

# GDDCNC NEWSLETTER

JUL - SEP 2024



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**HELLO EVERYONE**

*I hope everyone has a beautiful Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*As a breed club with a very large demographic, it's hard to please everyone. Since so many have different avenues of interest, the board is open to suggestions if any of you have thoughts or ideas for your club and its growth. We are looking forward to 2025!*

*Safe Travels to those traveling either for work, pleasure, showing or the upcoming holidays!*

*Once again, Happy Holidays!*

**Terri Dillistin – GDDCNC  
President**

## **3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER BRAGS**

We have some great brags for 3rd Quarter.

**Congratulations to:**

**Wanda & Chris Hepler & Logan Rees – Hepler's Resolute Heat Like A Truck "Brando"**

07/13/24 – Greater Hickory KC-Concord NC – RWD

07/15/24 – Salisbury NC KC-Concord NC – RWD

**Wanda – Hepler Resolute Selah Honor God "Honor"**

08/16/24 – Greater Hickory KC-Greensboro NC – RWD

08/22/24 – Northern Neck KC of VA-Doswell VA – WD/BW

**Colleen Assell-Carra – GCHS BISS Larchwood Temira's Tigrato Artistry In Motion AOM "Rio"**

08/30/24 – Alamance KC-Raleigh NC – BOS/BOBOH/OHG2

08/31/24 – Durham KC-Raleigh NC – BOS

09/01/24 – Raleigh KC-Raleigh NC – SD/BOBOH

09/02/24 – Cary KC-Raleigh NC – BOS/BOBOH

**Martha & Mike Goins – Hauer And Deacon's Gold N Our Wallet "Sugar Daddy"**

07/12/24 – Carolina Working Grp Assn-Concord NC - WD

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07/13/24 – Greater Hickory KC-Concord NC – WD/BW

07/14/24 – Salisbury NC KC-Concord NC – WD/BW

07/15/24 – Salisbury NC KC-Concord NC – WD/BW

07/16/24 – Lake Norman KC-Concord NC – WD/BW

07/18/24 – Columbia KC-Concord NC – RWD

07/19/24 – Columbia KC-Concord NC – WD/BW/BOS

07/21/24 – Greater Monroe KC-Concord NC – RWD

07/28/24 – Greenville KC-Greenville SC – RWD

08/16/24 – Greater Hickory KC-Greensboro NC –WD

08/18/24 – Carolina KC-Greensboro NC – RWD

**Jayne Peterson & Stephan Sam – Ellenni Blackstone A Helluva Dill**

07/18/24 – Columbia KC-Concord NC – WD/BW/BOB

07/20/24 – Greater Monroe KC-Concord NC – RWD  
07/21/24 – Greater Monroe KC-Concord NC – WD/BOS  
08/16/24 – Greater Hickory KC-Greensboro NC – WD/BW  
08/18/24 – Carolina KC-Greensboro NC – WD  
08/24/24 – Greater Fredericksburg KC-Doswell VA – WD  
08/25/24 – Greater Fredericksburg KC-Doswell VA – WD  
08/30/24 – Alamance KC-Raleigh NC – WD  
08/31/24 – Durham KC-Raleigh NC – WD  
09/01/24 – Raleigh KC-Raleigh NC – WD/BW/BOS

**Jayne Peterson & Stephan Sam – GCH Ellenni Blackstone Two Buck Chuck “Gino”**

08/16/24 – Greater Hickory KC-Greensboro NC – BOB  
08/18/24 – Carolina KC-Greensboro NC – RWD  
08/22/24 – Northern Neck KC of VA-Doswell VA - BOB  
08/23/24 – Northern Neck KC of VA-Doswell VA - BOB  
08/24/24 – Greater Fredericksburg KC-Doswell VA – BOB/G2  
08/25/24 – Greater Fredericksburg KC-Doswell VA – SD

**TracyAnn Perry – Hauer N Deacons Bread & Honey At Frankford “Monkey”**

07/20/24 – Greater Monroe KC-Concord NC – WB/BW/BOBOH  
07/21/24 – Greater Monroe KC-Concord NC – RWB  
08/30/24 – Alamance KC-Raleigh NC – WB/BW  
08/31/24 – Durham KC-Raleigh NC – WB/BW/BOBOH  
09/01/24 – Raleigh KC-Raleigh NC – RWB

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*“A person can learn a lot from a dog, even a loopy one like ours. Marley taught me about living each day with unbridled exuberance and joy, about seizing the moment, and following your heart. He taught me to appreciate the simple things - a walk in the woods, a fresh snowfall, a nap in a shaft of winter sunlight. And as he grew old and achy, he taught me about optimism in the face of adversity. Mostly, he taught me about friendship and selflessness and, above all else, unwavering loyalty.” - John Grogan, Marley and Me, 2005*

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## HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER

By [AKC Staff](#)

Updated: Jul 05, 2024

Snow, sleet, ice, and wind: There’s a lot to prepare for when it comes to winter weather. Just like we’re affected by the cold, our dogs are, too. Here are a few simple measures you can take to make sure your dog stays warm, happy, and healthy throughout the winter.



## **Limit Your Dog's Time Outside**

Dogs can suffer from frostbite, especially on delicate earflaps and tail tips. In extreme cold, it's a good idea to keep dogs inside, with the exception of the heavy-coated northern breeds that thrive in low temperatures. If it's not possible to keep the dogs indoors, be aware of the signs of frostbite, such as skin that appears white or blue.

## **Stay Indoors When Possible**

Even a big, fuzzy dog that lives indoors will need some time to acclimate to freezing temperatures. Short romps outside will help your dog's body get used to the change in the weather. Keep indoor activities fun with new indoor games. There are also dozens of indoor, interactive dog toys to give your dog a fun way to get both mental and physical exercise.

## **Bundle Your Dog Up**

Sure, most dogs have their own coat. But you wouldn't want to go out in a blizzard in a light spring jacket. Make sure that small, delicate, and short-haired dogs (even large ones like Greyhounds), have an appropriate winter wardrobe, including a sturdy winter coat and a fitted sweater.



## **Consider Your Dog's Age**

Where climate is concerned, age is more than a number. Like humans, very young and very old dogs have a hard time regulating body temperature. As a result, they have more extreme reactions to changes in weather. Romps in the snow may be too much for their more delicate constitutions. Keep the older dogs and the puppies indoors as much as possible.

## **Protect Your Dog's Paws**

Look at the Iditarod sled-dog teams, and you'll notice that their paws are covered by booties. Mushers know that the race may be lost because of injuries and abrasions from running on ice. Even if your dog isn't dashing through 1,000 miles of frozen Alaskan wilderness, winter conditions can still do damage. Different retailers offer dog boots or paw protectors that work well to keep your dog's feet safe.





## **Invest in a Heated Dog Bed**

Yes, heated dog beds are safe! A heated dog bed can be a great option for dogs that tend to get chilly, including senior dogs. Look for ones with an auto-shutoff that are made specifically for dogs. There are many options for heated dog beds and heating pads for dogs.

## **Trim Foot Fuzz**

Hair on the feet of long-haired dogs can form ice balls between pads and toes. Keep them well-trimmed, cutting the hair so that it is even with the surface of the foot.



## **Clean Your Dog's Feet**

City streets are coated with deicing substances, such as sodium chloride (rock salt) and calcium chloride. These substances make sidewalks safe for pedestrians but can damage paw pads. Make sure you clean off your dog's feet. Some people keep a bucket next to their front door to rinse their dog's feet when they come inside. Use warm water and make sure to reach spots between the toes and pads. Some dogs will also need a paw balm (which you can buy or make at home) or a moisturizer for dry skin.

## **Have a Plan if You Lose Power**

Winter weather can be unpredictable. With freezing temperatures and snowstorms, sometimes power lines freeze and go out. If you lose power this winter, have a plan in place to keep your dog warm.



## Avoid Thin Ice

Too often we hear stories of dogs that had to be rescued from icy waters (and those are the lucky ones). It might look like fun to slide across that frozen pond. However, ice can easily crack, and you and your dog could fall in. Slipping on ice can also lead to muscle strains and other injuries.

## Beware of Antifreeze

As little as a teaspoon of antifreeze can cause kidney failure. Be alert to the signs that your dog has swallowed some of it. Symptoms include drooling, vomiting, excessive thirst, seizures, panting, lethargy, and a drunken appearance.

If you think your dog has ingested antifreeze, it's important to get to a vet as soon as possible. Even if you keep your antifreeze safely tucked away, there is still a danger from residue in the streets. Most antifreeze is green ethylene glycol, but it comes in several different colors. So watch where your dog is sniffing.

In case your dog does run into any unfavorable winter side effects, always be sure to consult your veterinarian.

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## Our Board of Directors

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## RESCUE

Hi, we are still closed for intake and likely will be for a while. We have 3 forever fosters that we are taking care of and funds are less than \$800. I'm planning to do a very small holiday auction at the beginning of December.

Thanks,

Brittany Dail – Great Dane Rescue Alliance Inc.

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## SHOW REPORT

Our Specialties will be coming up in July of 2025. The show dates are July 17-20 at Cabarrus Arena and Exhibition Center in Concord. Our judges are in place, but we will need a few volunteers to assist us with the show. Cindy Casper is our Show Chair, and she will need a few people to handle the raffle, show hospitality, judges' hospitality, and trophies for the show. The venue is fantastic, and we are hoping for an excellent entry.

As we get a little closer, I will be asking each of you to donate \$10.00 towards our trophy fund, we are not a large club and need everyone's support. Remember without the individual breed clubs putting on Specialties the Majors are harder to find, so let's support our club so we can provide great prizes and points to help draw a great entry.

Wishing Everyone Happy Holidays!

Terri Dillistin  
President  
AKC Breeder of Merit  
DTVS Great Danes

Home of Champion Harlequin and Mantle Great Danes

## JUST FOR FUN

### Calvin's Christmas Cookies (Dog Treats)

Author: The Scrumptious Pumpkin

**Recipe type:** Healthy, clean, whole dog treat recipe





**Total Time:** 55 minutes  
**Hands-On Time:** 20 minutes  
Inactive Time: 20 minutes  
Cook Time: 12-15 minutes

**Yield:** 18 small treats

**Level:** Easy

## Ingredients

- 1 cup rye flour (or substitute rice flour or all-purpose flour)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 tablespoons organic honey
- $3\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons olive oil (or substitute organic canola oil)
- 2 tablespoons organic dried cranberries, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons pumpkin seeds

## Instructions

1. Add the flour, baking powder, applesauce, honey, and olive oil to a mixing bowl. Stir until well combined.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
3. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface and roll out to about half an inch thick. Cut treats with a cookie cutter and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
4. Firmly press a few pieces of chopped cranberries and pumpkin seeds into the top of each cookie.
5. Bake for about 12-15 minutes, or until treats are firm to the touch.
6. Turn off oven and open oven door. Allow cookies to cool in oven, about 20-30 minutes.
7. Storage: cookies will keep for several days when stored in a covered airtight container in a cool, dry, shaded location. Cookies may also be frozen: separate treats with parchment paper and store in an airtight covered container.

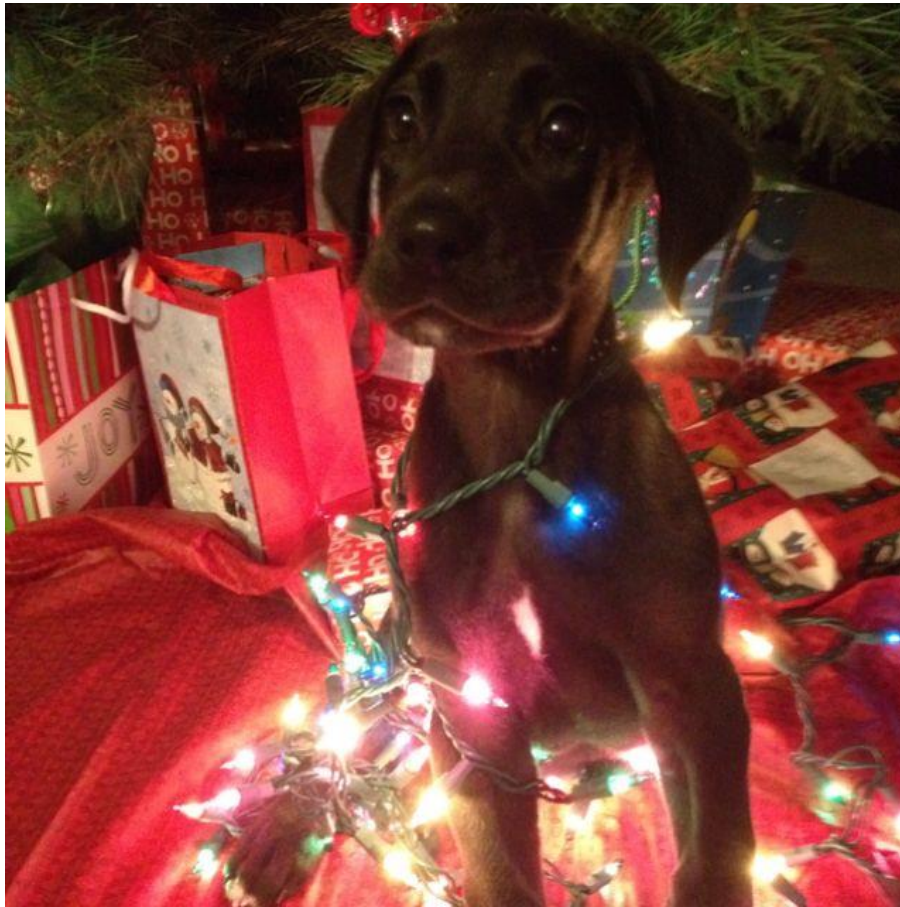
*\*Always consult your veterinarian before introducing any new ingredients into your pet's diet.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Pendleton SC – January 4-5 – Clemson KC  
Brooksville FL – January 9-13 – Hernando Co KC – Clearwater KC – Pasco FL KC – Tampa Bay KC – Manatee KC - GDC of N Central FL  
W Friendship MD – January 11-12 – Annapolis KC  
Brooksville FL – January 15-19 – Hernando Co KC – GDC of Mid FL – Pasco FL KC – Tampa Bay KC – Clearwater KC – Manatee KC  
Ocala FL – January 23-26 – Lake Eustis KC – Greater Gainesville DFA  
W Friendship MD – January 25-26 – Carroll KC  
Ladson SC – January 25-26 – Charleston KC  
Atlanta GA – January 30 - February 2 – Griffin GA KC – Conyers KC of GA -  
West Friendship MD – February 15-16 – Maryland KC  
Tallahassee FL – February 19-23 – Okaloosa KC – Greater Panama City DFA – Ochlockonee River KC of FL  
Winston-Salem NC – February 28-March 2 – Danville KC - Forsyth KC  
Raleigh NC – March 5-9 – Cary KC - Alamance KC – Durham KC – Raleigh KC - Fayetteville KC  
Louisville KY – March 13-16 – Mid-KY KC – Louisville KC – Evansville KC  
Doswell VA – March 20-23 – Langley KC – VA Beach KC  
Doswell VA – March 27-30 – Chesapeake VA DFA – So MD KC  
Lawrenceville GA – March 27-30 – Sawnee Mountain KC of GA – Lawrenceville KC

## HAVE A PET SAFE CHRISTMAS!

**Ho! HO! Ho! And HOLD IT - until you review these unsuspected risks, spray-on snow, tinsel, toxic foods and plants, lighting, wires, batteries, rubber bands...**



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[Nel Liquorman](#), Investigative Reporter

Animals are attracted to Christmas decorations so keeping your pet safe will require special care. A review of items that may be harmful (or fatal) to your pet will help you keep the merry in your holidays without emergency trips to the vet.

One of the biggest hazards is tinsel on your Christmas tree. Dogs and cats are attracted to the sparkly stuff. Both have been known to eat tinsel which can slice up their gastro-intestinal system. If it gets packed into a ball, surgery will be required.

Unfortunately, many items that pets swallow will not show up on x-rays unless air is trapped along with the



items. This can make diagnosis difficult and costly – meanwhile your pet will be suffering.

### **Christmas Tree Safety:**

A Christmas tree standing in chemical-free water may seem safe enough but the sap mixes with the water and may be more toxic than the chemicals used to keep the tree fresh. Bacteria from the standing water or fertilizers that were used while the tree was in the ground can cause stomach upset or worse. Spray-on snow adds more chemical risks so be aware of this hidden risk.

Electric cords may be chewed by your pet, but the risk becomes greater when the wires are attached to dazzling lights. When you go out, unplug the lights.

### **Christmas Ornaments and Decorative Items:**

Hooks used to hang the ornaments can also be swallowed by a curious pet and a hook dropped into carpet could be stepped on. Painted ornaments and toys may contain lead, especially if they are from China.

Small glass ornaments may be mistaken for a ball and if your dog can get his mouth around it, it can get broken. If ingested it can cause severe damage to the gastro-intestinal tract.

Most **live Christmas flowers and plants are toxic** <sup>{Ref #1}</sup>. Lilies can cause kidney failure if ingested by pets, while poinsettias, mistletoe, Christmas cactus, and holly can inflict a wide range of problems such as irritation to the mouth, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. Many florists use toxic **cocoa mulch** <sup>{Ref #2}</sup> in potted plants which is deadly to cats.

Like small children, pets are curious, and candles should be well out of reach. And remember that any flame gives off carbon monoxide, so don't get carried away with candles when your windows are tightly closed in the winter.

### **Christmas Foods Safety:**

Keep pets away from chocolate, alcoholic drinks, raisins, and onions. Garlic, fatty skin from the turkey, many spices and bones may do more than just sicken your pet. Never give your pet any yeast dough when you are baking. The dough can expand (rise) and have potentially fatal results.

Keep in mind that our stomach is *vertical* whereas our pets' bellies are *suspended like a hammock*. We can pass gas easily but dogs, especially large breeds, can die from **gastric torsion** <sup>{Ref #3}</sup> when an over-full stomach bloats up and twists.

Plastic wrap or plastic bags can be harmful to your pet and if they contain tasty food they may be ingested. If you use liquid potpourris, keep them out of reach of visiting pets and children. Walking through spilled liquid and then licking paws result in severe oral, dermal and ocular damage, especially for a cat. Rubber bands pose a choking hazard and contain a chemical that especially attracts cats.

### **Other Holiday Season Risks:**

While you are enjoying the wonders of winter, don't forget that your pet could suffer hypothermia. Also, road salts and chemicals on their paws needs washing off. They can irritate the pads but should not be licked off for obvious reasons.

Christmas toys and gifts often come with batteries which contain corrosives. If a pet chews on a battery, it can result in ulcers to the mouth, tongue and gastro-intestinal tract. During the hustle, bustle and stresses of the season, take care not to leave any medications exposed.

During the stress of holidays (and now COVID) remember to give your pets extra attention so they don't feel neglected while everyone is making merry during this wonderful season. Make it a joyous Christmas for your family and the safest one ever for your pet!

My personal motto when it comes to Christmas is; “**THE ONLY THINGS OF VALUE IN THIS HOUSE ARE THE PETS**”!

And lastly, keep your veterinarian's number handy. If vets are closed, among the best phone numbers to call in an **emergency is 800-222-1222 the National Poison Control Center** which will automatically connect to their free service in your state. Depending on who answers, you may get quick, basic information for animal poisoning, 24-7.





**“Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace.” — Milan Kundera**



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**