PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone,

This year has brought on many changes with COVID-19 disrupting our lives not to mention our club calendar of events.

Let’s put our focus on our first stand-alone Independent Specialty in a few months with safety as our main concern of course. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to club members that applied for Award Certificates although we are not presenting them in person yet. Does not diminish what a great achievement to you all.

Thank you, Memory, for an outstanding Newsletter!

Sincerely,
Wanda Hepler - GDCCNC President

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2ND QUARTER BRAGS

Congratulations on the 2nd Quarter brags from the Ohio Specialties held June 18-21.

CH IZYA’s Fight On & Fly On “Baron” - owned and bred by Jessica Powers, went SD and OHBISS under Cat Urner on Saturday at the Ohio Specialties. This is the first time he has been shown since finishing 14 months ago.
2019 CLUB AWARDS

Puppy of Achievement

GCH CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue “Buxton” - owned by Betsy Totten Mincey & Warren Harding Mincey, Jr.

Krisda Kennedy’s Endeavor “Morse” – owned by Memory and Jimmy Armstrong

Larchwood Temira’s Tigrato Artistry In Motion “Rio” – owned by Colleen Assell-Carra & Nick Carra & Karen & David Lozenski

CH IZYA’s Fight On & Fly On “Baron” – owned/bred by Jessica Powers

Championship

GCH CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue “Buxton” - owned by Betsy Totten Mincey & Warren Harding Mincey, Jr.

CH IZYA’s Fight On & Fly On “Baron” – owned/bred by Jessica Powers

GCH CH Resolute Danes Riddle Me This - owned by Christy & Matt Balazs

CH DND’s Guardian of the Stone at Saravilla – owned by Susan H Dunlow

Grand Championship

GCH CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue “Buxton” - owned by Betsy Totten Mincey & Warren Harding Mincey, Jr.
GCH CH Resolute Danes Riddle Me This - owned by Christy & Matt Balazs

Breeder of Champion

CH IZYA's Fight On & Fly On “Baron” – owned/bred by Jessica Powers
GCH CH Resolute Danes Riddle Me This - owned by Christy & Matt Balazs – bred by Christy Balazs & Wanda Hepler
CH DND's Guardian of the Stone at Saravilla – owned by Susan H Dunlow – bred by Susan H Dunlow & Mimi Kim

Sire Owner of Champion Get

GCH Sundance N. Maitau's Brilliant Disguise – owned by Christy & Matt Balazs

Owner/Handler

GCH CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue “Buxton” - owned by Betsy Totten Mincey & Warren Harding Mincey, Jr.
CH IZYA's Fight On & Fly On “Baron” – owned/bred by Jessica Powers

Top Great Dane AKC National Owner Handled

GCH CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue “Buxton” - owned by Betsy Totten Mincey & Warren Harding Mincey, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019!!

*Petting, scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation and almost as good for the soul as prayer.* - *Dean Koontz*

COVID-19

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still with us. North Carolina is still in Phase II and will be until mid-September per Roy Cooper’s signing of Order #141 on May 27. Virginia is in Phase III. South Carolina is in Phase IV. Hopefully, everyone is wearing their masks for the safety of others and staying socially distant. Those of us who are high risk, please take care and stay safe.

The officers of Take The Lead have voted to extend the availability of the Covid-19 Fund through August 30, 2020.

TAKE THE LEAD $400,000. COVID-19 FUND

The Board of Directors of Take The Lead Covid-19 Fund was created to assist members of our fancy who have suffered the loss of their existing health insurance. This unexpected turn of events would be directly due to the unprecedented COVID-19 national pandemic. This loss of coverage may be due to job termination, lay-off, furlough, or for those who are self-employed, have lost their main source of income. We are seeking applicants who, due to these circumstances, are now unable to cover their monthly health insurance premiums.

Take the Lead has made available, $400,000 for the COVID-19 FUND, which will be utilized strictly on a first come, first served basis, until such time as funds are depleted, or the fund terminates on August 30, 2020 (whichever comes first). If said funds are not exhausted, they will be returned to our general fund.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

If you, or someone you know is in need, please click above and apply. Take The Lead is here to help.
**RESCUE**

Rescue update: we have slowed down with intake for a few reasons, but we still have 13 Danes that are either forever fosters due to health or behavior issues and a few of which are still up for adoption. Vet bills are still our biggest expense and unfortunately, we have not had any events this year due to Covid. As of right now, we have 2 events in Cary scheduled for August, but I have a feeling those may end up cancelled. Only other event is in November. Our annual Christmas in July online Facebook auction starts on July 18 and ends on July 25. We are hoping that will bring in additional funds as we have not had any events so that has hurt us. We will have one neuter coming up and one female who needs to see the specialist soon but that has not been scheduled yet as she’s so nervous. Her foster is working with her. This is everything I can think of at this time. Thanks, and hope you are staying safe and well.

Thanks

Brittany Dail – Great Dane Rescue Alliance Inc.

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**SHOW REPORT**

**Labor Day Specialties – “See You In September Specialties”**

We have been working with Guy Fisher, the AKC Club Development Manager and Rita Suddarth, of the Great Dane Club of Metropolitan Washington to see what our options were for independent specialties during Labor Day weekend. Our Board voted to hold Independent Specialties with GDCMW during Labor Day Weekend, September 4 - 7, 2020, at Meadow Event Pavilion in Doswell, VA. Carol Ragan agreed to be Show Chair for these shows, with Terri Dillistin as Assistant Show Chair. The Board voted to waive our regular rules for judges because of the short time frame, and the difficulty in finding judges who are willing to attend shows at this time. MB-F will be the secretary for this circuit, and will handle the premium list, entry, Catalogs, and judging programs. We are still working out the details for the premium list and hope that it will be available within a couple of weeks. Guy says that other than a show in Iowa, we are the only club to have shows over the Labor Day Weekend, so we should have a great entry. We will need all the help we can get for the weekend, so please let Carol or Terri know if you would be willing to help. We are excited that we will be able to have a show this year. See everyone Labor Day weekend.

Wanda Hepler
President

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**JUST FOR FUN**

Since we are beginning the hot summer months it is important that everyone stays hydrated, especially our four legged friends. Martha Goins has a special recipe to help keep them healthy.

**Pedialyte for Dogs**

1 quart of purified water
1 teaspoon of salt (I use the pink Hialayan salt)
2 tablespoons of sweetener – can be sugar or honey – NOTHING ARTIFICIAL (no aspartame, stevia, etc. – xylitol is poisonous)

Sugar or honey is used to provide the essential canine electrolytes that other sweeteners do not provide. Electrolyte recipes provide a higher sugar to sodium ratio for our canine buddies than what we as humans need. Dogs do not lose sodium as quickly as we humans do. This is a great pick me up after walks and other exercise rather than plain water. I usually use manuka honey as it has some amazing health benefits. I also add Bragg’s Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV) unfiltered to the water year round for several reasons. Just to name two; the ACV helps with the prevention of fleas and with continual use prevents tear stains. I learned this from George Alston in a handling class.

**Fruit Pizza**

1 box sugar cookie mix prepared per the directions on the box

Cream together filling of:

- 8 oz Cream Cheese
- 8 oz Cool Whip
- 1 teaspoon Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla

Pat dough on cookie sheet and bake. Allow to cool. Spread filling mixture on cookie and refrigerate for about an hour. Add fruit and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving. You can use bananas, grapes, kiwi, peaches, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, blueberries, cherries, raspberries, or any combination of fruit that you like. Enjoy.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Brylin Obedience in King, NC is back open and has the following events planned:

- August 14-16 – CAT and Fast CAT events.
- August 6 – Beginner/Intro swim classes at 6pm

Classes begin in September- Check out the website for more information if interested. Brylinschool.com

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**HOLISTIC MEDICINE**

One of our members, Betty Lewis, is an animal communicator and holistic practitioner. Here is some information from her and about her business ”Paws Reflect”. She is also a great resource for information regarding holistic treatment for our canine partners.

The following text in quotation marks, was written by Patricia Skinner. I don't know who she is, but I thank her for her words. I don't know where I found them, but I couldn't have said them better myself. The only thing I would change is that I spell the word with a W, as in Wholistic, not the more commonly found Holistic. The reason is that I want you to think of a "whole", not a "hole." :}

"Holistic medicine is a term used to describe therapies that attempt to treat the patient as a whole person. That is, instead of treating an illness, as in orthodox allopathy, holistic medicine looks at an individual's over-all physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being before recommending treatment. A practitioner with a holistic approach treats the symptoms of illness as well as looking for the underlying cause of the illness. Holistic medicine also attempts to prevent illness by placing a greater emphasis on optimizing health. The body's systems are seen as interdependent parts of the person's whole being. Its natural state is one of health, and an illness or disease is an imbalance in the body's systems."
"Holistic therapies tend to emphasize proper nutrition and avoidance of substances such as chemicals that pollute the body. Their techniques are non-invasive."

"The aim of holistic medicine is to bring all areas of an individual's life, and most particularly the energy flowing through the body, back into harmony. Ultimately, of course, only the patient can be responsible for this, for no practitioner can make the necessary adjustments to diet and lifestyle to achieve health. The practice of holistic medicine does not rule out the practice of allopathic medicine; the two can complement each other."

As a Wholistic Animal Consultant, I offer a variety of modalities such as Animal Communication, Nutrition, Therapeutic Touch, TTEAM (Tellington Touch), flower essences & Reiki and I refer my clients to competent practitioners in the fields of homeopathy, chiropractic and others.

Each wholistic practitioner has specialties. We can’t all offer everything, nor can we all be good at everything. However, the universal energy used in many modalities is the same energy, just applied in different ways by different people. Our dogs generally accept it all, and benefit from it.

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Book: Animals Speak!

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He is my other eyes that can see above the clouds; my other ears that hear above the winds. He is the part of me that can reach out into the sea. He has told me a thousand times over that I am his reason for being; by the way he rests against my leg; by the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile; by the way he shows his hurt when I leave without taking him. (I think it makes him sick with worry when he is not along to care for me.) When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive. When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile. When I am happy, he is joy unbounded. When I am a fool, he ignores it. When I succeed, he brags. Without him, I am only another man. With him, I am all-powerful. He is loyalty itself. He has taught me the meaning of devotion. With him, I know a secret comfort and a private peace. He has brought me understanding where before I was ignorant. His head on my knee can heal my human hurts. His presence by my side is protection against my fears of dark and unknown things. He has promised to wait for me... whenever... wherever - in case I need him. And I expect I will - as I always have. He is just my dog."-

-Gene Hill