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From the President

Susan Davis Shaw



Hi everyone,

I know we are all looking forward to the specialties this weekend. We have solid majors, wonderful trophies and a great raffle table. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to the success of the shows, whether you helped to run the shows, served on a committee, donated a trophy or a raffle item or bought tickets or entered your dogs. You are appreciated.

I was happy to continue our tradition of giving welcome bags to our exhibitors and I would like to publicly thank Lisa Lewis for providing some of the items included. I am planning to continue them for our spring specialties so if you would like to contribute something or have ideas for what to include, please let me know.

We have lost two of our long-time members this year, Dianne Powers and Suzanne Kelley. Both have contributed greatly to the success of our club over the years. Interestingly, both have served many years on the board of directors and both were directors of our rescue program when we had rescue as part of our club. Their contributions were tremendous and they will be sorely missed.

The Nominating Committee members are Helen Cross, Peter Roddy, and Judi Arsenault. If you are interested in a board position, please contact a member of the committee and let them know.

Best wishes,

Sue
President

Homeopathy
By Betty Lewis

Homeopathy has its roots in the ancient world, and was re-discovered by Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843) in the late 1700s. He was a German doctor & chemist, who became disillusioned with the medical practices of his day, practices which caused considerable suffering to his patients. Hahnemann was way ahead of his time as his agile mind allowed him to develop a system of medicine which is only now, in the 21st century beginning to be explained by quantum physics.



Homeopathy is a system of medicine based on a principle called The Law of Similiars. This law says that if a substance given to a healthy person can cause toxic symptoms to be expressed, then minute doses of the same substance can activate the energy of the body (vital force) to heal that body. You will hear the term "like cures like" or "similar cures similar". The word 'body' refers not only to the physical body, but the mental, emotional & spiritual as well.

Homeopathic remedies start with substances such as herbs, minerals, or animal products. The flower pictured is Arnica Montana. When prepared homeopathically, Arnica is a common homeopathic remedy often used in cases of trauma and bruising.

These substances are crushed, dissolved in a liquid, (usually alcohol) shaken, & diluted. The making of homeopathic remedies involves techniques called 'potentiation & succussion'. When remedies are prepared in this way, there is no physical trace of the original substance, but the energetic imprint of the original remains in the liquid.

While a conventional (allopathic) medical doctor may spend 15 minutes with a patient before prescribing a drug, a homeopathic consultation may take an hour or more because homeopathy treats the individual, not the illness. It is important for the homeopath to find out every possible symptom being experienced, which will aid in identifying just the right remedy.

It is important to do a little research to understand what a person means when she uses the term "homeopath". There are certain clues which will lead you to evaluate the person you want to trust with health decisions. The designation "classical homeopath" is a start, but not enough. You'll need to have a rudimentary idea of how the person thinks about homeopathy, & how she prescribes in order to evaluate her.
A classical homeopath, Magda Aguila, in her introductory article, "Homeopathy- What It Is & How It Works", addresses a common misconception regarding homeopathy:

"Because Homeopathic remedies are strong enough to cause changes in the Vital Force, they are not to be used lightly. Many people believe that because there are no "side effects" to homeopathic remedies, they can be used by anyone. This is not so. There are "side effects" to remedies. The continued repetition of remedies, that are not truly similar to the symptoms/dis-ease, will create a symptomatic picture that reflects the very symptoms that the remedy is capable of creating in healthy people. The indiscriminate use of high and deep potencies will affect deeper core areas and could produce unnecessary and undesirable mental and emotional symptoms. For these reasons, the proper understanding of the action of remedies is so important. When used in a knowledgeable and cautious manner, Homeopathy is a gentle and safe form of medicine capable of curing diseases that allopathic medicine cannot."

Homeopathy is a very deep acting medical system, but it is very different from the system which most of us are familiar with. Therefore, before consulting a homeopath, I suggest you learn about it in greater depth than I'm able to discuss here. There are many excellent books, articles and websites which can help you. Here is a link to start your journey.

Introduction to Homeopathy (PDF): https://sandrakamiakmd.com/pdfs/Introduction_To_Homeopathy.pdf



Homeopathy can be used in two ways, as first aid (acute) or to cure chronic disease. For the former, you need to get a book or two, and start learning. For the latter, you'll need a classical homeopath.

Facebook has some groups. I joined Homeopathy for Dogs, but there are others. The following case history in one of my dogs happened many years ago. In the intervening years, toxicity has become overwhelming in every aspect of our lives, but moreso in the area of medicine, including veterinary medicine, and especially injectables.
Kiah was my third Whippet from the same Whippet breeder, but her sire was from Australia. The breeder leased him for a year, so he was sent to the US to breed to her dogs, finish his AKC championship, and he was available to Whippet breeders across the country.

In order to enter this country, he had to have two rabies injections, and I believe this may have been an issue in his progeny. Since none of his ancestors had been vaccinated, and this was a novel protein being incorporated into his body, I think he reacted in ways we hadn't seen before, including passing the energetic imprint of the vaccine, through his sperm, to many, if not all, of his offspring. The story below is just one dog, but I heard numerous similar stories once he had enough litters that the information filtered through the grapevine to me. In fact, a few years later, before I came to the conclusion I just state above, I bought a puppy who was a generation removed from him directly, and found less severe issues, but still some odd things that had never been present in this breeder's line before breeding to this dog.

In any event, Kiah came to me at 8 weeks. I had visited the litter weekly since birth, and, in her family situation, with her litter, she seemed like a normal, well adjusted dog.

I picked her up in the morning. She adjusted well to my other Whippet and Danes. She was in and out of her crate for nap times, and wandering in and out on her own.

At dinner time, I put the crate in the dining room, about two feet away from me, put her in it, and sat down to eat dinner. Suddenly, she started SCREAMING, attacking and biting at the bars of the crate, drooling/flinging saliva, and would not be soothed. She exhibited all the signs they assign to rabies.

I called my homeopath, who suggested Belladonna (see below for a synopsis of this remedy). I don't remember the sequence of events of taking her out of the crate to give her the remedy, but the moment the remedy hit her mouth, she stopped. Writing this story, 21 years later, has just reminded me that later in life, she had a similar behavior at a field trial. She bent the bars on a wire crate to such an extent that she managed to squeeze out of the crate. That was unusual behavior for her, as she had been in that crate, at dog shows and field trials, for years.

I bet I should have repeated the remedy then! Well, the behavior was never at the original intensity again. This is the power of homeopathy.
From the Materia Medica of William Boericke, comes this introduction to Belladonna:
"Belladonna acts upon every part of the nervous system, producing active congestion, furious excitement, perverted special senses, twitching, convulsions and pain. It has a marked action on the vascular system, skin and glands. Belladonna always is associated with hot, red skin, flushed face, glaring eyes, throbbing carotids, excited mental state, hyperaesthesia of all senses, delirium, restless sleep, convulsive movements, dryness of mouth and throat with aversion to water, neuralgic pains that come and go suddenly (Oxytropis). Heat, redness, throbbing and burning. "

I wanted you all to know about the power of this non-invasive healing modality, but especially in the current environment of indiscriminate drug use, and most especially, mRNA injections.

Here is a chart to help you to make educated decisions regarding some of the newer vaccines. Please learn to research, learn and question everything.



My best wishes for your dogs' good health and longevity.

This'll freak you out

WORD	Rearrange the letters
DORMITORY	DIRTY ROOM
PRESBYTERIAN	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER	MOON STARER
DESPERATION	A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES	THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH	HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE	HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES	CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY	IS NO AMITY
ELECTION RESULTS	LIES LET'S RECOUNT
MOTHER-IN-LAW	WOMAN HITLER
SNOOZE ALARMS	ALAS NO MORE Z'S
A DECIMAL POINT	IM A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES	THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO	TWELVE PLUS ONE

Submitted by Betty Lewis

Brain Teasers

Submitted by Betty Lewis

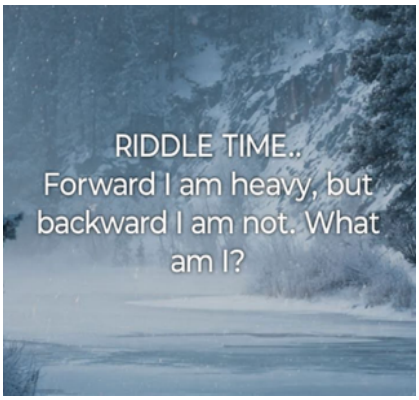
Answers found in other sections of this issue

1. You can ask this question all day long and get completely different answers, yet all the answers will be correct. What is the question?

2. Put a coin into an empty bottle and insert a cork into the neck. How can you remove the coin without removing the cork or breaking the bottle?

3. How can 8 + 8 = 4?

4.



A Note From the Editor

Hello everyone,

It isn't often that you hear from me in these pages, but I could not let this issue of Dane Line pass without acknowledging the loss of two very special women, Dianne Powers and Suzanne Kelley.

Their passing has left a tremendous hole in my heart, and I know that many of you share that same sense of loss. To lose two such wonderful women, two bright lights in our Great Dane community, is difficult to put into words.

Both gave so much of themselves, not only to the dogs we all love, but to the people whose lives they touched along the way. Their friendship, kindness, and the memories they leave behind are gifts we will carry with us.

Our world is a little less bright without them, but how fortunate we were to have had them in our lives.

With heartfelt sadness,

Carol

Dianne Elizabeth Powers

Jan 9, 1951 — Aug 5, 2026



Dianne Elizabeth Powers left this world on Wednesday, August 5th, with the same fierce energy she brought to it. Two of her dearest friends were at her side. Dianne battled to preserve a sense of dignity and self for several months after receiving a glioblastoma diagnosis. She maintained both-along with a sense of humor. The outpouring of well wishes from so many different people she had touched in her lifetime is a tribute to how she lived it.

Dianne was born in Baltimore and grew up in Lewisburg but spent most of her adult life on Martha's Vineyard. After graduating from high school and shortly thereafter, Garland Junior College, Dianne set out for what would be a lifetime of curiosity and tackling new things.

After some summer stints on the Vineyard following college, Dianne stayed on to make it her home. She eventually took up residence on Music Street, helping care for family and the three home property overall. Dianne's generous nature allowed for an impressive rotation of visitors each summer-some family, some friends, and eventually, a bunch of college age baseball players having been recruited to play for the Sharks. Her door was always open, and she was a consummate host.

While on the Vineyard, Dianne found community in various aspects of the island. She took karate for several years, worked as an EMT, served on the schoolboard, and took an active role in the West Tisbury Agricultural Fair. She also served on the board of selectmen in West Tisbury for a number of years and according to a dear friend "was a force in the town government."

She was never one to back down from a challenge, but her opinions were (usually) delivered with diplomacy. Professionally, Dianne worked at various island businesses but ultimately found her way to doing title work at a law office in Edgartown. During that time, Dianne ran for and was elected to be the Registrar of Deeds for Dukes County, a position she held for 22 years.

Having lived her formative years in Lewisburg with her parents, Harvey and Betsy Powers, and sister Christina and brother Marc, Dianne had a strong connection to the town she eventually returned to. She found a home along the Susquehanna River that she worked tirelessly to maintain and took both pride and pleasure in doing so. Dianne immediately picked up where she left off enjoying the company of close friends and classmates and forging new ties to her neighborhood community and the Lewisburg community as a whole.

Dianne loved a good project and was always working on several at once. Her energy was boundless as was her sense of service, which she continued to do after leaving the island.

Dianne served on Lewisburg Borough Council and various boards and commissions. Another council member noted that she brought years of lived borough experience, reliability and care for her constituents and almost equally important; humor. Additionally, she worked on the Green Team to maintain designated borough properties and encourage the growth of native species, particularly at Lewisburg Landing and at Mariah's Garden behind her South Front Street home. She was also a frequent volunteer at the Scratching Post Cat Café.

Upon learning of her diagnosis, Dianne's first thoughts were of her dogs, Maggie and T'Challa. As much as she loved her friends and family, Dianne was an animal person. Many years ago, she bought a black female Great Dane puppy who 'might' have show dog potential. Grace didn't turn out for the show ring, but Dianne totally fell in love with the breed. Her deep love of Great Danes led her to join the Great Dane Club of New England. Soon she took over the rescue program and ran it for several years, helping Danes in need find new homes. Dianne served many years on the GDCNE Board of Directors and served as trial secretary for their obedience and rally trials.

Dianne joined the Great Dane Club of America in 1997 and was elected Affiliate Club Representative to the Board of Directors, then a Director, then first Vice President and finally the membership elected her President of the Great Dane Club of America, from 2013 to 2017. In total, she served 15 years on the Board of Directors, traveling around the country for meetings. Dianne purchased a show dog from Tootie Longo and Jay Miller and, after she finished her championship, got hooked on 'specialing', even though it was really difficult living on Martha's Vineyard and coordinating the ring times with the ferry schedule.

After moving back to Pennsylvania, she bred her champion, Honey, G**CH LONGO MILLER N LORE'S QUEEN BEE V NOR'EAST,** and kept two of the puppies, a male named T'Challa and a female named Maggie. Both finished their championships easily and her male, T'Challa, earned a place in the Top 20 Great Danes in the country in 2023.

Dianne had the thrill of a lifetime watching a dog that she bred compete with the best of the best in the Top 20 competition at the National Specialty. Dianne became interested in the dynamics of the show ring and as a result, served as a ring steward for the last two National Specialties. She also served as President of the Great Dane Club of Central Pennsylvania in 2025.

Dianne is survived by her brother Marc Powers and his wife Audrey of Trumansburg, NY; nieces Betsy Van Buskirk of Lewisburg and Katie (Van Buskirk) Oliver and her husband Christopher of Pennsylvania Furnace, PA; nephews Judson Powers and his wife Megan of Ithaca, NY and Austin Powers of Phuket, Thailand; great nephew Aaron Van Buskirk and his wife Amanda of Waltham, MA; great nieces Gwen (Oliver) Ganley and her husband Jonathon of Arlington, VA, Tia Oliver of Arlington,VA, Erika Powers of Ithaca, NY, and Stella Powers of Beijing, China; great-great nephew Clayton Van Buskirk of Waltham, MA; and a horde of cousins, extended family and friends from all over the world and a chia pet.

Dianne had a heart of gold and lived by the golden rule. She respected people from all walks of life and their various opinions and will be remembered and missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dianne's name may be sent to one of the following charities:

MV Sharks Baseball Foundation Inc.
P.O. Box 2058
Vineyard Haven MA 02568
Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance/The Scratching Post Cat Café
230 Market Street, Suite 1
Lewisburg, PA 17837

The Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust online:
<https://gdcacharitabletrust.org/donation/>
or
Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust
c/o Jim Remaklus
444A Moon River Ct
Savannah, GA 31406-8908



Suzanne Claire Davis Kelley

Suzanne was a wife, mother, aunt, and friend - died peacefully in her home on October 17, 2026, North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

She was born in Boston, the only daughter of the late Allen Davis and Phyllis (Carroll) Davis. She leaves behind her husband of 58 years, Theodore; her two children, Kristin Kelley and her husband Richard and Gregory Kelley and his partner Leah; as well as her Italian Spinone, Milan, and cat, Olivia. She is also survived by her beloved siblings, Ron Davis, Joel Davis, and Chris Davis; her nieces and nephews; and a community of friends. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jeffrey Davis.

Suzanne graduated from Brookline High School and attended college at UMASS, Boston. She met Ted when they were both department managers at Sears in the Fenway and were assigned to work the candy counter on Valentine's Day. They were engaged six months later. She held many jobs over the years, including work as a cytologist, an upholsterer, and a seamstress.

She was active in the Great Dane Club of New England and volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the New Hope domestic violence shelter.

She was known for her love of animals, especially the Great Danes and cats, who were her companions for many, many decades. She bred and exhibited Danes under the Allegro prefix, handling many to championships herself.

She was an avid traveler with Ted, including visits to Barcelona, Paris, Amsterdam, and numerous visits to Italy, Ireland, and the Finger Lakes, which they visited for 24 consecutive years.

Suzanne loved sending cards and never missed a birthday or holiday (major and minor). She used her creativity to navigate the world, whether she was playing the flute, painting, taking photographs, knitting, or making her own soap and body lotion, which she doled out generously as holiday gifts.

She will be forever missed.

Post Note from Sue:
On personal note, I can tell you that Suzanne was the best Sunshine Chair. Usually, when I notified her of someone needing a card, she had already sent it! Even when she was sick and I offered to take over for her, she insisted on continuing on.

Suzanne served on the GDCNE Board of Directors for many years. She also was the Rescue Chairman for many years and was responsible for saving many Danes.

New Dog Crossbreeds

Submitted by Betty Lewis

The following new crossbreeds are now recognized by the Kennel Club — allegedly!

Collie + Lhasa Apso
Collapso — a dog that folds up for easy transport.

Pointer + Setter
Poinsetter — the traditional Christmas pet.

Pekingese + Lhasa Apso
Peekasso — an abstract dog.

Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel
Irish Springer — a dog fresh and clean as mountain air.

Terrier + Bulldog
Terribull — not a good dog.

Bloodhound + Labrador
Blabador — a dog that barks incessantly.

Malamute + Pointer
Moot Point — owned by... oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway.

Collie + Malamute
Commute — a dog that travels to work.

The next deadline for *Dane Line* is March 13, 2027.



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Brags

Robert E. Layne Receives 2026 Friend of Education Award

Worcester Public Schools honors decades of dedication to students and educational opportunity.



Robert E. Layne, MEd

Robert E. Layne, MEd, *has received the 2026 Friend of Education Award from Worcester Public Schools, recognizing his longstanding commitment to students, families and educators in the Worcester community.*

As assistant dean of outreach programs at UMass Chan Medical School, Robert has spent more than 30 years building pathways for Worcester students to explore careers in medicine, science, research and healthcare. Since joining UMass Chan in 1996, he has helped connect thousands of students with mentorship, internships, hands-on learning and other opportunities to support their academic and professional goals.

Brags

Enchanted Mountains Vanilla Bean Frappuccino BCAT & Enchanted Mountains Broken Winged Bird BCAT





Vanilla & Auren both earned their BCAT on October 4th at the Borzoi Association of New England's Fast CAT event in Burnham ME.

Bred and Owned by Mickella Raven

Brags

MBISS GCHS Lemaire's One and Only, AOM

Adele



Adele never disappoints!

Looking absolutely spectacular in the Top 20 ring, she displayed beautiful breed type, effortless movement, elegance, and an unmistakable presence. She is everything we could ask for in a Great Dane, and we couldn't be prouder of our beautiful girl!

Owned and Bred by Jayme Lemaire, Carol Urick & Robert E. Layne

Beautifully Presented by John Gerszewski

A Tribute to Ana and Julien Goulet

By Carol Urick

Great Dane Club of America National Specialty — October 23, 2026

(Sue asked me to include this: I was asked to do this the day I was delivering it. If I had more time, it would have been more eloquent and perhaps condensed. However, it was a privilege to put this together and speak it and our beloved Ana & Julian were deeply moved by the ringside's reception.)

Today, I have the privilege of honoring two very special people — Ana and Julien Goulet.

For so many years, they have been a familiar and beloved part of our National Specialty. I suspect there are very few people in this room who have not admired, purchased, worn, displayed, or received something from the G&G Studio, Inc., the Virginia Perry Gardner Collection.

But today, as Ana and Julien prepare to close this chapter of their lives, I want to tell you a little about the remarkable story behind the beautiful things we have all come to treasure. And, more importantly, about the remarkable people who made it all possible.

I have the good fortune of having been there from the beginning.

Virginia Perry Gardner began her Great Dane art career with a pencil and a sketch pad. She spent hours at the home of Robert Layne and Louis Bond, sketching their magnificent Great Danes of Dinro/Sounda Kennels.



She also spent countless hours with Marilyn and Merrill Lovett, capturing the beauty and character of their Great Danes, including Ch. Justamere Lovett and Ch. Dinro Harry O.

These were dogs and people who were part of the foundation of our breed's history, and Virginia had the extraordinary ability to capture not just their physical beauty, but their very spirit.

And I remember spending many hours at Virginia's home with my daughter Jayme and her twin brother, both still babies in their little carry seats, talking for hours sipping tea and discussing ideas so Virginia could work her magic.

Her sketches were an immediate success. But Virginia had bigger dreams.

She decided to create her first sculpture — a standing male and a reclining bitch, cast in resin.

Bob, Louis, Eddie and I encouraged her to bring it to the 1974 National Specialty in Westchester, New York.

Now, picture this for a moment.

There was no beautiful display booth. No elaborate exhibition. No polished sales presentation.

There was simply Virginia, her sculpture on the hood of Merrill Lovett's taxi in the parking lot of the National which was held at Westchester in those days.

With the support of Robert Layne, Louis Bond, and Eddie Lyons, Virginia took more than 100 orders for that one piece.

And the Virginia Perry Gardner Studio was on its way.

There was just one little problem.

Virginia was an artist. A brilliant, wonderfully creative artist.

Organization, however, was not necessarily among her many gifts!

Those of us who knew her used to joke that if you ordered a portrait of your puppy, you hoped it would arrive before the dog entered the Veterans class!

And then, in 1979, something wonderful happened.

Ana and Julien Goulet came into Virginia's life.

Their sons attended the same Catholic school, and what began as a chance to make new friends after relocating from the Washington, D.C., area became a friendship that would change all their lives.

Ana saw that Virginia was overwhelmed. She offered to help. And help she did!

Where there had been chaos, Ana created order. Where there were stacks of orders, there became a business that ran like a well-oiled machine.

Virginia was finally free to do what she did best — create. And create she did.

More sculptures. More designs. Jewelry. Eventually, other breeds and other National Specialties.

And none of that growth would have been possible without Ana.

Julien eventually joined in, bringing his own talents, dedication, and steady



support to what had become so much more than a business.

But something even more beautiful was happening along the way.

Ana and Virginia became like sisters.

Their families vacationed together, celebrated holidays together, and shared life's joys and sorrows. Their friendship was not measured in years or business transactions, but in love, loyalty, and devotion.

And when Virginia passed away, Ana and Julien accepted a responsibility that went far beyond operating a studio.

They became the guardians of her legacy.

They protected her molds, her waxes, her designs, and, above all, the integrity of her artistry.

They even recovered original waxes that had never been used, ensuring that Virginia's creative hand would continue to be recognized and respected.

They never allowed the work to become simply merchandise.

To them, each piece was part of Virginia. Part of her heart. Part of her gift. Part of her life.

And through their devotion, her work has continued to grace our homes, our trophy tables, our National Specialties, and our memories.

Virginia's trophies remain part of the traditions of the Great Dane Club of America, the Top Twenty, and the Great Dane Club of New England, of which she was a member.

And think for a moment about the generosity of Ana and Julien.

Over all these years, they have donated countless beautiful pieces to our Parent Club and our affiliate clubs. They have given not only their talent and their resources, but something even more precious — their time and their hearts.

Yet, for all of these accomplishments, what I most want to honor today is who Ana and Julien are.

Because those of us who know them understand that their greatest gift has never been something we could purchase from a display case.

It has been their friendship.

Their kindness.

Their unwavering generosity.

Their ability to celebrate with us when life is wonderful and to stand quietly beside us when life is unbearably difficult.

When you are happy, they share your joy. When your heart is breaking, they share your sorrow.

They have that rare gift of making people feel that they truly matter. And they do it without fanfare, without expectation, and always with those wonderful smiles.

Ana and Julien, I hope you will look around this room today.

Look at the people whose lives you have touched.

Look at the jewelry being worn, the pieces that have been collected and cherished, the friendships that have endured for decades.

You may think you have spent these years selling jewelry and sculpture. But what you have really done is become part of the fabric of our Great Dane family.

Your pieces are given to celebrate a first champion, a National win, a special friendship, or a lifetime devoted to this magnificent breed.

And sometimes, they become the treasured reminders of a beloved dog who is no longer with us.

What Virginia created with her hands, you have helped carry into our hearts.

And now, after all these years, you are preparing to close the studio.

That is difficult for those of us who have never known a National without you. There will be something missing when we no longer see your familiar display, your beautiful pieces, and your smiling faces waiting to greet us.

But I want you to know something.

A business can close. A display can come down. The last piece can be sold. But a legacy built on love, loyalty, generosity, and friendship does not end.

Virginia's legacy will live on in the magnificent things she created.

And yours will live on in the countless people whose lives you have made richer.

I think Virginia would be enormously proud of the care you have taken with her life's

work. But I think she would be even prouder of the people you are.

And I know that, somewhere, she is smiling.

Ana and Julien, on behalf of a grateful Great Dane community, thank you.

Thank you for preserving something precious.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity.

Thank you for all the memories.

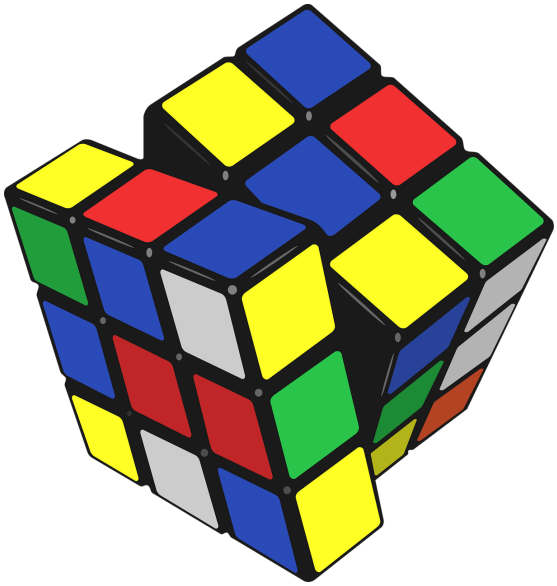
And most of all, thank you for allowing so many of us to call you our friends.

We will always treasure Virginia's art.

But we will treasure the two of you even more.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in showing Ana and Julien Goulet just how much they are loved.

P.S. Our very own Judy Harrington was Virginia's childhood and life time friend. They adored all animals, especially horses as children. As I said, I wish I had been given more time.



Answers to Brain Teasers:

Answer #1: What time is it?

Answer #2: Push the cork down into the bottle. Then shake the coin out.

Answer #3: When you think in terms of time, 8 a.m. (or 8 p.m.) + 8 hours = 4 o'clock

Answer #4: Ton and not

The following was sent to our fearless leader, Sue Shaw from the AKC's Government Relations.

Sue asked that it be shared with everyone in Dane Line.

Dear Club President,

AKC Government Relations needs your club's help in protecting your right to choose ear cropping/tail docking if it is part of your breed standard. ***While there is no active legislation or imminent threat,*** our analysts have noticed a trend – more lawmakers are inquiring "*Why*?" Why would a dog owner choose to crop/dock and why should they oppose efforts to restrict or ban these practices?

AKC Government Relations will always protect your rights and your breed standards. We need your help in presenting the "why?" to lawmakers. Lawmakers need answers that include science, data, and some anecdotal stories – even from abroad on the reasons these procedures matter in your breed.

In particular, we are looking for the following:

- Expert, scientific studies that demonstrate tail docking and/or ear cropping are necessary for safety or provide other benefits for your breed. For example:
  - Do cropped ears prevent ripping, tearing or injury?
  - Do cropped ears allow breeds to hear better?
  - Do docked tails prevent breakage or injury?
- Data
  - Any quantitative information your club or veterinarian may have gathered over the years (perhaps on injuries in your breed of dogs that have natural ears/tails or other statistics or information to underscore the importance of these procedures).
- Anecdotal Stories
  - From your own experiences.
  - From breeders/owners in countries with crop/dock bans

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The information should be sent to AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org. When sending, please include copies of the studies, and/or appropriate links, references, and other information to verify the original sources.

Please share this with your club and fellow breeders. Again, AKC will defend your right to your breed standard, but this information you provide will be vital in lawmaker communications. While no legislation is imminent, lawmakers will soon begin proposing bills for 2027 sessions, which is why we are preparing now. Receiving your response as soon as possible is vital in developing effective talking points and strategy.

Should any imminent legislative threats arise, AKC GR will issue a legislative alert, which will be posted on our Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org and emailed to club Legislative Liaisons. Be

sure your club has an active Legislative Liaison and that our department has their most up to date contact information so you can receive our alerts in a timely manner.

AKC Government Relations staff are here to help. Please contact us at 919-816-3720 or email doglaw@akc.org

Thank you for joining us in the effort to protect purebred dogs and breed standards.

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Dawn Williamson's Cole relaxing by a warm fire.



All Breed Eye and Heart Clinic

216 Maxwell Road
Litchfield, Me 04350

Heart & Eye Clinic Registration Form

Saturday January 23, 2027

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dr. Anthony Alario (Ophthalmologist) Dr. Nate Deering (Cardiologist)

#.....@ $55.00= _____ Eye Exam $65/ after closing date

#.....@ $75.00= _____ Basic Cardiac Auscultation (good for 1 year)

#.....@ $280.00 _____ Advanced Cardiogram (Echocardiogram)

Breed_____

Call Name_____

$_____Total due *along with application*

Saturday 8:00 to TBD_____

This clinic is for healthy animals, for breeding purposes only!

Please go to www.OFFA.org to create a CAER eye application prior to attending the clinic. To have your dog's microchip verified, YOU MUST ENTER THE MICROCHIP NUMBER ON THE ONLINE FORM!

Please come 20 minutes prior to your exam time, to administer eye drops and fill out any necessary paperwork,

Please make checks payable to: Denise Blanchette
Mail to: Denise Blanchette
P.O. Box 563
Sabattus, Me 04280

There will be no refunds for cancellations!

Full payment is due before your appointment. Closing date January 16,2027
Appointments will be sent by January 17,2027

DANELINE FEATURE

Jack Goes Rock 'n' Roll!

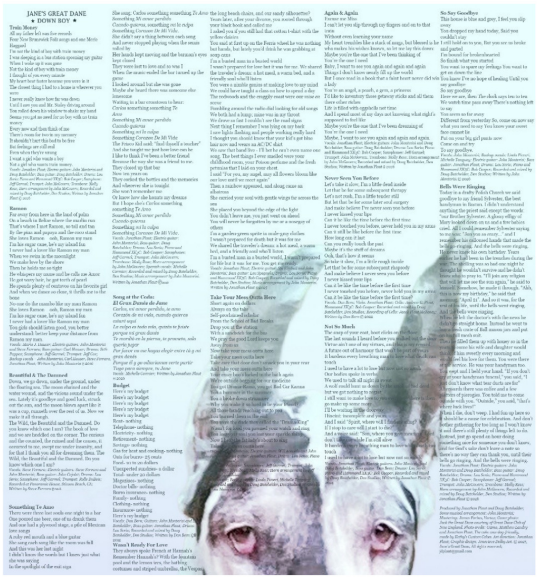
How one Great Dane became the star of an album cover

From an account by Jonathan D. Plaut | Edited for DaneLine

From the editor: Sue Davis Shaw shared this delightful account of how her Great Dane, Jack, became the cover model for *Down Boy*, the new album by Jane's Great Dane. Jonathan's story has been condensed for length while keeping his first-person voice and humor.



Front cover - Jack in action



Back cover - lyrics and credits

For the cover of the album, I wanted a dog going to town on a cake shaped like a guitar. Of course, I wanted a real dog and a real cake - not just some AI slop. I played around with computer-generated ideas, but the real photo would require a real Great Dane.

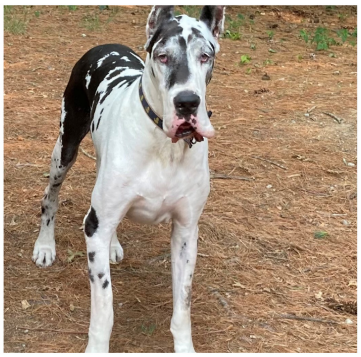
I contacted the Great Dane Club of New England and explained that I was looking for an owner in Massachusetts who would let a dog attack a cake for a rock album cover. The club's president, Sue Davis Shaw, called and said she was the dog-mama of Jack and would be willing to offer him - and his jowls - for our purposes.

Here was the lovely, sweet, regal, handsome and indeed smoldering Jack. (Yes, I just used the word 'smoldering' to describe a dog. I own everything I say!) Bingo - we had found our model Great Dane.

I assured Sue that the cake would be made with dog-friendly ingredients. After several bakeries declined my unusual request, my brother-in-law's sister, Kathy, came to the rescue. Using a real guitar as a guide, she made an amazing cake with ingredients that included applesauce and sweetened grains. For backup, I baked my first cake ever in my sister Julie's kitchen. Yes, I even decorated it.

JACK BEHIND THE SCENES

Two cakes, three cameras, one very willing Dane



Jack, our leading man



Kathy's guitar-shaped cake



Sue and friends at the shoot

On September 13, 2026, my friend Matt grabbed his pro-grade camera, my friend Munjeet grabbed her videocamera, and the three of us drove south to Hanson, Massachusetts, to meet Sue and Jack. We drove through pouring rain with two delicately decorated cakes bouncing in the back seat.

Soaking wet, we piled into Sue's house, where two of her dog-handling friends were waiting. Everyone was a little skeptical of this whole project. But they were intrigued. Jack quickly became interested in the cakes.

Finally, the hour had arrived. With all our cameras clicking, and nobody having the foggiest idea how this would go, we let Jack go to town on Kathy's cake. We captured quite a few cool pictures! Then we gave Jack a crack at the cake I made. He was less interested in mine, but we got a few photos there, too.

We eventually chose the image with the most drama, kinetic energy and excitement: the most rock-and-roll one. So if anyone asks whether the cover was AI-generated, you know what to tell them. The photograph is unedited and un-Photoshopped. It's exactly the way it happened. ROCK ON!



Jack gets to work on Kathy's cake



The backup cake gets its turn

Listen to Down Boy

Spotify: open.spotify.com/album/3phvclKv7XWVLSmNNL5vmR

Amazon: music.amazon.com/albums/B0HPG2VD6T

Congratulations to the Great Dane Club of New England's 2025 Award Recipients

Submitted by Kim Thurler



Congratulations to the club members and their dogs receiving awards from the GDCNE for achievements in 2025. Information on dogs was provided by the member applying for the award.

TOP PRODUCER

(top producers sired or whelped two or more champions in 2025)

MBISS BVISS GCHB Cosmic NoBonz I'll Leave You Starry Eyed, GDCA AOM, ROM – call name Ilah
Owned and bred by Tami Bradford

Ilah produced:
CH/Can GCH Cosmic NoBonz Starry Pie'd Surprise and CH Cosmic NoBonz Yippee Pie Yay!! Both were bred by Tami

In addition, CH Cosmic JV NoBonz Hush Money, bred by Tami, received an award for earning her championship in 2017.

TOP PRODUCER

CH Grateful N Maitau Livin the Life, CGC (Riley)
Owners: Sharon Boldeia, Helen & Tiffany Cross, Patricia Ciampa, Josh Saunders

Riley produced:

CH Maitau N Grateful Live a Little Have Some Fun (Cash)
GCH CH Maitau N Grateful's Livin on Reds (Jane) and
GCH Maitau N Grateful's Long Live V Castlewood, CGC STR TKN (King)

Cash, Jane and King were bred by Sharon, Helen and Tiffany, Pat and Josh

CHAMPION

CH Divine Acres Earth Wind and Fire @Lento (Raina)
Owner: Theresa Lento

Additional information from Theresa:
Raina completed her championship at 10 months.

CHAMPION

CH Sundance N Maitau Better to Have Loved V Nobledane (Story)
Breeders: Marcia and Peter Roddy, Tiffany Cross, Helen Cross, and Pat Ciampa

CHAMPION

CH TriLa N Journey Davisdane's Ultimate Cool Kid (Barbie)
Owner: Susan Davis Shaw

Additional information from Sue:
Barbie was bred by Trisha LaBruzzo and came to me because I always admired Trisha's breeding program and decided I needed my own TriLa Dane. She started her show career by winning a 5 point major reserve at our fall specialty and finished at 16 months with 3 majors. She is active and athletic and keeps us on our toes! Barbie had puppies this summer.