

GDDCNC NEWSLETTER

JAN-MAR 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELLO EVERYONE

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy, that's for 2-legged and 4-legged members! We are busy expanding and hoping to see more activities this year.

I want to thank everyone that called in to our last meeting. It was very successful and productive.

Our Specialties at Tarheel this spring were not as successful at we had hoped, so we are planning to move to Concord in 2025.

All The Best,

Terri Dillistin – GDDCNC President

1ST QUARTER BRAGS

We have some great brags for 1st Quarter.

Tracey Ann Perry – Hauer N Deacons Bread & Honey At Frankford “Monkey”

03/06/24 – Cary KC - Raleigh NC – BPBOB/BPG1
03/07/24 – Alamance KC – Raleigh NC – BPBOB/BPG1
03/08/24 – Durham KC – Raleigh NC – BPBOB/BPG3
03/09/24 - Raleigh KC – Raleigh NC – BPBOB/BPG3
03/10/24 – Fayetteville KC – Raleigh NC – BPBOB/BPG2
03/30/24 – Southern Maryland KC – Doswell VA – WB
03/31/24 – Southern Maryland KC – Doswell VA – WB

Martha and Mike Goins and Hauer & Deacons Gold N Our Wallet “Sugar Daddy”

03/02/24 – Forsyth KC – Winston-Salem NC – BPOS
03/09/23 – Alamance KC – Raleigh NC – WB (3 Pt Major)

Wanda Hepler – Hepler Resolute Selah Honor God “Honor”

01/27/24 – Charleston KC – Charleston SC – RWD
01/28/24 – Charleston KC – Charleston SC – RWD
03/09/24 – GDDCNC – Raleigh NC – WD/BOW
03/28/24 – Chesapeake VA Dog Fanciers Assn – Doswell VA – WD

03/29/24 – Chesapeake VA Dog Fanciers Assn – Doswell VA – WD

03/30/24 – Southern Maryland KC – Doswell VA – WD/BOW

03/31/24 – Southern Maryland KC – Doswell VA – RWD

Wanda & Chris Hepler – Hepler Resolute Heart Like A Truck “Brando”

01/28/24 – Charleston KC – Charleston SC – WD
03/02/24 – Forsyth KC – Winston Salem NC – RWD
03/03/24 – Forsyth KC – Winston Salem NC – RWD

Colleen Assell-Carra – GCHS BISS Larchwood Temira’s Tigrato Artistry In Motion AOM “Rio”

02/10/24 – GDC of Pennsylvania – Southampton Township NJ – SD/BOBOH
02/11/24 – GDC of Pennsylvania – Southampton Township NJ - BOBOH
03/09/24 - Raleigh KC – Raleigh NC – SD/BOBOH/OHG2
03/09/24 – GDDCNC – Raleigh NC - SD/BOBOH
03/10/24 – GDDCNC – Raleigh NC - BOS/BOBOH

Memory Armstrong – GCH Ch Izya’s Scarletoak Back To The Future “Marty”

01/27/24 – Charleston KC – Charleston SC – SD/BOBOH

Jim & Carole Cataudella – CH Valhalla’s You Just Want Attention AOM “Tessa”

01/06/24 – Clemson KC-Clemson SC - BOB
01/07/24 – Clemson KC-Clemson SC - BOS
01/12/24 – Clearwater KC- Brooksville FL – BOS
01/21/24 – GDC of Mid Florida – Brooksville FL – BOB
02/01/24 – Griffin Georgia KC – Atlanta GA - BOB
02/02/24 – Griffin Georgia KC – Atlanta GA - BOS
02/03/24 – Conyers Georgia KC – Atlanta GA - BOS
02/04/24 – Conyers Georgia KC – Atlanta GA – BOS
02/10/24 – GDC of Pennsylvania – Southampton Township NJ - SB
02/10/24 – GDC of Pennsylvania – Southampton Township NJ - BOS
02/11/24 – GDC of Pennsylvania – Southampton Township NJ - BOS
02/11/24 – GDC of Pennsylvania – Southampton Township NJ – BOB
02/17/24 – Maryland KC – West Friendship MD – SB
03/02/24 – Forsyth KC – Winston Salem NC – BOS
03/03/24 – Forsyth KC – Winston Salem NC – BOS
03/06/24 – Cary KC - Raleigh NC - BOS
03/07/24 – Alamance KC - Raleigh NC - BOB
03/08/24 – Durham KC - Raleigh NC - BOB
03/09/24 – GDCCNC – Raleigh NC – SB
03/10/24 – Fayetteville KC – Raleigh NC – SB
03/13/24 – York KC – York PA – BOS
03/14/24 – Lancaster KC – York PA – SB
03/15/24 – York KC – York PA – SB
03/17/24 – GDC of Central PA – York PA – BOS
03/17/24 – Delaware County KC – York PA – SB
03/21/24 – Langley KC – Doswell VA – BOB
03/22/24 – Langley KC – Doswell VA – BOS
03/23/24 – Virginia Beach KC – Doswell VA – BOS
03/28/24 – Chesapeake VA Dog Fanciers Assn – Doswell VA – SB
03/29/24 – Chesapeake VA Dog Fanciers Assn – Doswell VA – BOS
03/31/24 – Southern Maryland KC – Doswell VA – BOS

Jayne Peterson & Stephan Sam – Elenni Blackstone I’m A “Guac Star” CGC TN FITB

01/11/24 – Hernando County KC – Brooksville FL - RWB
01/13/24 – Pasco Florida KC – Brooksville FL - RWB
01/14/24 – Tampa Bay KC – Brooksville FL – RWB

"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

PET WELLNESS: NO, IT'S NOT ALL DOWNWARD DOG AND CAT POSE

The concept of “wellness” has become a hot topic in the human world. People are realizing that wellness doesn't just mean being physically healthy, but that it encompasses other parts of their lives as well, including emotional, occupational, environmental, intellectual, social and spiritual wellness. So, what about your pets? What does “wellness” mean for them? Let's take a look at some of the wellness categories that apply to pets and how they help your pets lead happy and healthy lives.

I Ruv You: Emotional Wellness

Emotional wellness is a pretty easy type of wellness to foster in your pets — give them lots of love and attention and show them that they're part of the family. Dogs are well known for their strong attachment to their owners but cats bond with their owners, too — although they may show affection a little differently than dogs do.

When you think about dogs and emotion, the first image that pops into your head is probably puppy-dog eyes. However, recent research suggests that those puppy-dog eyes aren't actually trying to make you hand over your food. The researchers proposed that the inner brow raiser — the muscle movement that creates puppy-dog eyes — is just a part of a dog's normal eye movement and isn't involved in communication, as previously thought. Whatever their meaning, it's certainly hard to resist those adorable puppy-dog eyes.

Brain Workouts: Intellectual Wellness

Intellectual wellness doesn't mean that your pet can name more than 1,000 items (although that's *really* impressive). Instead, it's making sure that they are mentally stimulated and not bored, which hopefully avoids unwanted behavior, too. Just as our lives can become routine, so can your pet's. Providing them with ways to use their brain and solve problems can help them live a longer, happier life. You'll stay calmer too if you're not coming home to a scratched-up couch.

Positive Playdates: Social Wellness

Social wellness for pets covers both playing with friends and being calm and confident in social situations. The best time to socialize pets is while they're young, but continued socialization throughout their life is also important for happy, calm pets who can handle new situations confidently. To improve your pet's social wellness, take your dog for a puppy playdate with their BFF (best furry friend) or play fetch in the backyard or down the hall. Cats tend to socialize on their own terms, but when they do, take advantage of the opportunity.

Kitty and Canine Cardio: Physical Wellness

For pets, exercise (i.e., playtime) could fit into a number of wellness categories — physical, social, emotional and intellectual. Pets need exercise to stay healthy and help manage their weight, but exercise can also be a fun way to provide mental stimulation, and it's a great way for your pet to bond with you. How much exercise your pet needs will depend on their age, breed and lifestyle. We aren't just talking about dogs either — exercise and playtime are also important for your cat.

Regular Vet Visits: Physical Wellness

One of the most important ways of ensuring that your pet remains physically well is to take them for their annual checkup — and we *mean* annual. Even if your pet seems healthy, it's important that your veterinarian examines them at least once a year to make sure there aren't any underlying issues that you can't see — pets are very good at hiding that they are sick. Some pets may require more frequent checkups depending on their age and health status.

Nutritious Food: Physical Wellness

For some dogs, their love of food could put eating food in the occupational wellness category — *eating is my life's work* — but really it belongs with physical wellness. Life-stage appropriate food is an important component of physical wellness that provides enough of the right nutrients in the right amounts to keep your pet healthy. Even if the type of food your pet eats is appropriate for their life stage, the amount of food your pet eats is also important to maintain an appropriate weight. If

you do have a fat cat or a round hound, your veterinarian can assist you with a weight management program, including a weight management formulation, if necessary.

Mindfulness Lessons Learned from Pets

A popular concept people use for improving their emotional wellness is mindfulness. It's taking time out to be in the moment — not worrying about the past or the future — and tuning in to all of your thoughts, feelings, senses and the environment around you. Pets are natural practitioners of mindfulness, so we could learn some lessons from them: There's always time to play, savor every morsal of food and take time to stop and smell, well... everything.

From Diamond Blog Articles

RESCUE

We are always in need of Foster Homes and donations to keep our rescue going. All donations are appreciated and tax deductible.

Brittany Dail – Great Dane Rescue Alliance Inc.

SHOW REPORT

Show Report March 2024

Our club managed to pull together a great show considering we had other breed clubs competing that same weekend. Exhibitors were complementary about the venue and food but disappointed in the ring size and crating area. I reported our concerns about Ring/ Crating to Guy and Randy.

Our entry was rather disappointing, and we really aren't getting any assistance from the Cluster, so w have decided to move to July with the new double cluster going forward. We will be clustering with the Speedway Cluster with four concurrent specialties in July 2025.

2024 Show Chair

Terri Dillistin

JUST FOR FUN



Celebrities Who Own Great Danes

Cameron Diaz



Karolina Kurkova



Harold Lloyd



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UPCOMING EVENTS

7 PLACES TO LOOK FOR TICKS ON YOUR DOG

By [Harriet Meyers](#)

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– American Kennel Club

Ticks are a problem for dogs (and for humans) throughout the United States during all seasons of the year. When temperatures rise, and you and your dog are spending more time outside, these bloodsucking parasites become a larger threat. Ticks sit themselves on tall grasses and shrubs, waiting for your dog to walk by, so they can attach themselves to them.

Tick prevention should be taken seriously, and not just because these arachnids make many people squeamish — ticks actually carry quite a few deadly diseases. Some of these tick-borne diseases have no cure, so being diligent in checking for and removing ticks is important.

Talk with your veterinarian before using any medication geared toward preventing ticks because the age and breed of your dog, as well as your location and habits, will determine what will work best.

Be Prepared

Veterinarians recommend that the best defense is a good offense — and that you thoroughly check your dog for ticks as soon as you return from outside. Carefully run your hands all over your dog to search for small bumps.

You don't have to take your dog to the vet if you find a tick on them — as long as you know how to safely remove the whole tick, including the head, with fine-point tweezers or a specially designed tick removal hook.

"If the tick has been attached for about 48 hours, it can transmit a disease, such as Lyme disease, or cause an infection, so that's why you should check your dog and yourself as soon as you get inside," says Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC's Chief Veterinary Officer. "Do watch your dog for changes in behavior — lack of appetite, low energy, joint pain — and if the dog shows signs of being ill, make an appointment with your veterinarian."

Where Should You Check Your Dog for Ticks?

Ticks can be tricky to find on your dog. Ticks can be anywhere, but are generally hiding in one of seven areas, so be sure to check your dog thoroughly in these places.

Head and Ears

Dogs are curious creatures, sticking their heads into everything, so it's not uncommon for ticks to find their way onto the head and into a dog's ears. With so many crevices and hiding places, the ears make a perfect home for a hungry tick.

When checking your dog, make sure to look on the outside of the ears and also deep into the ear, because the ticks can get attached and go unnoticed for a long time. If your dog is shaking their head and scratching at their ear, it's a sure sign that something is off, and you'll want to take a look.

Toes

Since ticks hide in places where they won't be found, crawling in between your dog's toes and attaching there is a common occurrence. You can find them in between the toes or even on the bottom of the foot near the pads. If you notice your dog licking or chewing their feet, there might be something bothering them, and that something could be a tick.

Tail

Ticks like dark, moist areas, so the underside of the tail makes a great home. Since most owners aren't regularly checking the underside of the dog's tail, especially near the base, a tick can go unnoticed for quite some time. If your dog has thick fur, you'll want to make sure to comb through it and search thoroughly. A fine comb will likely catch a tick that's attached itself under the tail.

Groin

Most dog owners aren't keen on checking their dog's genital regions. However, this area is another dark, moist region on the body that ticks really like hanging around in. Ticks can become attached and stay hidden by the dog's coat and tail for a long time.

Eyelids

A lot of ticks go unnoticed near the eyelids because they're mistaken for skin tags or eye discharge. Unfortunately, by the time many owners realize there is a tick on their dog's eyelid, the tick has been attached for quite a while. This isn't ideal, because the longer a tick stays attached, the more likely transmission of disease is to occur.

Under the Collar

Many dogs rarely have their collars taken off, and with good reason — it's important to keep proper identification on your dog at all times. Ticks can become attached underneath your dog's collar without anyone noticing, usually until the tick is large enough to be seen — which means it's been there for a while. Sometimes, removing and checking the collar itself will prevent a tick from attaching if it's just crawling around underneath. Whatever the case, removing the collar to do a thorough check for ticks is important.

Under Their Arms

Another common place for ticks to attach is high up where the dog's front legs meet their body — what we would call the armpit region. It's a nice, dark area where it's difficult for the dog to reach or for you to see.

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Great Dane Points Schedule
Effective May 15, 2024

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 1

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	4	5	5	7	6	9	9	14

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 2

Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	5	6	7	9	11	14	19	23

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 3

District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	5	7	7	12	9	14	13	17

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 4

Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	3	6	10	9	16	11	21	16	30

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 5

Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	5	7	8	12	9	15	12	21

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 6

Arizona, Colorado

1 Point	
Dogs	Bitches
2	2

2 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
5	7

3 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
8	12

4 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
9	15

5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
12	21

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 7

Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas

1 Point	
Dogs	Bitches
2	2

2 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
4	6

3 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
6	9

4 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
7	11

5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
9	14

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 8

Oregon, Washington

1 Point	
Dogs	Bitches
2	2

2 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
6	8

3 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
9	13

4 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
11	14

5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
14	17

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 9

California

1 Point	
Dogs	Bitches
2	2

2 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
5	6

3 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
8	10

4 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
10	14

5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
13	20

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION

10

Alaska

1 Point	
Dogs	Bitches
2	2

2 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
3	3

3 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
4	4

4 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
5	5

5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
6	6

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION

11

Hawaii

1 Point	
Dogs	Bitches
2	2

2 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
3	3

3 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
4	4

4 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
5	5

5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches
6	6

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION

12

Puerto Rico

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION

13

Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	5	5	7	7	8	12	10	21

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION

14

Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	4	7	6	11	8	15	13	20

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION

15

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	4	7	6	11	8	15	12	21

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 oneself. 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

