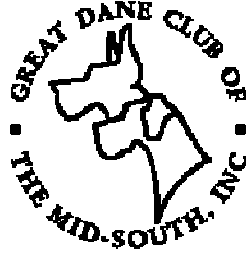


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Newsletter for July/August, 2008

**Next Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 8pm at Georgia Tech.**

**Very Brief Board Meeting at 7:50**

**Greetings Friends and Members!**

**What a great meeting we had! We accomplished a lot! We had a super turnout of members, several guests, great food – ahhhh what a feast we had! Ok, the great meeting and turnout of members was true, the guests and food was wishful thinking on my part! hahahaha**

**I wondered if the evening could get any better! Not so much for me on the ride home though, with a blow out of the right rear tire on the expressway!**

**Thanks everyone for the donations for the silent auction/raffle and just a reminder, you can still bring them to the September meeting! Don't forget, we'll need ticket sellers, volunteers to help set up and clean up the raffle/food tables. Let's all pitch in and have a very successful and fun Specialty.**

**Connie Adams  
President**

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**Minutes, Board Meeting  
August 13, 2008**

Board meeting was called to order at 7:50pm.

We have gotten word from AKC that they have changed the policy to approve Teleconferencing and Videoconferencing for local club board of directors meetings. (Only the board meetings)

Heather Fick has volunteered to take the position of Education Chair, and was accepted by the Board.

Chuck C received a note from our Insurance Company, asking if we'd like to purchase officer and director liability coverage. Motion was made and seconded to not do this.

Board members not in attendance were: Noel Clarke.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

**Minutes, General Meeting  
August 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Connie Adams at 8pm

**Guests in Attendance:**

**Members in Attendance:** Connie Adams, Jay Berkowitz, Tina Brandt, Chuck & Willie Crawford, Hannah & Heather Fick, Carol Hunerwadel, Gabrielle Kostiuk, Darcy & Chuck Quinlan, Susanne C. Roberts-Phillips, Dana Sikes, Angela Stillwell, Trish Thurow, Yvonne & Heather Weed

**President's Report:** Connie thanked everyone for the prayers for her and her husband, Harry. Harry still has a lot ahead of him, so keep em comin!

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were approved as received.

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached

**Awards:** The award plaques that weren't picked up were distributed tonight. (Congratulations Ladies! Gabby, Angela and Trish)

**Combined/Prestige:** There was a Combined Training meeting this past week – and it was the same night as the Prestige meeting. The Training session was well attended and

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very important for everyone to attend. Darcy gave Chuck C the final check from the Combined show.

Everything is set for the September 18<sup>th</sup> show. Showtime will be around 1pm. And this year we have to rent the tables if we need more than the two free ones. Table set up will be Wed. around 4pm, if anyone would like to volunteer to help Darcy. Gabby volunteered. (Thank you Gabby)

For the Fall 2009 Specialty, we need to vote for a new judge. Chuck Trotter had to decline, so Darcy checked with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> choices and for various reasons; none of them were available. Nominations were made and votes cast and #1 is Lourdes Carajal and #2 is Robert Thomas. Darcy will contact Lourdes.

**Education:** Heather Fick has volunteered to be the Education chairman. Please email her any ideas you have for future meetings. [heather\\_fick@comcast.net](mailto:heather_fick@comcast.net)

**GDCA Delegate:** Nothing to report

**Hospitality:** A motion was made, voted and passed to spend \$150 on food for the Fall Specialty. A check will be mailed to Noel. Also it was discussed and decided that finger foods/appetizer style foods were the best since it's very hard to hold a Dane or two plus juggle a plate and utensil and try to eat. Connie will let Noel know, since he was unable to attend this meeting.

And as a side note, don't forget, when you volunteer, be sure transportation isn't an issue. This goes for all positions in the club.

If you'd like to volunteer to bring a snack to the September meeting, please email Noel at [tristinodanes@charter.net](mailto:tristinodanes@charter.net)

**Rescue:** In June, 4 Great Danes were adopted and July, 1 was adopted and as of 8/13, 3 already adopted in August and one family decided to keep their two Danes that were originally going to be put up for adoption.

Rescue committee has also decided that starting with the Fall Specialty; we would like to not do the 50/50 split of raffle items and donate our 50% back to the general fund. This may change in the future, but we will do this for now.

A donation of \$100 was given to Chuck C., received from Titan's owner. Titan was on our adoption list.

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**SE Division:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend the GDCA Southeast division meeting in Atlanta, Saturday, Sept 20, 2008, 3:30pm. Atlanta show site - small meeting room.

The Choo Choo visit to see agility sites was successful. Hopefully everyone will be happy with it.

Willie is looking for two people to be "Judges Hospitality" and they will get ringside seats! Darcy said she will think about it and get back to Willie.

**Trophies:** Susanne is all set for the trophies for the Fall Specialty in September. She had 3 hand painted plates left from the Spring Show and a motion was made/voted/passed to donate those to the raffle.

**Ways & Means:** \$631 was collected for the Spring Specialty and will be split 50/50 (\$315.50 each) with the general fund and the rescue fund. The Fall Specialty will not be split and 100% will go to the general fund. You can still bring donations to the September meeting.

**Website:** Be sure to check out the Spring Specialty pics. If you have any updates or have any website concerns or ideas, please email Deb King at [brerdane@charter.net](mailto:brerdane@charter.net) and be sure to put GDCMS in the subject line.

## **Old Business:**

## **New Business:**

The 2010 Judges Selection Committee was set: Chuck Crawford, Chair with Dana Sikes & Gabrielle Kostiuk as committee members.

## **Judges Final Nomination Ballot for the 2010 National Specialty:**

**Specialty Judges:** (select 3 different from the list below)

Alice Bonne	Lisa DeRoulet	Karen Desjardins
Connie Hunter	Colette Jacobsen	Nancy Lerch
Robert Thomas	Jane Treiber	Eric Ringle
Sharon Hennessey		

**Sharon Hennessey #1**

**Robert Thomas #2**

**Nancy Lerch #3**

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**Futurity Judges:** (select 2 different from the list below)

Linda Cain	Mary Lou Carmody	Tiffany Cross
Fran Lass	Lorraine Matherly	David Miller
Jose Ribo	Joel Rosenblatt	Lora Thill
Chantel Johnson	Betsy Phelan	

**David Miller #1**

**Joel Rosenblatt #2**

Noel will mail the club's ballot on these selections.

The Yearbook Ad was submitted – it's different this year from the past years. This year they only wanted our Club logo and the list of officers/board members/delegate. But you have the option if you'd like a free 1/3 page individual ad for dogs/bitches that finished a title or got a second (or more) health certificate in 2007. You could submit that by the deadline given.

**Our 2010 Specialty Judges were voted on:**

#1 Houston Clark  
#2 Albert Berrios  
#3 Ron Acena  
# 4 Susan Yotive

Sweeps:

#1 Rick Zahorchak  
#2 Joy Lobato  
#3 Doug Toomey  
#4 Philip Martin

Darcy received a list of Club Compliances that need to be done and we are right on track doing the list. She mentioned that the Atlanta Kennel Club is sponsoring a pet day at Willis Park in Alpharetta, on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Atl KC is sponsoring booths for those clubs that wish to have a booth. A motion was made/voted on/passed to have a booth. We decided that would be a fun idea and a good way to show how wonderful our breed is. Heather Fick and Heather Weed volunteered to be co-chairs of this event.

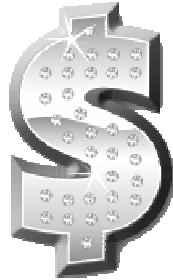
There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Adams (in Noel's absence)

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**Treasurer's Report**

**June & July, 2008**

**Balance 05-31-08    General: \$3,086.89    Rescue: \$1,833.48    Total: \$4,920.37**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>RESCUE</b>
1. Brags	23.00	0.00
2. Trophies SP 08	15.00	0.00
3. Trophies FA 08	<u>135.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total deposit	173.00	0.00

**EXPENDITURES:**

1. Newsletter postage	32.80	0.00
2. Flowers	<u>74.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	107.00	0.00
NET	66.00	0.00

**Balance 7-31-08    General: \$3,152.89    Rescue: \$1,833.48    Total: \$4,986.37**

**Chuck Crawford  
Treasurer  
August 12, 2008**

**Check book balances**

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## **Brag**

### **From Glen Soafer:**

Legacy's Gladiator, "Lance", went BOB in Fletcher NC at the Asheville K.C. show on June 8th. Lance is handled exclusively by Shannon Soafer. Keep up the good work!  
*(Glen, don't forget to pay Chuck Crawford)*

### **From Jay Berkowitz:**

Ivan earned his UKC "Show Champion" title out of the breeder handler class in May  
Ivan won "Best Male" 4 times in a row, and "Best of Winners" twice at the UKC show  
16-18 May

Ivan won "Winners Dog" out of bred by class on 24 May at the Oakridge show 24 May,  
getting his second point

Anya won "Best Female" twice and "Best of Winners" once at the UKC show in May

Anya won "Best of Breed" and "Group 1" at the sanction B match at Douglasville in June

### **From Dana Sikes:**

CH Paquestone's Miss Madison CD, RAE, CGC earned the first leg towards her RAE2  
title at the Hendersonville Kennel Club trial. Madison is owned and handled by Dana  
Sikes.

CH Ashton's Blonde Ambition CD, RAE, CGC earned the first leg towards her RAE2  
title at the Hendersonville Kennel Club trial with third place in Rally Advanced. Ashton  
is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

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**From Chuck & Willie Crawford:**

Chuck & Willie took their Lady (Charma's Lady of the Lake) to Canfield, OH looking for majors. There were two. Lady won the first one and her sister, Faith (Charma's Leap of Faith in C&C) won the second one. Not a bad weekend for Charma Danes!

**From Gabrielle Kostiuk:**

On July 26, 2008, in Greenville SC, CH Thorncrest Cash in My Assets RE (aka Cash) completed his first quality leg toward his CD title while placing first in his class.

The following day, in Greenville, CH Thorncrest Cash in My Assets RE (aka Cash) repeated his success with another first place and 2<sup>nd</sup> leg toward his CD title. I must add, he stayed in his long sit while an excited Irish Setter got up, came over and tried very hard to break Cash's concentration. Cash, being the awesome dog, politely ignored the Irish Setter and just looked at the judge as she told him to stay so the owner of the crazy setter could get him. What a good dog!!!

**Congratulations Everyone!**



**Way to go!**



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**A note from Amy Wilson:**

***ASPCA= Animal Poison Control Center -***

## The Wrath of Grapes

### **Discover why grapes and raisins prove toxic to dogs.**

Magoo was a big, playful Labrador retriever who often got himself into some sticky situations. Usually, his escapades were harmless. But one day, he managed to snag a box of raisins from the pantry and ended up eating an entire pound of the sweet treats. Other than being exasperated by Magoo's behavior, his guardians didn't think much about it. They knew that lots of people shared grapes with their dogs and often used raisins as training rewards. So it hardly seemed the kind of emergency that required a call to the veterinarian. In fact, if Magoo's parents had called the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) just a few years ago, they would have been told not to worry about it.

### **Through the Grapevine**

Around 1989, the APCC began noticing a trend in dogs who had eaten grapes or raisins: Nearly all developed acute renal (kidney) failure. As more cases were reported, enough data was generated in the database to help veterinarians identify and treat dogs at risk. In all of the cases, the ingredients for potential acute renal failure were the same. Whether the ingested grapes were purchased fresh from grocery stores or grown in private yards didn't seem to matter, nor did the brand eaten. And the ingested amounts varied considerably, from over a pound of grapes to as little as a single serving of raisins. The cases weren't from any specific region, but instead came from across the United States. The database showed that dogs who ate the grapes and raisins typically vomited within a few hours of ingestion. Most of the time, partially digested grapes and raisins could be seen in the vomit, fecal material, or both. At this point, some dogs would stop eating (anorexia), and develop diarrhea. The dogs often became quiet and lethargic, and showed signs of abdominal pain. These clinical signs lasted for several days -- sometimes even weeks.

Why did the fruit cause the dogs to become ill? No one knows. Suspect grapes and raisins have been screened for various pesticides, heavy metals (such as zinc or lead), and mycotoxins (fungal contaminants) and so far, all results have come back negative. In the cases where the grapes were grown in private yards, owners confirmed that no insecticides, fertilizers or antifungals had been used on the fruit.

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### **"Raisin" the Success Rate**

Even though the exact cause of the renal failure is unknown, dogs who ingest grapes and raisins can be treated successfully to prevent its development. The first line of defense is decontamination. Inducing vomiting in recent ingestions and administering activated charcoal helps prevent absorption of potential toxins. Dogs should be hospitalized and placed on intravenous fluids for a minimum of 48 hours. A veterinarian should monitor blood chemistry daily for at least three days following the ingestion. If all blood work is normal after three days, it's unlikely that kidney failure will occur. If a dog shows evidence of renal failure, fluids must be continued, and other medications should be used to stimulate urine production. Some dogs may need peritoneal dialysis, a process where the peritoneum (the membranes surrounding the abdominal organs) is used to filter waste products that are normally filtered by the kidney.

Thanks in part to the AnTox database, grape or raisin ingestion can be easily identified and treated. Today, a dog can make a complete recovery from this potentially fatal condition.

*Dr. Means is a veterinary toxicologist at the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, Illinois.*

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### **Here is a note passed along from Karen Yoder:**

Warning to all dog owners - pass this on to everyone you can!

Last Friday evening, I arrived home from work, fed Chloe, our 24 Lb. dachshund, just as I normally do. Ten minutes later I walked into the den just in time to see her head inside the pocket of Katie's friend's purse. She had a guilty look on her face so I looked closer and saw a small package of sugar-free gum. It contained xylitol. I remembered that I had recently read that sugar-free gum can be deadly for dogs so I jumped on line and looked to see if xylitol was the ingredient. I found the first website below and it was the one. Next, I called our vet. She said to bring her in immediately.

Meanwhile, since this was her first case, our vet found another website to figure out the treatment. She took Chloe and said they would induce her to vomit, give her a charcoal drink to absorb the toxin (even though they don't think it works) then they would start an iv with dextrose. The xylitol causes dogs to secrete insulin so their blood sugar drops very quickly. The second thing that happens is liver failure. If that happens, even with aggressive treatment, it can be difficult to save them. She told us she would call us.

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Almost two hours later, the vet called and said that contents of her stomach contained 2-3 gum wrappers and that her blood sugar had dropped from 90 to 59 in 30 minutes. She wanted us to take Chloe to another hospital that has a critical care unit operating around the clock. We picked her up and took her there. They had us call the ASPCA poison control for a case number and for a donation, their doctors would direct Chloe's doctor on treatment. They would continue the iv, monitor her blood every other hour and then in 2 days test her liver function. She ended up with a central line in her jugular vein since the one in her leg collapsed, just as our regular vet had feared.

Chloe spent almost the entire weekend in the critical care hospital. After her blood sugar was stabilized, she came home yesterday. They ran all the tests again before they released her and so far, no sign of liver damage. Had I not seen her head in the purse, she probably would have died and we wouldn't even had known why.

Three vets told me this weekend, that they were amazed that I even knew about it since they are first learning about it too. Please tell everyone you know about xylitol and dogs. It may save another life.



My dogs live here, they're here to stay.  
you don't like pets, be on your way.  
they share my home, my food, my space  
this is their home, this is their place.

You will find dog hair on the floor;  
they will alert you're at the door.  
they may request a little pat;  
a simple 'no' will settle that.

It gripes me when I hear you say  
'just how is it you live this way?  
they smell, they shed, they're in the way..'  
WHO ASKED YOU? is all I can say.

They love me more than anyone,  
my voice is like the rising sun,  
they merely have to hear me say  
'C'mon, time to go and play'.

Then tails wag and faces grin,  
they bounce and hop and make a din.  
They never say 'no time for you',  
they're always there, to GO and DO.

And if I'm sad? They're by my side  
and if I'm mad? they circle wide  
and if I laugh, they laugh with me  
they understand, they always see.

So once again, I say to you  
come visit me, but know this too...

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.  
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they share my home, my food, my space  
this is their home, this is their place.

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**Marmaduke's corner:**



"It's hard to remember he was once a little puppy I carried home in my pocket."