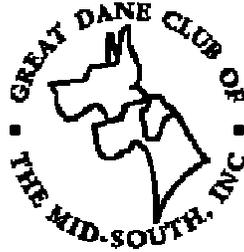


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Newsletter for November, 2007

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 8pm at Georgia Tech

The December meeting night will also be our Holiday Party! (Directions/map can be found on our club website <http://www.gdcms.org/meetings.html>)

Dear Members and Friends,

Many thanks to Noel and Heather for the goodies at the meeting.

I would like to welcome our newest members:

Gabrielle Kostiuk gkostiuk@comcast.net
1318 Baileys Corner
Marietta GA 30062

Yvonne Weed yvonneweed@yahoo.com
1615 Trellis Crossing
Alpharetta GA 30004

As the December meeting will also be our Christmas party, right here at GA Tech, please email Darcy what you will be bringing. stnvally@bellsouth.net If any of you have warmer trays that you plug in, would you mind bringing them? We have microwaves available at the building, but no stove or oven to heat things. The club will buy a honey-baked ham.

We will also be doing our "White Elephant Gift Exchange", so please bring a wrapped gift (in the \$15 range) to exchange and get ready to have some fun! (Watch out for Trish at these events – she gets pretty feisty!)

This year it's in a very central location and on our regular meeting night, so I hope we'll have a GREAT attendance!

Connie Adams
President

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**Minutes, General Meeting
November 14, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President, Connie Adams at 8:00 pm.

Guests in Attendance: Walter Jung and Gabrielle Kostiuk were welcomed.

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Tina Brandt, Noel Clarke, Heather Fick, GT Melton, Sandra Melton, Darcy Quinlan, Susanne Roberts-Phillips, Dana Sikes, Cindy Southall, Trish Thurow

President's Report: Guests were welcomed.

Secretary's Report: GA Canine Coalition dues are due – are we going to rejoin? A motion was made and seconded to rejoin and Chuck Crawford will send a check in the amount of \$30.

Treasurer's Report: Follows

GDCA: Angela attended the meeting at the Nationals.

Awards: Award forms were available to fill out and return to Willie. They will also be attached to this newsletter and available on the website. Willie needs to have these back by February 1st.

Combined: No report

Education: No report

Prestige: A check will be given to Chuck C. in the amount of \$660.30 – a partial payment from the Prestige Specialty Clubs of Atlanta – more to follow.

Rescue: Follows

SE Division: No report

Trophies: Several Fall Trophy checks will be given to Chuck C.

Ways & Means: Proceeds from the Raffle/Auction - \$426 went into Rescue and \$426 in General Fund. Way to go Club!

Website: Fall Specialty pics will be up in the near future. Connie will send out an email when they are up and ready for your viewing pleasure!

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Old Business:

New Business:

Gabrielle & Yvonne were voted in as new members. (Welcome Ladies!)

Noel asked about creating a Hospitality Committee. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed upon to create this committee with Noel as the Chairman. He will be in charge of food at our shows, as well as at meetings.

The Nominating Committee (Trish, Chairman; Angela & Sandra committee members) presented the following slate of Officers and Board Members for consideration:

President: Connie Adams
Vice President: Angela Stillwell
Secretary: Noel Clarke
Treasurer: Chuck Crawford
Delegate: Chuck Quinlan

Board Positions: Trish Thurow and Sandra Melton

There were no floor nominations made at the meeting, so it was motioned, seconded and unanimously voted to close the voting slate as read. Voting will be at the December meeting.

At this time the GDCA letter with the proposed changes to the Great Dane Standard and a recommendation for Honorary Membership for Eleanor Leslie was distributed to be read, discussed and voted upon as a club. After everyone read it, asked questions and discussion was held, the club voted on the ballot that was provided.

All were unanimous:
Mantle Changes: Disapprove
Forequarters Changes: Disapprove
Fawn Changes: Disapprove
Commentary Changes: Disapprove
Eleanor Leslie- Honorary Member: Approve

Connie will return the ballot to Lynda Moriarty, Corresponding Secretary, GDCA.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 8:45 pm and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Clarke, Interim Secretary

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Rescue Report:

Rescue Report for the Month of October

Reported at the November meeting

Adopted off our list in October: 11

(plus one owner decided to keep)

Danes on our list needing new homes (as of today 11/14): 6

Adopted so far in November: 4

Connie Adams, Secretary

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Bragg

From Dana Sikes:

CH Ashton's Blonde Ambition CD, RE, CGC won Rally High In Trial at the National Specialty in Lancaster with 1st place in Rally Excellent B. She also earned 3rd place in Rally Advanced B obtaining the first leg of her RAE title. She earned the second leg of her RAE title at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club show with scores of 96 and 98. Ashton is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Paquestone's Miss Madison CD, RE, CGC won 2nd place in Rally Excellent B to her daughter Ashton at the National Specialty in Lancaster. She also earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced B obtaining the first leg of her RAE title. She earned the second leg of her RAE title at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club show with scores of 90 and 91. Madison is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Paquestones Master Of Suspense RN, CGC won 3rd place in Rally Advanced A at the National Specialty in Lancaster for the first leg of his RA title. He also won 3rd place in the Pre-Novice obedience class at the National Specialty. And he made the first cut in Best of Breed at Nationals. He earned second place and the second leg of his RA title at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club show with a score of 96. Spencer is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

Ashton's Lady Cassandra won 2nd place in the Novice bitch class at the National Specialty which was her first show. Cassandra is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Ashton's Bad To The Bone made the first two cuts in Best of Breed at the National Specialty at 23 months old. Brock is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

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From Noel Clarke & Walter Jung:

Tristino's Symphony v Lyonheart "Mozart" took WD for 1 point on Thursday and on Saturday took WD again for a 3 point Major at the Virginia Beach Shows. He has 6 points to date with 1 Major. He is the only Fawn dog from the litter. This is the 3rd puppy from our first breeding that has points and Majors and now joins Max and Violet on the ladder to become a Champion.

From: CH Stone Valley's Rocky Raccoon, CD, CGC, HIC, RAE, TT "Royale"

On October 13, at the match in Cumming, I watched with great pride as my daughter "Cypress" took BOB puppy and then captured a Group 2. And my son "Zulu" took BOB Adult and then also took a Group 1. I am very proud of both of you. Love, Dad (as told to Tina Brandt – Royale's owner)

From Glen Soafer:

Ch. Legacy's Gladiator, "Lance," went BOB Saturday and Sunday at the Decatur Kennel Club shows in Priceville, Al. Lance has won BOS at six prior shows in a row since September, so we are happy to finally get these break out wins. As always, Lance is handled exclusively by Shannon Soafer. Both Lance and Shannon have been invited to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, Ca. this December. They have qualified to show in the breed and in Junior Showmanship. We wish them both all the best of luck!

From Heather Fick:

On October 25th, Daneacres Jubilee Once Upon A Thrill "MacKenzie" obtained her first point at the Griffin show in Marietta by taking Winners Bitch. She took a first and Best of Breed and Group 3 at the Match on that Saturday night.

On October 27th, she received reserve winners.

From Darcy Quinlan:

Stone Valley's You've Got a Friend "Dakota" went WB on October 20 & 21st at the Thronateeska KC shows in Albany. She also went WB on October 28th at the Kennesaw KC.

Heartiest congratulations to all for the great news!!

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Doggie Holiday Guidelines

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know:
 - don't pee on the tree
 - don't drink water in the container that holds the tree
 - mind your tail when you are near the tree
 - if there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open
 - don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part:
 - not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans
 - don't eat off the buffet table
 - beg for goodies subtly
 - be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa
 - don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:
 - observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a is particularly important)
 - respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house
 - tolerate children
 - turn on your charm big time
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. **DON'T BITE HIM!!**

(Author Unknown)

GDCMS Inc. Awards Application
January 1 through December 31, 2007

TITLE HOLDERS:

Full Name Dog/Bitch _____

AKC Number _____

Title, Date Received _____

Title Verification, AKC awards Date & Page # (or copy of Title Certificate)

Breeder(s)

Member Owner Applicant(s)

List titles attained this year on Get Bred by Sire who was owned or co-owned by a member.

Sire's Full Name _____

AKC Number _____

Names of Titled Get

List titles attained this year on Get Whelped by Dam who was owned or co-owned by a member.

Dam's Full Name _____

AKC Number _____

Names of Titled Get

Return completed forms in triplicate by February 1, 2008 to:

Willie Crawford
122 Deerwood Trail
Sharpsburg GA 30277