

# GDCCNC NEWSLETTER



JAN-MAR 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Evening,

Last week following our concurrent Specialty cancellation, no one could have predicted how intensely this COVID-19 really would affect our lives. I'm hopeful this fall we can look back on this madness and isolation with some real appreciation of how important family, friends, as well as human interactions are a necessity in our lives. All in all, living life as a survivor.

Stay Safe and Healthy and Be careful until next time.

Wanda Hepler – GDCCNC President

## 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER BRAGS

We have some great brags for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, even though the closed were shut down the middle of March.

### Clemson KC – January 4/5, 2020

1-4 RWD – 1-5 WD (2 pt) Larchwood Temira's Tigrato Artistry In Motion – Colleen Assell Carra, Nick Carra, Karen & David Lozenski

1-5 SEL (3 GC pt) CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue – Betsy & Warren Mincey

1-4 SEL (3 GC pt) -1-5 OS/BOBOH/OHG3 (4GC pt) GCH Resolute Danes Riddle Me This – Christy & Matt Balazs

### Middle Peninsula KC of VA – January 25, 2020

OS (2 GC pt) GCH Resolute Danes Riddle Me This – Christy & Matt Balazs

### Charleston KC – January 25/26, 2020

1-25 WD/BW (1 pt) Larchwood Temira's Tigrato Artistry In Motion – Colleen Assell Carra, Nick Carra, Karen & David Lozenski

1-25 B/BOBOH/OHG1 (5 GC Pt)-1-26 SEL (2 GC pt) CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue – Betsy & Warren Mincey

1-25 BPOS DTVS It Ain't My Fault – Terri Dillistin

1-25 BPB/BPG1 DTVS Make It Sweet – Terri Dillistin

1-26 WB (1 pt) DTVS They Call Me Lola V Whiteshadow - Terri Dillistin & Randi Kerlinger

### Maryland KC – February 15/16, 2020

2-15 BOBOH-2-16 OS (3 GC pt) GCH Resolute Danes Riddle Me This – Christy & Matt Balazs

### Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Assn – February 20, 2020

RWD Valhalla's Simply Irrisistable – Carole & Jim Cataudella & Darlene Bergan

### Ochlockonee River KC – February 23, 2020

WD (2 pt) Valhalla's Simply Irrisistable – Carole & Jim Cataudella & Darlene Bergan

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*"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."*  
- Unknown

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## COVID-19 AND YOUR PET

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, and the shelter in place orders that have been issued, I would like to share some information provided by the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association). In a document issued on March 20, the AVMA provides the following information:

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is caused by SARS-CoV-2.

“Again, current expert understanding is that COVID-19 is primarily transmitted person-to-person. This supports a recommendation against testing of pets for SARS-CoV-2, except by official order. If dogs or cats present with respiratory signs, veterinarians should test for more common respiratory pathogens. Pets in homes with owners with COVID-19: Although there have not been reports of pets becoming sick with COVID-19, out of an abundance of caution, it is recommended that those ill with COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus. If you are ill with COVID-19 have another member of your household take care of walking, feeding, and playing with your pet. If you have a service animal or you must care for your pet, then wear a facemask; don't share food, kiss, or hug them; and wash your hands before and after any contact with your pet or service animal. You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people or pets in your home. Additional guidance on managing pets in homes where people are sick with COVID-19 is available from the CDC. Keeping pets safe: For responsible pet owners, preparing in advance is key. Make sure you have an emergency kit prepared, with at least two weeks' worth of your pet's food and any needed medications. Usually we think about emergency kits like this in terms of what might be needed for an evacuation, but it's also good to have one prepared in the case of quarantine or self-isolation when you cannot leave your home. While we are recommending these as good practices, it is important to remember that, to date, there have not been any reports of pets or other animals becoming ill with SARS-CoV-2, and there is currently no evidence that pets can spread COVID-19 to other animals, including people.”

Additional information can be found on the AKC website: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/can-dogs-get-coronavirus/>

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## RESCUE

Not a lot to report. Rescue lost a really good volunteer/foster dad on March 17 and we have taken his 3 Danes back into rescue. We have had 3 events cancelled so far and 1 postponed with a tentative date that will most likely be cancelled as well. With the stay at home order in place we are on hold for everything right now, so no home visits, events, etc. This significantly affects our fund availability, so any contributions are gladly accepted.

Brittany Dail – Great Dane Rescue Alliance Inc.

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## SHOW REPORT

March 21-22, 2020 Concurrent Specialty Shows

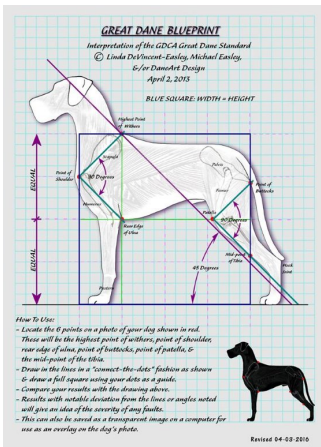
I was hoping to report the final outcome of our March Concurrent Specialties to you, but with the outbreak of the Corona virus, it has turned our world into a state of emergency. A week before our shows, a declaration by Governor Roy Cooper, recommended all social events of 100 people or more be cancelled! The NC State Fairgrounds decided to cancel all of its events until further notice.

We had an awesome entry for both shows!

Saturday was: Sweepstakes 10 (7-3), Breed 65 (16-20-9-12-3-5). We had a fantastic Veteran entry of 3 males and 5 females!

Sunday was: Breed 63 (18-19-7-11-3-5) with the same great Veteran entry! Unfortunately, we did not have any Junior Showmanship entries.

Our exhibitors were coming from AL, CA, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, MD, NC, OH, SC, TX, VA and Canada!



## Our Board of Directors

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During this time, the Board of Directors met via teleconference and I was also working with Guy Fisher, the AKC Club Development Manager and Alan Slay, the Director of AKC Event Programs to see what our options were. The AKC would allow us to reschedule our shows to another date without a penalty for cancelling and the event application fees would roll over to the new show dates. Our Board and Membership voted to reschedule our Concurrent Specialties to September 5 - 6, 2020 with the Tarheel Cluster Labor Day weekend. It was also voted that we will have reduced entry fees for these shows. And lastly, we are lucky to have the same three Judge's (Tiffany Anne Cross, Mari Hayhurst, Jeffrey Langevin) from our March shows, judge the September shows!

After our teleconference call, I contacted the Durham and Raleigh KC's for their Host approval, contacted the GDCA for their club affiliate approval, contacted the Judge's for their approval, contacted MB-F for a new superintendent contract and filed the new AKC Event applications. As of April 1st, we have been approved by the AKC Events Department for the September shows!

I thank everyone for their hard work with preparing for the March shows and look forward to our September Specialties!

Sincerely,  
Colleen Assell-Carra  
2020 Show Chairperson

## JUST FOR FUN

Since we are all stuck at home for a while, here is a new recipe that I thought you might like. I also substituted cooked white meat chicken for the ground beef and loved it.

### Enchilada Casserole

**1 lb lean ground beef (or use beef bites or cooked chicken)**

**1 pkg encilada seasoning mix ( I couldn't find enchilada seasoning so I used Taco seasoning mix)**

**1 can cream of chicken soup ( I used creamy chicken mushroom)**

**1 jar hot or mild picante sauce**

**2 large (10") corn or flour tortillas ( I used the flour tortillas)**

**1 (12 oz) package shredded cheddar cheese ( I used extra sharp cheddar)**

**1 (12 oz) package shredded mozzarella cheese ( I used 4 cheese mexican)**

**Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown meat in a skillet over medium heat; drain fat. Add seasoning mix and stir well. Add soup and picante sauce mixing well; heat 2 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. Line a 10" casserole dish with one of the tortillas. Layer with half the meat mixture and half the cheeses. Layer remaining tortilla and repeat meat and cheese. Bake 30 minutes.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21 – GDCCNC Teleconference meeting – 7:00 pm

May 16 – GDCCNC Fun Day (if we can gather by then) at Betsy Mincey's house

June 20 – GDCCNC Meeting (place and time TBA)

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## A QUICK HISTORY

The history of Great Dane is not a one version story. Some would argue the breed evolved primarily in Britain over several hundred years, while others would say the Germans did all the work. So, the history of Great Dane depends on which version you listen to!

Great Dane dog history first appears about 3000BC. We see Dane like dogs in carvings on Egyptian monuments built around this time. Fast forward 3400 years to the 5th century, when present day Europe was invaded by the Alanis, an Asiatic race, who brought giant mastiff dogs with them. Over the next several hundred years, it is surmised that these mastiff-like dogs were cross bred with Irish Grey Hounds, producing a giant but slimmer breed than pure mastiff.

It is also possible that these large mastiff dogs were brought to Europe by the Romans. Over several hundred years the Celts cross bred these giants with either Greyhound or Irish Wolfhound (or perhaps both). This effort led to the development of the "English Dogge", which some would say is the ancestor to the Modern Great Dane.

It is probably true that both versions of Great Dane history are accurate and contributed to the beautiful animals we now enjoy, but certainly, the Germans deserve most of the credit for the development of the breed as we know it today. By the 16th century, these giant dogs were fairly common as boar hounds in both Britain and the Germanic states. The Germans did import a large number of these "Englishe dogges" for cross breeding with their own version as they worked to develop the perfect boar hunter for their own needs.

But here the history of the Great Dane takes another twist. Boar hounds were not cuddly stoic dogs. European wild boar were very dangerous and hunting them required a fast, strong and aggressive dog. And that's what had been developed. But it was also realized that a dog of this size could be an excellent guard dog - although in order to fulfill this function something would have to be done to make it more people friendly. And so over the 18th and 19th centuries, German dog breeders concentrated on evolving their boar hound into a breed of good temperament and friendliness.

The Germans continued to document and develop the breed and in 1880 breeders and dog judges (dog shows and dogs were huge in Germany then as now) met and agreed that this German breed was now distinctly different from the English mastiffs and formally declared the "Deutsche doggen".

In 1891, the Great Dane Club of Germany was formed (still called Deutsche doggen or German Dog club) and the modern-day standard was adopted. Eight years later, the Great Dane Club of America was founded in Chicago and the Dane was officially recognized in North America.

Another little twist in Great Dane history. In the early 1700's, a French naturalist, Comte de Buffon first saw these dogs while traveling in Denmark. He labelled this breed "le Grande Denois" or Great Dane. For some reason, the name stuck - although only in English. (The Germans continued to refer to this breed as the "Deutsche doggen".) So, although Denmark has absolutely no part to play in the story of the history of Great Danes, the dog is nevertheless tied to it, albeit in name only.

Given the size of the Great Dane, many people seem to think the Great Dane's war service is a rich history in and of itself, but this is simply not true. There were large blood hounds used by both sides in the American Civil War (there is some evidence these animals were probably a cross between a Cuban mastiff and the Great Dane), but the truth is, despite their intimidating size, Great Danes don't make good soldiers.

The army and the marines tried Great Danes during WWII but none of them passed basic training! On one notable occasion, an army drill sergeant was moved to tears of frustration as he tried to train a Dane to jump over an obstacle. Instead of jumping as he was supposed to, the Dane kept running up to the obstacle, putting the entire thing in its mouth and proudly bringing it back to the trainer!

But there have been some famous Danes associated with the military. One was even enrolled in the British Royal Navy! During World War II, the British naval garrison in Cape Town South Africa submitted all the necessary paperwork to enroll their mascot Great Dane into the Royal Navy. Listed as Christian name Bone and Surname Crusher, this Dane made himself comfortable in several different naval establishments in the area. He wasn't just good for local moral - he was also used extensively in the production of postcards that were used to raise funds for the war effort! He died in 1944 and received a quasi-military funeral!

And as a final note about the history of the Great Dane, there have been several famous Danes or Danes associated with famous people. The founder of modern-day Germany, Otto Von Bismarck always had Danes beside him. General Cornwallis brought his "English dogs" on campaign with him during the American Revolution (he lost). Buffalo Bill Cody always had his black Dane "Turk" with him and Manfred von Richthofen, the famous Red Baron, is said to have taken his Dane "Moritz" up for a couple of flights! And of course, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a Dane lover and always had several nearby.

The entertainment industry has also made Great Danes famous. Brad Anderson's famous cartoon is centered around a Great Dane named Marmaduke - who hasn't seen that? Every baby boomer and beyond grew up watching Scooby-Doo solve mysteries during Saturday morning cartoon hour! Even the Jetsons had their Dane "Astro". The Disney comedy "The Ugly Dachshund" starred a Great Dane. And in animated movies, Oliver and Company (1988) is centered around a Dane, as is the classic All Dogs Go to Heaven (1989). It seems that Great Danes history is colorful, interesting and is still being made!

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To love a Dane is to love humor and destruction, kisses and drool, fur covered clothes and never a moment alone. To own a Dane is to own a natural disaster, a piece of heaven, a glimpse of hell. To have a Dane is to have patience and insanity, peace and chaos. They are like the winds blowing wildly in the storm and like grains of sand slipping through our fingers. To lose a Dane is to lose your heart, lose your ground, to lose faith and to lose one's self. To those who don't own a Dane, we are crazy, silly, brave, confident, rich and poor. We look crazy with fur covered shirts and slobber covered pants, but our hearts are full. To see us with our giants is awe striking to those who have never lived with one, but little do they know, we are holding onto a piece of paradise and for only a glimmer of time. – Anonymous