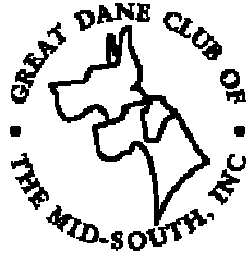


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Newsletter for November, 2008

Next Meeting: December 10th
This will be our holiday party too!

Happy Thanksgiving Friends and Members!

And Christmas will be here before you know it! So with that said, I look forward to seeing everyone at the GDCMS Holiday Party, on December 10th. This will be held at our regular meeting location (at GT) in the open atrium area on the same floor as our meeting room.

We will gather at 7pm to enjoy all the wonderful food, followed by a very brief meeting (my last one as President – what an action packed three years we had, with lots of new members joining our club!) and then time for the gift exchange which is always lots of fun!

Again this year, if you'd like to bring one or more scratch lottery tickets for Major's Christmas present, I'll have a card for you to sign and he'll join us for our dinner, where we'll surprise him with his gift.

Til December 10th

**Connie Adams
President**

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**Minutes, Board Meeting
November 12, 2008**

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

No items to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

(All board members were in attendance)

**Minutes, General Meeting
November 12, 2008**

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

Guests in Attendance: Morgan Hershberger, Courtney Roberts, and Timothy Weed

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Tina Brandt, Jenn Carr, Chuck and Willie Crawford, Heather Fick, Carol Hunderwadel, Gabrielle Kostiuk, Susanne Roberts-Philips, Chuck and Darcy Quinlan, Trish Thurow, and Yvonne Weed.

President's Report: Have you purchased Karen (Bence) Yoder's book yet? **Midnight Revelations** is one of those books that you cannot put down! It had me from the first chapter til the end! Everyone should put it on their Christmas list. Karen will even sign it for you or a loved one! (How am I doing Karen? LOL)

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as received with one change; please only click on the website: www.theanimalrescuesite.com just once a day, it doesn't count if you do it twice in one day.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. **Dues are due - \$15 per person. You can make your check out to GDCMS and mail it to Chuck Crawford, 122 Deerwood Trail, Sharpsburg, GA 30277**

Awards: Time to fill out the awards form and return it to Willie. (Attached on the last page and available on the club website)

Combined/Prestige: No meeting. We have met our compliance for the Spring combined so we are approved.

Education: Heather is working on having a speaker come in January and talk to us about reproduction, she is Dr. Parker. If you have anything specific you would like her to go over, please let Heather know beforehand.

Please email Heather with any additional ideas you have for future meetings.
heather_fick@comcast.net

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GDCA Delegate: Angela attended the meeting at the Nationals, however, Angela was not in attendance so no report was made.

Rescue: In October, 5 Great Danes were adopted.

Connie received a phone call from an elderly lady in AL that needs help finding homes for her 7 female Great Danes and 1 male (the only boy was returned from a potential home, as he didn't get along with their Jack Russell). There is not a Great Dane Rescue in AL (since Pam Elher's quit doing rescue over a year ago), so we are helping them find homes. One of our favorite AL people, that is not a member, but is always available if our club needs anything in AL – Karen Hess, is our contact for these Danes. Thank you Karen for all your help!

The 3 older females are already spayed, but the 4 youngest need spaying and 1 neutering, so our rescue committee met tonight and decided to pay for the altering of those 5 danes. Again Karen will be our contact for getting this done.

SE Division: A new division treasurer has been appointed: Gabrielle Kostiuk. A meeting has been scheduled for those having budgets on December 6 at the Choo Choo. Jenn Carr "volunteered" to be the GDCMS person to come up with ideas and costs for our contribution to the Welcome bag. Also, the 2009 National website is up and running, click on <http://www.gdca-se.org/index.html> to visit and make your purchases.

Trophies: Eight (8) trophies were left over from the Fall Specialty and will be handed over to Ways and Means. Susanne passed out invoices for the Spring Specialty trophy sponsorship donations, please be sure you pay for the classes you have sponsored. Thank you. There are some additional trophies if you'd like to sponsor more!

Ways & Means: No report

Website: No change. Angela is still trying to get in touch with Tim Sain.

Old Business: The Nominating committee; Chuck Quinlan (Chair), Willie Crawford and Carol Hunerwadel presented the following slate of Officers and Board Members for consideration:

President: Angela Stillwell
Vice President: Connie Adams
Secretary: Gabi Kostiuk
Treasurer: Chuck Crawford
Delegate: Chuck Quinlan

Board Positions: Jenn Carr

No floor nominations were 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.

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A sign up sheet was passed around for food for the Holiday (to be held in conjunction with our December 10 meeting at GT) We will be doing the White Elephant exchange with a dollar amount of \$15. Dinner will start at 7 pm followed by a quick meeting at 8 pm, then gift exchange.

New Business:

We received a new member applicant for Courtney B. Roberts.

The Georgia Canine Coalition dues are now due, they are \$60. A motion was made and seconded to pay the dues for Year 2009. In addition, Connie Adams, is our member delegate to attend their meetings and Darcy Quinlan will be her alternate.

Carol has asked all of our members to help feed a rescue by clicking on the following website once daily. The website is www.theanimalrescuesite.com . Copy this and put it in your favorites to you can just click and go before you get offline...it's that simple; let's feed some rescues! Please just click just once a day...it doesn't count if you do it twice in the same day.

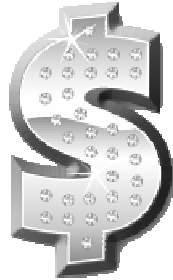
There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,
Gabrielle Kostiuk, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

October, 2008

Balance 9-30-08 General: \$3,586.73 Rescue: \$2,258.48 Total: \$5,845.21

RECEIPTS:	GENERAL	RESCUE
1. Brags	12.00	0.00
2. Trophies, Fall 08	<u>15.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total deposit	27.00	0.00

EXPENDITURES:		
1. Postage	3.19	0.00
Total Expenditures	<u>3.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET	23.81	.00

Balance 10-30-08 General: \$ 3,610.54 Rescue: \$2,258.48 Total: \$ 5,869.02

**Chuck Crawford
Treasurer
November 11, 2008**

Check book balances

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Brag

From Connie Adams: Shockins Here's Lookin At You Kid (Bogey) received his UKC Champion title under Judge Rowdy Yates, and handled magnificently by Heather Weed, in Perry Georgia, November 2nd. He received Winners Dog and Best of Winners to Champion and then when he went into the CH ring for the first time, he took Reserve.

From Trish Thurow: Ch. Legacy's Ice Station Zebra "Iggy" earned her CD title at the Kennesaw shows on October 24 with a 2nd place and 3 1st places and then earned her RE title on October 26 with a 2nd and 2 1st places. She is now Ch. Legacy's Ice Station Zebra CD, RE, CGC, TT. Owned, bred and trained by Trish Thurow.

From Yvonne Weed: Marvo N Chance of a Lifetime "Chance" has done the following:
9/18/08 – GDCMS Specialty took a 3 pt major winner under Dr. Donald Jones.

10/23/08 and 10/24/08 at the Griffin Kennel Club shows he took winners dog both days under judges Dr. and Mrs. Anslem and BOW under Mrs. Anslem.

10/25/08 at the Kennesaw Kennel Club he took winner dog under judge Sue Catlin.

11/1/08 and 11/2/08 Chance took winners dog at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club shows under judges James Fredrickson and Judith Goodin.

11/9/08 at the Huntsville Kennel Club we took winners dog under judge Karen McFarlane. Chance just needs 3 more points to finish.

Summer, our new puppy bitch, made the first cut in her class at the 2008 Nationals.

Biggest Brag of All! Heather is now on the road working for professional Handler, Jody Paquette. Heather aspires to be a professional handler.

From Chuck and Willie Crawford: Our Lance (Charma's Sir Lancelot) took winners dog at the 2nd Kennesaw show. We also have a new dog which we bought at the National, he is Parker and is a Mantle.

From Heather Fick: Shockin's Chasing the Forgotten Dream aka Dreamer entered her first show being owner handled my mom Morgan Hershberger. She took her 6-9 month puppy class at the Griffin show in Marietta both days! We are so proud!

Tolsina's MK Valhalla v Shockin aka Valhalla located in AK appeared in her first show. On Saturday she competed in Rally earning the first leg of her Rally Novice title. On Sunday she was entered in Conformation owner/handled by Traci Knutson. She took her

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class and went on to take Winner's Bitch. She went into breed against the Winner's Dog and Judge Brian Meyer awarded her Breed. What a great weekend!!!! WAY TO GO!!!

Hannah Fick took her Cardigan Corgi Pinot for his CGC at the Atlanta K9 Daze at Wills Park. She handled him by herself for the CGC test and passed with flying colors!! We are so proud of her!

Congratulations Everyone! Way to go!

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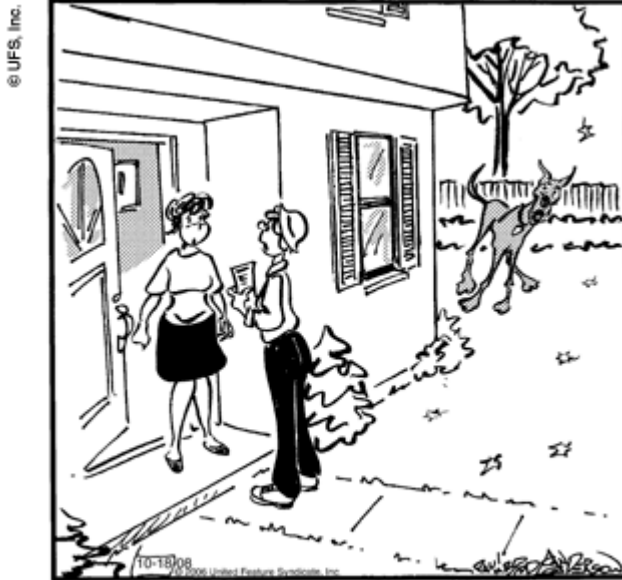
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Doggie Holiday Guidelines

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)

Marmaduke's corner:



"I'm with the Homeowners Association. We understand you have a pony in your back yard."

GDCMS Inc. Awards Application
January 1 through December 31, 2008

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, 2009 to:

Willie Crawford
122 Deerwood Trail
Sharpsburg GA 30277