GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

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NEWS AND VIEWS



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GDCC Newsletter

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Dick Schaefer

LATEST UPDATE

The Prez Sez:

Spring has Sprung! Shows are happening in So. Cal! My count is 10 this month in April and the beginning of May! Wow! This is exciting as we may be getting back to normal. However, there are Covid restrictions and fever testing stations at these shows so plan to leave early. Hope to see you all there! The puppy match is a GO on May 8th with confirmation judging by Tricia Baxter, trick dog and CGC testing by Carol Hamilton! Trick dog and CGC testing is open to all breeds, so tell your friends! We are still researching a venue for our specialties; however we are focused to have these shows whatever it takes! Once again, I encourage all of you to join us in our zoom meetings because they are interactive, informative and

all our friendly faces are on the computer screen!





~~ COVER STORY ~~

NEW CHAMPION CH Naples SanRoque Icing On The Cake CH Naples SanRoque Raedon Going Commando "Stark" x GCH Naples SanRoque Tallbrook Just Desserts "Tula"

Sprinkles exceeded our expectations by earning two 5-point majors and an Award of Merit at the Great Dane Club of Las Vegas specialties and Silver State Kennel Club under respected judges Mr. David Peat and Mr. John Wade.

She finished with 19 pts and 3 majors.

Look for Sprinkles as she works toward her GCH!

Sprinkles is loved and adored by her mommies – Maren, Maggie, Tori and Jennifer Wilson.



2021 GDCC Meeting Calendar

May 8, 2021 (Saturday)

General Open Meeting. & Board meeting

Location: Puppy Match, Canyon RV Park,

24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road,

Anaheim, CA

Time: Meetings Immediately after puppy match.

Guests Welcome

June 9, 2021 (Wednesday) General Open Meeting Guests Welcome

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30pm PST



Bulletin Advertising Ads

Showcase your dog in the bulletin and support the club. Payment for ads are as follows:

	<u>Member</u>	Non-Member
Front Cover	\$40.00	\$50.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$35.00
Half Page	\$15.00	\$20.00

It is a first–come-first-serve basis for the cover, excluding the month following our specialties - reserved for Club photo.

If you would like to include your ad in upcoming issues May thru December 2021:

Please contact Maggie:

Mybilmar2@gmail.com or (619) 733-3195 to submit your reservation.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Breeder Referral

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

Bulletin:

Maren Cornish Maggie Foerschler

Club Awards:

Gary Romerosa Maren Cornish

Club Specialty & Match Trophies:

Tori Cornish Natalie Andrews

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Suzanne Kelleher-Duckett

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Jessica Gibbs

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Raffle & Silent Auction:

Susie Powell Bruce Powell

Rescue Report:

Susie Powell

Specialty:

Bob Ardecky

Volunteers::

Maren Cornish

Ways & Means:

Open position

Watchdog:

Pat Schempp

Web-site:

Jerry Tandy

jerrytandy92@yahoo.com

Announcements ---

Updates for your latest copy of the GDCC Roster 2021

Darlene Andrews

Mayfair Danes 23450 Piedras Gavilan Hills, CA 92570 Home: (949) 613-0211

E-mail: mayfairdanes@me.com
Notes: Member since 2012

Natalie Andrew

Mayfair Danes 23450 Piedras

Gavilan Hills, CA 92570 Home: (949) 613-4613

E-mail: <u>mayfairdanes@me.com</u> **Notes: Member since 2009**

David & Cathy Cunningham

389 San Francisco Avenue Ventura, CA 93004-1180 Home: (805) 755-5732

Cell: (714) 403-2202

E-mail: cmcdanemom@hotmail.com

Notes: Members since 1995

Dana R. Litzinger

Echo Great Danes & French Bulldogs 400 East Fir Ave Lompoc, CA 93436

No home phone

Phone: (805) 588-0428 (cell) E-Mail: dr.litzinger@verizon.net Notes: Member since 2008



One last request about corrections.....

If you find any other misinformation listed in either the roster as published or on the Website, Let Tori know., we are not mind readers. If another club member has commented to you about missing information or not receiving anything from the club again please contact the <u>Recording or Corresponding Secretary.</u> We cannot update if we are not made aware of an error in reporting.



Covid policy form enclosed, be sure to read and complete form if you will be attending the May GDCC Puppy Match and/ or the Club open meeting.

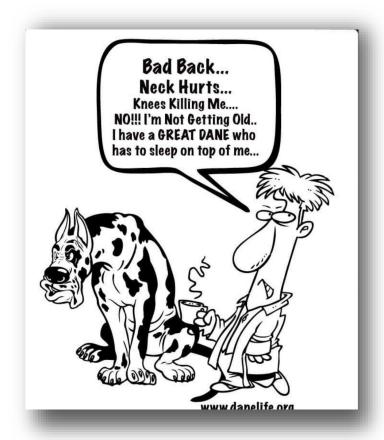
& Brags!

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Hilary McLeod –Hefner went Winner's Dog for a 3pt major, Texas.

Jessica Gibbs-Lynx and Tivoli tried the agility course test for jumpers last week, Tivoli titled and Lynx Q'ed. Susie requested pictures from Jessica for the GDCC FB page.

Janet Lampe– She and Zamara did an interview with Chantel on therapy dogs, it will be published in the magazine soon



GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST

Our 2020/2021 Fundraiser



The Rainbow Bridge
1-1/2 inches by 1-1/2 inches
with an 18 inch gold rope chain.
Donated through the generosity of
Ana & Julien Goulet,
Virginia Perry Gardiner/Ana Goulet Studios

~ Tickets ~ \$5.00 each

* Winner Need Not Be Present to Win *
All Tickets Purchased in 2020 will be placed in the drawing for 2021.

Tickets will soon be available through your Affiliate Club, ONLINE, in our Charitable Trust Store at gdca.org and at the Trust Booth (all week) at the 2021 GDCA National Specialty. The drawing will be held at the Awards Dinner, on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Questions on Additional Info ~ Please Contact Cathy Schaefer * dick.schaefer@gmail.com







Bring your Champion!
Bring your Major-Pointed Dog!

This will be a exhibition of your Accomplished Great Danes.

May 8,2021

After Best In Match

Canyon RV Park-Anaheim,CA

Entry fee \$5.00

The dogs will be exhibited in a "Best of Breed" format for practice & fun.

There will be no placement.

Every participant will receive a prize made & donated by Jessica Gibbs.

For more information contact
Mike Rodriguez: mikejrodriguez@aol.com

APRIL OPEN ZOOM MEETING MINUTES



GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA GENERAL OPEN ZOOM MEETING

April 7, 2021

The President called the meeting to order at 5:38pm. Members present were Jim Howey, Mike Rodriguez, Maren Cornish, Linda Tonnancour, Tori Cornish, Melanie Yellish, Susie Powell, Bruce Powell, Hilary McLeod, Jessica Gibbs, Debbie Romerosa, Gary Romerosa, Bob Tonnancour, Bob Ardecky, Rachel de la Vega, Cathy Schaefer, Dick Schaefer, Maggie Foerschler, Eleanor Powell, Natalie Andrews, Darlene Andrews, Pat Schempp, Mindy Donavon-Tandy, Janet Lampe, Lorrie Burnham, and Warren Hennigan. Guests present were Marion Phipps and Sharon Johns. Board members absent were Joy DeGruccio and Brianne Rock.

OFFICER REPORTS:

<u>Recording Secretary's</u>: The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as published with one correction – Pat Schempp was present at the March board meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's:

Incoming Correspondence:

- 1. Biography received from Mary Lee Williams.
- 2. Confirmation from AKC that our 2021 Specialty Application was received.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Correspondence with Susan Frye with the English Cocker club regarding joining their specialties.
- 2. Correspondence with John Gatturna with the Orange Empire Kennel Club regarding renting their facility for our specialties.
- 3. Correspondence with Leita Estes (Board Member of the Cabrillo Kennel Club) regarding joining their shows July 23rd through July 25th.

Pending Correspondence:

- 1. Notify 2021 Specialty Judge nominee.
- 2. Biography from Sweepstakes Judges.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Linda Tonnancour reported we received \$75 for the bulletin (\$25 via check, \$50 via PayPal), \$42.50 for dues, \$30 for puppy match trophies, \$1095 for specialty trophies (\$525 via check, \$570 via PayPal) for a total of \$1242.52 received. There were no disbursements through March 31. The club bank balance as of March 31 was \$8,988.13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Rescue</u> – Susie asked for numbers to be reported by Community Canines and One Dane at a Time. ODAAT reported that their year-to-date intake, from January 1 – March 31, was that they had taken in 26 Danes, 21 intact, and 27 adopted out.

<u>Specialty</u> – Maren and Melanie are still pursuing options for the 2021 GDCC specialties. Melanie is in contact with Cabrillo Kennel Club and Linda T is in contact with Canyon RV Park. There will hopefully be a date and location to announce soon.

<u>Match</u> – Mike said that everything is all set. Pre-entries have a deadline change – they are now due by April 26 by mail to Linda T. Bruce and Mike will be handling lunch. Jessica Gibbs will have equipment/props for trick dog testing available for practice at the match.

<u>Website</u> – Jerry was not present to give his report.

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<u>ulletin</u> – Maggie reported that the second Thursday of every month is the bulletin deadline. We will be having monthly bulletin until our specialty to keep everyone up-to-date with the shifting times.

<u>Membership</u> – Tori reported that she received an incomplete application through Jim and that it was withdrawn.

<u>Pet Expo</u> – Pat Schempp had not heard back from the people in charge of the Pet Expo and there is no website up this year.

<u>Holiday Party</u> – Linda T and Maren reported that the holiday party venue is reserved.

Picnic – We will have the discussion for the GDCC picnic at our next meeting.

<u>Facebook</u> – Gary and Debi Romerosa are pursuing the transfer of administration of the GDCC Facebook page from Mindy to Gary on behalf of the club.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business. Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Tori Cornish*, Recording Secretary

Brags!!!

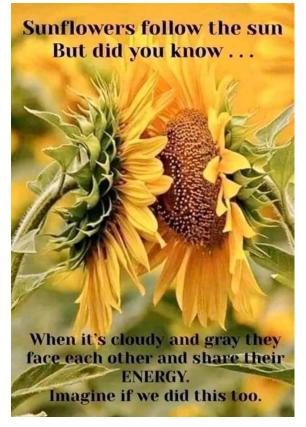
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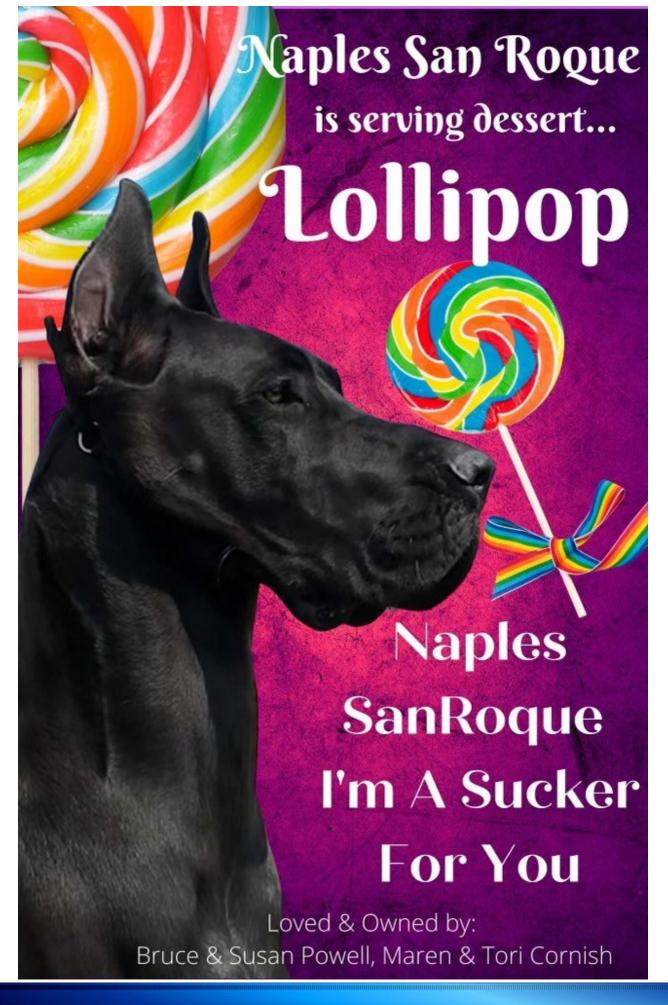
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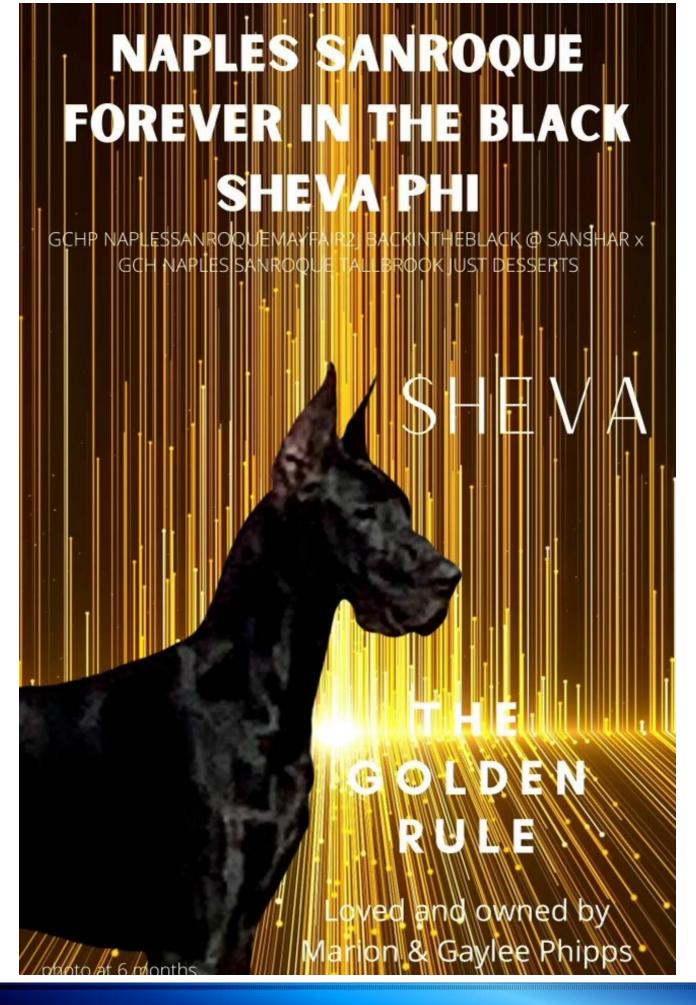
Many thanks to Kathy Toomey for posting on Facebook regarding Sylvia. For those that don't use or have Facebook, see below for the sad announcement.

Sylvia Rodwell passed away peacefully on March 31, 2021.

Her services will be held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier California on April 14, 2021. Her daughter, Terry Gershon, has asked for donations to the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust in her memory. Details of her service are available at rosehills.com.

Sylvia was a member of GDCC since 1961 and an Honorary member since 2013.





COVID-19 WAIVER Great Dane Club of California

COVID WAIVER – MUST FILL OUT AND PRESENT AT CHECK-IN TABLE ALSO FOREHEAD TEMPERATURE TAKEN – MUST BE UNDER 100.4

PRINT, FILL-OUT AND BRING FORM WITH YOU TO GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA PUPPY MATCH AND MEETING AT CANYON RV PARK, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, MAY 8, 2021. YOU MUST OBTAIN A WRSITBAND UPON ENTERING THE SHOWGROUNDS BY TURNING IN THE SIGNED AND DATED WAIVER FORM. IN ADDITION, YOU MUST HAVE A NORMAL FOREHEAD TEMPERATURE. (Under 100.4 F).

NOTICE TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE

- 1. To be at Canyon RV Park, it is required that masks be worn at all times while not at your individual set up. Masks are to be worn correctly in the ring at all times, to protect judges and other exhibitors.
- 2. Set-ups will be a minimum of 6 feet apart from each other, unless included in a personal or family group.
- 3. Completed COVID-19 Waiver Forms are required to be presented to check-in tables the first time you enter the grounds.
- 4. No ringside seating. All chairs must be a minimum of 6 feet from the ring rope. Practice social distancing while on the show grounds.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST SIGN THIS FORM:

JUDGES – STEWARDS – SUPERINTENDENTS – CLUB MEMBERS – GROUNDS CREW –
BREEDERS – EXHIBITORS – HANDLERS – ASSISTANTS – OWNERS – JUNIOR HANDLERS –
MINOR CHILDREN – VENDORS – YES! EVERYBODY ON THE SHOWGROUNDS

I fully attest to the best of my knowledge that I am negative for COVID-19 during my attendance of these events, and have NOT been in contact with or exposed to a known positively-tested person within the past 14 days. I agree to attend the Great Dane Club of California events entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during these events.

The American Kennel Club, Great Dane Club of California, any related officials, participants, workers, and/or volunteers are in no way liable for potential COIVD-19 exposures incurred at any time, by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after these events. I hereby waive all rights to file a lawsuit against the above if I am exposed or should become positively-tested for COVID-19.

By signing this waiver, I am agreeing to the content of this waiver and adhering to current CDC and AKC guidelines. Any person who fails or refuses to follow these established guidelines during the events or anywhere on the showgrounds will be asked to leave.

Signature	Print Name	Date		
	Phone	COVID-19 Vaccine? YES NO		
For minor under 18 years of age. (Separate form for each person or minor attending)				
Name of Minor	Guardian Signature (must match signature abo	ve) Date		



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





ALL BREEDS WELCOME FOR:

CGC Testing - \$10 pre-entry/\$15day of match entry per class Trick Dog Testing - \$10 pre-entry/\$15day of match entry per class

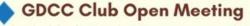
Evaluator: Carol Hamilton

9am - 10am Entry Registration

10am - 12pm CGC & Trick Dog Testing







(To be held after judging - Guests Welcome)

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 flyers.
Saturday, May 8, 2021



When: Saturday, May 8, 2021

Where: Canyon RV Park at Featherly Regional Park, 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 Sit C-1 *

Park entrance fee \$5 per car* Follow GDCC signs

Time: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon - Conformation entry registration

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

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 1st thru 4th 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. Make

check payable to GDCC and mail to Linda Tonnancour, 150 N Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson AZ

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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.

May 8, 2021 Match Entry Form			
No Dogs with Major Points No Champions of Record	No Tape on Ears	Pre-entry deadline: May 3, 2021	
AKC Name:			
Class: Col	or:	Sex: () Dog () Bitch	
Sire's AKC Name:		AKC #:	
Dam's AKC Name:		Birth date:	
Breeder (s):	(s): Owner (s)		
Owner (s) Address (Include City, State, Zip	Code):		
E-mail Address(es):			
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.			
Signature of owner/agent:		I Date:	



Great Dane Club of California AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (All breeds welcome)



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.canyonrypark.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: Carol Hamilton

Entries: Pre-entries are \$10.00 per dog and must be received no later than Monday, May 3, 2021. Make check payable to:GDCC

and mail to Linda Tonnancour, 150 N Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson AZ 85748

Day of Test entry is \$15.00. 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 ten (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			
No Tape on Ears		Pre-entry deadline: May 3, 2	2021
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 Addre	ess(es):	
I/We agree to hold the Great Dane Club of California, its members, of match. I/We further assume all responsibilities and liability claims ar			
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)

When: Saturday, May 8, 2021

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.canyonrv park 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: Carol Hamilto

Entries: Pre-entries are \$10.00 per dog and must be received no later than Monday, May 3, 2021. Make check payable to:

GDCC and mail to Linda Tonnancour, 150 N Eastern Slope Loop, Tucson AZ 85748

Day of Test entry is \$15.00.

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-

Where

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

- <u>AKC Registration Number</u> 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.
- <u>Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL)</u> 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		
No Tape on Ears	Pre-entry deadline: May 3, 2021	
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/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 responsibilitiess and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, injury, or death of dog.		
Signature of owner/agent	Date:	



BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Correction to the:

GREAT DANE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA BOARD ZOOM MEETING, MARCH 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:38pm. The following board members were present: Jim Howey, Mike Rodriguez, Maren Cornish, Melanie Yellish, Tori Cornish, Linda Tonnancour, Joy DeGruccio, Susan Powell, Bruce Powell, Hillary McLeod, Jessica Gibbs, and Brianne Rock. Members also present were Debi Romerosa, Gary Romerosa, Bob Ardecky, Rachel de la Vega, Bob Tonnancour, Lorrie Burnham, Janet Lampe, and Pat Schempp.

Pat was omitted from the members attending the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Torí Cornísh, Recording Secretary





Acupuncture Canine Acupuncture

Danielle and Ruger's experience so far

Hello everybody!

Danielle here giving my fellow Dane peeps some insight on how beneficial acupuncture therapy can be for your aging Dane. I recently began acupuncture therapy once a week for Ruger (who will be 8 years old in July) and I have noticed obvious improvements in his overall wellbeing. I started acupuncture therapy because a little while ago I noticed his hind end was becoming weaker, therefore putting more strain on his shoulders when he goes to get up from laying down. I tend to lean towards a more holistic, natural approach to problems, especially issues regarding my dog's health. So instead of adding multiple medications or supplements into Ruger's repertoire, I did some research on acupuncture and decided to give it a try. I was lucky enough to find a great veterinarian who is certified in acupuncture and practices in her home, which has been a godsend with the ongoing pandemic.

So if you've never heard of acupuncture before or are unfamiliar with it; acupuncture therapy is a traditional Chinese healing technique that has been practiced for thousands of years, centered around the concept that "a body with properly flowing Qi energies along *all* meridians is a body that will be healthy." A healthy body has flowing energy or "Qi" (pronounced Chi) which pass through meridians in the body. Meridians are the pathways for energy so any misalignment or blockage in the flow of energy will disrupt blood flow, causing the immune system to lose ef-



fectiveness, rendering the body more susceptible to ailments. The needles used in acupuncture therapy helps relieve 'stuck' energy to restore blood flow of the central nervous system. For more information check out the websites I listed below.

During Ruger's first appointment he was initially anxious upon meeting the vet, but I think it was because he knew she was a veterinarian despite being in a home setting! She began assessed his flexibility by measuring how far he can extend his legs out and how far he can turn his neck. Although I take him out on walks 1-2miles every day, walking does not help strengthen every part of the body or improve flexibility. When the vet began placing the needles, Ruger did not seem to mind and showed no signs of pain. He laid down and became very calm, to the point of taking a nap with his head in my lap. When the end of the session came, she gave me a list of exercises for us to practice increasing flexibility and exercises to build up his core strength at home. After

this initial visit I noticed immediately how much easier it was for Ruger to load up into my car. He literally sprang right on in!

On the second visit she used electro-acupuncture therapy to stimulate the muscles us-



ing small amounts of electricity, which is what the wires are in the photos. After this session Ruger was practically drooling while dozing off! I noticed an overall increase in his energy level throughout that next week. He also seems to get up from a laying down position with more ease since therapy started.

I have high hopes for acupuncture therapy to aide in Ruger's comfort level as he gets older.

I am so happy with the results I have witnessed firsthand in how beneficial acupuncture therapy can be in just a short amount of time. I plan on continuing therapy and recommending it to everyone!

There are so many more great benefits that acupuncture can provide to our beloved dogs.

For more in-depth information, check out these sources I found on canine acupuncture:

https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/articles/2005-Dog-Owners-and-Breeders-Symposium.pdf

https://kycountrysidevet.com/the-benefits-of-chinese-acupuncture-for-pets/

Janet Lampe R.V.T. AKC Breeder of Merit www.lampedanes.com



GDCC General Meeting Calendar

Great Dane Club of California

Remember this is part of our mission statement: To Promote the common interest in the breeding of better May 8, 2021 General Open Meeting & Board meeting (Saturday)

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Anaheim, CA

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General Open Meeting Guests Welcome

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June 9, 2021 (Wednesday)

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30pm PST

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