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Letter from the President

I hope all have had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday with family, friends and furry family also. Yes, I will say MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year.

The club's first specialty is in the making for 2010 to be held on October 17th, 2010. There is still a lot of work to be done to make this show a success. The judges have been selected and committed. I would like to thank all that have contributed their time and effort so far. There is also a supported entry planned in conjunction with the OKC Summer Classic shows to be held in July 2010. See you at the club meeting in January, 2010.

Respectively,

Betsy Phelan

Introducing the newest GDCOK Member: Shana Pace



I grew up always wanting a dog, but was never able to have one until I moved out on my own. My Mom was a "cat person" who always told me that I could have as many animals as I wanted when I moved out!

I lived in Southern California and I moved to South Florida when I graduated High School to attend Nursing School and live with my father. It was there that I met my husband, Stan, an Oklahoma Native. He was the one that got me my first puppy from a Shelter.

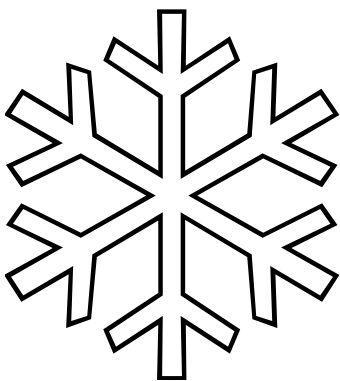
We moved to Oklahoma in 2000 to be by his family and bought 5 acres of land. I thought that this would be the perfect time to get my dream dog, a Great Dane. I realized that this was definitely the breed for me, because when I put the kids to bed at 8:00 P.M. Sugarplum was

ready to settle in for the night on the couch too! She was the best dog I had ever had. As you Dane people know, her temperament was great with the kids and I felt safe as she kept watch over them and our place from the deck of our house.

We now have 20 acres and four Danes (2 Harl, 2 Mantle). We also have two cats, three Chihuahuas, raise hair sheep, and have an occasional litter of puppies. I have retired from 13 years of practicing as a registered nurse and now help my husband run his decorative concrete business, raise our two children, and of course care for our dogs. I feel that I am fortunate to be able to apply my nursing knowledge when caring for my animals.

I am also a strong supporter for responsible dog ownership and help rescue dogs (must be the Californian in me!)

I have experience in training my dogs in obedience and my current dream is to learn all I can about showing and step out into the ring myself in the near future!





Letter from the Show Chair

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From The Great Dane Club of Oklahoma.

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving gifts. For Christians, this day marks the birth of Jesus Christ, the savior of humankind. For all of us, regardless of faith, Christmas marks a renewal of faith in life, and renewed closeness to family, friends and coworkers.

Those things truly are gifts to all of humanity. Christmas Day celebrates this profound gift to us and encourages us to give back by renewing our love, devotion, compassion and appreciation for the beauty of life.

The Great Dane Club of Oklahoma regards our relationship with our dogs as one of the most profound gifts in our lives. We give our love to our dogs, and they return it hundredfold. We urge everyone who owns a dog to spend some time during this holiday season contemplating the meaning and beauty of this relationship that has been an integral part of human history since the dawn of the Earth. Animal ownership has been at the heart of every tribe, society, culture, nation, religion, sect and civilization that has ever inhabited this beautiful planet. People and dogs have been inseparable for millions of years. Men and dogs hunted together on the savannas of Africa before people had even developed complex language or tools. They have been together through the centuries as hunting companions, herding partners, protectors and just plain best friends.

We know the gifts animals have given to us, and we to them.

The Great Dane Club of Oklahoma also wishes to honor the gifts of support and encouragement we have received from our friends, mentors and dog owners during our first years of operation. We want you to know how much this means to us.

The mission of The Great Dane Club of Oklahoma is to give something meaningful back to the dogs we love, the people who have inspired us. Also dog owners who are fighting to preserve their traditions and rights, and the millions of Americans who have risked everything to defend freedom over the centuries. We truly regard everything we do as a gift to you, who have given much to us. We promise to continue walking by your side as we face the challenges of the coming years.

Most of all, we wish you peace, love, joy, beauty and wholeness.

We wish you life, which is the greatest gift of all.

Merry Christmas! May your new year be blessed.

Brian January, Show Chairman, Great Dane Club of Oklahoma

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GDCA South Central Division

Reminder- The South Central Division will be having a meeting at the Pine Bluff, AR shows in February. There is a lot of work to be done between now and then National, and even more to be done during the National. We will need LOTS of volunteers, so come out and support our divisions.

The SC Division website is: <http://www.gdca-sc.org>

Brags and Bitches

Apollo Great Danes

HAIL STROM HIT'S IABCA SOONER SIEGER IN OKLAHOMA CITY!!

Hailey Takes Best of Breed In All Four Shows, Four V1 Ratings, Two Group 1 Placements, A Group 2 And A Group 3. Also A Reserve BEST IN SHOW!!



HAIL STROM SWEEP'S OVER FAYETTEVILLE ARKANSAS!!

Hailey Takes Best of Breed Both Saturday & Sunday With A Group 4 On Saturday!





Orion Great Danes

Two Felicity Daughters won their big class at the 2009 National. Orion's Through the Looking Glass, owners Tim and Debi Jones and Orion's Just Chillin at Lazy U, owned by Tia Uchello. Grandma Betsy is so proud of them.

Turbo Great Danes

At the 2009 GDCA National Futurity, Gracyn's Turbo Carrera V Lost Creek got 4th Place in the 3-5 month puppy bitch class! Sally was beautifully presented by Linda Cain. Sally was bred by Marshall Stoner & Karen McCance, and is owned by Tracy & Carl Purser.



Rusty and Renea Crowell

Carli went Best In Show at the Sooner State Kennel Club show Oct. 11th. She won from the veterans class defeating a total of 355 dogs. She also won the Working Group the day before defeating 50 dogs.

Gene Bellamy

Ch Barbary Fame 'N Fortune is ranked #1 Toy Fox Terrier for 2009. Her Brother Barbary Rich 'N Famous is #10. This has been a good year. Fame will be at Westminster in February. Keep your fingers crossed for her.





Royal Sooner Borzoi & Great Danes

Royal Sooner Borzoi & Great Danes News!

Here at Royal Sooner we've been dabbling in UKC events and are quite impressed with these show venues; even more so with the accomplishments of our fuzzy critters (Borzoi) Halo & Ram. On November 14th, 2009 (Morning Show) Ram was awarded Best Male, Best of Breed, Group II and a repeat on the 15th for a total of 50 points towards his UKC Championship title. His sister, Halo was awarded Best Female, Best of Winners, Best of Breed and a Group II for a total of 35 points towards her UKC title. Both are already International Champions and AKC pointed. In the Spring (2010) we have an exciting Borzoi litter planned between our beautiful AKC & Int'l CH Angel & Int'l CH Ram!! We are hoping for lots of white fluff balls!! Both Frank & I are taking a Winter break from showing and hope to see everyone out and about at the shows in the Spring!

(What cropped ears would look like on a Borzoi!)



Pictured above: Halo the one with the goofy ears & Ram.

Brandi Bass

A big "Happy Birthday" to my Great Dane, Domino who turned 6 years old this Christmas (2009) and to my Boxer, Duke, who turned 4 years old on December 20, 2009.



Left: Domino, Right: Duke



GDCOK Membership Recruitment

Do you know of someone that would be a good candidate(s) for club membership? Then by all means RECRUIT!! It's everyone's responsibility to spread the word about the benefits of club membership. Not only do new folks benefit but the club inherits new insight, fresh new ideas, new worker-bees and most of all spreads the wealth on help throughout the year! Remember the more members we have the more volunteers and the "key" to a successful club.

Membership requirements, application & contact info can be found on the website at:
www.greatdaneclubofoklahoma.org

Membership Chair: Brenda Young
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Frank Young..... Vice-President
Beverly Ballard.....Treasurer
Tracy Purser.....Secretary

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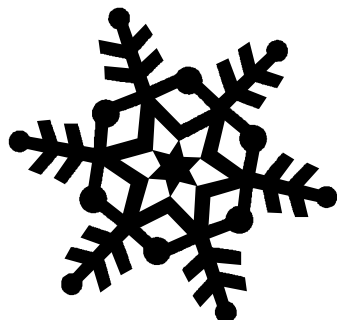


Great Dane Club of Oklahoma website : www.greatdaneclubofoklahoma.org

Web Mistress : Brenda Young (contact info on website)



Heartland Great Dane Rescue



Heartland Great Dane Rescue website : www.heartlandgdr.org
President : Jan Cates (contact info on website)

GDCOK Newsletter Submission Deadlines

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Newsletter will now occur semiannually (instead of quarterly, though the name of the newsletter will remain unchanged for now).

Please send your submissions for the Newsletter to the Editor (Brandi Bass). The new submission dates are as follows:

May 11, 2010 (for the June 2010 Newsletter)

December 11, 2010 (for the January 2011 Newsletter)

E-mail all submissions to the Newsletter Editor at bsparklz@gmail.com with the subject line: GDCOK Newsletter (Please specify either June or December Newsletter)