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Newsletter for May, 2009

**Next Meeting: 8PM, Wednesday, JULY 8th, in Atlanta at our NEW location –
across the street from the Georgia Tech location at the City Café
Address is: 525 10th Street, NW; phone 404/724-0407**

There **WILL be a board meeting at 7:50 pm.**

Dear Members and Friends,

Please note, we have a new meeting location starting in July. After 5 years at the GT location, we are going to move across the street to the City Café. There is a patio for outside meetings when the weather is nice or we can meet inside. This way we stay in the same general area. Many thanks to Connie for getting the GT space and for securing this new space across the street at the diner. For those who are interested, the diner will be offering a discount on food purchases, so plan to eat while you are there and let's help support this business that is allowing us to hold our meetings there.

It is with great sadness that we mention the passing of one of our own, Tina Brandt. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Remember, no June meeting – have a great month! See you in July.

Take care,
Angela

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Minutes, Board Meeting

May 13, 2009

Called to order at 7:50 pm.

Board present: Angela Stillwell, Connie Adams, Jenn Carr, Chuck Crawford

There was no business, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes, General Meeting

May 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Angela Stillwell, via phone, at 8:20 pm.

Guests in Attendance: Deidre Palmer, Denise Brooks

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Jay Berkowitz, Jenn Carr, Chuck & Willie Crawford, Heather & Hannah Fick, Carol Hunerwadel, Courtney Roberts, & Susanne Roberts-Phillips, Dana Sikes, Angela Stillwell via phone, Christi Stranz, Amy & Rob Wilson

Members were counted, to find out how many we needed for a quorum for our meetings. We have 36 members (do not count HON or JR), so 9 members in attendance will make a quorum. **Please note:** Angela did not vote on any of the following items since she attended via phone.

President's Report: Angela welcomed our guests.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approved Minutes as received was made and seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Attached.

GDCA: No report

Awards: Awards given out. See the attached list for award recipients.

Combined/Prestige: Our specialty pictures (315 of them) are online at <http://perryshows.shutterfly.com/> if you'd like to look at!

Decoration: Still need a decoration chair. Anyone? Willie met with Tina and got the club decorations and will pass them along to Jay Miller.

Education: Heather Fick resigned from Education Chair. Anyone volunteering?

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Rescue: 1 Great Dane adopted in April, so far in May, 1 adopted and currently 3 on our adoption list.

SE Division: 2009 Website is www.gdca-se.org Willie asked if the wording on the T-shirts and Sweatshirts could say “SE Division Great Dane National 2009” instead of “Dane National 2009” as on the illustration. Angela agreed to make the change. The new logo design on the shirts is awesome. Need to get your reservations in for the Choo-Choo and for your meal tickets, etc. There may be a need for an overflow hotel as the host hotel tends to fill.

Trophies: Susanne is still collecting Spring trophy payments (we still have 3 people that have not paid), Fall trophy invoices will be sent out shortly.

Ways & Means: Angela has the check from iGive to give to Chuck and also the monies from the Spring Raffle. She will mail both to him when she returns to Atlanta.

Website: No report

Old Business:

Rob Wilson brings up that business conducted at our last meeting in Perry needs to be re-voted on, that Perry, GA is not “Atlanta” territory...see email from Michael Liosis from AKC regarding this nature. (This is in rebuttal to Michael Suave’s (AKC Rep) discussion with Angela, prior to the Perry meeting, that Perry is considered Atlanta Territory). Discussion follows.

Here is the email from Michael Liosis about the meeting location of Perry:

Subj: RE: GDCMS Info needed Date: 5/7/2009 8:12:47 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time From: MAL@akc.org

The club’s permanent records, effective 1951 designate the territory as Atlanta. The club can submit a formal request asking that the territory be expanded to, for example, the greater Atlanta area. Please advise.

Thanks

Michael A. Liosis

AKC/Director of Club Relations

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A motion was made to accept the 2011 National Judge selections that were voted on at the April meeting in Perry, GA. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

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Rob Wilson made a motion to re-vote on keeping the “click” site in the newsletter. His motion was seconded and won by majority vote.

Willie Crawford made a motion to not publish the “click” site in future newsletters. Chuck Crawford seconded and discussion was held and then voted on. 6 in favor, 4 opposed and 1 abstained; motion passed to no longer publish click site in our newsletters.

Amy Wilson brought up the IGive site and said it was not official voted on in the past meetings and that also the monies should go to Rescue. Rob Wilson made a motion that we continue with the IGive site and that the monies go toward Rescue. The motion was seconded and voted on; 7 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passed.

Amy Wilson brought up the visit from the Georgia Canine Coalition (GCC) at the February meeting and asks that a disclaimer be put on the transcription and handouts from the GCC that was attached to the February minutes. Rob Wilson made a motion for the disclaimer to be added. Motion was seconded and voted on; 11 in favor, 0 opposed. The following disclaimer shall be put on the Georgia Canine Coalition materials and transcription in the February minutes.

“The views and opinions expressed from the transcripts and handouts from Gail LaBerge and the Georgia Canine Coalition do not reflect the views and opinions of the Great Dane of Mid South club, officers, members or their affiliates.”

In addition, Rob Wilson made a motion to publish the response from The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to the GCC views and opinions and add the same disclaimer on the HSUS response letter. Motion was seconded by Christie and voted on; 7 in favor, 3 opposed. The HSUS letter will be attached to this newsletter along with the disclaimer voted on above. See below.

New Business:

Willie Crawford made a motion for our club to donate \$25 to the GDCA Charitable Fund in memory of Tina Brandt. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to do this.

The Club voted for 2011 judges for our Spring/Fall Specialty. The judges committee gave their recommendations and Chuck asked for any nominations from the floor.

Susanne made a recommendation of Toni Walters for Sweeps. Here are the results:

Sweeps

1. Dr. Jose Ribo
2. Lori Cornelius
3. Jeff Brucker
4. Toni Walters

Specialty

1. Jill Swedlow
2. Houston Clark
3. Susan Catlin
4. Dr. Ralph Graff

It was brought up to skip the June meeting instead of our normal skipping the July meeting. According to our bylaws and constitution, we need to have ‘at least by-monthly meetings’. A motion was made, seconded and approved to skip the June meeting.

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Connie brought up the idea of moving our meeting location. The City Café across the street from our current location has offered to reserve the patio for us or inside the restaurant. They will also give everyone a 20% discount on dining if you chose to eat on those nights. They also have ample parking. A motion was made, seconded and approved to start meeting here at the July meeting. A reminder email will be sent out the week of the meeting to remind everyone of the new location.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 9:30 pm and Brags were held.

Please note that in the absence of the secretary at this meeting, these minutes were transcribed from a tape recording of the meeting; any mistakes or misquotes are not intentional and if pertinent can be brought forward at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Kostiuk,
Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

April, 2009

Balance 3-31-09 General: \$2,944.38 Rescue: \$1,958.48 Total: \$4,902.86

RECEIPTS:	GENERAL	RESCUE
1. Brags	16.00	0.00
2. Trophies, Spring 09	30.00	0.00
3. Unclaimed sweeps	19.89	0.00
4. Sweeps, Combined	117.00	0.00
5. Combined	<u>350.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total receipts	532.89	0.00
EXPENDITURES:		
1. Sweeps	117.00	0.00
2. Steward	75.00	0.00
3. Sweeps Judge	75.00	0.00
4. Judge	443.00	0.00
5. Pens shipping & setup	38.90	0.00
6. GDCA SE Div.	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,048.90	00.00
NET	(516.01)	00.00

Balance 4-30-09 General: \$ 2,428.37 Rescue: \$1,958.48 Total: \$ 4,386.85

**Chuck Crawford
Treasurer
May 13, 2009**

Check book balances

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Braggs

Jay Berkowitz:

On 24 April 2009, (at the Anniston Kennel Club in Montgomery, AL) Jays Ivan been Wreakin Havoc won Winners Dog, handled by Jenni Rojas and judged by Mr. Don Combee.

On 25 April 2009, Jays White Jazzmine whelped 11 pups sired by MICHAELDANE JB LN'M ALL ABOUT ME. The litter has (8 boys and 3 girls) 4 Harlequin males, 3 Mantle males, 1 Merle male, 1 Harlequin female, 1 Mantle female, & 1 Merlequin female. This is a futurity nominated litter.

From Chuck and Willie Crawford:

Parker (Aka Heart's Keep the Change) was Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Columbia Kennel Club show in Aiken, SC

Lady went to the Great Dane Club of Pennsylvania specialty where she went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners to finish!! Handled by Willie Crawford

From Gabrielle Kostiuk: Ch. Lobato's Striking Interest too Best of Breed on April 18 and 19 in Aiken, SC. Tiki also took a Group 2 under Mr. Robert Slay and a Group 3 under Mr. Dana Cline and the same shows.

From Dana Sikes: CH Ashton's Blonde Ambition CD, RAE, CGC earned the 4th leg towards her RAE2 title and won Rally High In Trial at the National Specialty in Louisville with 1st place in both Rally Excellent B and Advanced B classes. Ashton earned the 5th leg of her RAE2 title at the Kennesaw Kennel Club trial with 4th place in Rally Excellent B and 1st place in Rally Advanced B in October. She earned the 6th leg of her RAE2 title at the Newnan Kennel Club trial with 1st place in both Rally Excellent B and Advanced B classes in March. She earned the 7th leg of her RAE2 title at the Montgomery Kennel Club trial with 4th place in both Rally Excellent B and Advanced B classes and the 8th leg of her RAE2 title at the Cahaba Valley Kennel Club trial with 3rd place in Rally Excellent B and 2nd place in Rally Advanced B last month. All of her scores at these trials have been in the 90's with a couple of perfect scores of 100. She also ended the year ranked No. 1 Great Dane in Rally Advanced and No. 4 Great Dane in Rally Excellent for 2008. Ashton is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Paquestone's Miss Madison CD, RAE, CGC, who celebrated her 9th birthday earlier this year, earned the 2nd leg of her RAE2 title at the National Specialty in Louisville. Madison earned the 3rd leg of her RAE2 title at the Kennesaw Kennel Club trial in October. She earned the 4th leg of her RAE2 title at the Montgomery Kennel Club trial and the 5th leg of her RAE2 title at the Cahaba Valley Kennel Club trial last month. All of her scores at these trials have been in the 90's. She also ended the year ranked No. 6 Great Dane in Rally Advanced and No. 14 Great Dane in Rally Excellent for 2008 at 8 and a half years old. Madison also thoroughly enjoyed strutting around the conformation

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ring in Veterans and Brood Bitch at our Specialty last month. Madison is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

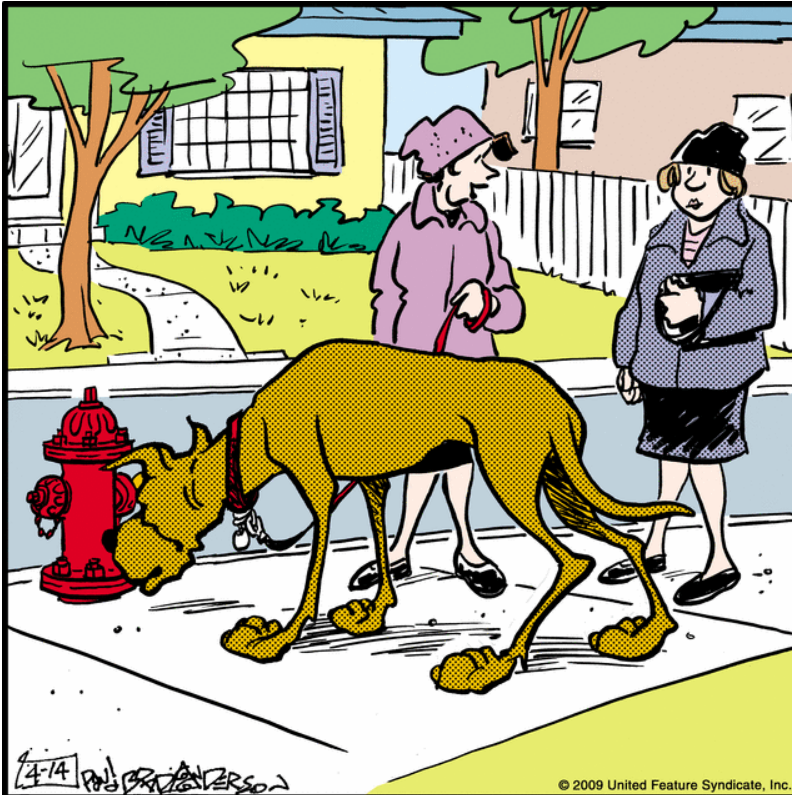
CH Paquestones Master Of Suspense RAE, CGC earned the 3rd leg of his RAE title at the National Specialty in Louisville. Spencer obtained the 4th leg of his RAE title at the Kennesaw Kennel Club trial in October. He obtained the 5th leg of his RAE title at the Newnan Kennel Club trial with 3rd place in Rally Excellent B and 2nd place in Rally Advanced B in March. In April he earned the 6th leg of his RAE title at the Augusta Kennel Club trial, the 7th leg of his RAE title at the Atlanta Kennel Club trial, the 8th leg at the Montgomery Alabama Dog Obedience Club trial with 3rd place in Rally Advanced, the 9th leg at the Montgomery Kennel Club trial, and his 10th leg and Rally Advanced Excellent title at the Cahaba Valley Kennel Club trial. He also ended the year ranked No. 4 Great Dane in Rally Advanced and No. 12 Great Dane in Rally Excellent for 2008 at 6 and a half years old. Spencer is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

Ashton's Beguiling Bombshell RN, CGC earned the 1st leg of her RN title at the National Specialty in Louisville. In November, Blake earned her 2nd leg at the Atlanta Obedience Club trial and her 3rd leg and Rally Novice title at the Montgomery Alabama Dog Obedience Club trial. She ended the year ranked No. 13 Great Dane in Rally Novice for 2008. Blake is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

Ashton's Absolute All-Star RN, CGC won Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club show. Alex also won Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Montgomery Kennel Club show in November which singled him out from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class. Alex was bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

Ashton's Carbon Copy RN earned the 1st leg of her RN title at the Spartanburg Kennel Club trial in February. Cole earned the 2nd leg of her title with 3rd place at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association trial. She earned the 3rd leg and her Rally Novice title with 4th place at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association trial. All of her scores were in the 90's. Cole is bred, co-owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

Marmaduke's Corner



“Street smells are to him what mall windows are to us.”

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**The Great Dane of Mid-South Honors
2008 Award Recipients**

Connie Adams

Int'l UKC Ch. Shockin Here's Lookin At You Kid
United Kennel Club Champion
International Champion

Carole Brakhage

Ch. SVF's We'll Always Have Paris 'N Starz, CGC
AKC Champion

Dawn Buckland

Ch. Stordansk BLK Too Awesum
AKC Champion

Chuck and Willie Crawford

Ch. Charma's Jewel of the Night RN
Rally Novice

Ch. Charma's Kylie CGC RN
Rally Novice

Ch. Gwendolyn CD RE
Dam of Ch. Charma's Jewel of the Night RN

Am/Can Ch. Charma's Hail the Niteline ROM C RN CGC TT
Dam of Charma's Kylie CGC RN

Ch. Danske-Charma Yankee Clipper CD CGC TT
Sire of Ch. Charma's Jewel of the Night RN

Ch. Danske-Charma Yankee Clipper CD CGC TT
Sire of Ch. Charma's Kylie CGC RN

Robert and Debra King

Ch. BMWLR BrerDane Hurricane Harbor
AKC Champion

Ch. Riverwood Pagliacci
Sire of Ch. BMWLR BrerDane Hurricane Harbor

Gabrielle Kostiuk

Ch. Thorncrest Cash In My Assets CD RE
Companion Dog

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Dana Sikes

Ch. Paquestones Master of Suspense CD RE

Companion Dog
Rally Excellent
2008 Versatility Award

Ch. Paquestones Miss Madison CD RAE

Rally Advanced Excellent
2004 Versatility Award
Dam of Ch. Ashton's Blonde Ambition CD RAE
Dam of Ashton's Beguiling Bombshell RN

Ch. Ashton's Blonde Ambition CD RAE

Rally Advanced Excellent
2007 Versatility Award

Can. Ch. Paquestones K'n Island O'Harley RN

Rally Novice

Ashton's Beguiling Bombshell RN

Rally Novice

Angela Stillwell

Ch. Lobato's Southern Storm

AKC Champion

Patricia Thurow

Ch. Legacy's Ice Station Zebra CD RE CGC TT

Companion Dog
Rally Excellent
Canine Good Citizen

Ch. Legacy's For Love of the Game JAJ RN CGC

Dam of Ch. Legacy's Ice Station Zebra CD RE CGC TT

Yvonne and Heather Weed

UKC Ch. Mavro N Rhydts Chance Of A Lifetime

UKC Champion

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About The Humane Society of the United States

Some statements made recently at the Great Dane Club of the Mid South, Inc. meeting, and specifically by the Georgia Canine Coalition, are false and misleading. The work of The Humane Society of the United States is transparent and widely known. The facts are easily accessible:

The HSUS is an animal protection organization. The humane treatment of animals is a universal social value, and the vast majority of Americans want an end to cruelty and suffering. That is why one **out of every 28 Americans supports us**. The HSUS' mission is Confronting Cruelty and Celebrating Animals.

The Canine Coalition's statement that The HSUS supports the idea that companion animals "should be free, they should just roam" is preposterous – and should not be dignified. The HSUS has stood for more than fifty years as the nation's most important advocate for local humane societies and pets. In addition, **The HSUS operates its own network of sanctuaries, making us one of the largest providers of animals care and sheltering in the United States.** The HSUS provides no-cost veterinary care to dogs and cats in low-income communities around the world. In 2008, we provided more than 26,000 treatments valued at more than \$1.2 million in free services, and provided care for more than 70,000 animals.

The HSUS has published many books on pets, including "Dogs at Work," which encourages dog friendly workplaces. Many HSUS employees bring their dogs to the office, and others share their homes with cats, birds, rabbits and other pets. We wholeheartedly **encourage people to adopt pets from shelters and rescue groups, and promote the benefits of pet keeping for animals and people alike.**

The HSUS supports responsible breeders in ways that are evident from our literature and our website, humansociety.org. We oppose puppy mills, which are large commercial dog production facilities that churn out litter after litter of puppies for sale in pet stores and online – leaving breeding dogs caged for much of their lives with little or no human affection. It's slanderous to suggest we don't support service dogs. **We recognize and honor the unique skills that dogs have to aide people with disabilities, to perform search and rescue, to serve alongside law enforcement and military personnel, and to sniff out contraband such as drugs and bombs. Service dogs perform nobly.** We support these programs, particularly when rescue dogs are given a chance.

We denounce violence in any form. The very foundation of The HSUS' work is to protect animals from suffering and cruelty caused by human actions. Any tactic or strategy involving violence toward people undermines the core ethic we espouse. The HSUS has repeatedly and publicly criticized individuals who break the law in the name of supposedly protecting animals.

The HSUS works collaboratively with law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels. An April 2009 letter **from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the HSUS notes, "We greatly appreciate your partnership with us on many**

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important initiatives, such as developing guidance for the incorporation of household pets and service animals into emergency planning at all levels of government.”

The HSUS has no affiliation with PETA. Certainly PETA has helped raise awareness of animal protection issues in our culture, but our policies and strategies are very different. Our programs are funded through contributions from millions of Americans who support our work. We give grants to many other animal protection organizations, but we don't provide financial support to PETA.

Criticism of The HSUS comes from individuals and groups that oppose some of our efforts. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify my organization's policies and activities, and hope that we can work together to advance efforts for the welfare of animals in Georgia.

Specifically, The HSUS supported the passage of SB 16 in Georgia to stop dog fighting. Two arguments were raised by groups whose intention it was to weaken the bill. SB 16 did not prohibit legal hunting practices, according to hunters themselves. SB 16 also did not have any breed specific language.

Other animal welfare legislation was introduced in the Georgia Assembly in the 2009 session, but not passed. This legislation was supported by The HSUS and blocked by commercial breeders and radical hunting groups who opposed these efforts. I hope that legislators will support these efforts in future years.

The following Georgia bills were tracked by The HSUS this year and will come up again next session:

Legislation to protect pets and children from being poisoned by requiring that a bittering agent be added to antifreeze. HB 219

A bill that would allow courts to include pets in protective orders to protect the animal and human victims of domestic violence. HB 429

A bill to aid law enforcement in cracking down on cockfighting by making cockfighting and activities associated with it illegal. HB 109

The HSUS provides resources for people who want to improve the welfare of animals in their communities. For more information on these bills, go to www.legis.ga.gov. To find your elected officials, go to www.hsus.org/leglookup. Cheryl McAuliffe, Georgia State Director, the Humane Society of the United States