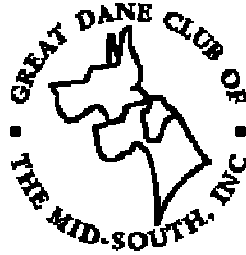


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Newsletter for June, 2008

Next Meeting: August 13th, 8pm at Georgia Tech.

Very Brief Board Meeting at 7:50

Greetings Friends and Members!

We voted to take the month of July off – so NO meeting. If you're going on vacation – have a very safe and wonderful time! Otherwise do something fun on July 9th when we would have had a meeting!

What a fun meeting we had last night. It was Susanne's birthday and she celebrated with a special encounter with a State Trooper! (Who wouldn't even give her a break because it was her birthday!)

After the meeting, we all got to spend some fun time with Susanne's four 10-week old puppies that waited patiently in the car til the meeting was over. (I think Major White had the most fun – he loves seeing our dogs and puppies.)

**Connie Adams
President**

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Minutes, General Meeting

June 11, 2008

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

Guests in Attendance: Courtney Roberts

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Tina Brandt, Chuck & Willie Crawford, Hannah & Heather Fick, Carol Hunerwadel, Gabrielle Kostiuk, Susanne C. Roberts-Phillips, Dana Sikes

President's Report: Flyers were available for the upcoming matches – Saturday, June 14th, Griffin Kennel Club; Griffin City Park and Saturday, June 28th, Douglasville Kennel Club; Carroll County Ag Center.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as received.

Treasurer's Report: Attached

Awards: Everyone loved the new plaques. Willie reminded everyone as the plaque gets full, to remember to tell her so she can order a new wall plaque when the awards order goes in.

Combined/Prestige: Nothing to report

Education: We are still in need of an Education chairman.

GDCA Delegate: Nothing to report

Hospitality: If you'd like to volunteer to bring a snack to the August meeting, please email Noel at tristinodanes@charter.net

Rescue: 5 Great Danes were adopted in May and as of 6/11, 4 are needing homes.

SE Division: Willie will be driving up to the Choo Choo on June 28th if anyone is interested in riding along. Put your thinking hats on and help think of ideas for things to go in the 2009 Welcome Bags (500 bags will be prepared). It can be with our club name on things or even your kennel name on items.

Trophies, Website: Fall trophy sheets were passed out. Some members still owe for the Spring trophies, those people will receive second notices from Chuck Crawford.

Ways & Means: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

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New Business:

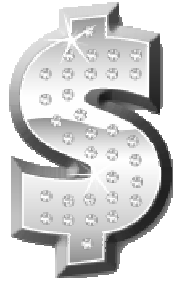
The 2010 Judges Selection Committee was set: Chuck Crawford, Chair with Dana Sikes & Gabrielle Kostiuk as committee members.

A motion was made & seconded to skip the July meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Adams (in Noel's absence)



Treasurer's Report

May, 2008

Balance 04-30-08 General: \$2,501.89 Rescue: \$1,833.48 Total: \$4,335.37

RECEIPTS:	GENERAL	RESCUE
1. Combined	350.00	0.00
2. Trophies SP 08	<u>235.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total deposit	585.00	0.00

EXPENDITURES:

None

NET	585.00	0.00
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Balance 5-31-08 General: \$3,086.89 Rescue: \$1,833.48 Total: \$4,920.37

Chuck Crawford

Treasurer

June 11, 2008

Check book balances

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Brag

From Hannah Fick:

I have moved up in the rankings to #7 Junior Handler in Great Danes in the U.S.

From Dana Sikes:

CH Paquestones Master Of Suspense CD, RE, CGC obtained the first and second legs towards his RAE title at the Greater Kingsport Kennel Club rally trials. Spencer is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Paquestone's Miss Madison CD, RAE, CGC earned the seventh and eighth legs of her RAE title at the Greater Kingsport Kennel Club rally trials. Madison also earned the ninth and tenth legs to obtain her RAE title at the Palmetto Obedience Training Club rally trials. Madison is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Ashton's Blonde Ambition CD, RAE, CGC earned the seventh and eighth legs of her RAE title at the Greater Kingsport Kennel Club rally trials with a perfect score of 100 and 1st place in Rally Advanced the first day and 3rd place in Rally Excellent and 2nd place in Rally Advanced the following day. Ashton also earned the ninth and tenth legs to obtain her RAE title at the Palmetto Obedience Training Club rally trials with 1st place in Rally Excellent and 3rd place in Rally Advanced the day she earned her title. Ashton is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

Can. CH Paquestone K'n Island O'Harley RN, CGC earned the second and third legs to obtain his Rally Novice title at the Palmetto Obedience Training Club rally trials. Harley is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

Susanne C. Roberts-Phillips:

I would like to announce up-coming:

Strebor's One N A Million V VonScheer

"Mickey"

Strebor's Lady Liberty V VonScheer

"Libbie"

Strebor's All Amer Girl V VonScheer

"Luci"

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Tina Brant:

CH Stone Valley's Rocky Raccoon "Royale" will be appearing with his mother on Georgia Public TV this coming September. He will be representing the Great Dane Breed. More details to follow as it gets closer to 'showtime'!

Congratulations Everyone!



Way to go!



A note from Carol Hunerwadel:

Pet owners, please read this Warning.....

WARNING! Do Not Use Cocoa Mulch!

Attention: All Pet Owners... Read this carefully. It could save a dog's life.

Verified by Snopes: <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

Yesterday one of our dog agility friends experienced a tragedy and wanted me to pass a special message along to all of my dog loving friends and family. Please tell every dog owner you know.

Over the weekend the doting owner of two young lab mixes purchased Cocoa Mulch from Target to use in their garden. They loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden.

Their dog Calypso decided that the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way.

The next day, Mom woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's website, this product is **HIGHLY** toxic to dogs.

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Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that 'It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it.'

True information about the mulch can be found here:

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoa.html>

This site gives the following information:

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks. Just a word of caution, check what you are using in your gardens and be aware of what your gardeners are using in your gardens.

Theobromine is the ingredient that is used to make all chocolate especially dark or Baker's Chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

Here is a note from Jay Miller:

I need some input from the ladies of the SE Division!!!!!!!!!!!! HELP!!!!!!!!!!!! Please give me your best idea for a fundraiser we could do to make money for the GDCA Charitable Trust. We need something we can do without much of an upfront investment.

I am the GDCA Trust fundraising committee chair and this year each division is to attempt to raise at least \$2,000.00. Big thanks to Iralyn for the "Birdes" project were we got \$700.00 of our \$2,000.00.

As an example of how good it can get Cathy Schaefer and the ladies of the Western Division just raised over \$13,000.00 with a dinner party. I know people get tired of me and likely say "I wish that Jay would leave me alone about money for the Trust" but all Danes are not as lucky as mine and yours. The GDCA CT has funded rescue project after project across the country monthly with the \$500.00 grants. Have you read your new GDCA bulletin? The Trust is funding \$52,000.00 in NEW Health research grants. This will do so much for the breed that we all love and honor. I always think of how much my Danes have done for me. That is what we really all share with each other.

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Please get involved and help! What can we do as a project? Let's show the rest of the country what we can do. Deb King has agreed to be our leader but we need your help!!!! Send ideas. Ask the other ladies in our Division for their thoughts also. I just wrote to ya'll off the top of my head but let's get everyone involved. If we want to try to do a project in connection with a Specialty we have several coming up this fall.

Any of you who would like to get involved with fundraising for the Trust on a National level let me know.

Sincere thanks,
Jay



Today's funny:

If you want proof that dogs are mans best friend, do this simple test.
Lock your dog and your wife in the trunk of your car for an hour.
When you let them out, which one is happy to see you?

Marmaduke's corner:



"New chair, used chair. My chair, his chair.
How could this happen to me?"