



# Newsletter

2018  
First Quarter

## Raleigh Christmas Parade



On November 18, 2017, Richard and Tracy Cyr-McMillon and George and Rose Hielscher walked with the AKC group in the Raleigh Christmas Parade. There were several thousand people, lots of bands, floats, huge balloon characters and so many other things that can be overwhelming for dogs. Their dogs, Kerry (Irish Wolfhound), Lilly (Black Great Dane), Gulliver (Fawn Great Dane) and Hunter (Bluetick Coonhound) were absolute ROCK STARS!. They were very confident and happy throughout the day, petted by more folks than we could count, accepting it all with a calm confidence and wagging tails. Great ambassadors for their breeds, each and every one of them!

## the board

President.....Wanda Hepler  
Vice President.....Tracy Cyr-McMillon  
Treasurer.....Colleen Assell-Carra  
Recording Secretary.....Chris Hepler  
Corresponding Secretary.....Rose Hielscher  
Board Member.....Memory Armstrong  
Board Member.....Terri Dillistin

# Message from the President

Greeting everyone;

I want to applaud The Ragan's for hosting our annual Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina board meeting. Carol and Pat Ragan as usual offered up a menu of fantastic comfort foods. Fueled with snacks, our Board of Directors began creating our 2018 calendar of activities which include Educational speakers, Concurrent Specialties, Club meetings and fun gatherings.

This year, I'll be presenting as Club President since my last appointed position as President during 2004 through 2006. With that said, I have great expectations for this year. At our first BOD's meeting, I witnessed enthusiasm, commitment and support from driven club members excited about this year.

I'll support our club's motto, reach our yearly goals, encourage new members to get involved and engage committee chairs to continue to grow for the betterment of breed we dearly love.



Sincerely,  
Wanda Hepler

## member applicants

Lori Mowry from Lincolnton, NC  
has submitted an application for membership.

# Schedule of Events

<p><b>jan</b></p> <p>20 – Board Meeting, Annual Planning @ the Ragan’s home 31 – Dues statements mailed</p>	<p><b>feb</b></p> <p>24 – Club/Board Meeting @ the Ragan’s home Guy Fisher, AKC Club Development as guest speaker</p>	<p><b>mar</b></p> <p>24 &amp; 25 – Club specialty shows @ Spring Tarheel, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh</p>
<p><b>apr</b></p> <p>1 – Due date for membership dues 7 – Club/Board Meeting @ the Hepler’s home, Elizabeth Engle, DVM as guest speaker. Chiropractic adjustments \$40 per dog</p>	<p><b>may</b></p> <p>Date TBD - Club/Board Meeting @ the Cyr-McMillon’s home, Pro Plan Representative as guest speaker</p>	<p><b>jun</b></p> <p>16 - Club/Board Meeting @ the Hielscher’s home</p>
<p><b>jul</b></p>	<p><b>aug</b></p> <p>18 - Club/Board Meeting @ the Balazs’ home</p>	<p><b>sep</b></p> <p>1 – Nominating Committee established by the Board 1 - Club/Board Meeting @ Fall Tarheel, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh. Meet n’ Greet! 15 – Responsible Dog Owner Day-AKC Event, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh (date may change)</p>
<p><b>oct</b></p> <p>19-27 – GDCA National Specialty in Topeka, KS</p>	<p><b>nov</b></p> <p>1 – Nominating Committee submits the 2018 Board nominations 10 – Club Meeting / Location TBD</p>	<p><b>dec</b></p> <p>1 – Club/Board Meeting @ the Balazs home Annual Christmas Party!</p>

# Upcoming Events



## Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina 2018 Concurrent Specialties

Veterans Classes both days

### Spring Tarheel Cluster

### 7 Shows for Danes in 5 days



**National Owner-Handled Series**  
all 7 shows

Cary Kennel Club, Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Breed Judge: Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

Alamance Kennel Club, Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Breed Judge: Ms. Mary Anne Brocius

Durham Kennel Club, Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Breed Judge: Mr. Douglas A. Johnson (provisional)

Raleigh Kennel Club, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Breed Judge: Mr. William (Bill) P. Shelton

**GDC of CNC Specialty Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Specialty Judge: Mrs. Mimi Kim**  
**Sweeps Judge: Mrs. Phyllis Lyon**

Fayetteville Kennel Club, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Breed Judge: Ms. Theresa L. Hundt

**GDC of CNC Specialty Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Specialty Judge: Mr. William C. Stebbins**  
**Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. William C. Stebbins**

# Winner's Circle



Willis finishes CH - Hanover KC October 14, 2017 under Lloyd Graser, Jr  
Matt and I are so proud of our Willis. He is now Ch. Sundance N Maitau's Brilliant Disguise. Thank you to everyone that supported us along the way, what a 'Great' ringside family I am blessed with , and to those that laughed along with his silly antics in and out of the ring...he was happy to entertain!!

Izzy, Ch Saul Mohican's Life Izza Beach AOM, went BOB in Pendleton, SC on 1/6/18 and SB on 1/7/18



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Izzy's Scarletoak Back To The Future POA aka Marty McFly has been having a great 3rd quarter. On November 12, 2017 he was awarded Puppy of Achievement by AKC. He was also RWD at Furniture City KC show on November 12, 2017, RWD at Kennesaw KC on December 3, 2017, WD at the Central Florida Working Group Assn on December 15, 2017, RWD at the AKC National Championship Dog Show sponsored by Royal Canin on December 17, 2017, and the first show of 2018 he was WD at the Clemson KC on January 7, 2018. He now has a total of 10 points including a major at the tender age of 13 months.



# Winner's Circle



CH C&D Neet's Travelin Man

Gulliver wins Best of Breed at the Northern Neck KC show on January 10, 2018 in Fredericksburg, VA under Judge Nikki Riggsbee. This is his first time back in the ring for over a year and he was in the ribbons all five days of this show circuit. We are well on our way to his GCH with 15 points and 2 majors. We are so very proud of this handsome boy!

# Announcements



On December 17th, 2017, we celebrated a milestone at the Carra house. Gia, Temira's Blast of Sweetness N Spry celebrated her 12th Birthday! She is the only one left out of a litter of 7.

Even though, we could not make it to the past GDCA National, she was entered in the Parade of Veterans and was the oldest Great Dane entered.

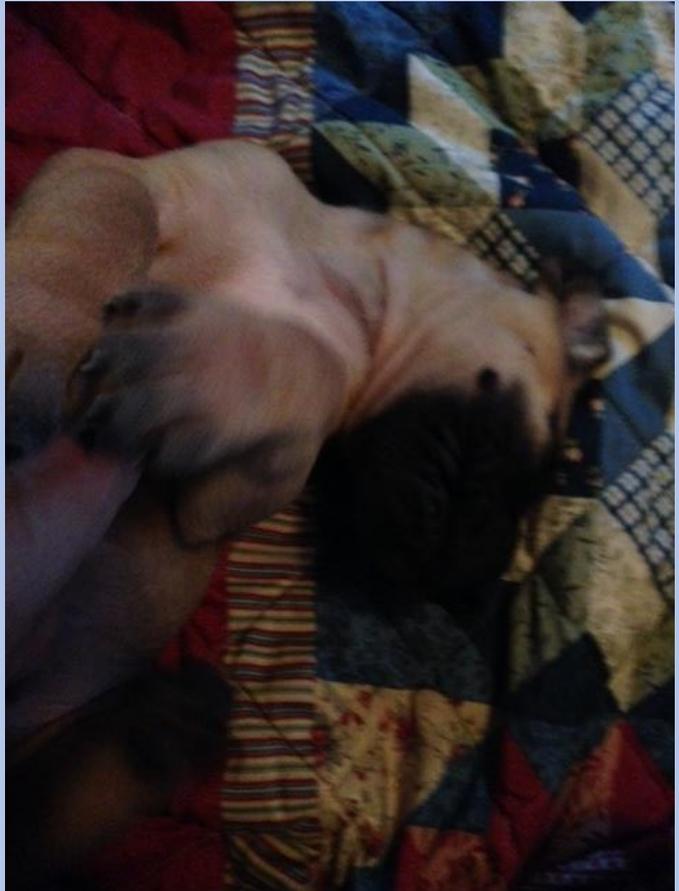
Our princess has some arthritis and rear weakness, but is still enjoying life!

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Dr Bryan Spader and his wife Lorraine are excited to have found a mantle female. She is 5 months old. Her name is Elenni's Antoinette. They call her Toni; she is very smart, loves to learn new things and has a wonderful personality.

# Announcements



Matt and Christy Balazs have been blessed with a beautiful litter of puppies from Phoebe (GCH Cosmic Maitau's Look at me Now, AOM) and Willis (CH Sundance N Maitau's Brilliant Disguise). They have one show potential puppy available. Contact Christy for details.

# In Memoriam

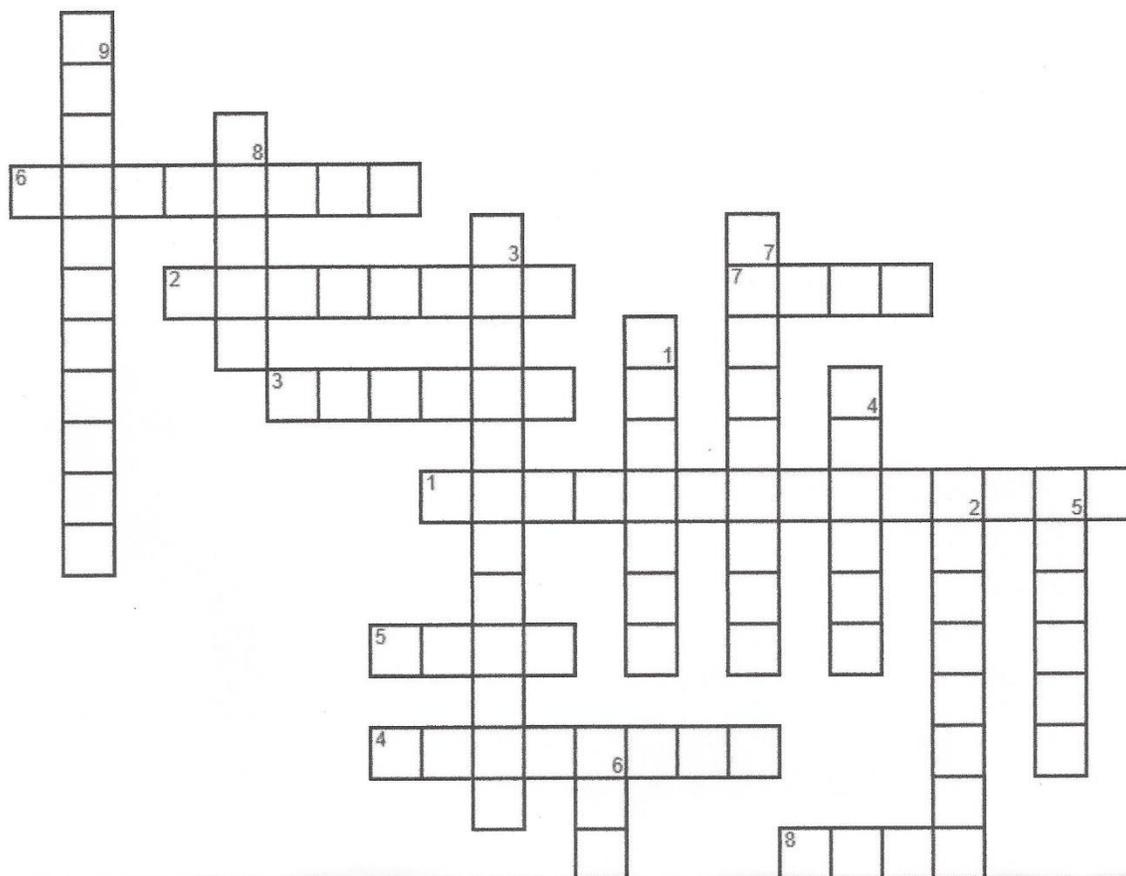


Mr. Dennis Eugene Walker, Jr., 65, of Trinity, formerly of Winston-Salem, passed away Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Hospice of the Piedmont. He was born June 1, 1952 in Winston-Salem, the son of the late, Dennis Eugene Walker, Sr. and Ruby Brinegar Walker. Mr. Walker was a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Winston-Salem where he had served as a Deacon. He was a 1970 graduate of Parkland High School and attended Governor's School. He was also a graduate of The University of North Carolina... at Chapel Hill where he played trombone in the Pep Band. He was a retired Pharmacist having

worked most of his professional career at Revco and CVS. He was a Great Dane enthusiast and is currently survived by seven Great Danes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Charlene Snyder Walker. Survivors include his wife, Jannie Cornelia "Neeley" Walker of the home; one sister, Diana Walker Mota and husband, Carlos of Winston-Salem; one brother, Mark Walker and wife, Ann of Tobaccoville; nine nieces and nephews; one step daughter, Amanda Todd Taylor and husband, Ricky of Archdale; one step son, Gary Todd of Trinity; two step grandchildren, Grayson Todd and Abigail Todd of Archdale.

# Crossword Puzzle

## Great Danes



### Across

1. This condition results when the thyroid gland is not producing enough hormone to adequately maintain the dog's metabolism.
2. The plane of the skull and muzzle must be straight and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Great Dane should have this shape to their eyes.
4. The Great Dane should have this type of bite.
5. What animal was the Great Dane originally bred to hunt?
6. This syndrome is a result of pressure on the spinal cord in the neck region and results in a drunken gait, increasing instability and potential paralysis.
7. The GDCA was one of the pioneer breeds for this public health database.
8. Although the Great Dane has never won Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club, the breed has won the Working Group this many times.

### Down

1. The Great Dane's origin can be traced back to which canine type?
2. In Germany, Great Danes were called the \_\_\_\_\_ Dogge.
3. The Great Dane was named the dog of this US State in 1965.
4. The Great Dane is often referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ of dogs.
5. In the ratio between length and height, the Great Dane should be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There are currently \_\_\_\_\_ recognized colors in the Great Dane breed standard.
7. In 2013, TV Guide ranked this cartoon Great Dane the fifth greatest TV cartoon of all time.
8. Number one killer of Great Danes.
9. This bone disease is commonly known as growing pains or wandering lameness.

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## **Surgery Guidelines for Great Danes**

The following information regarding both routine spay and neuter surgery as well as emergency situations in the Great Dane (such as those involving C-sections) is presented as a basic protocol to help avoid complications such as DIC (Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy) which appear to occur in a higher number of giant dogs undergoing surgery than the norm. Therefore, the GDCA offers the following information for owners and breeders of Great Danes.

Several veterinary clinics with regular and extensive experience dealing with giant breeds have developed similar protocols for surgery that can be recommended preferentially for giant breeds. These are techniques that have proven highly successful; both in routine spay/neuter surgeries as well as more critical care situations, such as C-sections. Such a set of protocols is offered below. We suggest you download it and discuss this with your veterinarian PRIOR to any surgical appointment.

Please review the following with your attending veterinarian before deciding to have surgery done on your Dane:

1. First find a veterinarian experienced with surgeries involving giant breeds.
2. All elective surgeries, such as spay/neuter, should be done ideally only on healthy animals. Spays are best planned in anestrous: about 3 months after the last season. Please insure your veterinarian is aware of any health concerns you might have about your dog prior to surgery.
3. Prior to any surgery, request that the veterinarian do a complete physical examination, including a good heart auscultation, and EKG.
4. Ensure that you elect to have the pre-surgical blood work done (CBC and serum chemistry panel) and ask them to also include a CLOTTING PROFILE.
5. If all blood work and the exam are normal, then schedule the surgery and fast the dog overnight. It's not generally necessary to withhold water for 12 hours (simply put the water bowl away at bedtime).

6. Ask that the surgeon insert an IV catheter prior to surgery. Fluid therapy should generally be administered as a safety precaution. Pulse oximetry and cardiac monitoring are also recommended. If blood pressure monitoring is available, consider any extra costs as potentially insuring additional safety margins.

7. Spay surgery in conjunction with C-section is not always the safest option in giant dogs. Be sure to discuss the pros and cons of two separate surgeries vs. doing both procedures at once with your veterinarian.

8. Currently, the induction agent, Propofol (deprivan), and the gas anesthesia, Sevoflurane, are considered the most ideal (safe and effective) anesthetic agents. These agents are not always available and always cost more to use. Valium, ketamine, and the gas isoflurane are widely available and generally acceptable. Due to the variations in physiology in giant breeds, drugs such as acepromazine, rompun and the thiopentals are less appropriate choices. Discuss this with your veterinarian. Also discuss appropriate pain control for your dog when contemplating surgery for your Great Dane.

9. During and after surgery, dogs are highly susceptible to hypothermia (lowered body temperature). The body loses heat directly through the surgical opening; stress and anesthetic agents further impair ability to maintain body temperature. Hypothermia adversely affects the cardiovascular system, coagulation, anesthesia recovery time and increases the risk of wound infection. Preventive measures, including warming of IV fluids, placing the dog on a heated pad (circulating water heating pad or other heating pad set on "low") and covering the body and extremities with warmed blankets, towels, bubble wrap, or other protective coverings post-surgery are vital in conserving body heat. Temperature monitoring, either via electronic device or rectal thermometer, should be done during surgery and periodically throughout recovery.

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# Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

## Great Danes

