

Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey

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American Kennel Club Introduces AKC Canine Partners Program for Mixed-Breed Dogs & Their Owners

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– Program Benefits, Including Canine Competitions and Lifetime Recovery Service with Free ID Tag, Available to 34 Million Mixed-Breed Dogs in U.S. –

Starting today, mixed-breed dog owners can visit www.akccaninepartners.org and enroll their dog in the American Kennel Club® Canine Partners Program. Mixed-breed dogs and their owners will now be able to participate in canine competitions held by AKC-affiliated dog clubs nationwide and access many AKC programs and services

including lifetime enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR).

For a \$35 enrollment fee, owners will receive benefits worth more than \$50 including a free AKC logo ID collar tag with the dog's listing number and the AKC CAR pet recovery 800 number. Ensuring that your pet wears this tag increases the chances of finding your dog should he/she become lost. AKC CAR has reunited more than 360,000 animals with their owners since 1995.

Once enrolled, dogs will receive their AKC Canine Partners listing number plus:

- Lifetime enrollment in AKC CAR Pet Recovery Service
- AKC CAR collar tag with AKC Canine Partners Listing Number
- One-year subscription to *AKC Family Dog* magazine
- Frameable 8.5" x 11" AKC Canine Partners Certificate of Recognition
- AKC Canine Partners decal
- Eligibility to participate in mixed-breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning in April 2010.

Additional benefits including a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs

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Health News

Dental Disease in Dogs

We all know how important it is to keep our teeth clean and to avoid plaque and tartar build up; our dentists have been telling us this for years. But it's equally just as important to keep our dog's dental hygiene up to par.

Dental disease is one of the most common preventable illnesses in pets, affecting more than 75% of dogs over the age of three. Infections of the teeth and gums can cause pain, loose teeth and even damage to the kidney and heart.

Common forms of dental disease

The most common form of dental disease is plaque build up, which is a soft mixture of bacteria, food and saliva under a dog's teeth, especially near the gums. The plaque eventually hardens and becomes tartar, the second most common dental problem. Both irritate the tissue around the tooth and its root. This results in bad breath, bleeding, pain and eventually losing the tooth entirely.

Broken teeth are also common in dogs, especially with dogs that chew on hard objects such as rocks and bones. Injured or bleeding teeth require immediate veterinary care.

How to prevent

To prevent dental disease, brushing your dog's teeth and providing plaque-reducing treats at home will help. Always check with your veterinarian before using these products and remember that treats alone will not substitute daily tooth brushing.

Your pets should also have annual dental check-ups with your veterinarian. If there is significant plaque and tartar accumulation, your veterinarian will probably recommend a dental cleaning for your dog. These preventive measures will keep your pet's mouth healthy and free of bad breath and painful gums. It can also prevent dangerous oral infections, which can distribute bacteria to vital organs through your pet's bloodstream.

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passing the CGC test, and various other offers from AKC affiliates and sponsors will be added to the program in the future. With more than 34 million mixed-breed dogs in the U.S. (according to the 2009-2010 APPA National Pet Owner Survey), AKC Canine Partners is designed to strengthen the human-canine bond by encouraging training, responsible dog ownership and pet owner education.

"While we have always been known as an advocate for purebred dogs, we have also always been concerned with the welfare of all dogs. Encouraging the public to do more with their dogs helps us achieve our mission when it comes to canine welfare and allows dogs and people to enjoy one another more," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "With the launch of AKC Canine Partners, mixed-breed dog owners will benefit from AKC resources and be able to discover the world of canine competition."

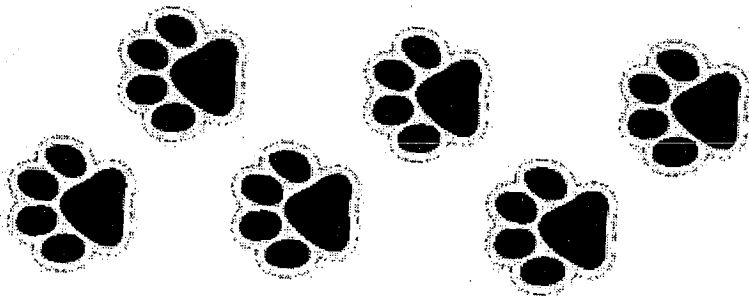
With mixed-breed classes beginning April 1, 2010, dog owners have time to kick start their competitive training regimen. Go to www.akc.org to the club search function and look-up agility and obedience clubs in your area where you can enroll in classes and begin learning about events so that both members of your team can be ready to hit the ring and rake in the ribbons come Spring!

AKC-affiliated clubs may begin applying for events now by visiting:
<http://www.akc.org/eventplans/index.cfm> or contacting AKC directly at eventplans@akc.org.

To find an event near you starting April 1, 2010 visit: <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

AKC Canine Partners specifically benefits mixed-breed dogs and their owners, however the AKC has long included mixed breeds in programs such as AKC Canine Good Citizen®, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund's disaster relief efforts. AKC advocates for the rights of all dog owners and the welfare of dogs through its Government Relations efforts and serves dog owners through its affiliate organizations such as the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery.

For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program for mixed-breed dogs visit:
www.akccaninepartners.org





Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey
Minutes from the September 16, 2009
Membership Meeting
Merchants House
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 8:35pm by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (7): Jeffrey Ball, Mary Fran Cini, Bill Diesing, Betsy Ball, Rose Ann Tucker, Lynda Squillante and Jean Snyder.

I. Minutes - Rose Ann moved to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill and unanimously passed.

II. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran reported the receipt of a "Thank You" note from Diane B. for the "Speedy Recovery" basket.

III. Treasurer - In Diane B.'s absence, Jeff reported a balance of \$1136.00.

IV. Committee Reports:

Therapy - Jeff set up a Therapy Testing Session with Bright and Beautiful for November 8th from 1-4pm at Bark's in West Paterson. Bright and Beautiful will supply the testers and offered to do this for us on a regular yearly basis. We need 3-4 volunteers to greet people and assist with paperwork.

Rescue - Mary Fran informed everyone that the "Tricky Tray" on October 1, 2009 at the Bethwood in Totowa was a complete sell out. Each person attending will receive a compact and a baseball cap. The donated prizes are fabulous. The Tatoo Fund Raiser (for humans only) on September 13th was a tremendous success raising a total of \$2700.00. MAGDRL is expecting 2 female, 4 year old Danes on 9/18 - one black and one blue.

Sunshine - In Carol's absence, Jeff informed the membership that Diane B. had surgery. She is doing fine but her recovery is slow. A card was passed around for all to sign.

Health Clinic - Bill reported that he was waiting for Diane H. to get back to him regarding the Eye Clinic. Jeff will speak to Diane to try to get this started. Jeff noted that a Dr. Brown from Cedar Grove has offered to do free exams for Service Dogs.

Public Education - Jeff reiterated that there will be a "Meet The Breeds" at the

GREAT DANE CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Ramapo KC Show on October 11, 2009 at 12:00pm. David, RoseAnn, Bill and Jeff will be on hand. All other volunteers are welcome. MAGDRL will have a table at the show.

Membership - Candace and David put together a leaflet for potential new members which was distributed to those present. Jeff made some suggestions for inclusion and asked that the members do the same. Jeff will contact David and Candace to see if a pamphlet can be ready for Oct. 11th.

Constitution/By-Laws - Jean presented a copy of the revised Article II of the By-Laws to those present. This will be published in the next Newsletter and discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting Site - Diane H. will be responsible for making reservations for Club Meetings at the Merchant House Tavern.

V. New Business:

Jeff noted that the GDCNNJ is a member of the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and as such will need two delegates and two alternates. The NJFDC meets four times a year on the first Monday of the month at 8:00pm at the Holiday Inn in Somerset. The Federation represents All Breed Clubs and Specialty Clubs and primarily concerns itself with legislative and breed specific issues. Bill volunteered to attend the next meeting. Additional volunteers will be needed.

Jeff presented the membership with a copy of the GDCC Merchandise List as posted on their website. Cafe Press printed their Club Logo on T-shirts, Jackets, Hats, etc. for sale on the site. Anyone can purchase these items and a % of the money is returned to the Club. Bill will investigate this further.

Jeff noted that Bark's does CGC testing, but we can do it on our own. Jeff is a certified tester and all we would need is a location. A volunteer is needed to find a location for this type of event.

The next full membership meeting will be October 21, 2009 at 7:30pm at the Merchant House Tavern , 4 Little Falls Road , Fairfield, NJ.

There being no further business, Jean moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Betsy and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Snyder
Recording Secretary

Shedding Light on the Mixed Breed Program

As many of you have heard by now, the AKC Board of Directors approved the implementation of a Mixed Breed Program. The establishment of this new and inclusive initiative will help to promote the aims and ideals of responsible dog ownership to those dog lovers who may have had no previous association with AKC. It will allow those who have a mixed breed to experience a new or increased partnership with AKC while furthering the well-being of our furry friends. This exciting opportunity will not only benefit AKC, but it will also help contribute to the rehabilitation of event entries. However, event committees must prepare to lay out some additional effort to make sure that the new Mixed Breed Program is well integrated and reaches its full potential.



As of October 1, 2009, mixed breed dog owners will begin enrolling their pets to receive an AKC ID number. Shortly thereafter, on April 1, 2010, newly listed dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally events. However, these classes may not be offered at All Breed shows, Group shows, or independent specialties, regardless of whether Agility, Obedience, or Rally events are being held. Additionally, for the sake of governance, mixed breed dogs will be required to compete in separate class divisions from purebred dogs. It is important to note that all of the titles that mixed breed dogs attain will have a special designation; an "M" will be added to the end of titles earned to designate that the dog is a mixed breed (i.e. NAM, MACH-M, OTCH-M). With regard to National Championships or Invitational events, dogs competing in mixed breed classes will NOT be eligible to participate.

In a letter announcing the program to the Delegates, AKC President Dennis Sprung and Chairman of the Board Ronald Menaker emphasized that "the creation of this program ushers in new opportunities for our constituencies, our clubs and our organization to grow and flourish in many ways." When mixed breed dog owners list their pet with AKC, they will immediately become part of the 125 year tradition of advocating for the best interest of dogs. Embracing this new program means furthering the mission and vision of the AKC and will positively contribute to future event participation. As pointed out in the Mixed Breed Program frequently asked questions, "we can best promote our shared values and bring people into the world of AKC events by reaching out to new dog owners no matter their origin." The potential is limitless for mixed breed dog owners who have no prior experience with the AKC. Clubs, of course, are encouraged to take part in the hosting of a mixed breed event and to help publicize this new program.

For more information about the AKC's mixed breeds program, contact mixedbreeds@akc.org or visit [this page](#).



GREAT DANE CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Website <http://GDCNNJ.org>

and

Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dog, Inc.

Website <http://www.golden-dogs.org/>

Will be holding an All-Breed

THERAPY DOG TESTING

on

Sunday, November 8, 2009

At Club Barks, West Paterson, New Jersey

During the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Testing Fee is \$15.00

Pre-Registration is required by calling 1-888-PET-5770

You can find the actual test at <http://www.golden-dogs.org>

Click on "How does my Dog become a Pet-Therapist?"

When the new page opens, click on "The Test"

For any questions, please contact Jeffrey Ball at (201) 689-1323 or by emailing him at
Jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com



Meet the Breeds™

SAVE THE DATES:

October 17th and 18th, 2009

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend the largest extravaganza of dogs and cats in the United States. Join the American Kennel Club® and Cat Fanciers' Association® as they host **Meet the Breeds™** presented by Pet Partners, Your Partner in Pet Health Care.

Held in conjunction with the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship for the past eight years, this will be the first ever stand-alone Meet the Breeds event and it's coming to New York City! Attend and show support for your favorite breed at the Javits Convention Center on October 17th and 18th.

Meet the Breeds will feature:

- More than 160 dog breeds and 41 cat breeds with expert breeders from all national breed clubs
- Demonstration rings including: agility, obedience, detection canines, search and rescue, grooming, earthdog and more
- Vendors with unique and useful items
- An exciting Best Booth in Show competition, where you can vote for the best breed presentation - All booths will be decorated to highlight the international heritage of each breed with colorful sets and costumes
- Meet the Breeds Art Contest - depicting student's personal drawings of their favorite breeds of dogs and cats. To find out about how to enter visit www.meetthebreeds.com

Buy tickets today at www.meetthebreeds.com and benefit from advance purchase discounts! The advance ticket price is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

Come join us for a fun-filled day and share your passion for dogs! Sponsors include Invisible Fence, ADT Security Services, WebVet, YourDogsHeart.com, Jakks Pets, Paramount Chemical Specialties, Inc. and Go PetFriendly.com



The appointed GDCNNJ Constitution and By-Laws committee has recommended that we make the following changes to the Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey's Constitution and By-Laws. These changes were discussed at the September membership meeting and will be discussed once again at the October membership meeting, then voted upon. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and cast your vote.

**Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey**

Article II

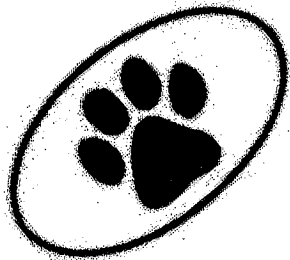
Section 2. Special Club Meetings. Special Club Meetings can be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by ten members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such an hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. At the discretion of the President, Special Club Meetings may be held via Internet or via conference telephone calls among all the available Club members. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting at which no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of members in good standing, present and voting.

Section 3. Regular Board Meetings. There shall be at least four regular Board of Directors Meetings annually - One to be held in each of the following months: February, May, September and November. The February, September and November Board meetings may be held before or after a membership meeting or at the discretion of the President, may be held via Internet or via conference telephone calls among all the available members of the Board. The May meeting, which will take place after elections, must be held in person. Written notice shall be mailed or e-mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Board Meeting is a majority of the Board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a written request by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call a meeting or at the discretion of the President. Special meetings of the Board may be held via Internet, facsimile, or via conference telephone calls among all the available members of the Board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed by the Corresponding Secretary or President at the time an electronic meeting is being commenced. The notice of said meeting shall state the issues to be discussed and resolved and the meeting shall commence at the time the issues are presented. The President shall specify the time for which the matter (issue) shall be open for discussion and within that discussion period a motion, second and vote must occur. If there is no vote within the discussion and vote period, the issue shall be moot. The quorum for Special Board Meetings is a majority of the Board.

Section 5. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

DATES to REMEMBER



Membership meeting

October 21, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

Please come and bring a guest.

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11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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