I hope that this edition of your Bulletin finds all in preparation for the National. I know I look forward to this week each year for the chance to see a concentration of the best of our breed, catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances. We are so fortunate to have this opportunity on an annual basis. The Central Division is hard at work putting together what will be a great show at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH. I know they will succeed through their dedicated workers and your support. During the Board’s July meeting we discussed the danger of Parvo and how it could affect puppies at the National and/or entered in the Futurity. If you are bringing a puppy to the National please make certain your pup is as protected as possible. Other actions taken at the July meeting were to approve the Tulsa Renaissance site for the 2016 National. The Board felt that this site will work well for our National – kudos to the South Central Division on the selection of this site. You will also see in the motions that we created a ‘Memorial Committee’ to offer members the opportunity to recognize Dane friends and family who have passed. Please contact Linda Cain with any information you would like shared. Her email address is fromtheheartkennel@sbcglobal.net Another exciting development is the link on the GDCA website to the Quintessa Pedigree Database. If you have not spent any time cruising through the pedigree information that Glenn Beech maintains take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with it. The address is http://www.quintessa.net.au/Databases/search.html Unfortunately we will not be printing a yearbook celebrating the 125th anniversary of the GDCA. The interest in advertising fell severely short of anything we could consider for the publication. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either myself or Rita Suddarth.

Until next time... Dianne

It’s Almost Here!!! The Central Division is hard at work to host everyone at the 2014 GDCA National Specialty. Saw Mill Creek Resort, Huron OH. October 19 – 25, 2014. Visit www.national.gdca.org for up to the minute info. Trophy Donations, Catalog Ads, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Tapestry Throws and more! Like us on Facebook: GDCA2014
AKC REPRESENTATIVE-DALE TARBOX

At the AKC delegates meeting, the GDCA was congratulated for being one of the first Parent Clubs to support the ongoing effort to provide these trailers to areas that really need them. There are now 8 trailers in place and 4 more being made.

I would love for us to contribute toward another trailer and I would like your help. If each affiliate club could donate as little as $75.00 we could actually support 2 more trailers, almost 3, (and I would make that happen) . So pass the hat around and see what we, the Dane community can contribute.

Cindy Harwin will be in contact with the Affiliate Club Reps . I know we can make this happen!

Any ideas as to how to make this a fun competition between clubs or divisions..... Let us know!!

GDCA TREASURER REPORT-KATHY MUNYAN
Treasurer Report

April 30, 2014
Cash in Bank $ 47,869.29
Cash in Savings $116,013.30
May 1 – July 31, 2014 FYTD November 1 – July 31, 2014
Income $ 40,443.72 $89,373.75
Expenses $ 24,400.31 $42,371.77
Donations:
AKC Pet Disaster Relief $0 $ 1,000.00
Charitable Trust Ed Grant 500.00 500.00
Net Income/(Loss) $ 15,543.41 $45,501.98
GDCA HEALTH AND RESEARCH-NEIL O’SULLIVAN
The Great Dane community needed to develop a resource which would facilitate long term investigation into genetic tools for Great Dane breeders, owners, and lovers of this breed to improve breeding outcomes. The idea of sequencing the Great Dane Genome was developed by the Health and Research Committee of the GDCA. The committee then identified researchers with expertise in this field and a proven record of working on the Great Dane. Dr Leigh Anne Clark was selected because of her earlier success finding both the merle gene and harlequin genes which have proved great tools for breeders of Harlequin, Mantle, Black, Merle family. This work on the Harlequin gene and this work on Great Dane Genome sequence were fully funded by the GDCA and The GDCA CT. The power of your dollars donated and ear marked for “Research”. We have many more projects in lined up which just await successful fund raising efforts in the Great Dane Community.

Neil O’Sullivan  Interim Chair Health & Research Committee

IF YOU SEE A DOG IN A HOT CAR

Record information about the vehicle (make, model, color, and license plate number)
Alert the management of the business
Call the police or animal control
Stay with the dog until help arrives
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We welcome them to the GDCA!

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Thank you to the GDCA Charitable Trust for funding the scholarship awards. This recognition of our Juniors is an investment in the future of the guardians of our breed.
GDCA MEMBERSHIP

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Any comments received after October 17, 2014 will not be accepted.

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join us!
at the National for our

Wine & Cheese Party

Dr. daCosta will be giving us an update on the Wobbler’s Study!

Date: Wednesday, 10/22/14
Time: 4:00 - 6:00
Place: Will be announced at the National
GDCA CHARITABLE TRUST

Our Next Fundraiser

"Tribute of the Hearts" ~ by Jerry Lobato
This will be the #1 Artists Proof. It is 36" tall. Pictured is the wax model.
Detailed description shown above.
The edition will be limited to 25. Valued at $4,500.

Tickets ~ $5.00 each
Winner Need Not Be Present to Win
Tickets will be available soon through your GDCA Affiliate Club Delegates and all week at the GDCA National Specialty in Akron, Ohio. See us at the GDCA Charitable Trust Booth in the Exhibition Center. Winning ticket will be drawn on the night of the Awards Banquet, 10/25/14.

Questions or Additional Info ~ Please Contact
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WOBBLER’S STUDY UPDATE

Magnetic Resonance Imaging In Great Danes With And Without Clinical Signs Of Cervical Spondylomyelopathy (“Wobbler syndrome”)  Ronaldo C. da Costa, DMV, MSc, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM – Neurology Paula Martin-Vaquero, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM – Neurology The Ohio State University

Background—Cervical spondylomyelopathy, commonly referred to as “Wobbler syndrome”, is a very prevalent neurological disease affecting the neck of Great Danes. This disease frequently affects young Great Danes, who develop an excessive growth of the bony structures that encase the spinal cord at the level of the neck. This excessive bone growth causes compression of the spinal cord and nerves, originating pain, and an uncoordinated and weak gait. A definitive diagnosis of Wobbler syndrome is achieved using advanced imaging, such as computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). In general, MRI is considered the imaging technique of choice because it provides the most information on the presence and severity of spinal cord and/or nerve compression. There is some available information on the MRI appearance of the neck region of Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome. However, no study has ever investigated the MRI appearance of the neck of healthy Great Danes. In order to understand why a disease such as Wobbler syndrome develops, it is important to understand what are the differences between the neck region of those dogs that do not have signs of the disease and the dogs that do. Also, in both people and dogs, healthy subjects can sometimes show MRI abnormalities that may never cause a problem for that particular individual. It is important to know about and learn to recognize these MRI abnormalities that may be present without associated clinical signs, so MRI studies are not overinterpreted and no unnecessary treatments are pursued.

Methods—The purpose of our study was to compare the MRI studies of the neck region of Great Danes with and without clinical signs of Wobbler syndrome. Two groups of Great Danes were enrolled. The first group included 15 Great Danes with no history of neurologic disease and a normal neurological examination (control dogs). The second group included 15 Great Danes with clinical signs consistent with Wobbler syndrome. All dogs underwent MRI of the neck area under general anesthesia. The presence and severity of spinal cord and nerve compression, the presence of abnormal spinal cord tissue changes, and the presence of any bony abnormalities were recorded. In addition, a total of 7,350 measurements were obtained in this study (245 measurements/dog). Some of the measurements obtained included: area of the bony joints that encase the spinal cord in the neck region; height, width, and area of the vertebral canal and spinal cord; size of the aperture for the spinal nerves; width of the intervertebral discs; and vertebral body length and height.

Results—Only one control Great Dane showed spinal cord compression, while all of the Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome showed multiple, severe areas of spinal cord compression. However, mild to moderate nerve compression was present in 11 out of 15 healthy Great Danes, and very severe nerve compression was present in all of the Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome. From the measurements obtained, we can confirm that the size of the neck bony joints is markedly larger in Great Danes with signs of Wobbler syndrome when compared to healthy Great Danes. As a consequence of the abnormal enlargement of the bony joints, Great Danes with Wobbler syndrome have a smaller space to accommodate the spinal cord at the level of the neck area and spinal cord compression results, which is why affected dogs develop signs of weakness and incoordination in their gait.

Conclusion—Marked MRI differences exist between Great Danes with and without clinical signs of Wobbler syndrome. However, it is important to remark that some MRI abnormalities can also be seen in healthy Great Danes with normal neurological examinations. The results of this study highlight why it is so important to correlate the neurological examination with the MRI findings. If only MRI images are reviewed without knowing the clinical status of the dog, the potential for overinterpretation of mild imaging abnormalities that may not be causing any clinical signs exists.
GDCA BOD Meeting 7/26/2014- Approved Motions

1. To excuse the absences of Bill Stebbins, Jason Hoke, Jamie Harshfield
   Moved: Neil O’Sullivan   Second: Nancy Ridgway
2. To approve the minutes of 4/29/2014.
   Moved: Nancy Ridgway   Second: Sue Shaw
3. To approve the minutes of 5/20/2014
   Moved: Neil O’Sullivan   Second: Linda Moriarty
4. To approve the YTD financials through June 2014.
   Moved: Cindy Harwin   Second: Susan Yotive
5. To approve the proposed budget.
   Moved: Cindy Harwin   Second: Neil O’Sullivan
6. To have the Charitable Trust fund $500 of the $1000 grant request from the Wolverine Club.
   Moved: Cindy Harwin   Second: Neil O’Sullivan
7. That the GDCA shall fund the remaining balance of $500 of the $1000 grant request from the Wolverine Club.
   Moved: Neil O’Sullivan   Second: Lynda Moriarty
8. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from the Great Dane Club of Tucson in the amount of $500.
   Moved: Jean Highlands   Second: Nancy Ridgway
9. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the 2 grant requests from the Great Dane Rescue Midwest in the amount of $500 each.
   Moved: Neil O’Sullivan   Second: Cindy Harwin
10. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the 2 grant requests from the Great Dane Rescue Inc. – Michigan in the amount of $500 each.
    Moved: Linda Cain   Second: Susan Yotive
11. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the 2 grant requests from the Great Dane Rescue Inc. – Illinois in the amount of $500 each.
    Moved: Cindy Harwin   Second: Sue Shaw
12. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the 2 grant requests from the Great Dane Rescue inc. – Alabama in the amount of $500 each.
    Moved: Neil O’Sullivan   Second: Linda Moriarty
13. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from The Great Dane Rescue of New England in the amount of $500.
    Moved: Sue Shaw   Second: Linda Cain
14. To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the 2 grant requests from Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue in the amount of $500 each.
    Moved: Dale Tarbox   Second: Sue Shaw
15. To approve the following applicants for membership pending no negative comments by July 31st 2014: Jennifer Morgan, Rachel Wilson, Gary & Debi Romerosa, Pat Ostrout, Traci Rinoldo, Leslie Pirtle, Jackie Van Delft (Lipton), Breanna Uyeno (Junior member), Pamela Forrester, Dollye Stark, Jim Lord, Nadine Elisabeth Fers-Hildenbrand.
    Moved: Nancy Ridgway   Second: Sue Shaw
16. To approve the Renaissance site in Tulsa Oklahoma for the 2016 National.
    Moved: Jean Highlands   Second: Lynda Moriarty
17. To approve the Renaissance contract subject to the proposed changes and review by Nancy Ridgway, Kathy Munyan, Lynda Moriarty. The local attorney review stipulation shall be waived.
    Moved: Neil O’Sullivan   Second: Sue Shaw
18. To create a memorial committee to be chaired by Linda Cain.
    Moved: Nancy Ridgway   Second: Cindy Harwin
19. To add a link for the Quintessa Pedigree Database web-site to the GDCA web-site.
Moved: Dale Tarbox  Second: Sue Shaw
20. To have the GDCA make an annual $100
donation to the Quintessa Pedigree web-site.
Moved: Lynda Moriarty  Second: Cindy Harwin
21. To accept the motions of 7/26/2014 as presented.
Moved: Cindy Harwin  Second: Sue Shaw
22. To adjourn
Moved: Linda Cain  Second: Sue Shaw

AFFILIATE REP-CINDY HARWIN

Several of the clubs have submitted By law revisions
to be approved. If you are wanting to revise your
by-laws, no time like the present! It is a simple

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"So you're little Bobbie; well, Rex here has been going on and on about you for the last 50 years."
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