**[CelynsMail@gmail.com](mailto:CelynsMail@gmail.com)**



**May 8, 2021**

**GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA**

# AKC SANCTIONED PUPPY MATCH

(Great Danes Only in Conformation)

**9am - 12pm** Entry Registration

\$10 pre-entry/\$15day of match entry per class

◆ **1:00 pm - Conformation Judging** ◆

*Conformation Judge: Ms. Tricia Baxter*

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## ALL BREEDS WELCOME FOR:

CGC Testing - Pricing TBD pending evaluator

Trick Dog Testing - Pricing TBD pending evaluator

**9am - 10am** Entry Registration

**10am - 12pm** CGC & Trick Dog Testing

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◆ **LUNCH & NOON (Nominal Donation \$5)** ◆

◆ **12pm- 1pm FREE Handling Class** ◆

◆ **GDCC Club Open Meeting** ◆

(To be held after judging - Guests Welcome)

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Location: Canyon RV Park

24001 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road

Anaheim, CA 92808 (Site C-1)

◆ **COVID-19 Protocols will be followed** ◆

© Pre- Entry Forms Available ©

For information contact Mike Rodriguez (909)633-3880



# Great Dane Club of California

## 2021 Spring Breed Match



AKC Sanctioned (Great Danes Only)  
**CGC/Trick Dog Testing (All-Breeds) See separate forms.**  
**Saturday, May 8, 2021**  
**Covid-19 Protocols will be followed**

**When:** Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Where:** Canyon RV Park at Featherly Regional Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 Site C-1 \*  
 Park entrance fee \$5 per car \* Follow GDCC signs

**Time:** **9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon - Conformation entry registration**  
**12 Noon - FREE Handling Class & Lunch provided for \$5 Donation**  
**1:00 P.M. - Conformation Judging**

**Judge:** Tricia Baxter

**Awards:** There will be ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> place in all classes, rosettes and trophies for Best in Match, Best Adult, BOS Adult, Best Sr. Puppy, BOS Sr. Puppy, and Best Jr. Puppy, BOS Jr. Puppy winners.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be provided - Nominal Donation of \$5.00 per person

**Entries:** **Pre-entries** are \$10.00 per class and must be received no later than Monday, May 3, 2021.  
 Email completed entries to toncorrl7244@gmail.com, Payment via PayPal -  
 gcc11969@gmail.com. Or .mail a check payable to GDCC & mail to Linda Tonnancour, 150 N  
 Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson AZ 85748.  
**Day of Match** entry is \$15.00.

**Contact:** For more information contact Match Chairman Mike Rodriguez at (909) 633-3880.

MATCH CLASSES -CLASS DIVISION FOR BOTH DOGS & BITCHES	
THERE IS NO CLASS SEPARATION OF COLORS	
3-5 Month	12-15 Month
5-7 Month	15-18 Month
7-9 Month	OPEN
9-12 Month	

\*\* As this event is located in a public park,  
 GDCC encourages exhibitors ensure that all puppies are up to date with vaccinations.

No Dogs with Major Points		May 8, 2021 Match Entry Form		Pre-entry deadline: May 3, 2021	
No Champions of Record		No Tape on Ears			
AKC Name:					
Class:		Color:		Sex: ( ) Dog ( ) Bitch	
Sire's AKC Name:				AKC #:	
Dam's AKC Name:				Birth date:	
Breeder (s):			Owner (s)		
Owner (s) Address (Include City, State, Zip Code):					
E-mail Address(es):					
<i>I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors, and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury, or death of dog.</i>					
Signature of owner/agent:				Date:	



**Great Dane Club of California**  
**AKC Canine Good Citizen Test**  
 (All Breeds welcome)  
**Covid-19 Protocols will be followed**



**When:** Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Where:** Canyon RV Park at Featherly Regional Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92808. Take 91 Frwy to Exit 41A (Gypsum Canyon Road) [www.canyonrvpark.com](http://www.canyonrvpark.com) - **Parking Fee of \$5 per car.** \* Site C-1 \*

**Time:** 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. - Canine Good Citizen (CGC) entry registration (No Advanced CGC is offered.)  
 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 PM. - Canine Good Citizen Class ALL BREEDS ACCEPTED (including Mixed Breeds)

**Judge:** TBA

**Entries:** Pre-entries \$ Pricing TBA pending evaluator per class and must be received no later than Monday, May 3, 2021. Email completed entries to [toncorrl7244@gmail.com](mailto:toncorrl7244@gmail.com), Payment via PayPal - [gccclt1969@gmail.com](mailto:gccclt1969@gmail.com). Or .mail a check payable to GDCC & mail to Linda Tonnancour, 150 N Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson AZ 85748.

Day of Test \$ Pricing TBA pending evaluator. **DOGS NEED NOT BE AKC REGISTERED TO QUALIFY**

**Contact:** For more information contact Puppy Match Chairman Mike Rodriguez at (909) 633-3880.

**Background**

Launched in 1989, Canine Good Citizen is an AKC certification program that rewards dogs with good behavior both at home and in the community, Testing is a ten (10) part test that requires passing §11ten (10) parts to obtain CGC Award:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger	6. Sit and down on command and Staying in place
2. Sitting politely for petting	7. Coming when called
3. Appearance and aroma	8. Reaction to another dog
4. Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)	9. Reaction to distraction
5. Walking through a crowd	10. Supervised separation

**Additional Information**

Dogs must be on leash when performing tests. Well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain, should be worn by dogs. Pinch collars, head halters, and other special training collars are not permitted in the CGC test. A 20' lead for the test will be provided by the evaluator. The dog's brush or comb should be brought to the test by the owner/handler. Owners/handlers may praise and use encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Treats and food are not allowed during testing, neither are toys, squeaky toys, etc. Upon passing, owners/handlers will be provided with the proper documents to submit to the AKC for CGC registration. Any applicable AKC fees are the responsibility of the owner/handler. Dogs that eliminate during testing will be marked failed. There is an exception to this rule in that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

May 8, 2021 Canine Good Citizen Entry Form	
<b>No Tape on Ears</b>	
<b>Pre-entry deadline: May 3, 2021</b>	
AKC or Call Name:	
Sire's AKC or Call Name (if known):	AKC# (NOT required for CGC):
Dam's AKC Name or Call Name (if known):	Birth date:
Breeder (s) (if known):	Owner (s):
Owner (s) Address:	
Canine Good Citizen Test	E-Mail Address(es):
<i>I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors, and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury, or death of dog.</i>	
Signature of owner/agent:	Date:



## Great Dane Club of California AKC Trick Dog

**Dogs must have an  
AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number to earn a title.  
(All breeds welcome)**

**Covid-19 Protocols will be followed**



**When:** Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Where:** Canyon RV Park at Featherly Regional Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92808. Take 91 Frwy to Exit 41A (Gypsum Canyon Road). [www.canyonrvpark.com](http://www.canyonrvpark.com) - Parking Fee of \$5 per car.\* Site C-1

**Time:** 9:00 AM. to 10:00 AM. - Trick Dog entry registration  
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - Trick Dog Testing ALL BREEDS ACCEPTED (including Mixed Breeds)  
*Dogs must have an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number to earn a title.*

**Evaluator:** TBA

**Entries:** Pre-entries \$ Pricing TBA pending evaluator and must be received no later than Monday, May 3, 2021. Email completed entries to [toncorri7244@gmail.com](mailto:toncorri7244@gmail.com), Payment via PayPal - [gcclt1969@gmail.com](mailto:gcclt1969@gmail.com). Or mail a check payable to GDCC & mail to Linda Tonnancour, 150 N Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson AZ 85748.

Day of Test \$ Pricing TBA pending evaluator.

**Contact:** For more information contact Match Chairman Mike Rodriguez at (909) 633-3880.

### TRICK DOG TITLE INFO:

From the 1920's and 1940's when trick dogs such as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie won peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today. AKC Trick Dog titles are official AKC titles listed on the dog's title record.

#### Eligibility-

Your dog must have an AKC number via **one** of the following: (All dogs can get a number including purebreds and mixed breeds)

- [AKC Registration Number](#) - This number is provided to a dog owner via a registration certificate received from the previous owner, or via a puppy registration paper given to the new owner by the breeder.
- [Purebred Alternative Listing \(PAL\)](#) - If a dog is purebred but an AKC Registration Number is not possible, owners can apply for PAL number.
- [AKC Canine Partners Number](#) - This number is given to either mixed breed dogs or a purebred.

AKC TRICK DOG CHECKLISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MATCH

VISIT AKC ORG TO PREVIEW THE CHECKLIST

May 8, 2021 TRICK DOG Entry Form	
<b>No Tape on Ears</b>	
<b>Pre-entry deadline: May 3, 2021</b>	
AKC or Call Name:	
Breed:	Color(s):
Sex: ( ) Dog ( ) Bitch	
Sire's AKC or Call Name (if known):	Reg#: AKC, PAL or AKC Canine Partners :
Dam's AKC Name or Call Name (if known):	Birth date:
Breeder (s) (if known):	Owner (s):
Owner (s) Address:	
Trick Dog Test	E-Mail Address(es)
<i>I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, directors, and officers free from any claims or loss or injury from this match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury, or death of dog.</i>	
Signature of owner/agent:	Date



**GREAT DANE CLUB OF  
CALIFORNIA**



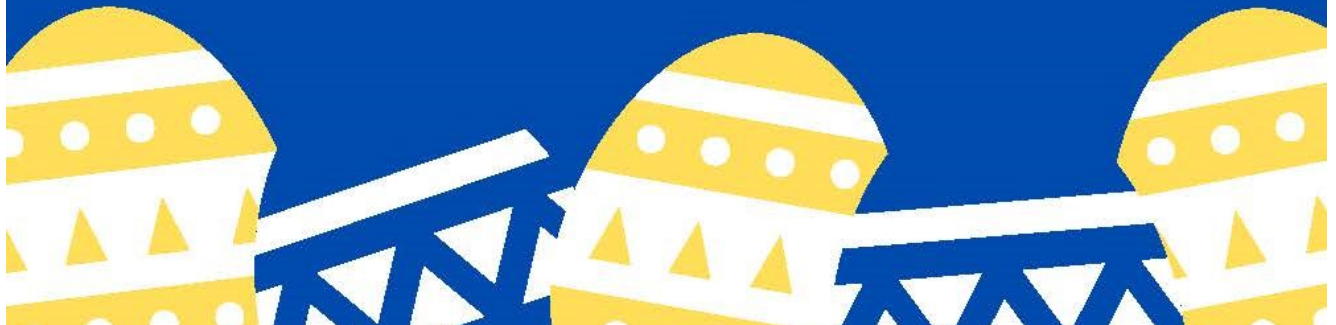
# **PUPPY MATCH TROPHY DONATIONS**

**Please support our little chickies!  
Cheap cheap cheap, only \$5 per class!**

**MAY 8, 2021  
CANYON RV PARK**

Contact Tori Cornish to find out what  
classes are available to sponsor!

Email: [toricornish996@gmail.com](mailto:toricornish996@gmail.com)





## GDCC Board Zoom Meeting - Jan 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:43pm. The following board members were present, via video: Jim Howey, Maren Cornish, Linda Tonnancour, Tori Cornish, Bruce Powell, Susie Powell, Hilary McLeod, and Joy DeGruccio. The following board members were present, via phone: Mike Rodriguez and Melanie Yellish. The following members were also present, via phone: Gary Romerosa and Debi Romerosa. Board members Brianne Rock and Jessica Gibbs were absent.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

***Recording Secretary's Report*** – The minutes previously published - 11/10/2020 closed meeting minutes, 11/10/2020 board meeting minutes, and 12/9/2020 open meeting minutes - were all accepted as published in the December bulletin.

***Corresponding Secretary's Report*** – Melanie reported the following:

#### **Incoming Correspondence:**

1. Mike Rodriguez provided me with phone number for Tony Velasquez, Mission Circuit Show Chair.

#### **Outgoing Correspondence:**

1. Get Well Cards to:  
Joe Cornish  
Dick Schaefer  
Cathy Schaefer  
Debi Romerosa
2. Sympathy Card to:  
Judy Nichols, for the passing of Ted Nichols

#### **Pending Correspondence:**

1. Pulled from mail, Letter of intent to change bylaws to include meetings by teleconference, videoconference or any other electronic means sent to AKC.

***Treasurer's Report*** – Linda reported that the bank balance for the end of December was \$8,146.74. She has received \$187.51 in dues (\$52.50 in checks, \$135.00 through PayPal). Disbursements totaled \$1,065.86 - insurance (\$965.60), dues billing expense (\$65.36), and a dues refund (\$35.00). Linda also said that she is going to send out 3rd notices for dues payment to some club members.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Rescue*** – Susie had no numbers to report.

***Specialty*** – When the viability of the Mission Circuit during the pandemic was brought up, Mike said Tony (Mission Circuit show chair) was waiting on phone calls from the Fairplex for confirmation before he finalizes everything. Tony also said that the Mission Circuit may be held at a different venue. Concerns were made regarding the specialties being 4 months away and not finalized, but Maren said that shows are finalizing closer to their event dates all over the country. The



Great Dane Club of Arizona moved their dates to the end of February and just put out their premium list. Mike and Melanie will both contact Tony further. The judges for the 2021 specialties, Mary Lee Williams and Judy Harrington, and the 2021 Sweepstakes judge, Kim Griffith, each already have contracts and will each be contacted to check their availability for 2022 if the shows do not occur in 2021.

**Puppy Match** - Melanie will send the application to AKC for the puppy match. Tricia Baxter is the judge. The RV park is privately owned, and they are still accepting RV reservations, so the viability of the puppy match seems high.

**Bulletin** – No news to report, it is up to date.

**Website** – No update was reported.

**Pet Expo** – There is no update at this time on the event.

**Membership** – Tori reported that she put a prospective member, Manuel Arevalo, in contact with Mike Rodriguez as his first club contact/mentor. She also reported that Janet Lampe contacted her regarding her daughter Danielle Lampe's lapsed membership, and how to reinstate her. The answer was that Danielle will have to reapply in full for her membership as normal. Also, several guests have attended meetings and have met their 2-meeting-requirement. They are eligible to submit their applications and will be contacted.

**Holiday Party** – Linda reported the reservation has been made, and the contract signed, for Alta Vista Country Club in Yorba Linda to host our holiday awards ceremony on December 11, 2021.

**Picnic** – We will decide later on when and where to have our picnic, maybe holding it privately or at a dog show.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Scheduled 2021 meetings:

- Feb 10, 2021 – virtual closed and board meetings – 5:30 pm
- Mar 10, 2021 – virtual board meeting – 5:30pm
- April 10, 2021 – open meeting – after the puppy match
- May 12, 2021 – virtual board and open meetings – 5:30pm
- June 9, 2021 – virtual open meeting – 5:30pm
- July 7, 2021 – virtual board meeting – 5:30pm
- August – no meeting held
- September 8, 2021 – virtual open meeting – 5:30pm
- October – no meeting held
- Nov 10, 2021 – virtual closed and board meetings – 5:30pm
- Dec 11, 2021 – open meeting – Alta Vista Country Club

**2021 National** – Debi reported that the 2021 National is set to be held in late October in Myrtle Beach, SC. The guidelines are being met, ringside seating will be worked out at a later date.

**New Committee**– Maren asked if a new committee could be formed to consider new ideas, using our Facebook page and website for better utilization. New Dane owners, club members, and perspective puppy buyers are relying on these platforms for easy communication and connection during the pandemic. The goal would be to make everything friendly and positive. This would keep our club up to date, be inviting to new people, and provide educational info. A group will brainstorm ideas and bring them back to the membership for consideration. Contact Maren Cornish if you would be interested in joining this group, all are welcome to contribute.

**Education** – Joy proposed that the club host an educational seminar this year, since weekends are open due to the pandemic. She is going to find an indoor facility to hold an educational seminar for people interested in learning about all things Great Dane. The seminar would be held with a vet or specialist, so audiovisual capabilities are needed. She brought up that there are funds available through the GDCA-Charitable Trust for affiliate clubs and education to fund this. Joy will report back with more information as it arrives.

**Award Submissions** – The rules for year-end award submission have been explicitly stated on the first page of the announcement for years. The full submission form will be in the next bulletin as a reminder. Individual members must submit all forms completed and on time.

## **OLD BUSINESS -**

**Pending Correspondence** – Melanie asked for final clarification on her pending correspondence, the letter to the AKC regarding our virtual meetings. It was decided that we will not amend our bylaws, as they do not state we CANNOT hold virtual meetings. Joy stated that the GDCA has not amended their bylaws - therefore, as their affiliate club, we should follow our parent club's lead and continue holding virtual meetings without altering our bylaws unnecessarily.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tori Cornish*, Recording Secretary



# ZOOM MEETING MINUTES



## GDCC Closed Membership Zoom Meeting

**February 10, 2021**

The virtual meeting was called to order by the President at 5:34 pm. The following members were present, via video: Jim Howey, Maren Cornish, Linda Tonnancour, Tori Cornish, Bruce Powell, Susie Powell, Joy DeGruccio, Jessica Gibbs, Hilary McLeod, Eleanor Powell, Janet Lampe, Bob Tonnancour, Bob Ardecky, Rachel de la Vega, Maggie Foerschler, Warren Hennigan, Tricia Baxter, Lorrie Burnham, Cathy Schaefer, and Dick Schaefer, Pat Schempp. The following members were present, via phone: Melanie Yellish, Debi Romerosa, Gary Romerosa, Maryann Wilson, Natalie Andrews, Darlene Andrews, and Mike Rodriguez. Board member Brianne Rock was absent.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

*Recording Secretary's Report* – Tori read the minutes from the January 13, 2021 board meeting and they were accepted as read.

*Corresponding Secretary's Report* – Melanie reported the following:

#### **Incoming Correspondence:**

1. Received "Letter of Specialty Approval" from Denise Matulich, Corresponding Secretary for the GDCA, regarding our 2021 Specialty to be held in conjunction with Mission Circuit on May 27, 2021.
2. Received signed 2021 Judges Puppy Match contract via email from Tricia Baxter.
3. Received sample contract and fee schedule from Show Secretary, Cheryl Cazier.
4. Received phone call from Connie Presley regarding conflict in assignments. She is unable to conduct our CGC and Trick Dog testing on April 10, 2021; however, she is available on April 17, 2021.
5. Received email from California Federation of Dog Clubs regarding stating active members in 2020 need not pay dues in 2021

#### **Outgoing Correspondence:**

1. Confirmed with Tricia Baxter that she is available and willing to judge our 2021 Puppy Match on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. New 2021 Puppy Match Judges contract was prepared and emailed to Tricia Baxter for signature.
3. 2021 Puppy Match Application for April 10, at Canyon RV Park in Anaheim California was sent to AKC.
4. Contacted Connie Presley regarding CGC and Trick Dog testing at our 2021 Puppy Match on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Mailed confirmation letter to Connie Presley of willingness to conduct CGC and Trick Dog testing at the GDCC 2021 Puppy Match on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
6. Contacted Denise Matulich requesting a "Letter of Specialty Approval" from GDCA for the GDCC 2021 Specialty in conjunction with Mission Circuit.
7. Contacted AKC regarding 2021 Specialty Application.

8. Contacted 2020 specialty Judge regarding interest in judging GDCC's 2021 Specialty Shows.
9. Spoke with Tony Vasquez regarding status of 2021 Mission Circuit.
10. Requested sample contract and fee schedule from Cheryl Cazier, Show Secretary.
11. Left message with Show Secretary, Irene Parr requesting her fee schedule. No return calls.
12. Attempted to call Show Secretary, Merilynn Hurd at (760) 329-7951. Disconnected number.
13. Contacted Apple Valley Show Chair, to confirm that the Apple Valley Show is a go and will be held April 10, 2021.
14. Forwarded CFODC email regarding 2021 annual dues to Linda Tonnancour and Jim Howey.
15. Sent Encouragement/Get Well card to Eric Ringle.
16. Left message with Jack Bradshaw requesting their Show Secretary fee schedule.
17. Forwarded Cheryl Cazier's sample contract and fee schedule to Board members.

#### **Pending Correspondence:**

1. Show Secretary, Cheryl Cazier sample contract and fee schedule.
2. Requested Show Secretary fee schedule from Jack Bradshaw.
3. 2021 Puppy Match
4. 2021 Specialty

***Treasurer's Report*** – Linda reported that the bank balance at the end of December was \$8,146.74. She received \$46.35 in dues – \$17.50 via check, \$28.83 via PayPal, with \$.02 interest. There were no disbursements. The bank balance at the end of January was \$8,193.09. Linda is still waiting on some people to pay their dues after their third notice. Joy also passed on a message from the GDCA that 4 people associated with the GDCC have not paid their GDCA dues.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Rescue*** – Susie reached out to Community Canines and One Dane at a Time for their Year-to-Date statistics. She did receive numbers from Community Canines, but One Dane at a Time reported their statistics. One Dane at a Time responded that as of January 31, they had taken in 7 Danes (5 intact) and placed 6 Danes.

***Specialty*** – Discussion was held on various dates and venue possibilities for the 2021 specialties. Linda was in contact with Canyon RV Park regarding possible dates available. Maren had a list of approved AKC shows and Dane specialties so that we could avoid conflicts. Bob Ardecky agreed to be the Show Chair for the 2021 specialties. Melanie will contact the AKC regarding deadlines for event paperwork and will contact Cheryl Cazier for her show secretary availability. As soon as all information is gathered Jim will call a board meeting to discuss options. Melanie inquired as to if we wanted to

offer NOHS for the 2021 specialties, and it was approved. She also inquired about the 4-6 beginner puppy class being offered at the 2021 specialties – it was decided to offer it next year for the 2022 specialties. Maren was also contacted by Doety Marks regarding the possibility of holding our specialty in conjunction with her Bullmastiff club, who also lost their venue when Mission Circuit was canceled – but they already have a venue booked. Maren has a call into their showchair to discuss potential options.

**Match** – The date previously agreed upon, April 10, is conflicting with the first All-Breed show in Southern California, Apple Valley Kennel Club. We decided to cancel that date and pursue another date for the match this year. Linda and Maren are following through on this and will report to Mike and Jim.

**Bulletin** – Maggie had nothing to report on the bulletin.

**Website** – Jerry was not present to report. It was mentioned that the website had been down for a few days and is back up and running now.

**Membership** – Tori had nothing to report.

**Pet Expo** – Jim reported that there was nothing scheduled for this year.

**Holiday Party** – The holiday awards party will be held on December 11, 2021 at Alta Vista Country Club.

**Picnic** – Possibilities for the location and date will be discussed later at a future meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Education Seminar** – Joy reported that logistically, due to the pandemic restrictions, that no venue was available and that potential speakers were reluctant to commit. She will continue to pursue having the seminar in 2022 when restrictions lift.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

The President then called for brags.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tori Cornish**, Recording Secretary

# ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES



## GDCC Board Meeting Feb. 10, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order by the President at 6:31 pm. Board members present, via video: Jim Howey, Maren Cornish, Linda Tonnancour, Tori Cornish, Bruce Powell, Susie Powell, Jessica Gibbs, Joy DeGrucio, and Hilary McLeod. Board members present, via phone: Melanie Yellish and Mike Rodriguez. Members also present for the board meeting: Eleanor Powell, Janet Lampe, Bob Tonnancour, Maggie Foerschler, Warren Hennigan, Tricia Baxter, Pat Schempp, Lorrie Burnham, Maryann Wilson, Debi Romerosa, Gary Romerosa, Cathy Schaefer, Dick Schaefer, Natalie Andrews, Darlene Andrews. Board member Brianne Rock was absent.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Recording secretary report – Nothing new to report.

Corresponding secretary's report – Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report – Nothing new to report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Rescue* – Nothing new to report.

*Specialty* – Nothing new to report.

*Match* – Nothing new to report.

*Bulletin* – Nothing new to report.

*Website* – Nothing new to report.

*Membership* – Nothing new to report.

*Pet Expo* – Nothing new to report.

*Holiday Party* – Nothing new to report.

*Picnic* – Nothing new to report.

### OLD BUSINESS

Melanie is calling the AKC about deadlines for the specialty.

### NEW BUSINESS

Another board meeting will be needed for further specialty and puppy match discussion.

It was also brought up that there is a board member that has not attended any meetings since their appointment. Jim said that he would talk to them.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tori Cornish*, Recording Secretary



# **GDCC 2021 SPECIALTY UPDATE**

**Friday  
June 25, 2021  
Back-to-Back  
Specialties**

To be held in conjunction with  
Burbank Kennel Club

**City of Industry, CA**

Details to follow as they are finalized.  
Questions? Please contact Show Chair  
Bob Ardecky - [rardecky@gmail.com](mailto:rardecky@gmail.com)



# **GDCC 2021 SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS**

Contact Tori Cornish  
to see what classes  
are still available to  
sponsor!

Email: [toricornish996@gmail.com](mailto:toricornish996@gmail.com)



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**Rescue Report**  
**By Susie Powell**

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These are year to date numbers reported by Great Dane Rescues in Southern California

From January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021

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# Of Danes	Taken In	Intact	Placed
<b>One Dane At A Time, Inc</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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The GDCC offers So Cal Great Dane rescues a page in the bulletin to report additional info





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## Rescued Great Danes in 2020

What's **2021** going to look like?

Transport Fees  
Spay/Neuter  
Microchips  
Behavioral Issues/Training/Boarding  
Hydrotherapy  
Dermatology/Skin Conditions  
Food & Supplements  
Dewormer  
Flea/Tick Meds  
Pharmaceuticals/Antibiotics

To Help the Danes  
[erika@onedaneatime.org](mailto:erika@onedaneatime.org)  
[venmo@onedaneatime](mailto:venmo@onedaneatime)



# Big Dog Corner



## Malignant Melanoma in Dogs

No one knows exactly why melanomas develop in dogs, although genetic factors seem to play a role, sun exposure and trauma or compulsive licking.

Sun exposure on certain areas, such as the nose, belly, arm pits and ears that have little or no hair to shield sensitive skin from the sun are susceptible to a variety of skin cancers. Those dogs with pink pigmented skin and or thin coats on these areas should be kept out of the sun or use a zinc oxide sunscreen.

Trauma or compulsive licking of a particular spot on the skin may increase the likelihood that cells will multiply, thereby raising the chances that cells will mutate during the division process and become cancerous.

Most malignant melanomas occur on the mouth or inside the mouth which show up as grey or pink tumors.

Nail beds malignant melanoma is the next most common area which show up as a small dark black mole-like lump and or toe swelling.

Lastly 10% of the time melanomas can be found on parts of the body covered with hair which look like a flat black lesion.



Malignant Melanoma tend to grow extremely fast and are likely to spread to other organs including the lung and liver.

Treatment includes surgical removal of tumor, radiation and or chemotherapy which may or may not extend the life of the dog.

There is a vaccine that causes the dogs own immune system to attack tumor cells, which often successfully extends the survival rate of the dog but only with oral melanoma.

Ways to prevent and protect against melanoma, check your dog regularly with a fine tooth comb as they say, apply sunscreen to pink pigmented skin and take your dog to a Veterinarian AS SOON AS A LUMP POPS UP!!

Malignant Melanoma is considered a "Silent Killer".

**Janet Lampe R.V.T.**  
AKC Breeder of Merit



Next Bulletin Deadline Date .....**March 11, 2021**

Great Dane Club of California

Remember this is part  
of our Mission State-  
ment:

To Promote the com-  
mon interest in the  
breeding of better  
Great Danes

### GDCC General Meeting Calendar

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>March 10</b>    | Board Online Zoom Meeting<br><b>(Wednesday)</b>                                      |
| Time:              | 5:30pm PST   |
| <b>April 7</b>     | General Open Online Zoom<br>Meeting. Guest Welcome<br><b>(Wednesday)</b>             |
| Time:              | 5:30pm PST   |
| <b>May 8, 2021</b> | General Open Meeting<br>Guest Welcome  |
| Location:          | <b>Puppy Match, Canyon RV Park,<br/>24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road,<br/>Anaheim, CA</b> |
| Time:              | Immediately after puppy match  |

Mark your

calendar

