



# Newsletter

2018  
Fourth Quarter

## \*\*\* In Case of Emergency – Are You Ready? \*\*\*

Your dog walks into the room where you are relaxing, hanging his head down with labored breathing. You just have time to say “what’s wrong?” when he wavers back and forth and then collapses to the floor. What do you do? He’s unable to stand up! How do you get him to the vet? Are you prepared for an emergency? This is exactly what happened to me a few months ago, and I’m thankful to say that my husband and I were prepared. We got him loaded into the car and to the vet within minutes, and we are blessed that he is totally recovered. Long story short ... Anaphylaxis.

This event reinforced to me the importance of preparation. In the middle of an emergency is not the time to be searching for the address and phone number of the nearest emergency hospital and/or trying to figure out how to get your giant dog into the car to get him there. Seconds count in an emergency! Thankfully we were prepared. I knew where the nearest vet was and had their phone number in my contacts. I called ahead while my husband moved the car as close to the front door as possible. We rolled him onto a bed sheet and maneuvered him out the door and into the van. I called again when we were about a block away and they were ready and waiting for us in the parking lot. We are blessed that all went well and we had a happy ending.

I can’t stress enough how important it is to do the groundwork BEFORE you have an emergency. Put contact numbers and addresses into your phone. If you have someone else caring for your dogs, post the information on your refrigerator along with a map of how to get there. Keep your gas tank filled. Keep things that you might need in an emergency handy. Our dog show bag doubles as our emergency bag. Know how you are going to get your giant unconscious dog into your car! A sheet or heavy blanket works but it’s a struggle for two people. What if you are home alone? Think about it.

Take the time to think about your emergency plan. Your dogs are depending on you.

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# Message from the President

Greetings,

Fall is here! That could only mean one thing besides pumpkins and cooler weather, the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty, Futurity and Top 20 Invitational Show! This year our Mid-Western Division is hosting this event in Topeka, KS.

The Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina membership body wish everyone safe travels and good luck to exhibitors and Great Dane enthusiasts.

Warmest regards,  
Wanda Hepler  
GDCCNC President



## REMINDER

### GDCA 2018 Topeka, KS

The Southeast Division meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in the Wheat Room at 3:30pm. I'm encouraging anyone willing to get involved to stop by our meeting, meet our Division Committee members and get plugged in.

# 2018 Responsible Dog Ownership Day A Huge Success

I just wanted to take the time to thank each club and its members for participating in AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day this year. Your participation helped make the day a huge success. I know this year the heat was a little unbearable and appreciate everyone for sticking it out.

Some highlights of the day included:

80 dogs and 1 cat microchipped and enrolled in Reunite  
70 dogs took the AKC CGC test with 84% passing  
7 dogs took the AKC CGCA test with 100% passing  
12 dogs took the AKC Trick Dog test with 96% passing  
100 dogs ran through the MDCDT

The raffle brought in over 900.00 for the Pet Disaster Relief Fund which directly benefits hurricane victims.

## *Christine Weisse*

Senior Subject Matter Expert – Sport Services  
Foundation Stock Service Program  
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PAL Program  
Colors Program  
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# RDO Day Candid Shots



## Gulliver Gathering Kisses



# Winner's Circle



One of my dreams came true today!

Electra finished the third leg of her CD Title and we came home with an All Breed High in Trial with a 198 from the wonderful Cape Fear Dog Training Club!!! I always feel welcome and home when showing there and today was no exception.

Special thanks to all my friends who supported me, all of the spectacular trainers who have put up with me and lastly to my beloved breeders. You were all there in the ring with us today and without you, it would not have been possible.

Patty Thomas  
August 4, 2018



We had a very satisfying weekend in Lynchburg. I focused on Optimus on Saturday and he came home with a UDX leg after being out of the ring for 9 months. I was very proud of him for hanging in there. Today Electra had a personal best with 198.5 in Novice B.  
Patty Thomas – September 23, 2018

# Winner's Circle



Winner's Bitch  
6/23/2018  
Penobscot Kennel Club  
Cumberland, ME

Expertly presented by  
Tracy Cyr-McMillon.

Thank you to Judge  
Robert Stein for so  
honoring our girl.

Richard Cyr-McMillon

Best of Winners / Major Win  
7/27/2018  
Greenville Kennel Club

Thank you Judge Jeffrey  
Langevin for so honoring our  
girl, and thanks to all of the  
ringside support we received  
from so many people.

An awesome day for this  
beautiful team!!!

Richard Cyr-McMillon



# Winner's Circle



Reserve Winner's Bitch  
 Major  
 8/18/2018  
 Carolina Kennel Club

Resolute Danes Hepler's  
 Bring It On  
 "Torrance"  
 At 7 months taking a  
 Major Reserve from the  
 6-9 class.

Co-Owners:  
 Wanda Hepler and  
 Christy Balazs

# Winner's Circle



**AKC/INT CH C&D Neet's Travelin Man FDC CGC TKN**

Gulliver has been busy adding titles to the back end of his name while his bad haircut grows out.

August 4, 2018 - He passed his CGC test and earned his Trick Dog Novice title at the Carolina Ranch Animal Hospital.

August 9 & 10, 2018 – He earned two legs toward his Beginner Novice title at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club shows in Concord, NC. One more to go!

August 11 & 12, 2018 - He passed two separate tests to earn his Farm Dog Certification title.

So proud of this smart and handsome fella!

*In Memory...*

**INT'L GP BRONZE CH/UKC CH/AKC  
GCH FENDANE SCARLETOAK STORM SURGE CGC**

**10/28/11 – 08/15/18**

*Gone too soon*

*Death is the heartache no one can heal,  
Memories are keepsakes no one can steal.  
Beautiful memories are all we have left,  
Of the ones we loved and will never forget.*

*Softly the leaves of memory fall,  
Gently we gather and cherish them all.*

*Planted deep in memory's garden  
And watered daily with tears,  
Memory has a magical way  
Of keeping loved ones near.*

*-Author unknown,  
grieving poem from the 1950s*

*Hugo*



*Owned and Loved by Memory & Jimmy Armstrong - scarletoak@bellsouth.net  
Bred by Kathleen Fennell & Gloria Batchelor - Fendane Great Danes*

*Ad by CosmicCreations*

# In Memoriam



They say if you love something, there comes a time when you must set it free... tonight, hard as it was... I had to say goodbye to my heart.. Waylon...

GCH Raintree Erinwood Dixie's Southern Outlaw

Waylon was our first show dog. We just wanted a healthy pet, and yes, maybe we would dabble a little in the dog show. You know, just for fun.

His breeders, Pam Deloria, Francis Lorraine Cornelius and Sandy Fetters talked us into bringing him to a little dog show in Louisville, KY in 2008... the National. We had no idea what we were in for. Waylon won the 16 entry 6-9 fawn class, his division of the futurity, and was one of the last three dogs standing for Winner's Dog. He finished quickly and went on to be a multiple Best of Breed winner, and won an AOM at the 2010 National Specialty under Judge Eric Ringle. He introduced us to some wonderful people I now call my dear friends, but more than any ribbons or trophies mattered, he was my best bud, my constant companion and my protector. I know why they call them your "heart" dog... because although life goes on and you slowly move on without them, a part remains not missing, but locked away. A part that belongs only to that dog, the one that made your heart skip a beat, and still does. Rest easy my sweet boy... we will meet again. Waylon 3/12/08 – 9/26/18

Christy and Matt Balazs

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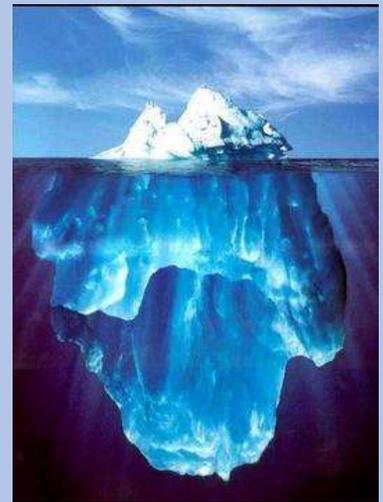
In previous articles, I've spoken about feeding dogs a raw diet. In my opinion, this is especially important in a breed that is prone to bloat. That is not to say that it is impossible for a dog on a raw diet to bloat. It isn't, and it has happened, but it apparently happens far more infrequently than to dogs fed carbohydrate based diets. When a dog's naturally occurring enzymes are suited to his evolutionary diet, the stomach flora seems "happier."

Here are some thoughts on enzymes from an article I wrote a few years ago.

"Why will a cooked bean planted in the ground not grow?"

"All" that happened to it was a little heat was applied.

Can you explain why adding water & sunshine to a planted alfalfa seed, will increase its nutritional content by some 300-800%?" This quote comes from an audio tape "Enzymes for Health" by Joel Robbins, MD, DC.



The answer to both questions, and dozens of others, is "enzymes." A cooked bean, one that was heated, no longer has active enzymes because enzymes are fragile, and can't survive temperatures above about 112 degrees

F. Enzymes are catalysts, that is, they facilitate chemical reactions, and are critical to nearly every metabolic reaction in the body. Functioning enzymes is also the answer to why a sprouted seed is so nutritious.

Active enzymes are critical to the efficient working of every 'body.' There are possibly as many as 100,000 different metabolic enzymes that are needed. Some are stored in the body's "enzyme bank account" and some are made and consumed as needed.

We are born with an enzyme bank account, but, like a money bank account, deposits are required to keep the system working efficiently throughout life. Enzymes are used every moment of every day in normal metabolism, so they need to be replenished regularly. The result of not making 'deposits' to this account are illness, or in the extreme, death.

Where do we get enzyme deposits? Only from food that has not been denatured, that is, from raw food. If you are a carnivore, such as a dog or cat, you should get your enzymes in your food from raw animal sources. If you're a vegetarian like a guinea pig, your enzymes would come from plant sources. Omnivores, like humans, can use both sources, but the key is that the sources need to be raw and consumed daily.\*

For more information on enzymes, you can buy CDs of Dr Robbins' lectures at <http://www.drdonnavice.com/drrobbins/> . There are also many, many books on the subject, for those who want more in depth study.

\*A caveat to all of the above is that the food sources you feed must actually \*contain\* all the nutrients. In the case of plants, the soil needs to contain the nutrients. In the case of meats for carnivores, the animals should have been fed "clean" food which was grown in nutritious soil. Organic foods often meet these criteria, but you should investigate your sources to get the maximum out of your dietary budget.



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