



## **Bulletin 2020**

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Dear Members,

I hope everyone is staying safe. I thought I would update you on the latest club news and I hope some of you will be able to join us on our first ever teleconference meeting.

### **Membership**

The Board of Directors has approved the membership application of Sue Blaue, sponsored by Sterling Moffat and Millie Pike. This posting constitutes Sue's 'listing' as required in the bylaws. Any comments regarding this application should be directed to Sue Davis Shaw, [Davisdane@comcast.net](mailto:Davisdane@comcast.net).

The board recently voted to suspend event attendance as a requirement for membership during this pandemic. Applicants must still attend one meeting and attendance at a teleconference meeting will fulfill that obligation.

### **National Information**

No word yet as to whether the National Specialty will be held in October.

### **Awards**

Since the May pot luck has been cancelled, the deadline for applying for an award for 2019 has been extended to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Application is attached. Please return it to Tami Bradford.

### **GDCA Charitable Trust**

#### **NEWS!**

#### **OFA Echocardiograms Subsidized By GDCA Charitable Trust**

We are pleased to announce that the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust will be reimbursing \$50 toward echocardiograms for GDCA and Affiliate club members for exams performed in 2020. Guidelines for participating are listed

below. Thank you to the Charitable Trust for your continued support in promoting the health and wellness of our beloved breed.

- 1) GDCA Charitable Trust will reimburse (subsidize) OFA advanced cardiac (echocardiogram) studies for GDCA and Affiliate Club members in the amount of \$50
- 2) Initial echocardiogram per Great Dane (follow up or retest excluded)
- 3) Echocardiograms performed at GDCA National will be excluded as they are already subsidized and offered at a reduced rate to participants
- 4) Send a copy of receipt, OFA application, and mailing address for receipt of check to Darryl Pitts at [ECHO.GDCA@gmail.com](mailto:ECHO.GDCA@gmail.com). If you are not a GDCA member, please indicate affiliate club membership.
- 5) Reimbursements will be distributed quarterly.

#### Disaster Relief Grants

The Charitable Trust is accepting grant applications for those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The grants are available to help those who are unable to feed or care for their Danes. Applications are available for download on the GDCA website.

#### Litters or Dogs Available

Sterling Moffat has a litter of 9.

Ch. Oceanblue Coleridge Rau BCAT x Sterling's Obsidian Rosette Delizy NA NAJ TKN CGC

6 blue boys 1 black boy 2 black girls

Born 4/20

#### Braggs

**Here's a really big brag! Our very own Judy Harrington will be judging the Working Group at Westminster in 2021.**

When I took over as GDCNE secretary many years ago, I was entrusted with the old club records and in going through them, I was impressed that Judy had held almost every office and job in the club! Below you will find the bio that Westminster Kennel Club has distributed. Congratulations, Judy! What a wonderful and well-deserved honor!

**MS. JUDY A. HARRINGTON of Monson, Massachusetts**, bred and owner-handled Great Danes under the Justamere prefix. Her successful owner-handling led to a career as an all-breed professional handler. She is grateful to clients that entrusted her with the show careers of memorable dogs. She shares her home with Australian Shepherds co-bred with Leslie Frank under the Propwash prefix. They have received many AKC awards in conformation and performance events including more than 100 conformation champions as well as the first dual champion in conformation and herding.

Ms. Harrington has judged multiple national specialties and Top 20 events as well as many international assignments. She judges the Sporting and Working groups, many

Toy, Hound, and Herding breeds, Junior Showmanship, and Best in Show. This is her fourth Westminster judging assignment.



#### Website

Our website, [gdcne.org](http://gdcne.org), is in very good hands with Kim Thurler. If you need any club info you can find it there.

## SAVE THE DATES

#### Meetings

- May 30<sup>th</sup> CHANGE IN MEETING NOTICE. We are unable to meet in-person at Norm's house due to restrictions from the pandemic. We hope to reschedule an in-person meeting later in the summer.
- **WE WILL HAVE A TELECONFERENCE MEETING AT 7:00 PM ON SATURDAY, MAY 30TH. CALL IN INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM SUE SHAW OR TIFFANY CROSS. PLEASE JOIN US!**
- September 5<sup>th</sup> after Souhegan Kennel Club judging. Meeting and Pot Luck at Pat Ciampa's house. **Souhegan has been cancelled so this meeting is currently on hold.**
- November 21 at Eastern States Exposition in between shows.

#### Shows


**Supported Entry at the Chickadee Classic in Cumberland, Maine, June 18-21**

I'm sad to report that the Chickadee Classic has been cancelled for this year.

**Thanksgiving Cluster November 19-22.** This year it doesn't fall on Thanksgiving! We will have four specialties, two on Saturday, November 21 and two on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Judges include Mimi Kim, Eric Ringle, Tom Davis and I'm not sure of the fourth. Sweeps will be Terri Dillistin and Rachel Rich. There is a chance for six majors through the weekend!

More information will be coming regarding the raffle and trophy donations.

### **Sunshine**

Sadly, we've had a rough start to the new year. Our sincere condolences go out to Helen and Tiffany Cross on their loss of Morgan; Walt and Maria Perkins on their loss of Hugo; Karen Pacino on her loss of Figlio; and Dianne Powers on her loss of Sailor. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. 

### **Correspondence**

The club is not in a financial position to be donating at this time, but please consider an individual donation if you can:

**Note from Mary Lange**

Hi Tiffany;

I was wondering whether the club would be interested in donating to organizations that feed the pets of n people in need?

I looked into my own state's program and the only one I found was for "Meals on Wheels" that provides for those pets.. it's called "Animeals".

Also I looked at Domestic Violence Shelters...we(CT)have a shelter that built a pet facility that houses/cares for those trying to get out of bad situations& don't want to leave their pet behind.

My Collie club lost our Specialty in April & our Herding trial for May, so since we are not spending money we decided to donate \$500 to each organization.

Just thought I would throw this out to the BoD to see if we can help those in need..just a little.

Mary

### **In Closing**

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, concerns or ideas you may have for our club.

I hope to see you at some point in the fall.

Stay safe and have a wonderful, restful summer with your family and pets!

Sue