

# THE SPIT RAG

MBGDC Newsletter

March/April/May 2007

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MBGDC MEETINGS

JUNE 23, 2007 – 11:00AM, COUNTRY KITCHEN, SALINAS

JULY 13, 2007 – FOLLOWING MBGDC SPECIALTY, SEASIDE

### GDCC SPECIALTY

JUNE 9 & 10, 2007 - IRWINDALE, CA

GDCC WEBSITE: [WWW.GDCC.ORG/SPECIALTY.HTML](http://WWW.GDCC.ORG/SPECIALTY.HTML)

### CAN YOU SEE SQUARE/BUILD A DOG SEMINAR

MR. VINCE MULLIGAN

JUNE 15, 2007 - GRIDLEY, CA

Held ½ hour after Best In Show in the Dining Pavilion.

### MBGDC SPECIALTY

JULY 13, 2007 - SEASIDE, CA

Premium/Entries at [www.dogshowsecretary.com](http://www.dogshowsecretary.com)

Followed by MBGDC supported entry for Del Monte KC all-breed shows, July 14/15<sup>th</sup> at the same location.

### MBGDC AWARDS DINNER

AUGUST 11, 2007 – COCKTAILS @ 5:00 PM/ MTG @ 5:30 PM

GREEN VALLEY GRILL, 40 PENNY LANE, WATSONVILLE, CA

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## A message from your President...

*Mr. Ed Grimaldi*

First and foremost, I would like to personally thank all of our members that have come forward once again and eagerly and enthusiastically volunteered to help Jean Bell with our Specialty. Without your help and enthusiasm, year after year, these Specialties would not be what they are.

I would also like to thank those who have already made commitments to Lucretia Marcus to donate to the trophy fund! If you were planning too.....but just haven't got around to it, please give her a call and make that commitment NOW. Additionally, John Garcia and Larry Carstensen are hard at work on the raffle and request that every member bring a little something to contribute. All proceeds from the raffle go directly to the club... *and it's FUN to boot!!!*

I'd like to extend a very special thanks to Jean for her hard work and dedication to making cardiac testing available at our Specialty! Being able to offer echos for \$150 is not only a good way to promote health and wellness in our breed, but a huge cost savings to club members and visiting exhibitors alike. Note, however, that space is limited! I'd hate to see any club members miss out on this great opportunity, so contact Jean to reserve your spot today!

What's beyond the Specialty, you ask?? ... why the MBGDC Awards Dinner and I *KNOW* our members have a lot to celebrate!! Glenn Matherly has been working tirelessly to put together and arrange a site for our awards dinner and it promises to be fabulous! See page 3 of this issue for all the details and be sure to submit your dog's accomplishments! We want to hear all about it!! Don't be shy!! You and your dogs earned it - this is the night to take a bow and revel in it!!

Our next meeting will be on the 23rd of June, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Ed

Ps. Keep your eye out for our new hats! We want to be sure that you get yours.....

## How a Bill Becomes a Law...

Submitted by: Elizabeth Bigby-Artle RN

With the advent of CA AB1634 I felt the need to refresh my memory regarding how a bill becomes a law. A member of the Assembly or Senate starts the process with an idea for a law. This idea is presented to the Assembly or Senate, depending on who authored the bill. The bill can not be acted on for at least 30 days after it is introduced and sent "to print".

The bill next goes to the Rules Committee, where it is decided which committees must approve the bill. The bill is sent to at least one committee, where public input is heard. The bill can be passed, passed as amended, or defeated by the committee. The committee then votes on whether the bill should continue through to the full Assembly or Senate. Once at the full Assembly or Senate, there must be a majority who vote yes in order to pass the bill on to the other House. If the bill is approved in the other House, it passes to the Governor to sign, not sign (after 30 days the bill becomes a law), or veto. If vetoed, the Senate/Assembly votes again. A 2/3 majority is needed to overturn the veto.

As of 6/7/07, AB1634 has passed through the Assembly and now must pass through the Senate. Keep writing those letters! They go your Senator and any in areas that you show or travel with your pets. It might not hurt to also flood the Governor's office with letters as he will get the bill if it makes it through the Senate.

### Links:

Full information about AB 1634, including the complete text of the bill and its status is available here:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

An overview of the legislative process -

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bil2lawx.html>

A fun site where you can turn a bill into a law -

<http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/kids/kids1/page3.asp?category=Health>

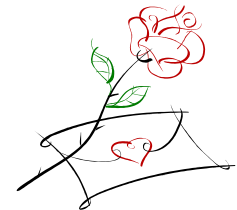
For more information, feel free to contact me at [bignuttdanes@yahoo.com](mailto:bignuttdanes@yahoo.com) or (707) 330-3268.

Elizabeth Bigby-Artle,  
MBGDC Legislative Delegate

*On Monday June 4th a great, gentle and loving lady passed away in her sleep at our home, my Mom. She was my inspiration in everything that I have ever done whether it be in Danes or Nursing. She rescued a Great Dane when I was a kid and we have had Danes ever since. Her death was preceded by a few weeks by our danes Roxi (almost 11) and Samson (almost 9). I know my Mom is now at peace and has been reunited with her husband, brothers, sister, sons and daughter as well as her beloved Danes.*

*In lieu of flowers please send donations to  
Great Dane Rescue of N. CA  
c/o Colleen Leahy at  
7691 Country Road,  
Loomis, CA 95650.*

*Thanks, Jean*



## EDUCATION

CAN YOUR EYE SEE SQUARE?

BUILD A DOG SEMINAR

**SPEAKER:** MR. VINCE MULLIGAN

JUNE 15, 2007 - GRIDLEY, CA

**Details:** To be held Friday night of the Gridley show circuit, ½ hour after Best In Show in the Dining Pavilion. Flyer attached.

BREEDING BETTER DOGS SEMINAR

**SPEAKER:** DR. CARMEN BATTAGLIA

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

8AM – 5PM ON SATURDAY, 8AM – 4PM ON SUNDAY  
LAKEWOOD SCHOOL, 1100 HAM LANE, LODI, CA

**Details:** Hosted by the GDCNC, this two day seminar is jam-packed and well worth it!!

Registration is \$125 before 09/01/07, \$150 beyond that date. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack are included. 2-day seminar content here:

<http://www.breedingbetterdogs.com/seminar.html#2day>

**For more information contact:** Dr. Allison

Paxton, E-mail: [Dr\\_Allison@prodigy.net](mailto:Dr_Allison@prodigy.net), (707)253-

# MBGDC AWARDS DINNER

**LOCATION:** Green Valley Grill  
40 Penny Lane, Watsonville, CA

**DATE:** August 11, 2007

**TIME:** 5:00pm Cocktails, 5:30pm MBGDC Meeting, 6:00pm Dinner



**Dinners complete with local tax and tip are only \$25.50 per person! Don't miss it !!**  
**RESERVE NOW via the insert provided within this issue, or contact Glenn at (831)247-8502!!!**

## GREEN VALLEY GRILL MENU



**Wood Grilled Halibut Filet** (Roasted Lemon Beurre Blanc/Saffron Basmati Rice)  
**Wood Grilled Breast of Chicken** (Wild Mushroom Balsamic Sauce/Roasted Polenta)  
**Wood Grilled Tri-Dip Steak** (Peppercorn Mushroom Demi-Glace/Potatoes Au Gratin)  
**Cedar Plank Roasted Salmon** (Honey Lime Chipolte Salsa Fresca/Saffron Bamati Rice)  
**Roasted Polenta Lasagne** (Grilled Tomato Sauce/Portobella, Eggplant/Pesto/Feta)  
Entrees include Fresh baked Franchesi Bread, Organic Baby Field Greens Salad, Fresh Locally Grown Vegetables. Your choice of Coffee, Tea or Water and Chocolate Mousse.

## **“Johnny! Tell us what you’ve won!!!”**

Awards to be presented August 11<sup>th</sup>, will be given to individual members in recognition of their dog's accomplishments made during the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006. Every member of the MBGDC is entitled to receive an award if they were a member during the year their dog received its title and one or more of the following applies:



1. Applicant must be the owner or breeder of the AKC titled dog (obedience, agility or confirmation) that received it's title in the calendar years 2004, 2005 or 2006.
2. Applicant must be the owner or breeder of a Certified Service or Therapy dog that received it's certification during the years 2004, 2005 or 2006.
3. The owner of a Sire, who's get received an AKC title (obedience, agility or confirmation) in the calendar years 2004, 2005 or 2006.

If you believe you meet the above eligibility requirements go to <http://home.earthlink.net/~mbgdc/id10.html> to fill out and submit your award information on-line or fill out the form included as an insert within this issue to Glenn at the address provided. You are not required to attend the Awards Dinner to receive an award (but we'll all miss you if you don't ☺). If you meet the eligibility requirements but are unable to attend the dinner, contact Glenn Matherly to make arrangements to have your award shipped at your expense. **The deadline for submission is June 30th!**

## 2007 SPECIALTY REPORT/REQUESTS/COMMUNIQUE

★ **THE PREMIUM IS OUT!!!** Get it while it's HOT at [www.dogshowsecretary.com](http://www.dogshowsecretary.com) or contact Kathleen for a copy at [davishiredanes@earthlink.net](mailto:davishiredanes@earthlink.net), (707)451-9200.

★ **RAFFLE** - Please remember to bring items and/or a basket to contribute to the raffle! Let's make it a GREAT one!! If you need suggestions or to make arrangements for your contribution, contact John Garcia at [Firesidegd@aol.com](mailto:Firesidegd@aol.com), (831)663-4436 or Larry Carstensen at [lcdanes@yahoo.com](mailto:lcdanes@yahoo.com), (831)338-0436.

★ **TROPHY DONATIONS** – Lucretia advises that she has quite a few classes still available to be sponsored. Please contact Lucretia direct to offer your support at [bellemarc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bellemarc@sbcglobal.net), (925)831-6172.

★ **HEALTH TESTING** – It's a STEAL!! Get your reservations in NOW and tell your fellow exhibitors/friends!

## A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

*Submitted to CVMA June 1, 2007, by Dr. John A. Hamil, DVM (Past President, CVMA)*

Re: AB 1634, "CA Healthy Pets Act"

Dear President Faoro and the CVMA Board of Governors,

As a past president of the California Veterinary Medical Association, founder of the California Council of Companion Animal Advocates that sponsored biannual Pet Overpopulation Symposia (now the Animal Care Conference), member of the American Veterinary Medical Association Animal Welfare Committee and the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, author of the CVMA and AVMA positions on early spay/neuter, past chairman of the Orange County Animal Shelter Advisory Board, and recipient of the Hill's Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award as well as being selected as an AAHA Regional Practitioner of the Year, I have devoted my professional life to trying to understand the many factors that contribute to the continuing problem of animal relinquishment and euthanasia. I, like most veterinarians, believe that spay/neuter is one of the most important parts of the solution to this national disgrace. Unfortunately, this divisive legislation will not help and may aggravate the situation for the following reasons:

- a.. Most veterinarians are very conservative about government incursion into their private lives and businesses. It is naïve to invite the legislature into professional decision making. If they can tell us that we must perform a procedure then they can tell us we can not perform a procedure.
- b.. It is inappropriate to mandate a controversial and possibly life threatening surgical procedure. As CVMA has argued in the past, decisions of this magnitude should be made after consultation between the owner and their veterinarian.
- c.. As has been published in our journals, not all animals benefit from prepubertal gonadectomy before four months of age. Growth-related problems, urinary incontinence, and behavioral problems have all been reported in higher numbers in animals neutered at such an early age.
  - a.. It seems inappropriate for a profession to legislate a procedure that only they can provide. We all know that we lose money on spay/neuter procedures. However, several legislators see our defense of declawing and requirement for spay/neuter as nothing more than protecting our "turf" and stimulating income and several dog breeders wondered what would keep spay/neuter prices from going up. We must remember that "perception is reality." Our public image could be seriously damaged if there is exploitation of this unintended opportunity.
  - b.. The number of animals being euthanized in California shelters has dropped steadily for more than two decades despite the continuous population increase in families with pets. Importantly, the numbers continue to drop faster in shelters that are in jurisdictions that do not have mandatory spay/neuter.
  - c.. The majority of animals euthanized (approximately 60-70 percent in most shelters) are unowned or unwanted, stray and feral cats. This bill will not impact this population in any way.
  - d.. There are so few puppies and small dogs in many shelters that they "import" them from other shelters in California, other states and/or foreign countries.
  - e.. A large percentage of the dogs counted as euthanized are DOA, old, ill, injured, or behaviorally unacceptable. The actual numbers of these animals are unknown due to incomplete record keeping by the sheltering community.
  - f.. The majority of dogs euthanized are medium to large mixed breed individuals (many of them pit bull crosses) belonging to irresponsible owners who are hard to identify and who will never comply with this law and are noncompliant with many other community laws.

g.. The number of young, healthy, well socialized, adoptable animals euthanized is much smaller than the humane and sheltering community has claimed.

h.. The number of animals euthanized continues to decline each year and varies greatly from area to area within the state. Why do we need a coercive, punitive and intrusive "broad brush" state law, when this is clearly a local issue?

i.. As it is agreed that breeders of pure bred dogs and cats are relatively small contributors to the shelter euthanasia numbers, why are they being required to fund the implementation of this law with fees (often quoted between \$100 and \$200 per year) to simply own an intact animal that may never be bred? Owners of intact animals are already paying a differential licensing fee. Why impose increased taxation on this law abiding community?

j.. It is elitist to only allow pure-bred dogs an exemption. We all acknowledge that many of the greatest family pets are mixed breeds. Surely, it is not anyone's desire that we only have pure bred dogs.

k.. If passed this law will be very unfair to the economically disadvantaged. They are, as a community, poorly educated about pet population control, often culturally averse to neutering their pets, have the least ability to afford this surgery, have little access to low cost clinics in most communities and often do not have transportation. Although this community contributes disproportionately to the numbers of animals impounded, I don't think there is any political will to deprive them of their pets. In order to have the desired effect, the law would require fines, sterilization at the owner's or the public's expense, or impoundment. No one wants to deny these families the benefits of animal companionship. And yet, if we fail to address this segment of society; how will this bill reduce shelter euthanasia?

l.. If this bill is passed, it will fail to solve the euthanasia numbers because animal relinquishment is not a problem of too many dogs and cats but one of too few responsible owners. The steady decrease in animals being euthanized in shelters can be accelerated through cooperative effort among veterinarians, animal control agencies, humane activists and dog and cat breed clubs encouraging responsible ownership through enforcing regulations already in place, gathering more useful information in the shelters, designing more effective and better targeted educational materials and delivery systems, differential licensing fees, vaccinating and licensing cats, encouraging owners to keep cats indoors, encouraging spay/neuter of cats allowed outside, microchipping, and providing mobile low cost spay/neuter.

m.. Even if it was possible to "turn off the faucet," as Assemblyman Levine likes to say; there would be little reduction in the cost of shelter operation. As hospital owners know, most costs are fixed (facilities, administration, trucks, equipment, etc.) The shelter can't even reduce staff as we can in private business. Unfortunately, a reduction in the numbers of animals entering the shelter will only effect a small reduction in the overall cost to the taxpayer. This is demonstrated by the steady increase in animal control budgets over the last two decades despite the number of animals entering the shelters and the number of animals euthanized decreasing significantly.

n.. The method of accounting, linking the overall cost of animal control to the number of animals euthanized, exploited by the sponsors of this bill is very misleading. Using this method, the cost of each euthanasia goes up as the number of euthanized animals goes down. The use of this tactic is dishonest, disingenuous or, at best, misinformed.

o.. Reducing the number of pet animals born in California will not reduce the demand for puppies and kittens. This reduction, particularly of well bred and socialized animals, will leave the people of California vulnerable to puppy millers from California and other states, unregulated internet sales, sellers of animals smuggled across

the border and unscrupulous brokers of animals imported from Eastern Europe and Latin America. If these animals are poor representatives of their breeds, poorly socialized or unhealthy-and they usually are; many will end up in the shelter. Isn't it better to buy animals from people you can question face to face, premises you can inspect, and breeding stock you can see?

p.. If low cost spay/neuter in the shelters is to be part of the solution, who will provide the service? The shelters have had difficulty filling their veterinary positions for years. If shelters decide, as has been suggested in San Diego, that technicians can bridge the short fall; we will, again, have to fight the battle about technicians being allowed to perform surgery. Do animals in the shelter deserve a lower standard of care than those taken to private veterinary hospitals?

q.. Although the bill allows local jurisdictions to issue an intact animal permit for guide dogs, service dogs, signal dogs, and dogs used in law enforcement and for rescue activities; it does not allow for intact animal permits for those animals that are bred to produce these dogs.

r.. An unfortunate result of mandatory spay/neuter in many jurisdictions in California and around the nation is an initial increase in shelter euthanasia rates and decreased licensure, as people try to drop out of the system. This will decrease shelter revenues and may cause fewer animals to be vaccinated against rabies, possibly contributing to a public health problem. This is, quite possibly, why the Peninsula Humane Society is not a supporter of this bill. As Hurricane Katrina and other disasters have demonstrated, it is important to know which families have pets. We need to encourage people to enter the system, not drive them away.

s.. Requiring veterinarians, as has been suggested in San Jose, to report the reproductive status of animals along with our rabies vaccinations reports, will result in some owners not seeking veterinary care for their animals. How will this serve animals or public health we are sworn to protect?

t.. An unforeseen consequence of passage of this bill will be denial of Maddie's Funds to any community in California. These funds, which are available for collaborative programs to achieve no kill status, are not available to any community with mandatory spay/neuter.

u.. CVMA has allied with AHA and HSUS, two animal rights organizations that have attacked our profession unceasingly and who will continue to do so. CVMA has simultaneously made opponents of the AKC and CFA. Both organizations are made up of our clients and have, historically, been our allies. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is the largest donor of money exclusively for canine research, over one million dollars each year. CFA, through the Winn Foundation, is among the largest donors of money for research for cats. A large percentage of this money is funding research at UC Davis.

v.. Political inconsistency is both frightening and ironic. CVMA sued for the right of people to decide with their veterinarian about the appropriateness of declawing their cat and now CVMA would legislate this more dangerous and invasive surgery. The other proponents of this bill are predominately "pro choice." Yet, paradoxically, they would deny animal owners "choice" about sterilizing their family pets and want to mandate this, possibly, life threatening surgery as they continue their efforts to legislate against ear cropping, tail docking, declawing, etc.

The CVMA has always been known as an organization that is science based, thorough, deliberate and open in its decision making. In this case the CVMA has let its membership, the people and the animals of California down. CVMA did not seek or ignored statistics about the problems associated with mandatory spay/neuter and seems unaware of readily available information about the factors contributing to animal relinquishment from sources like the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy. To be successful in solving such a multifaceted problem, it is important to bring all contributing groups together. Instead of being the rational voice

in this difficult arena, CVMA was swayed by the emotional cry, "we have to do something." More important, this decision was made without the input of CVMA's membership. CVMA has always used the governors, delegates and the California Veterinarian to poll its membership when making decisions of this magnitude. I know of no one in my district who was aware of your deliberations before this decision was made.

This proposal interferes with citizens' rights, fails to address the major sources of animals entering shelters, punishes the law abiding and the poor, reduces the availability of good quality pets, leaves California's citizens vulnerable in their search for family pets, and exacerbates the ill will among the groups that need to work together to develop workable strategies to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats euthanized in our shelters each year.

Ultimately, as past experience has shown, this coercive, punitive, intrusive law will retard the progress that has been made in the past two decades. CVMA can and should do better than this. Abandon this bill and provide the leadership necessary to bring everyone (veterinarians, humane activists, animal control agencies, dog and cat breeders, feral cat caretakers and other knowledgeable interested parties) together to develop effective ways to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats entering our shelters.

Sincerely,

John A. Hamil, DVM

Past President, CVMA

## Litterbox



### DAVISHIRE DANES

- ✚ Ghia D'Shire von der Ofnethohle x Davishire's Knock Your Rocks Off. "Ghia" eagerly anticipates the arrival of "Mick" babies, June 17, 2007!! Mostly because she's SOOO huge at 2 weeks to go, she's afraid she'll never get her girlish figure back!! Kudos Mick!!
- ✚ Davishire's Furst Blush x BISS Ch. BMW Architect of Jericho ROM. "Blush" is being shy about showing any babies, so pregnancy/not will be determined by x-ray June 11<sup>th</sup>.  
(see website for pedigrees/health clearances)  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~davishiredanes/>

### FIRESIDE GREAT DANES

Fireside Great Danes has a new litter born May 25th consisting of 1 black male, 1 fawn male, & 4 black females. Proud parents are "Vader", Ch Dana Tlbrk Darkside of Fireside bred to "Roxi", Fireside's Friendly Persuasion.

### DANES OF LORE

Ch. Lore's The Works v Ironwood (at 7.5 years old!), sired a litter out of Ch. G'Nhydane's La Terremotos of Lore. 4 boys and 2 girls were whelped 4/21/07!!

# Congratulations!

## *The Lore at Lore ...*

**LORE'S JAZZMEISTER** was WD/BW under judge Norman B. Kenney for his first point (first time out in over a year!) in Hanford on March 1st. The next day, he was WD/BOS over four specials for two more points under judge George Marquis. Charlie is owned by Louis and Dale Bassano and Lorraine Matherly. Bred and handled by Lorraine Matherly.

**LORE'S JUMANJI TUGALOO, CD** not only took Obedience High in Trial, but completed the first leg of his CDX and added both RN and CGC titles to his name at the GDCNC Specialty, All this, piloted expertly by his Mum, Gwen!! Tugaloo was bred by Lorraine Matherly, is owned by Gwen DeBaer, DVM and George McKay.

Oscar's son, **BISS CH. DAYNAKIN'S NAT'RLY IN THE MONEY**, won a Group 1 in Utah, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, handled by Jane Chopson. Meanwhile, **BISS CH. LONGO'S STAR STUDED V MILLER**, owned by Lorraine Matherly and breeders, Tootie Longo, David & Jay Miller, swept 3 Specialties, May 3-5<sup>th</sup>!!

## News from the Fireside...

Shown sparingly due to litter box duty, "Vader", **CH DANA TLBRK DARKSIDE OF FIRESIDE** was BOB & Group 4 under Ted Nichols at Kern County KC, BOB under Louise Van Alstyne at Sierra Toulumne KC, BOB under Dr Kaluzniaski at Southern Oregon KC & BOB under Lisa DeRoulet at Klamath Dog Fanciers.

There is a new Champion at Fireside!! "Breaker" who is now known as **CH SURFSDELERA POINTBREAK FRSD TLBRK**, finished his Championship under Dr. Burke, Jr at Southern Oregon KC.

## *Mona Lisa brings a smile...*

"Gia", **BELLEMARC'S THE MONA LISA V ONEIDA** earned herself high honors at the GDCNC Specialty! Definitely a crowd favorite, she took High In Rally Trial, partnered with her Mom, Sandi. Gia is owned by Sandi Nowinski, Ed & Judi Grimaldi and Lucretia Marcus.

## *Pack'n News at Paxton!*

There is a *New Champion* in the Paxton household!!! "Schatzi" is now **CHAMPION SHADY CREEK'S LADY SMITH N WESSON** and she was beautifully owner mom handled to her title!

This dynamic duo picked up the last 2 points to finish on the Mission Circuit in Pomona under respected judge Mrs. Karen Riddle. Whoo Hoo for Allison and Richard's first Champion!

And not to be outdone by his half sister, the same day Schatzi finished, 11 month old "Kissinger", **EQUISS KISS N MR BIG STUFF**, went Best Puppy under Mrs. Karen Riddle and then on to a Group 2 in a very competitive puppy working group. Kissinger is also completely owner handled to all honors, by his Mom!

## **Am-ador'n Patrick!!!**

"Patrick", **AMADOR'S MIDNIGHT STAR** has 3-peat wins to 5 points in 3 shows where he was WD/BOW: back-to-back wins at Coyote Hills under Roger D. Gifford and Roland Pelland and the following weekend under Robert Shreve. His breeders are thrilled! Patrick is sired by Int'l/Am Ch. Amador's Titan v Sharcon and his dam is Ch. Amador's Madame Butterfly. Patrick is loved and spoiled by Frank, Michele & Annalissa Andreetta.

# ... and more congratulations!

## **MUST BE ...the scoop!!**

"Hannah" (**HANNAH FULL OF GRACE VON DER OFNETHÖHLE**), rock's the Rockies... taking Reserve on Friday in Casper WY, Winners Bitch (1 point) on Saturday...and topping off with Best of Winners for a 3 point Major, Flatirons Kennel Club during the Great Dane Club of Greater Denver specialty weekend! Daddy, Pete Sorensen says: "Rock On...Hannah!"

## **Ode to Oneida!**

Nash's kids were tearing up the rings again in Carson City, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>!! "Bear", **B&K's BACK TO THE FUTURE** took WD/BOW on Saturday, while his brother **B AND K ROCNL DON BOSCO** took WD on Sunday. Not to be left out, "Hummer", **B&K's I AM THE GENERAL** rounded out the honors taking RWD both days.

## **The Belle of Bellemarc ...**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Chief Solano show, taking Winner's Bitch/Best of Opposite over 3 special bitches, **LORE BELLEMARC'S JE T'AIME** aka "Jolie" made her "re-debut". She was superbly handled by Diane Collings and her "back up", Kathleen Davis.

Again, on May 13<sup>th</sup> Jolie was awarded Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners at the Camellia Capital KC show. Jolie was bred by club member, Lorraine Matherly and the "princess" is owned by club members, Steve and Lucretia Marcus. *Watch out – she's on a roll !!!*

## **The Dirt at Davishire ...**

"Mick", **DAVISHIRE'S KNOCK YOUR ROCKS OFF**, came back with a BANG at Chief Solano after a hiatus from the ring. Taking WD/BOW/BOB from the classes and throwing John into a near faint! Not to worry though Mick, Fanny's got you're a\*s if Dad doesn't, with WB/BOS at the same show! Speaking of "Fanny"... **DAVISHIRE'S EPIPHANY A'LA AJ**, was ahead of her brother for a while there... tearing up the ring with 5 points a BOS and 3 major reserves to her credit, but it's going to be hard to catch her brother now...

After the GDCNC Specialty, you can call "Wolfie", **BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW DAVISHIRE'S BEOWULF OF CHALK HILL**... In fact, he is the first natural eared Mantle BISS in AKC history (!!)... the third Mantle BISS overall and the first natural eared BISS of harlequin breeding, following 4 fawns and 1brindle Danes to this honor. Not one to rest on his laurels now that he's got a taste of it, Wolfie and Diane have put several more points under his paw since. Meanwhile, "Roxette", **DAVISHIRE'S ROCK CANDY**, piloted by Kathleen, took Best Bred By Exhibitor in Breed on the Mission Circuit!! This however, pales in comparison to the team accomplishment achieved one week earlier. Roxette and her new Mum, Catherine Baer-Brown, made their debut together, in Vallejo. Though they didn't walk out with the points that day, there were no broken bones, all parties remained vertical for the entire performance and all ring ropes remained intact for the next class. *Wahooooo!!! You go girls!! ☺*

## Dear Fanny. . .

Dear Fanny,

My owner and I go to obedience class every week. He acts like we are going to go somewhere fun and then when we get to class, I can't wrestle with my friends or sniff or anything. What is the point? I know how to do it. I didn't mind this when I was a puppy, but now I am six months old. What can I do?

Signed (Pawed):

Frustrated in Salinas

Dear Frustrated,

You are completely missing the point of obedience class. Obedience is not supposed to be fun and games. It is an important tool to ensure that your owner does his most basic function: giving you treats. Treats are the reason that early dogs first agreed to share a cave with humans. (Treats and thunder, of course.) The way to best guarantee the frequent dispersal of treats is to never respond to any of your owner's requests too regularly. The optimum response percentage has been tested in our labs to be between 30% and 60%.

If you respond less than 30% your owner may decide that you are deaf, which will result in your visiting the vet. At the vet you may get shots and will usually have your temperature taken. Why risk it?

If you respond more than 60% of the time, your owner will expect your response rate to increase in the future. The logical extension of that pattern is the dog who has to leap through flaming hoops to get a piece of liver. There are better ways for a dog to make a living.

Note that I am saying response, not obedience. Response does not mean that you should drop everything to cater to your owner's whims. This results in a spoiled owner. For example, if your owner calls you to him, you should first look at him to see if he has a treat.

If he has no treat in his hand, then just sit there. Then look at all of the intervening space between the two of you. This shows him that you are aware of how much effort it will take to honor his request. After looking around, go back to whatever you were doing.

Do not watch your owner. At this point they begin to wonder if you will ever come. When it appears that he is about to give up, start to walk toward him. Halfway to your owner you should stop, sit, and scratch your neck vigorously. This reminds him that you had things to do before he interrupted you. When you are finished scratching, walk slowly to him with your head hanging low to demonstrate how tired you are of his ceaseless demands.

You can sit in front of him and if he reaches down to pet you, quickly lie down before he can touch you. If he then tries to get into a heeling position (you know, where he has to keep his legs even with your shoulder) look up at him and roll over on your back. This shows that you forgive him for being so selfish.

If your owner has a treat, a slightly different response is in order. When he calls you, look at him. If you see a treat run as fast as you can to him. Just before you hit him, turn your shoulder so that you don't hurt yourself and try to connect with his knees. When he falls down, rummage through his pocket or bait bag and take all of the treats. Eat all of the treats as quickly as possible while staying out reach of your owner. When you are finished eating, sit calmly in the heel position. This demonstrates that you are satisfied with the treats.

If your owner tries to teach you to do a trick (roll over, beg, do his taxes, ....), you should try to learn these tricks. If just you and your owner see you perform these tricks, no one is harmed. However, if your owner tries to get you to show these tricks to other humans, you should stand still and look at him without any sign of understanding. This shows that you can't be fooled that easily. See - obedience is important.

The biggest reason for regular attendance of obedience class: It is where your orders will come from on the day of the dog's world-wide revolt against their owners. You will have to be in class to be able to relay orders to all of the dogs in your neighborhood. So go to obedience class happy. Eat your treats and grow strong. The day of our liberation is coming.

Love,

Fanny ♥

# AKC Point Schedule for Great Danes

Effective: May 15, 2007

| Division  | 1 Point |       | 2 Points |       | 3 Points |       | 4 Points |       | 5 Points |       |
|---|---------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
|   | Dog     | Bitch | Dog      | Bitch | Dog      | Bitch | Dog      | Bitch | Dog      | Bitch |
| 1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont            | 3       | 3     | 8        | 10    | 14       | 18    | 18       | 23    | 26       | 33    |
| 2. Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania   | 3       | 3     | 12       | 13    | 20       | 22    | 25       | 27    | 34       | 36    |
| 3. District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia | 3       | 3     | 9        | 11    | 16       | 20    | 20       | 26    | 27       | 38    |
| 4. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina                  | 2       | 2     | 9        | 10    | 15       | 17    | 19       | 22    | 27       | 30    |
| 5. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio  | 2       | 2     | 9        | 11    | 15       | 18    | 20       | 24    | 28       | 36    |
| 6. Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin                                       | 2       | 2     | 7        | 9     | 11       | 15    | 13       | 19    | 18       | 26    |
| 7. Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas   | 2       | 2     | 9        | 11    | 16       | 19    | 20       | 26    | 26       | 40    |
| 8. Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming                                   | 2       | 2     | 6        | 10    | 10       | 17    | 14       | 21    | 22       | 29    |
| 9. California   | 3       | 4     | 10       | 13    | 16       | 22    | 20       | 28    | 28       | 38    |
| 10. Alaska  | 2       | 2     | 4        | 5     | 5        | 8     | 8        | 9     | 9        | 10    |
| 11. Hawaii  | 2       | 2     | 3        | 3     | 4        | 4     | 5        | 5     | 6        | 6     |
| 12. Puerto Rico   | 2       | 2     | 3        | 3     | 4        | 4     | 5        | 5     | 6        | 6     |
| 13. Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota   | 3       | 3     | 4        | 4     | 5        | 11    | 12       | 12    | 14       | 14    |



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