3RD QUARTER BRAGS

We have some great brags for 3rd Quarter.

**Betsy & Rusty Mincy – CH Lexis Lagarada DH Back The Blue, AOM**

Saturday 9/5/20 - Judge Dawn Gabig - OS/BOBOH  
Sunday  9/6/20 - Judge Lynn Smith - AOM (handled by me)  
Sunday  9/6/20 - Judge Francis "Lori" Cornelius - SEL (handled by Darlene Bergan)  
Monday 9/7/20 - Judge Cindy Lane - OS/BOBOH

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**Colleen Assell-Carra – CH Larchwood Temira’s Tigrato Artistry In Motion, AOM**

Rio won RWD (5pt) under Cindy Stansell at the Great Dane Club of Metropolitan Washington Specialty on 9/4/2020. He completed his Championship at the Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina AM Specialty under Sioux Forsyth-Green on 9/5/20 WD for a 5-point major.

Then he won an AOM under Dawn Gabig at the Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina PM Specialty on 9/5; SD (5pt) under Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Lewis at the Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina AM Specialty on 9/7; another AOM under Cindy Lane at the Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina PM Specialty on 9/7.

Then on 10/9, Rio won an AOM under Catherine Cooper at the Great Dane Club of Maryland PM Specialty. On 10/10, he won an AOM under Catherine (Cat) Urner at the Great Dane Club of Maryland AM Specialty.  
On 10/11, Rio won BOS under Robert Layne at the Great Dane Club of Central Pennsylvania PM Specialty
He has 9 points (2 majors) towards his Grand Championship.

Wanda Hepler & Christy Balazs – Resolute Danes Hepler’s Bring It On (Torrance) – Bred by Christy and Matt Balazs & Wanda Hepler

WB (4pt Major) – 9/4/20 at Great Dane Club of Metropolitan Washington Specialty under judge Cindy Stansell in Doswell, VA.

"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

TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH – YOU AND YOUR DOGS

"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink." Sometimes it seems like that quote is true today when we apply it to the context of drinking water. Our bodies are 75% water, and water is required in most, if not all, of the reactions which take place in our bodies.

After oxygen, water is the most important nutrient we need to supply, yet unless that water is pure, we still do damage by consuming it. Most people and pet animals drink whatever comes out of the tap. But, almost without exception, municipal water is "treated".

Unfortunately, it’s treated with toxic chemicals, such as fluoride and chlorine, substances which are highly contraindicated for health. The second largest category in the tap water department is from private wells. The worst thing about depending on a well is that no one knows what is in that water! Water tests are only a snapshot in time, so a test taken today at noon is possibly null and void at 1PM. In addition, most water tests only test for a fraction of the possible contaminants. So, what is safe? That is the $64,000 question!

And, the more research I do, the less I think I know the answer to this. My best response is to tell you the choices I have made and let you do follow up research to decide for yourself. If you find a better answer, please let me know. :)

I do know that each household needs to purify water as it enters the house, or at least before it's consumed. A whole-house purifier would be a better choice than a counter-top model, because contaminants easily enter through the skin during
showers and baths. Each of you will have an independent decision based on the perceived quality of the tap water being filtered.

When we lived in NH, we had our own well, & the basic water tests were good, so we opted to purify only our drinking water. For many years, we chose a reverse-osmosis countertop unit.

When we moved to NC, we discovered that we are on a community well. After researching the water quality, I found that there is no fluoride added to the well, but by law, it has to be contaminated with chlorine. So, we spent the money for a whole house filtering system *, a chlorine removal filter, and a separate reverse osmosis (r/o) drinking water system. Humans and dogs alike drink only the r/o water.

There are pros and cons to reverse osmosis, but so far, I think it is the best choice, when money IS an object. You need to research for yourself, and there is plenty of information “out there.” The subject of pure water is gigantic, and there is no way I can guide you to a simple answer. But, with a little time spent, I hope you will be on your way to providing another layer on the way to wellness.

I can tell you that air, water, food, & home environment are the pillars of health, and the first things to scrutinize should a chronic health crisis appear in your house. If you address these areas when prevention is still an option, much suffering and expense can be avoided.

*The Rime of the Ancient Mariner Samuel Taylor Coleridge
*I will be happy to refer anyone to the company which installed our system. I think they are a good company, and their chemical analyst is particularly good. Make sure that the person who analyses your water “really” understands the topic of water, water toxins, & your issues, and is not just parroting what the company’s “education department” tells them to say.

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Book: Animals Speak!
You cannot poison your way to good health.

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RESCUE

Not a lot to report. All of our in-person events are cancelled for the year. The only fundraiser we have left is our Annual Holiday Auction. We still have a lot of sanctuary Danes that we are taking care of, so our biggest need is always money. We have some on monthly meds (in addition to monthly heartworm and flea) so capsule size pill pockets are needed. We have one who gets ProPectalin, but I’ve been getting that from Amazon as it’s cheaper than the vet for the same product. If anyone would like to donate products, both of those will be greatly appreciated. We just took in a new 6 year old intact male from a shelter in VA. We are still waiting on his test results, but the mastiff he was found with has 2 tick borne diseases and a fugal issue, so chances are good this boy will have some as well, since he was covered in ticks and sat in the shelter for 3 months with no treatment. None of our events are supposed to pick up until March. This significantly affects our funds availability, so any contributions are gladly accepted and appreciated. If you have something to donate for our Holiday auction, please contact me. Thanks.

Brittany Dail – Great Dane Rescue Alliance Inc.

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SHOW REPORT

September 4-7, 2020 Independent Specialty Shows

Since this year’s dog shows across the country have been greatly impacted by the COVID Guidelines, many clubs have been forced to cancel shows and look at different ways to be able to host a show. GDCCNC joined with GDCMW to hold
Independent Specialties on September 4 - 7, 2020 at The Meadow Event Park, The Pavilion Building in Doswell, VA, that met with COVID guidelines for social distancing, face coverings, and hand sanitizing practices. Many thanks go out to Great Danes N Great Deeds for their $2000 donation towards the expense of hosting an Independent Specialty.

We received many positive comments about the facility, the judging, the ring steward's ability to keep the classes running smoothly, and the overall performance of all the show committee members. We had great attendance and everyone had a great time.

Below are the entry and winner information for our shows.

**GDCNC Independent Specialties**
**September 5, 2020**
**AM Show - Judge Sioux Forsyth-Green, Number of Entries: 81 Number of Competitors: 75**

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**September 5, 2020**
**PM Show - Judge Dawn Gabig, Number of Entries: 75 - Number of Competitors: 70**

**Breed Winners**

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Reserve Winner Bitch  Nobledane Thinks She Can Fly  S Chant

September 7, 2020
AM Show, Judge Betty Lewis, Number of Entries: 61 - Number of Competitors: 50

Breed Winners

Best of Breed or Variety  GCH CH Elle's Red Light District  (B), L Hotchkiss/E Shore
Best of Opposite Sex  CH Izya's Fight On & Fly On  (D), J Powers/P Powers/M Durey
Select Dog  CH Larchwood Temira's Tigrato Artistry In Motion  C Assell-Carra/N Carra/K Lozenski
Select Bitch  GCHB CH Nikolodeon's Here's Lookin' To The Future  S Bealko/S Mauck/J Diola
Best of Winners  DSD Sometimes It's Serendipitous  (B), H Sawyer/N Foltz/T Foltz
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Winners Dog  Nobledane Otto-B-N-Stripes  L O'Dea
Reserve Winner Dog  DSD Werewolves Of London  H Sawyer
Winners Bitch  DSD Sometimes It's Serendipitous  H Sawyer/N Foltz/T Foltz
Reserve Winner Bitch  Longo N Vandelft's Goddess Of Death  D van Delft/T Longo

September 7, 2020
PM Show, Judge Cindy Lane, Number of Entries: 59 - Number of Competitors: 43

Breed Winners

Best of Breed or Variety  GCH CH Elle's Red Light District  (B), L Hotchkiss/E Shore
Best of Opposite Sex  GCH CH Lexis Lagarada Dhs Back The Blue  (D), B Mincey/W Mincey
Select Dog  CH Sumner N Luciana's Dimaggio  V Smith/K Mattioli
Select Bitch  GCH CH Ellenni Blackstone Ashella Baby Got Back!  J Peterson/S Sam/L Cipriotti/K Allison/A Cipriotti
Best of Winners  Devine's Unitys Gem Whats Up Bub  (D), G Labeef
Best Owner-Handled in Breed or Variety  GCH CH Lexis Lagarada Dhs Back The Blue  (D), B Mincey/W Mincey
Winners Dog  Devine's Unitys Gem Whats Up Bub  G Labeef
Reserve Winner Dog  Ellenni Blackstone Oh, The Places You'll Go! Honey  C Caillouette/L Cipriotti/K Allison
Winners Bitch  Nobledane Let's Raise A Ruckus  S Chant/L Hotchkiss/E Shore
Reserve Winner Bitch  Wil-Joi Once In A Lifetime V Wildwind  C Wilber
Sincerely,
Carol Ragan
2020 Show Chairperson

JUST FOR FUN

Some of you may be surprised that I am sharing a recipe for actual FOOD! You know I don’t cook, other than the bare minimum for survival. This one is a staple for travel though. I make it in cupcake papers, freeze them, and two seems to be enough for a breakfast, and add a salad and it can be dinner in the motel room. It keeps great in a cooler.

Using the papers, I don’t have to grease the muffin pan, nor struggle to wash the butter out!

I use organic heavy cream when I can find it.

I also throw in anything I can think of. I didn’t have broccoli last time, so I used cauliflower.

I don’t like dill, but I have Mrs Dash’s Table Blend, so I used that. Yummy!

Betty

Crustless Mini Broccoli Quiches

Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- ¾ cup milk, almond milk or half and half
- 10 oz. fresh or frozen broccoli stems and florets, chopped small
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. salt and pepper to taste

Optional additions:

- Pepper jack cheese
- Red or green bell pepper, diced
- Diced onions
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1-2 tsp. dried dill weed

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Use butter to grease a 12-cup muffin pan.
3. Cut the broccoli into very small florets. Steam just 2-3 minutes – they continue cooking in the oven.
4. Mix the eggs and milk together in a bowl with a whisk. Add the cheese, season with salt and pepper, and blend.
5. Spoon the mixture evenly into your muffin cups to just half full. Add a tablespoon of the broccoli to each, depending on the cup size. Sprinkle a bit more cheese on the top if desired.
6. Bake for 22-25 minutes or until the edges start to brown
Nov 12 – Columbiana AL – closes 10/28
Nov 12 – Ocala FL – closes 10/28
Nov 20-22 – Montgomery AL – closes 11/4
Nov 21-22 – Ocala FL – closes 11/4
Dec 5-6 – Ocala FL – closes 11/18
Jan 9-10 – Clemson SC – closes 12/23
Jan 14-18 – Brooksville FL – closes 12/30
Jan 13-17 – Fredericksburg VA – closes 12/30
Jan 20-24 – Brooksville FL – closes 1/6
Jan 21-24 – Perry GA – closes 1/6

**SURVIVING BLOAT**

The lifetime likelihood of having Bloat is 24% in many breeds, but for giant-breeds it is 21.6%. Great Danes are at the top of the list. That makes bloat a high risk. Recent studies show the mortality rate ranges from 10% to 33%. The high incidence of bloat when combined with its high mortality rate, makes bloat one of the leading causes of death.

Bloat is a serious and potentially deadly condition in dogs.

Clinical signs of bloat can be varied from casual restlessness, to unproductive vomiting and bowel movements, to death.

Recognize the signs of bloat and the look of your dog's stomach. Often times it will begin to look large and hard like a ripe watermelon (bloat). Owners should learn to check other indicators.

Check the color of the mucous membranes (gums). Are they dark pink (normal) or pale pink, blue or gray (abnormal and signs of shock)?

Notice the capillary refill time (an indication of the status of the circulatory system). Normal gums will be dark pink, blanch to white when pressed for 3 seconds with your thumb and return quickly to dark pink within 3 - 4 seconds after removing your thumb. Gums in a dog with shock will take 6 - 10 seconds to slowly return to their original color.

The longer the capillary refill time, the more serious the dog’s condition.
Having a Bloat kit is a must because most dogs usually die within a few hours. The kit is easy to use and it buys your dog time so you can get to a vet.

*The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.* - Samuel Butler

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**